PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

As of this writing, it is not known what form of fuel rationing, if any, might be in effect next August at the time of our Rassemblements. No matter what form, make your plans with the intent of coming to one of these events. You all are aware of the importance of the Rassemblements and your attendance is needed. We will also arrange to have the annual meeting in conjunction with the Midwest Rassemblement. Do not forget us.

During 1973, our appeal to you for funds towards the extraordinary Rassemblement expenses was answered by a tremendous response. We are most grateful to each of you. The response in regard to the 1975 Specialty judge was not as successful as we had hoped. The response to the Constitution questionnaire was slightly more successful but due to the importance of the subject, we definitely had hoped for a much larger reply. We need your help in these areas and will appreciate your responses to any such requests.

Many of you are aware of the efforts of Diane McLeroth as editor of "The Dew Claw". Some of you have taken the time to express your appreciation to her and indicated your pleasure with the results of her hard work. It is a good publication. Not many of you, however, are aware of the efforts of Harold Marley in behalf of "The Dew Claw". For the December issue, Harold devoted more than 40 hours of his time, in addition to absorbing some direct expenses for which he does not charge the BCA because of his love of this breed. In behalf of all members of BCA, I wish to express publicly, our appreciation to Harold for his excellent efforts on this magazine and other works, such as the very well done 1974 calendar.

Our second revised Standard has been returned to us by the AKC for further revisions. Most of the areas to be revised are minor and present no difficulties, however, the AKC has requested that our paragraphs regarding angulation be eliminated in their entirety. As of this writing, efforts are being made to resolve this problem on a basis which is satisfactory to the AKC while at the same time retaining all the essential information necessary for an accurate description of the Briard. We hope that all problems can be resolved in the not too distant future and that the Standard will be presented to you for vote within the next 6 months.

Phil McNelis

FLEA COLLARS CAN CONTAMINATE TOYS

The next time you are in your favorite pet department, shopping for a rawhide chew toy, or any other gift for your dog, be sure that the flea collars aren't displayed near the chew toys. It has been found that the pesticide in the collars can seep through the packaging, not only its own but that of nearby items, and this seepage can cause severe illness when your pet chews on the toy. This applies to pest strips, as well as collars.

Thanks to Stephanie Katz for sending this warning from the Northern California Whippet Fanciers Association newsletter.

SECRETARY’S PAGE

ADDRESS CHANGES

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Jayne Smith, 14801 Chicago Road, Dalton, Ill. 60419
Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Miller, 4015 Guilford Ave. N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709
Elinor Yudin, 4800 Nebraska Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pierce, C/o Earl Neville, Box 30 Pennsylvania Ave., Franklinville, N.J. 08322

ADDRESS AND NAME CHANGE

Laurel Miner to Laurel Kay, Summit Park, Lot 246, St. Peter, Minn. 56082

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the B.C.A. Letters regarding their qualifications should be addressed to the Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Kokin, 316 Texas Road, Old Bridge, N.J. 08857, owners of Berry Brow's Belle.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Paul, 31 Rue du Bourg Tibourg, 75004 Paris, France. Owners of Ismene de la Bergerade
Miss Susan C. McCormick, 25743 Culver, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081, Owner of Pa'Chick's Impresario.
Mrs. John Pickering, 7 Midhurst Road, Short Hills, N.J. 07078, Owner of Isolde Chien de Famille.
Mrs. Sue Fraley, 1010 S. Oakland, Carbondale, Ill. 62901. Owner of Bellesprit Velours.
Brenda Burton, 1107 Wertland St., Apt. 2, Charlottesville, VA 22902
Mrs. T.M. Englehart, 7771 Spring Mill Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260, Owner of Tobac Chez Ciel.
Mrs. Penny Ridley, R.R. #5, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada. Owner of Carew and Sirhan Dilettante.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kriedman, 426 S. 43rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19104. Owners of Country Castle Kipper.

BOARD ACTION

The Board unanimously approved the motion that the B.C.A. become a member of the American Dog Owners Association, Inc. Information about this organization can be found elsewhere in this issue.

AN EAR CROPPING PATTERN IS AVAILABLE, UPON REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY.
### TREASURER'S REPORT

**November 1, 1973 - December 31, 1973**

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Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

**DON'T be a DELINQUENT !!!**

It's LATER than you think

AVOID the RED TAPE

PAY YOUR DUES NOW, if you haven't done so.

**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. THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA, OR IF THE OWNER IS NOT PRESENT, THE AWARD WILL BE MAILED SHORTLY AFTER THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

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.

**BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA - RASSEMBLEMENT '74**

**REGISTRATION BLANK**

REGISTRATION FEE: $5.00 for the 1st dog and $1.00 for each additional dog.

**NAME OF DOG:**

**AKC#**

**COLOR**

**DATE OF BIRTH**

**SEX**

**SIRE:**

**DAM:**

**BREEDER**

**OWNER:**

**OWNER'S ADDRESS:**

I understand that each registrant will receive one free copy of the Evaluation Report to be printed by the Club following the Rassemblement and that it will contain a photo of every dog present at the Rassemblement, together with the judge's evaluation of that dog. I agree to permit the Club to photograph this dog and print the photo, together with the aforementioned evaluation in the Evaluation Report. I further agree to be bound by the agreement printed on the reverse side of this form.

I certify and represent that the dog registered here is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This form is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

Owner's signature:

Please mail to: Mary Lou Tingley, Yardley Road, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 and make checks payable to the Briard Club of America.
**AGREEMENT**

I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, officers, agents, and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while near or upon the Rassemblement grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

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**ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION BLANKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY**

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**YOUNG BRIARD SAVES FAMILY FROM FIRE**

Thirteen month old Carrie (Vieux Carre de Charlemagne) showed true Briard Character when she saved her family from the fire that destroyed their home in mid December.

Curt and Toni Pierce had been away from home several days. When they returned, they found that their oil furnace had gone out, so Curt relit it and they went to bed. Curt left very early the next morning for work, while Toni, three year old Curt Jr. and Carrie were still asleep.

Toni was awakened when Carrie jumped on her bed, urgently barking and nudging with her nose. Toni smelled the smoke and left the house quickly with her baby and the dog. She crossed the fields to a neighbor's, who had already called the fire department, because of the heavy smoke pouring out of the house.

After calling Curt at work, Toni left the baby and the dog at the neighbor's house and went back across the fields, hoping to save some of the things in her house. The fire department had arrived but the flames were blocking the doors and had gone through the roof. A few things may be saved from the bedrooms but the dining room, kitchen and living room are a complete loss. Their suitcases and Curt Jr.'s birthday presents, which had been left in the living room when they came home, were also lost. The house must be torn down.

Although they have lost much, the Pierce family is safe and well, thanks to the loyalty and courage of their Briard. Toni's mother said that she doesn't care if Carrie ever becomes a champion...she knows that this Briard is a champion, already!

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**NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS:** THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION APPEARS ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL. PLEASE CHECK IT BECAUSE THE CLUB DOES NOT SEND OUT NOTICES WHEN THESE SUBSCRIPTIONS EXPIRE.
Due to the energy crisis, people are going to have to support shows in their local area --- so let's all get out and try to build up a major now and then! Consequently, we only have a few shows to report in this issue.

At the Northeastern Indiana K. C. in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on Nov. 4, 1973 there was an entry of 3-3-3, but with 3 absentees which brought it down to 1 point in each sex. These points went to Val St. Michel de Charlemagne owned by William Heaton and Strathcona's Blac Magic Woman owned by Linda Wells Heller. Magic also went BW and the male BOS to Ch. Vony do la Flaine Saint Just owned by Charles Vetrone. The Judge was Mr. Denis J. Grivas.

At the Lima Kennel Club on Nov. 17th there was an entry of 3-3-2. Again 1 bitch and 1 special were absent. Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne owned by Joel Cohen was WD and BW for 2 points. Vive la Nicole de Beauxjolis owned by Betty Rumpf and Linda Heller was WB and BOS for 1 point. BOB went to Susan Alexander's Ch. Chateauabriard Vermount C.D. Nelson Groh judged.

At the Lansing show in Michigan on Dec. 9th, Ch. Umbi Chabib de Strathcona owned by Jerry and Stephanie Katz was BOB from an entry of 7. The Katz's were very pleased with the results of the show that day. Of their puppies in Canada came to the U.S. for her first American show and walked off with WB, BW and BOS for 2 points. She was Can. CH. Uther Bijou de Strathcona owned by Barbara Charbonneau. WD for 2 points went to Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne. The judge was Dr. James R. Brillhart.

PUPPIES! PUPPIES! PUPPIES!

"Gigi", Ch. Ugie Belle Noir de Strathcona is the proud mother of 11 puppies born Nov. 20th. 3 black females, 3 tawny and 5 black males. The litter was sired by "Louie" Ch. Uhey Chien de Grand Coeur. Gigi and Louie are owned by Larry and Flo LoPatin.

Chuck and Dorothy Vetrone are planning a litter in February. The sire of the litter is "Charlie", Am. & Can. Ch. Phydex Quelques; the dam "Tressa", Ch. Tendressa de Charlemagne.

Tom Evans is also planning for a litter in February sired by Nancy and Bill Genari's "Norman", Ch. Toussaint de Charlemagne and out of "Missy", Miss U.S.A. de Charlemagne.

NEW CHAMPION

Velu Bergerac de Charlemagne finished his championship on Nov. 18th at the Central Ohio K.C. Show in Columbus by going WD and BW for a 4 point major (a nice way to finish). Bergerac is owned by Curtis and Lisa Bell.

PATRICIA LONG

BLOAT --- KNOW THE DANGER SIGNALS!

I thought I'd relate an experience our Briard Fleece (Priceless de Marha) recently had with "bloat". We recognized the symptoms early as we had read of the ailment in the "dew claw" (I believe) some time ago. Perhaps a reminder might help someone in the future.

Fleece was absolutely fine until night --- no unusual food, activity, etc. Around 10:30 p.m. she wanted to go out, and started to moan and cry once outdoors. We brought her in and noticed she looked bloat. Her stomach was huge and taut. We immediately called our vet and arranged to meet him at the clinic and his partner were available. By 11:00 p.m. they had begun surgery. It wasn't finished until about 1:00 a.m. She had a "tornioned (Tursted) stomach and "frothy" bloat. An unbelievable amount of bubbly liquid had to be slowly removed from her stomach. We were doubly fortunate in that both vet's wives had come with them; they acted as nurses. I can't imagine that one vet could have done the job. Thank goodness they got to Fleece in time. She was able to come home after two days, with a great bandage around her middle (she was very proud of it). She had only ice cream her first day home, and we must still watch her food and water intake.

I guess the moral is to remember the prevention, because the cure is very chancy (our vet told us 60% of the dogs with this condition don't survive). Feed early in the day if possible. Dry food should be soaked before feeding. These were suggestions our vet gave us, and we're trying to follow them. We feed Fleece two small meals a day now rather than one.

She seems to have made a complete recovery; her incision (about 8" long) is completely healed so our only reminder of the ordeal is her shaved tummy. She's almost eight, but believes she's still a pup, and we hope to have her for many more years.

I know that the causes of "bloat" are uncertain and varied, and that we were unusually lucky to have two vets immediately available, but I did want to describe our experience in the hope that a reader may recognize the early symptoms in his or her Briard. They're all "Priceless".

Marilee Clark

BE KIND TO PEOPLE

THEY NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET!
Jacques, formally known as Ch. Chateau briard Vulcan, is a familiar sight on the UNC campus at Chapel Hill (North Carolina). Daily, he sleepily sits through lectures on American History given by his master, Dr. Donald G. Mathews.

The shaggy French sheep dog, a Briard, was chosen for both his show qualities and for his breed characteristics, which include total devotion.

The professor speaks of his pet as if he were an admirable friend: "Jacques has a high sense of place .... defends his territory. He's a gentleman in the sense that he's not friendly until introduced... And he's the most affectionate creature I've ever known."

Jacques accepts the fact that his master's classroom is open territory, but will threaten trespassers to the professor's private office with a menacing growl.

Dr. Mathews takes his dog with him to classes because, "I just like having him around."

He chose him from a friend's kennel. "I knew his father well," he said. When it came time to pick him from the rest of the litter, it seemed to Dr. Mathews that Jacques was a little different. "He was not as aggressive as the others. He seemed to need more care. He needed me and I needed him."

His only complaint is that Jacques often falls asleep in the middle of his lectures. "He isn't the best model for my students," he said.

So a shaggy Briard named Jacques is the perfect pet for a history professor if he is Dr. Donald G. Mathews.

The preceding reprinted from The News and Observer, Raleigh, N.C.
THE OTHER RING

BY STEPHANIE KATZ

Many of us sigh with relief when the heeling or jumping exercises have been completed because we feel the "long sits and downs" are a cinch. Not always true! Dog shows are much noisier than obedience classes or when you train your dog. If the dog breaks on the sits or downs, the dog is disqualified.

We've just learned something interesting that we should all be aware of for the sit and down exercises. If there is a distraction during the exercise, such as a loud noise, excessive barking or even a wandering dog, the judge will excuse ALL the dogs if ALL the dogs break. But, if 14, for example, break the exercise, and one dog stays on command, all 14 will be disqualified and only the one, obviously well trained dog will pass, even though the majority were distracted and broke.

At our club, we really bait the dogs for such distractions and we suggest that you incorporate these procedures in your training program. While the dog is on a sit or down command, try making unexpected noises to teach the dog to stay on command in any situation. Try having someone ring the doorbell, slap your hands, stamp your feet, whistle, scream, slam doors, drop chairs - do anything and make it loud! Have a friend call your dog in an inviting way. The dog should listen only to your command to stay.

My instructor takes this exercise to all ends. She'll say "go get the kitty-cat", "who wants a milk bone" and so on with her enticing verbalizations. Briard ears pop straight up but luckily the dog stays. My instructor will play with a squeaky toy to coax the dogs to come with her. She'll sweep the floor in front of each dog. I always hold my breath as the instructor rolls a ball toward Zizi, as that is her favorite toy. With each new temptation to break the exercise, I tell Zizi how marvelous she is to stay as I've commanded. Be lavish with reassurance that your dog has done the correct thing and not yielded to temptation.

Points can also be taken off these exercises if the dog sniffs. Try also bait your dog with food or goodies on the sit or down. If the dog sniffs, say sharply, "no sniff" and move in closer to your dog. If the dog sniffs again, squeeze the muzzle while again saying, "no sniff". Praise your dog when he stops sniffing. Very soon you'll be able to place any tempting morsel near your dog and have him ignore it while on the stay command.

I must add that I feel terribly sorry for the bloodhound in my class, who has been bred to sniff. It's sad to see him trying not to sniff but it just as essential for him to learn this part of obedience training as for a Briard. Thank heavens there are never sheep at dog shows!

SHOW RESULTS: We would like to add to the last issue's report that the Konrath's CHATEAUBRIARD VINAIGRETTE C.D. was Highest Scoring Champion of Record at both the Merrimac and the Hampton Roads shows.

STRATHCONA'S BLACK MAGIC WOMAN, owned and handled by Linda Heller, earned her first leg toward her C.D. at the Fort Wayne, Ind. show with a 181.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR JOBS WELL DONE.

Please send all show results including legs earned, scores, class and judge's name to: Jerry or Stephanie Katz, 1701 Strathcona Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48203.

AMERICAN DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Recently, the B.C.A. became a member of the American Dog Owners Association, Inc. The following letter from Mr. Duncan G. Wright, President will help to explain the work of this worthwhile organization and perhaps inspire more of our members to support its efforts.

Dear Friends,

During the past several years a significant increase has occurred in commercial activities in purebred dogs. It is estimated that in 1972 commercial kennels in the U.S. shipped about 750,000 purebred dogs. Commercial sales of purebred dogs have become so lucrative that major retail stores and store chains such as Macy's, Spiegel's and Arlans have become involved in the marketing of dogs. The operations of some of these stores are characterized by falsified papers, sick dogs, poor specimens of the breeds, and deceptive practices of a variety of different types. The damage to the Fancy and the humane treatment of dogs resulting from their exploitation is severe.

The American Dog Owners Association is the first nationwide, representative organization of dog fanciers, working in those areas necessary to protect our dogs and the interests of the Fancy.

During the approximately 20 months that the Association has been working a great deal has been accomplished and a summary of programs and activities is presented below.

1. Worked with the U.S.D.A. on regulations to control commercial operators in dogs and other animals under the Animal Welfare Act of 1970.

2. Participated in the introduction into Congress of a Bill to regulate carriers involved in shipping dogs, terminals where they are stored, pet shops; and to exclude the Fancy from Federal regulation.

3. Reached agreement with Montgomery-Ward that they would discontinue selling purebred dogs by mail order.

4. Reached agreement with Mattel, Nabisco, and Wheeler Worldwide Sho Co., Agway, and other companies that they would not again conduct promotional contests offering purebred dogs as prizes.

5. Prevented two major companies from conducting puppy giveaway contests before they occurred.

6. Stopped a Chrysler dealer in Minneapolis and another in Jacksonville, Florida from continuing a promotion offering puppies from a local dog store with each new car.

7. Worked with New York Fanciers in 1972 to defeat a bill in that state which would have classified many Fanciers as pet shops. Commenced a major effort in New York to have introduced and passed in that state a new dog law favorable to the overall animal welfare problems and the Fancy.

8. Caused the FDA to rescind a prior judgment that Kal-Kan should be permitted to use contaminated whale meat in dog food.
9. Brought about the dismissal of a lawsuit by a dog store for $75,000 against a breed club and 100 of the club's members.

10. Supported a number of successful legal actions against a dog store chain resulting in the chain going out of business.

11. Cared for and placed in homes about 100 purebred dogs abandoned on a commercial dog farm.

12. Negotiated with the Minnesota State Fair to have a purebred dog exhibit at the Fair put on by Minnesota Fanciers rather than by a commercial kennel.

13. Worked with local fanciers in 11 different areas to stop the passage of ordinances severely restrictive to the Fancy.

14. Investigated dog farm operations in Iowa and Nebraska and provided data on these farms to the U.S. District Attorney. They were subsequently raided.

15. Initiated contact with Spiegel's to have them stop their mail order selling program in purebred dogs.

16. Commenced a "truth in advertising" program with several major newspapers concerning ads by dog stores and participated in preparation of an article in the New York Times on puppy mills.

17. Reached agreement with the Saturday Evening Post that the magazine would not again offer purebred puppies for sale by mail.

18. Worked with the District Attorney in Sacramento, California on legal action against Doctor Pet Centers, resulting in a fine against the company of $51,000 plus an injunction prohibiting certain activities of the Docktors chain.

19. Initiated a complaint with the FTC regarding false advertising by dog food companies, resulting in a cease and desist order by the FTC against 11 such companies.

20. Prepared and filed with the Federal Trade Commission a detailed complaint alleging fraud and misrepresentation by Docktors Pet Centers and requested Federal action in stopping such activities.

21. Prepared and started a number of individual legal actions in several states against a major dog store chain cruelly treating the dogs and operating fraudulently.

22. Contributed to the prosecution, for cruelty, of a puppy miller and the closing down of the dog farm housing more than 80 dogs.

In addition to these major efforts, a number of additional programs have been conducted or are under way. Included are development of a Model State Law and a Model Local Ordinance, purchase of puppies from puppy mills as part of our program to shut the mills down, and coordination with Fanciers in six states regarding dog legislation in those states.

It is extremely difficult for an individual or even a Club to undertake a meaningful program on behalf of the Fancy or the welfare of dogs. However, on a united basis we can accomplish a great deal. The record of accomplishment by the Association warrants your support and we ask that you join with us. Dues for an individual member are only $6.00 per year, and for a club only $25.00 per year. Please join with us by completing the application presented below and sending it to the address shown. You will then receive our quarterly newsletter advising you of our programs; you will participate in electing officers and directors; you will help us decide the priority of efforts on behalf of the Fancy and welfare of dogs; but most important, you will help us help the dogs.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Duncan G. Wright
President

NAME ____________________________ DATE ____________
ADDRESS (STREET) ____________________________ (CITY) ____________ (STATE) ____________ (ZIP) ____________
OCCUPATION ____________________________ PHONE ____________________________
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: Individual ____________ Club ____________ Industrial ____________
BREED OF PRIME INTEREST ____________________________
BREEDER ____________ EXHIBITOR ____________ JUDGE ____________

I understand that the objectives of the American Dog Owners Association are to protect the breeding and exhibiting of dogs as non-commercial venture and to engage in educational and legislative activities to promote the welfare of dogs.

I do hereby agree to adhere to the Constitution of the American Dog Owners Association and, by virtue of membership in the Association, to assist in achieving the above objectives.

SIGNED ____________________________ DATE ____________

Please include with your application your dues for one (1) year. Dues are computed on an annual basis and are due on each anniversary of your application for membership.

Send this application to:
American Dog Owners Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 35176
Detroit, Michigan 48235
Veterinarian Stephen W. J. Seager, M.R.C.V.S., University of Oregon Medical School, in 1969 became the first person to produce a live litter of puppies from a bitch inseminated with frozen semen. Since then he and his associates have done much studying into the use of stored canine semen. Funds have come from the American Kennel Club through the Morris Animal Foundation, Denver.

It has been said that the use of frozen canine semen and artificial insemination can revolutionize the breeding of dogs. At the least it can remove many barriers and eventually improve all breeds by making full use of good quality dogs and bitches.

Among the advantages of frozen semen are that it: makes possible maximum use of the semen of outstanding and disease-free dogs, even after death; eliminates the possibility of transmitting diseases through breeding or introducing dogs from outside colonies; avoids problems caused by shipping dogs and bitches for breeding; and allows dogs to be bred to bitches in foreign countries, despite strict quarantine regulations.

"In some of the larger breeds of dogs," Dr. Seager explained, "as many as 80% to 90% tend to be hip dysplastic. Using the semen of dogs without this condition could reduce the frequency of it and similar conditions."

Many times bitches must be transported to be bred, he added, and they can easily become ill during the trip. Also, the pregnancy rate is usually poor when bitches are subjected to changes in temperature and environment.

"This way," Dr. Seager commented, "the semen is taken to the bitch instead of the bitch to the semen."

Storing semen by freezing it for later use is not new to the animal world. In fact, it has been used for artificial insemination with cattle, sheep, swine, and even man.

However, it was not until Dr. Seager had his first success and litter of two puppies that a bitch whelped from frozen semen.

"No one really knows why it was so difficult to get a pregnancy from frozen dog semen," Dr. Seager said. "Researchers had tried for (continued next page)
Long-Term Preservation of Canine Semen, continued...

20 to 30 years. Artificial insemination itself had been performed in dogs since, 1803 with fresh semen. They were just not able to freeze it."

Much still needs to be learned about the best techniques for freezing dog semen and inseminating the bitch, but Dr. Seager and those on his team at the University of Oregon feel they are making progress.

In 1971 they were awarded a one-year grant from the American Kennel Club. Progress of the project has recently been reviewed by the AKC, and the grant has been renewed for one year, still through the Morris Animal Foundation.

Dr. Seager explained in his thick Irish brogue that the litters of puppies have been growing larger. Litters now are including four, five, and even ten and eleven puppies. This he attributes to better freezing and thawing techniques, plus improved knowledge of the breeding cycle of the bitch.

"Also new," Dr. Seager added, "is our being able to freeze dog semen in straws, as well as pellets. We plan to go mainly with the straws since they use less storage space and identification is easier. The bitch can be inseminated directly from the straw. We have been able to freeze it in glass vials, too, which is the common procedure for bull semen."

For a thawing technique, Dr. Seager explained, they have found that the rapid thaw, immersing the container in water at dogs' body temperature, is best.

The best diluent the University of Oregon scientists have used is egg yolk with glycerol and lactose. The diluent is necessary to protect the fragile sperm cells during the extreme drop in temperature from body heat to minus 320°F, the temperature necessary to freeze the spermatozoa but which can easily kill them.

Also, the diluent is used to extend the semen. However, it is not known how much it can be diluted and still successfully impregnate a number of bitches. This is one of the many things that must be learned.

An artificial vagina is used for collection of the semen. A teaser bitch is usually present and the dog allowed to mount her, but his penis is diverted into the artificial vagina, which is at body temperature. Dr. Seager explained that the artificial vagina, which can be adjusted, is suitable for all sizes of dogs.

To identify the sperm during storage, each container is carefully labeled. If there is any doubt of parentage after the puppies are born a blood test can make this determination.

When asked if one breed is more successful than another for frozen semen purposes, Dr. Seager answered, "So far, no breed significance has been found. No breed has been more or less successful than others. Of course, it varies from dog to dog and from time to time in the individual dogs."

Little scientific information is available on infertility in dogs and bitches. Therefore, the research team is conducting studies into reproduction and infertility as they affect the project.

And much must be learned about this relatively new technique of freezing dog semen, then using artificial insemination to impregnate a bitch. For instance, the longest storage with a successful whelping has been two years. Dr. Seager is keeping some semen in storage which he plans to bring out in about 20 years to test its effectiveness.

Also it is not known exactly where in the bitch the semen should be deposited for best results. The rate of success has not been particularly high, with an overall rate of 43%, compared with an average of 65% in natural breeding. In some limited trials Dr. Seager has achieved as high as 75% success, and eleven out of the last twelve bitches he has inseminated are pregnant.

Dr. Seager expects the use of frozen semen for controlled application in the dog world will be possible in a year or so. Until then, he and his team are exploring better methods of freezing and insemination and studying the number of sperm required for pregnancy.

"Quarantine regulations in many countries of the world severely hinder and sometimes prevent the importation of certain dogs. I have received many inquiries from all over the world asking for frozen semen to be used to improve the blood lines of these countries," Dr. Seager said.

"Breeding dogs by natural methods is in most cases best," he commented. "But there are many times when natural mating is impossible due to some physical or psychological deterrent."

"My opinion," he added, "is that only the surface has been scratched, and much further investigation is needed to bring the level of artificial insemination of the canine using frozen semen to that of the cattle breeding industry."

"The rewards of such work will be of great magnitude," Dr. Seager concluded.
Forty days and forty nights, and during this rainy onslaught there came the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills' Winter Show. Twenty one Briards and handlers, all slipping and sliding in the ooze and yuk that at one time was probably grass. The sky continued to fall but not one absentee, nor injury, to anything other than pride as some went for an unexpected back-side ride. For the "Breed & Opposite" it was Esau and Jane, but the screams and yells came when "Katie & Louise" graduated from the (out of) puppy matches with a 5 point major after going up against formidable competition (see show report). Congratulations of course to all.

For Briard owners sitting in the lodges (Briards and all) of the Sports Arena, it was "jumps, screams and tears," during of all things, the "Terrier Group" judging when Roland Taub's Australian Terrier pulled a "Group 3" out of the bag.

For those that don't know, this was a "first." No "Aussie" ever placed in group on the West Coast before. "Landy" got hugs and kisses while held in his owner's arms as he ran for the 3rd place marker.

Todd Olson recently returned from the "boonies" (backwoods) in Africa with frightening stories of near tragic mishaps, for a brief respite from his research and studies. His interest in "bone structure," related to his work, has turned to measuring every Briard in California that he can search out and reach. Employing mechanical aids, reasonable accuracy is achieved. This just has to be the most important "one man" project ever. Those interested may contact Todd.

One of two lonely "SHOW REPORTS" out of the West (also see KCBH catalog sheet). Santa Ana Valley KC, Sept. 23 at Santa Ana, Ca. under judge R. Vandeventer, from an entry of 2=2=1. WB: Valhala de Brie de Beauxjollis, for 1 point, owner: Don Mandeville. WD: Putney Jay de Beauxjollis, for major, owned by Rod Stutman. BOB: Ch. Man de Ville's O.J. Britt, owner: Don Mandeville, handled by co-owner, Nancy Mandeville.

The Rassemblement is gaining impetus if I'm reading the meter correctly regarding interest; it looks like there will be a "full head of steam" for the gathering. Here is a momentous event that will be of interest to everyone for a variety of reasons really too numerous to mention. Each entry greatly multiplies the value of this, the first Rassemblement in the United States. Make a point of working it into your scheduled plans for this summer.

Don Mandeville

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(Oural de la Chevrerie X Nina d'el Pastre)
(Quycce de la Petite Suisse du Nord X Nina de la Plaine Saint Just)
Judge: Melbourne T. Downing
Handler: Debi Vetrone

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VOTRE SANTE (dog)
Owner: Ruth Monast
Breeder: Cecily R. Collins
Championship: August 4, 1973
Sire: Ch. Pythisas Chez Phydeaux
Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara
(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeaux X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)
(Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)
Judge: Patricia Marcmann
Handler: Mary Ellen Monast
NEW COMPANION DOG

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VICHYSSEOISE (bitch)

Owners: Cecily & Kenneth Collins  Breeder: Cecily R. Collins
Championship: August 5, 1973
Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau  Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara
(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau X  (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X
Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)  Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)
Judge: H. Anthony Hodges  Handled by owner

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH, C.D. (dog)

Owner: Susan Alexander  Breeder: Cecily R. Collins
Obedience Title: September 3, 1973
Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau  Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara
(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau X  (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X
Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)  Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)
Judge: Allan F. Pitcher  Handler: John Alexander
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION AND COMPANION DOG

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VINAIGRETTE, C.D. (bitch)

Owners: Ed and Cindy Konrath  Breeder: Cecily R. Collins

Championship: September 28, 1973
Obedience Title: October 28, 1973

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau  Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara
(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)

Judge: Denis J. Grivas  Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

AKC & CANADIAN CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S UNCHAINED MELODY (bitch)

Owner: Charles & Patricia A. Long  Breeder: Owners

Canadian Championship: September 29, 1973

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.  Dam: Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca
(Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse X Mafi-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)

Judge: E.R. Dixon  Handled by owner
CHAMPION TIR AU FLANC DE CHARLEMAGNE (dog)

Owner: Richard A. Schuman  Breeder: Charles & Dorothy Vetrone
Championship: October 14, 1973

Sire: Ch. Boris d’Agincourt, C.D.  Dam: Ch. Recherce de Charlemagne
(Bebe de Marha X Leocadia d’Agincourt)

Judge: Roy Ayres  Handler: Charles Vetrone

CHAMPION TENDRESSA DE CHARLEMAGNE (bitch)

Owners: Michael & Charles Vetrone  Breeders: Dorothy & Charles Vetrone
Championship: October 28, 1973

Sire: Ch. Boris d’Agincourt, C.D.  Dam: Ch. Recherche de Charlemagne
(Bebe de Marha X Leocadia d’Agincourt)

Judge: A. Peter Knoop  Handled by Charles Vetrone
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION VELU BERGERAC DE CHARLEMAGNE (dog)

Owners: Lisa and Curtis Bell
Breeders: Charles & Michael Vetrone

Championship: November 18, 1973

Sire: AKC & Can. Ch. Phydeaux
Dam: Ch. Tendressa de Charlemagne

(Ch. Ike de Vasouy X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)
(Ch. Boris d'Agincourt, C.D. X Ch. Recherche de Charlemagne)

Judge: Roy Ayres
Handled by owner

SHOW WINS !!

STRATHCONA'S BLAC MAGIC WOMAN is shown here with owner-handler, Linda Wells Heller at the Central Ohio K.C. show on Nov. 18. Magic went Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex for a four point major.

VELU BERGERAC DE CHARLEMAGNE, owned and handled by Mrs. Lisa Bell is shown going Winners Dog out of puppy class to Best of Winners for a 3 point major under judge, Mr. A. Peter Knoop at Delaware Ohio on Oct. 28.

Lisa also handled Velu to Winners Dog out of open class for a 3 point major, to Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex under judge, Mrs. Nicholas Demidoff at the International K.C. in Chicago on Nov. 3.
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COMMENT

STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS - A GOOD BEGINNING OR BAD END
by Peggy M. Borcherdin

Training dogs for obedience work takes a great deal of time, effort and thought, by both the instructors and the dogs' owners. Sometimes a large part of this work goes down the drain because no one pays sufficient attention to the dog's anatomy to make sure a structural fault won't bring the dog's career to an early end or, at times, to a sudden, crashing halt.

The combination of careless and unrestricted breeding practices has brought forth such a variety of structural defects in dogs that it may be no exaggeration to say that in another ten years some breeds could be in such great difficulty that you would have to search far and wide to find a specimen with both a sound front and rear. We are growing new generations of dog fanciers (even judges) who cannot recognize even rather severe faults in the structures of dogs.

True, a dog doesn't have to be fully sound to be able to jump, retrieve, hunt or pull a sled but he often can't do any of these things for long periods or with as much strength and precision as we would like. Sometimes he can't do these things without feeling some degree of physical discomfort and if he is forced to continue his work over too long a span of time, he can end up with permanent crippling effects.

There are simply no hard and fast rules which can be laid down to cover how much stress and strain a dog with structural problems can absorb and still not suffer any temporary or lasting bad effects. Dogs (like humans) are different in their ability to compensate for some particular body defect and there can be many variances on pain thresholds. Often neither the dog's owner or his veterinarian is best qualified to determine whether or not a dog should be allowed to train in advanced obedience work. How many of the vets in the country, do you suppose, have ever watched a lot of obedience work in the practice stage, or are themselves obedience enthusiasts. Neither does the vet's medical education require that he be well-versed on Breed Standards as far as structural make-up of every breed is concerned. If the dog's owner is still rather new to the dog world, especially if this is his first dog, he may have very little knowledge about anatomy and he might not recognize a fault even though he sees it every day.

Back in the beginning years when we were first talking about and diagnosing hip dysplasia, many people wanted to believe that if a dog could jump, didn't go around with a bad limp or didn't seem to evidence any pain, then that dog couldn't be dysplastic. Today, of course, we know this isn't the way it always works. A dog can be dysplastic and still not show any obvious symptoms at all. The same thing applies to elbow dysplasia or luxated patella.

When we watch a dog which has been radiographically diagnosed as dysplastic jumping and retrieving with as much, or more, ease than an O.F.A. certified dog, it is hard to believe the dysplastic dog could be harming himself or that obedience schools should set up any special restrictions about accepting dogs with this affliction. One can go out any day of the week and see dogs in obedience classes with conformation faults which can complicate the dog's life, far, far more than a mild case of hip dysplasia. Aye, there's the rub!
WINNERS BITCH - 13 Reserve Points 3 Dogs 4

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BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.


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


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


BRIARDS. Bred by Exhibitor, Bitches.


BRIARDS. American Bred, Bitches.


BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.


WINNERS BITCH Reserve 18 Points  5 Bitches  10

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.


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