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Harold Marley

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AND THE WARMTH OF
ABIDING FRIENDSHIPS

The members of the B.C.A.
Board of Directors

TREASURER'S REPORT
September 1, 1974 - October 31, 1974

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| The "Dew Claw" (October)| $270.60  |
| 1975 Calendar            | 280.00   |
| Other printing expenses  | 18.50    |
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Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

STATISTICS
As of November 10, 1974 the B.C.A. had:
256 members
90 applicants
50 Dew Claw subscribers

99 Briards were registered with the AKC between 9/1/68 and 8/31/69.
199 Briards were registered between 9/1/73 and 8/31/74.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HAROLD MARLEY - Although few of us know of the extra time and effort required to print the DEW CLAW and other Club materials, we all enjoy the final product. I am sure all join me in giving a special vote of thanks to Harold Marley, not only for his efforts throughout the year, but also for the delightful cover he has created for the December DEW CLAW and printed in color at his own expense.

Diane McLeroth
Season's Greetings

from

Jerry Cohen and "Meatball"

Château Lindeau
Briards
**A BRIARD AND A HALF**

BY ROBERT P. HOWARD

Were it not for Withrow's Garage, Beth and I would not have become the only central Illinois applicants for membership in the Briard Club of America. Wilbur Withrow, a competent and somewhat cantankerous mechanic, owned a garage several blocks from Springfield’s business district. Beth’s sister had her car serviced there. In time, so did Beth.

At the garage Beth discovered Claude, who was identified as a Briard. A black dog with personality, he had been abandoned by an itinerant couple in a nearby village. He sat watchfully on a chair while Mrs. Withrow did the bookkeeping and told of his great qualifications as a watchdog and companion.

Soon Beth was in love with Claude, and I agreed that he had a wonderful name for a French sheep dog. Briard photos in available books showed a resemblance, but the text said nothing about long hours being necessary to keep hairballs and burs from a Briard coat. When Briards were described as being slow to learn but having retentive memories, I knew that I had an affinity for the breed.

In her Philadelphia years Beth had owned a number of dogs, of varied breeds, but had decided there would be no more. Under Claude’s influence, however, she wrote to the American Kennel Club for information. Letters to midwestern breeders failed to reveal impending litters. When the 1973-74 gasoline shortage became critical, I remarked that, if we weren’t going to travel, perhaps a dog would be logical. Almost immediately Beth developed a long distance friendship with Cece Collins.

With considerable savoir-faire, Brie (officially Chateaubriard Jamboree) arrived at the St. Louis airport late on Washington's birthday. Our only regret was that he was tawny instead of black.

That night he slept alone downstairs in the strange house and seemed to be housebroken in advance. Within a few days, Beth proudly took him to the garage, where Mrs. Withrow was now a widow.

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In Brie’s ninth month, Beth decided it was time for another comparison. Claude, who was on duty at the garage, greeted Brie like a kinsman. Brie, of course, was ecstatic at the sight of any dog that wasn’t trying to invade his home territory. Mrs. Withrow was both curious and friendly.

Already Claude was smaller than Brie. The older dog’s rather silky black coat had an excess of white but otherwise it had definite Briard characteristics. His eyes were visible, however, and his tail lacked a crochet. Claude also seemed rather scrawny and his hind quarters had not been inherited from Nanie de la Haute Tour. My guess was that he was half collie.

So we know that Springfield has one and a half Briards. Brie is the joy of our lives as he keeps two old people from realizing their age. Claude also has a permanent place in our affections. Had it not been for his Briard characteristics, we would not have the companionship of Brie.


9/20,21,22/74-London Canine Association. Judges - 20th Henry Stoeker, 21st Phil Marsh, 22nd Mrs. Evelyn Kenny. BOB all three days Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario owned by Sue McCormick, WB, BW, BUS 1 pt. on 20th was Am. Ch. Reine des Elfes de Malouse owned by Charles & Patricia A. Long, WB, BW, BUS on 21 & 22 for 1 pt. each day was Pa'Chick's Indian Summer owned by Charles & Patricia A. Long, WD all three days for 1 pt. each day was Jacque Chez Les Jamins owned by Ruth Brumwell.


Please send your news to me at 5890 Shea Rd., Marine City MI 48039. Any news sent directly to Diane has to be forwarded to me and this only delays it, missing the closing date. News for the February issue must be sent to Diane by the first of January, and it should reach me by December 26th or 27th.

Patricia Long

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LITTER DUE, DECEMBER 20, 1974

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MARIE and MONROE KOKIN

MEL, JELOU, DIANA, PACO

"A happy Christmas from all of us to all of you."

DECEMBER 1974
American and Canadian Champion PHYDEAUX QUELQUES, ret.

TOP WINNING BRIARD IN AKC HISTORY
Show record from August 1969 to May 1972
(sick leave due to bloat and heartworm)
Show record from February 1973 to October 1974

FOURTEEN GROUP PLACEMENTS:
1 Group One
3 Group Two
4 Group Three
6 Group Four

Now appearing......on stage in CAMELOT II!

Loving and being loved by CHARLIE is an unique experience that has brought us much happiness for five of his seven years. We hope and pray for many more years of great happiness living with our best friend and sharing him with others that also love him.

WE WISH TO THANK SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE......
MARY LOU TINGLEY, his breeder;
JACK PATTERSON, his professional handler;
JOHN RISK, his first owner; and the many, many JUDGES that have passed their judgement on CHARLIE in the showring. (Most often favorably!) Most of all we would like to somehow thank the hundreds and hundreds of FRIENDS that CHARLIE has for cheering their favorite on to victory. Since showing Briards is a family affair, no thanks would and could be complete without thanking DEBI, MIKE, SCOTT, and AMY for their cleaning, grooming, feeding, and 'giving-up' so many weekends.

Charles Vetrone
810 Harriet Ave. N.W.
Canton, Ohio 44703
216 455 4277

THANKS
Chuck and Dorothy
The Briard, or Chien Berger de Brie, is an ancient working breed of France, dating back to the eighth century. Early tapestries depict these large shaggy dogs with the Emperor Charlemagne, and Napoleon was also reported to have owned Briards.

In early times the Briard was used to defend his charges against wolves and robbers, but with the dividing up of the land, after the French Revolution, this work gradually transformed into the more peaceful task of herding the flocks of sheep, keeping them within the unfenced fields of the French countryside. The Briard has been the official dog of the French army and served as a munitions carrier, sentry at listening posts and was used by the medical corps to search for wounded soldiers. Reports stress the amazing ability of the Briard to lead the corpsmen to those men who still had a spark of life in their bodies. It was said that any man the Briard passed by was beyond assistance. Many Briards were lost during the world wars and the breed is still somewhat rare today.

Some books say that the "Berger de Brie" originated in the province of Brie, but the French Briard club, the Club des Amis du Briard, does not agree with this. They believe that the name "Chien Berger de Brie" (Shepherd Dog of Brie) is a distortion of the name "Chien d'Aubry". In the legend of Aubry of Montdidier, the principal role was played by a dog thought to be a Briard.

According to one version of the legend, Aubry of Montdidier, a French gentleman, was murdered by Richard de Macaire in 1371. The only witness to the crime was Aubry's dog, who followed the murderer constantly with such howls and barking that Richard de Macaire came to be suspected of the murder. King Charles V, ordered that Richard de Macaire, armed only with a club, should fight the accusing dog. Aubry's dog avenged his master's death by killing the murderer.

In the 14th century, this story was famous and is mentioned by Gace de la Bigne in the Deduits de la Chasse, by Gaston Phoebus in the Livre de la Chasse, and in the Menagier de Paris. In the reign of Charles VIII, the combat was represented on the mantel of one of the fireplaces in the great hall of the Chateau of Montargis, and the scene is preserved in a drawing by Androuet du Cerceau (Les plus excellents bastiments de France, 1576, Vol 1). This same legend goes back even further in history and forms the principal episode of the poem Macaire or Queen Sibille, which dates from the end of the 12th century. In this version, a trial by combat was held between Macaire and the dog belonging to Aubry, a young gentleman killed while defending Charlemagne's wife, who was being pursued by Macaire. Aubry de Trois-Fontaines, a French writer, mentions the same incident, giving the date as 770 and designates the murder victim as a knight of the town of Montdidier.

A beautiful head of a Briard was said to have been inscribed in the coat of arms over the door of the cathedral of Montdidier, in tribute to the dog of Aubry. Unfortunately, the old cathedral was destroyed during World War I and now, only the legend remains.

In 1897, the first official description of the Briard was given in the following standard. "A solid dog, well-constructed, with double dewclaws on the hind feet. Size: 55 cm. to 65 cm. Head covered with hair forming whiskers and eyebrows, leaving the eye uncovered or light veiled. Ears upright if they are cut, straight and bent in the middle if they are left natural. Body hair: long, wooly. Colors: slate grey, black sprinkled with some white hairs, tawny, iron grey, tawny grey. Tail: complete, forming a hook at the extremity. Faults to avoid: Head too burdened with hair, hiding the eyes entirely. Ears flat and falling against the cheeks. Curly hair. Single dewclaws on the hind feet. Tail straight with a plume (resembling that of a spaniel). Height below 55 centimeters. Too much length and weak joints."

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In 1922, the first litter of Briard puppies was registered with the American Kennel Club as being owned by Barbara Danielson of Gorton, Massachusetts. In 1928, the Briard Club of America was formed and recognized by the A.K.C. Probably the most active breeder at that time was Mrs. George W. Jacobs of Morrestown, Pennsylvania, who bred 26 litters of Briards from 1930 to 1940.

Since that time, the Briard has been bred, loved and protected by many ardent fanciers. Although today the breed has become primarily a companion dog, every effort has been made to preserve, and bring to perfection, the innumerable fine qualities which are the heritage of this noble French dog.

**THE BRIARD IN HISTORY AND LEGEND**

**1975 BRIARD NAMES**

For those who wish to name their puppies in the French manner, which identifies the year of the dog's birth, Briard born in the year 1975 should be given names beginning with the letter "L."
TAWNY PUPPIES BORN SEPTEMBER 26, 1974

6 BOYS & 5 GIRLS

"REPEAT BREEDING"

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(OWNER CHARLES & PATRICIA A. LONG)

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EAST SIDE STORY

Recently in New Jersey we heard of an unusual Briard problem. Apparently there was a bitch living on a farm near Clinton whose natural herding instincts were getting out of control. The report was that the Briard would have to find a new home, because she insisted on chasing sheep until they dropped from exhaustion—in fact, died of heart failure!

The plea for help reached other Briard owners at a time when we had three additional adult dogs in need of homes. I have always felt that a remarkable characteristic of Briarders is their devotion to the welfare of the breed, historically and from a breeding standpoint, but most importantly and impressively in terms of the health and happiness of individual dogs. This fall has only increased my admiration for our special breed of fanciers.

In the case of the unrestrained herder, rescue was accomplished by a friend of Mel and Diana DiGiacomo. Fred Eccleston had admired the DiGiacomo Briards and was delighted when approached with the prospect of a two-year-old tawny bitch of his own. But things weren't to be that easy. When Fred tried to put his new-found friend into the car, she simply refused... and refused... and refused. Seven tranquilizing pills and a muscle-relaxing shot later, Fred was undaunted and Tres Jolie, as he'd optimistically dubbed her, was at last bundled into the car and on her way home to Demarest in Bergen County.

Strangely enough cars seem to be Jolie's only phobia. At last report she was compatibly herding a cat named Jock, a Cocker Spaniel called McGuiness, two boys named Cavan and Donal and their sister Maryellen. Fred and wife Mary have been trying to teach their pet not to chase cars but to climb stairs, not to run free and someday hopefully to forgive the car.

Fred is an administrative principal of schools exclusively for the handicapped, which there seems to be no question has prepared him well for rehabilitating a Briard. He tells of taking Jolie on leash to a park ten minutes from home only a week after her arrival. To his surprise, when two Bouviers approached to sniff, she bolted across a bridge and disappeared. After calling, worrying and searching the park, Fred came dejectedly home. Grrrrrrrr! There on the deck was his loving Briard. She's been back to the park since without a hitch.

Tres Jolie's kennel name is Heloise des Coteaux, sired by Romeo des Gasconnades out of Pacquaise Coronet des Coteaux. She was bred by Geraldine Michaud, and Fred intends to introduce her to the show ring — once she decides to get into the car. Since we've seen so few des Coteaux Briards in competition recently, this is a pleasure to be anticipated.

Fortunately, homes were also found for the three other Briards at large. Worthy of special mention is the year-old, natural-eared black (potentially a true gray) who was taken on by Dr. Leonard Koltnow and his wife Bert. The dog was found in a Yonkers, New York, pound with hookworm and no papers. There were indications she might have been in...
East Side Story - continued

several pounds during her short life. After three weeks of searching, we had no home on the horizon. All resources on the East Coast had been exhausted while relocating the other Briards, and more than one person was advocating humanely putting this bitch down. But Jayne Dubin courageously postponed that fate for the dog she had grown to love. In desperation, I called the Koltnows, who were, we thought, interested only in a papered Briard. After hearing of "Corey's" plight—and knowing that Jayne had been forced to shave the dog's badly matted shaggy coat—they drove from Atlantic City to New City, New York, for a look. As their car door opened, "Corey" jumped into the back seat. From that moment, we knew she'd found a loving home. She has been renamed Ragamuffin and will look like one before long we trust.

With such good news, it is sad to report that Marie and Monroe Kokin returned from vacation to find that their three-year-old black Briard, Mimi, had gotten loose and been killed by a car. The Kokins are the owners of Friday (Ch. Bellesprit Pille Vendredi) whom they took as an adult when her first owners were unable to keep her, and they had rescued Mimi from much worse surroundings. Only their extraordinary love and attention could have transformed Mimi from a frightened, abused animal to the champion she became this September 2. Mimi was bred by Frank Nicholas, by Athos d’Agincourt out of Berry Brow's Renee. Champion Berry Brow's Belle is sorely missed.

Because last month’s Dew Claw was crowded, Eastern summer show news was reduced. Related encouragement and kudos to all who deserved mention during our most active season, notably Bill and Alice Kent’s Phydexa Incognito, Ken and Cecie Collins’ Chateaubriard Jus d’Orange, Brenda Burton’s Chateaubriard Je ne Sais Quois, Fay Sloan’s Phydexa Winsome Loosome—all relative newcomers to the ring and showing great promise. A hand for the more experienced too: Art and Mary Lou Tingley’s group-winning Ch. Phydexa Quin de Cuirre, Ruth Monast’s Ch. Chateaubriard Votre Sante, Jayne Dubin’s Ch. Phydexa Tallulah, C.D. and even my own Ch. Phydexa Tabac Blond. This fall has been quiet, so we look to upcoming Philadelphia, Boston and Westminster for detailed news of competition.

On October 13, Mary Lou Tingley judged our breed at the Ramapo K.C. show. With a good turnout and fine weather, it was a day to celebrate. BOB went to Jayne Dubin’s Ch. Phydexa Tallulah, C.D. and BOS to littermate Ch. Phydexa Tabac Blond (Duffel). My Flannel (Phydexa Interlude) picked up her tenth point as Winners Bitch, making it a clean sweep for the Phydexa line—well deserved by consensus. Tallulah was truly outstanding.

Gina Pharo has puppies available, and Jayne Dubin and Jerry Cohen are each hoping for winter litters.

Jayne Bruner has kept two tawny bitches from the litter Teddy sire, Jasmine Sage Hardie and Jolie Jane Sage Hardie. She reports that Yvonne Lacy raised them in French in Boston, so life in Pittsburgh comes as a surprise. Interestingly, the tawnies are out of two blacks with only one tawny among even the grandparents.

East Side Story - continued

Mel and Diana DiGiacomo’s Jelou (Ivan Chien de Famille) has learned to roll the car window down using his teeth! Since this means he can no longer be left in the car while photographer Mel is on the road, it’s nice to hear Jelou has a new companion at home. She is four-month-old tawny Chateaubriard Jetstream out of the Collins’s Hugo-Hilda litter. Her call name is Paco, Spanish for strong, loyal, faithful—in other words, Briard.

Another newcomer to New Jersey is the Tingleys’ four-month-old tawny import Jennie d’el Pastre. She was bred by M. Molinier and will make her show debut in December if her papers come through in time. Their Desi (Ch. V.S.O.P. Bouffon de Brie, co-owned with Janet Glover) has been OFA certified FB 36.

December always brings us Jerry Cohen’s party during and between the December 14-15 Boston shows. In addition to serving us as BCA treasurer, Jerry is Associate Professor of International Economic Relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, a Tufts University graduate institute for international relations. His growing reputation has brought several startling developments, including a one-week excursion to Paris, Munich, Bologna and Geneva. He has also been seen in Washington, New York and Ontario and occasionally surfaces as the International Economics commentator on a 7/30 TV news program (WBZ, Channel 2 in Boston) called "The Evening Compass." On a recent panel, he brought the house down with a comment on current economic policy, suggesting as an appropriate symbol a particular contraceptive which "supports inflation, retards production and gives a false sense of security." Not surprisingly, we are expecting a record turnout on December 14.

Keep in mind that February brings the Garden and the Zaccarros’ high-style New York entertaining. No excuse to miss this with or without a dog in hand.

It’s hard to believe this will be my last East Side Story. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have, and thanks again for supplying the material for it. Please send future news and photographs to Millicent Koseff, 534 Leeward Avenue, Beach Haven, New Jersey 08008 or phone her at 609/492-4939. Remember the deadline is roughly a month and a half before the Dew Claw’s date of publication. Seasons joys to you all.

---Mercer Plaid

Late news in: Ken and Cecie Collins’ "0.J." (Chateaubriard Jus d’Orange) went Best In Match at the Longshore-Southport puppy match on November over an entry of at least 300 dogs. Congratulations to the Collins and of course to O.J. too.

MAY YOU HAVE GREAT JOY IN EVEN
THE SMALLEST THINGS THIS SEASON

DECEMBER 1974
A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WISH TO THE BRIARD CLUB
FROM A VERY HAPPY FAMILY
AND OUR NEWLY ADOPTED "JOLI"
THE ECCLESTONS
A CHRISTMAS WISH

Pure water
Clean air
Strong trees
Healthy animals
Loving people

AND OF COURSE, A BRIARD!

THE McLEROHTHS, DUDLEY AND SEREINE

Greetings for Christmas
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE New Year

HAROLD & ADA MARLEY
From Sue Erickson in Minneapolis came enough questions to make my whole column. Bless ya, Sue, it warms the cockles.

FIRST, SHE ASKED ABOUT THE TRADITION OF NAMING BRIARDS, AND WHY THE JUMP FROM "V" TO "I".

Sometime in the 1920s, and probably initiated for Briards by the sainted Sedir, the system began in France. It applies not only to dogs, but to all purebred animals registered with the French equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (horses, cattle, etc.). By my own brand of logic, I would conclude that they have gone through the alphabet about twice. It is difficult, however, to find enough names of certain letters. Sometimes it was even necessary to resort to using the year's letter and then an apostrophe and going on to another word (eg. X'Fred de Something or Other). To eliminate this nuisance and make a 20-year cycle, the letters K, Q, W, X, Y, Z were dropped after 1972's "V". Why they started over with "I" is something I have no answer for. As you get more into Briards, you'll find that increasingly true, at which point it is simply the custom to throw up your hands and sigh knowingly, "Well, that's just the French!"

WHAT AGE IS CONSIDERED NORMAL FOR THE BRIARD TO GET THE GOAT COAT?

This is one of those imponderables. Some have it right from the beginning and are to be regarded as a Blessing from on High. Others never get it. Some seem to harden as the puppy coat finally drops, but this could take as long as two years. Fat in the diet does to a certain extent affect coat texture, but probably does more to enhance what is already there than to make any drastic changes.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF BRIARDS IN FRANCE ARE ACTUALLY WORKING AS HERDING FARM DOGS?

One wag quipped "about the same as in this country," but that's not totally accurate. I do know that when the Vetrones "ordered" what eventually came to be their Vony, one of the stipulations was that she be out of at least one "working" parent -- and for a combination of reasons, they waited nearly five years for her! So, I honestly don't know -- but will you accept some ancillary statistics from the last issue of the French Club's Bulletin? On the average, about 300 Briards per year are born in France, and assuming that a dog lives 10 years, there are about 3000 Briards there. The Club des Amis du Briard had 783 paid members as of May, 1974. Allowing for some multiple ownership, these people represent approximately 30 percent of all Briard owners in that country. This was considered a good proportion in respect to other breed clubs' memberships. Membership is concentrated in the geographical designations of Paris, Rhone (east-central), Seine et Marne (near Paris) and Nord (north-central). Surprisingly, 20 percent of these dogs live in apartments, which, the article pointed out, might astonish some who feel the dog needs a large exercise space, but concluded that this is a tribute to the dog's adaptability and desire to be with his "people".

If you wish to join the French club, the address is Club des Amis du Briard; M. Paul Liguine, Secretariat Interimare; 69, Rue Nestor Gréhant; 02000 Lalon; France. A check for $10 should cover the cost. Their bulletin is very informative, but it helps to read French, unless you like to look at pictures.
BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR

Art & Mary Low Tingey

"If we wait here long enough, maybe Santa will share his milk and cookies!"

Daisy & Britta
Don and Maggie Thompson
Happy Holidays!
from
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Peace and Love to you
in all seasons

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TATTOOING CAN PROTECT YOUR BRIARD

A tattoo could bring your Briard home safely if he were lost or stolen. A registered identification number puts him only a phone call away from you.

Even though Briards are not inclined to stray, there are always circumstances where your dog could be lost or stolen. Many Briards do not wear collars and if they do, the collar can be lost or removed. If lost or stolen, he has no identity and is vulnerable to numerous dangers. Of course, it is possible he could fall into kind hands, as was the case recently when a man in upstate NY called the BCA, after contacting the AKC for the club address, to report that a Briard had come to his door in a storm. But, this was luck and it is more likely the lost dog would end up in a local pound with numbered days for you to find him. Or, he could be one of the 2 million dogs stolen by dognappers each year for sale to laboratory dealers, or if recognized as a purebred dog, papers have been known to be forged for resale or breeding.

A registered permanent tattoo can protect your Briard. However, the tattoo on your dog is meaningless unless it is on file in a central registry, along with your name, address and telephone number, so you could be notified if the dog is found. A dog tattoo registry, however, is only as effective as its demonstrated ability to return tattooed dogs on a nationwide basis.

The National Dog Registry has been successfully returning dogs to their owners since January of 1966. NDR, a non-profit service, is the only registry endorsed and used by the Humane Society of the U.S., by Building Eyes for the Blind, Inc., numerous kennel clubs, various animal welfare organizations, state conservation departments and thousands of individual dog owners. The NDR encourages prospective registrants or tattooing services to check their credibility through the Better Business Bureau, Fair Trade Commission or any other consumer service organization. NDR is known and used everywhere in the U.S., including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

For tattooing, the owner's Social Security number is used, making it easy for him to keep the number. Other assigned registration numbers could be lost. The tattoo is placed inside the dog's right thigh, where it can be readily seen but can not be easily removed. Authorities report that dogs tattooed inside the ear sometimes turn up in laboratories minus the ear.

Experimental laboratories and medical schools are familiar with the NDR system and will not knowingly accept a dog bearing a nine-digit tattoo from any animal dealer. Consequently, thieves who sell pets to dealers will avoid a tattooed dog, or release one when they discover the tattoo. There is also the added protection of notice that the dog is tattooed, in the form of I.D. tags, car stickers, plastic crates, or fence signs.

The NDR registration fee of $15 is a one-time cost. It registers the owner's Social Security number and protects all the dogs he ever has tattooed with that number. There are no other charges and registration is permanent for his lifetime.

When a dog is found, there is only one phone number to call - (914) 277-4485 - from any place in the country, and there is a 24 hour answering service, 365 days a year. The number is known to local humane societies, veterinarians, kennel clubs and even experimental laboratories have been known to call and report a tattooed dog.

Of course, the dog owner must take the responsibility of notifying the NDR of any change of address. If a tattooed dog is sold, the new owner can have his initials added to the tattoo and register the animal under his own name and address.

Tattooing is painless and takes only about five minutes. The dog lies on his right side with the owner holding the head and right front leg. An assistant holds the left hind leg out of the way and the right hind leg flat for tattooing. The hair is clipped from a small area which is then sterilized, the number tattooed, and the area sterilized again.

Groups interested in conducting a tattoo clinic can get the necessary information from the National Dog Registry, 227 Stebbins Rd., Carmel, NY 10512. Individuals can obtain the name of an approved NDR registered tattooer in their area from the same address. The tattooing fee ranges from $3.00 per dog at club clinics to $5.00 for individuals. It seems a small price to pay.

ATTENTION

THE AMERICAN DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION has been conducting a difficult and dangerous battle against dog fighting and the gambling groups that support it. This appalling activity was reported in the October issue of the DEW CLAW and the reports are shocking!

As a member of the A.D.O.A. the association asks each member of our club to support their efforts in the following message.

IMPORTANT

THE TIME IS NOW FOR ACTION BY YOU ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION. THIS IS A MUST -- DON'T PUT IT OFF. DON'T RELY ON THE "OTHER GUY" DOING IT, DO IT YOURSELF AND DO IT NOW!

WRITE OR WIRE TO:

SENATOR WARREN MAGNUSON
ROOM 127 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

TELL SENATOR MAGNUSON THAT YOU WANT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO STOP ANIMAL FIGHTING AND THE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION SALE OF ANIMALS FOR FIGHTING PURPOSES.

DECEMBER 1974
Here's looking at you

Joel and Louise Cohen

Briards d'Escoffion

Have a peaceful loving
Christmas and New Year

Vivante "Monique" Des Bergers
and
Carole Cruz
1974
Mundy.

Peace and Happiness

The Gregoires

Winnipeg, Canada

seasons greetings from

Matty, Pat, Butch & Cindy Morale
"Animals are such agreeable friends. They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."

Peace to all

Cabri, Tristan, Jayne & Steve Feller

Merry Christmas

Don & Nancy Mandeville

Cecily

Janie (above)

Coors
IF ONLY THERE HAD BEEN MORE TIME

BY VIRGINIA ENGLEHART

From the moment of deplaning at L.A. International Airport to the departure for Carmel, the Janicots and their two interpreters, all Beautiful People, wove a web of enchantment for Southern Californians who were fortunate enough to be a small part of their "See America" tour.

In spite of the language barrier, it was surprising how much was understood with hand gestures and "eye talk", always supplemented by Nancy McLeroth's or Debbie Tyson's immediate support in translation.

The Janicots showed a deep interest in EVERYTHING--the flora and fauna (besides dogs), the food, the weather, the kitchen stove, the customs and life-style in California. Of course, they enjoyed the major tourist attractions--everybody has to see these things at least once and they certainly drew top guides. We regretted that there wasn't one more day to show them some of the fine museums, galleries and theaters because we're very proud of our cultural advantages here. But most large cities have some of these and nowhere else in the world can you find the original Disneyland, etc.

The chronicle reads thusly:
I met them at the airport, showed them our magnificent Marina del Rey, then on home. The first evening was quiet with a mid-western dinner at our house (I can't shake the Hoosier background) and much small talk, with the atlas being brought out to show them where they had been and where they would be going. They took great pride in showing us their region in France and elaborating upon it.

Dick Englehart is an avid fisherman and quickly found that so is M. Janicot. Dick proposed that Monsieur skip the rest of the dog bit and go to Lake Cachuma with him to fish. M. Janicot smiled and sighed, "M. Janicot."

On Friday morning, Dick took them to the airport to fly to Monterey for the next leg of their trip. As I wrote earlier, "IF ONLY THERE HAD BEEN MORE TIME..."

A DAY TO SIGHTSEE AND BROWSE

BY JOAN DUGAN

My day with the Janicots consisted of a trip to Universal Studios, the Farmers' Market and the Hollywood Chinese Theater. The theater is in the heart of Hollywood and is famous for the hand and foot prints of many stars. As we inspected the prints in the sidewalk, it was surprising how many the Janicots recognized by name.

From there, off to Farmers Market for lunch and browsing among all the goodies. This is an open air market where it is possible to find everything edible, anytime of the year. Everyone surveyed the choices and decided what to have. The Janicots had never seen watermelon before and I hope that they had some before returning home to France.

I believe we picked the busiest day of the year to go to Universal Studios. With over an hour's wait for the tour, we went to have caricatures done first. These were delightful portraying Madame riding in a jet, Monsieur pushing a baby carriage with a shaggy dog in it, Nancy with a large lollypop and Debbie with an ice cream cone.

I don't know how much the Janicots could understand from the tour guide but just riding through the different street sets, such as Western, European, old New York, new New York, etc. was fascinating. At the end was a stunt man show - a cowboy shoot-out. We did not miss anything. What stamina the Janicots and the girls had, while my feet hurt. The girls did such a good job of translating and we all had such a good time.

The evening was climaxed by a delightful Mexican dinner at the Engleharts'. My husband, at that point was able to practice his French which is really very rusty. He has described Monsieur Janicot very interestingly, "If you called central casting and requested a Frenchman that would be M. Janicot."

We had hoped to have the group for dinner but there was not enough time. So, we compromised and had brunch the following day. It turned out to be a beautiful day, that included a swim in the Pacific, a stroll down the beach and a little sunshine.

We appreciated M. Janicot's evaluation of our Briard, which he certainly had a good chance to see. Even though I had spent some time grooming him earlier that morning, the dog was soaking wet. He also had had a quick dip in the Pacific!

Both my husband and I so enjoyed meeting the Janicots, Nancy and Debbie...and their stay was far to short to really see all we have to offer in southern California.
THE JANICOTS IN CARMEL

BY PATTI CURNOW

The "Good Weather Fairy" made an all out effort on behalf of the Rassemblement and the Janicot's visit to Carmel and San Francisco -- beautiful balmy sunny days from start to finish.

After numerous days of a hectic schedule taking them across the United States and through two Rassemblements, relaxation seemed to be the key issue. This included walks on the beach, a tour of the Carmel Mission and a walking tour of Carmel's many quaint shops and galleries.

An afternoon drive around the famous "17 Mile Drive" delighted the Janicots. We stopped to feed peanuts to the charming squirrel population living within the rocks along the beaches and the Janicots were amazed at the herd of deer that casually feed in the middle of the fairways of the many golf courses along the ocean.

San Francisco offered several "firsts" for the Janicots -- fighting for a place on a moving cable car -- a bed that could have accommodated at least four people in the lovely new Hyatt on Union Square -- a room service dinner for weary sightseers and street entertainers dancing, singing and playing their way to fame and fortune around every turn.

Mr. H. Muller, father of BCNC member, Ann Burns, kindly offered to give the Janicots a complete tour of the entire bay area. Mr. Muller speaks French, which made the day a double treat for the Janicots. This break in duty also allowed the interpreters, Nancy and Debbie a day to plunder the San Francisco shopping area.

Departure time arrived way too soon. It was a sheer delight to entertain the Janicots, who appeared to enjoy every aspect of their visit, big even or small. After a week of such togetherness, saying good bye was like parting with family, tears and all.

Those deserving credit for making the Janicot's stay in this area such a pleasing event are: Mrs. James J. Cordano, Sr., their hostess and gourmet chef in Carmel -- Carole Cruz, assistant tour guide -- and Mr. Muller, for the Janicot's tour of the San Francisco Bay area.

As for myself, if I had it all to do over again, I would -- with a great deal of pleasure!

ON THE FACING PAGE -

Upper left - Hollywood's Chinese Theater
right - The Janicots and interpreters at Disneyland
Row 2, left - Rest and refreshments at the Santa Cruz all breed dog show. Their Briard companion is Monique, owned by their dog show guide, Carole Cruz.
right- Universal Studios
Row 3, left - Carmel Mission
right - one of the entertainers on the 17 mile drive
Row 4, left - a view from Mrs. Cordano's summer home in Carmel where the Janicots were welcomed guests.
right - Monsieur arrives at the Pacific ocean on the 17 Mile Drive.
WEEKEND IN CONNECTICUT

BY DOLORES ZACCARO

The Janicots arrived in Lyme, Connecticut about 10:00 Friday evening. They were tired and had already eaten twice, once between San Francisco and Chicago and again between Chicago and Hartford, but they managed to pull themselves together for a small plate of pasta!

Although they must have been travel weary, the Janicots seemed to be very relaxed and eager to see and do everything. Most fortunately they hadn't lost their appetites, so we ate ourselves through the better part of the weekend.

Madame Janicot's devilishness came out when we started a game of croquet on Sunday afternoon. She seemed hopelessly last when suddenly everything went right and she passed us all by to finish first. As the winner she delighted in hitting us all out of the game, one by one, reminding us of the story of the "Tortoise and the Hare". With lots of laughing and jumping about, I think our communication was at its peak.

On Monday we all left for New York City. The Janicots, Nancy and Debbie went to Bloomingdales, Jim went to work and I deposited dogs and the car. After lunch they all had the "cooks" (that's me) tour of Manhattan.

Apparently our guest enjoyed everything; M. Janicot gave our lunch restaurant three stars, and he was far more generous than the Guide Michelin's representative.

As with most Europeans, the panorama of New York was probably the highlight for the Janicots. We met Jim for drinks at the Copter Club, which is on top of the Pan Am building. Needless to say, the skyline is breathtaking, even to a native New Yorker.

The trip was completed in New York's "Little Italy". This was Madame's favorite, with the sidewalk cafes and shops jammed full of cheeses and sausages. It really does satisfy most all of the senses.

When we left the Janicots and the girls at the Kennedy Holiday Inn, they were holding their stomachs and threatening to starve themselves forever....or at least until the next Rassemblement!

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

I would like to thank all of you who submitted photographs for the Photography Contest. Many nice pictures were received and it was very difficult to determine the winners.

There were a number of delightful photos that were not selected for the calendar for varied reasons. Some were similar to others that had been selected - only a few perpendicular photos could be chosen - the reproduction of some would have been difficult and their quality and charm would have been lost.

Thank you all for supporting this contest. We hope you will enjoy the calendars and that you will keep next year's contest in mind when you are out with your Briards and your cameras.

Jayne Dubin
Contest Chairman
Quatie d'el Pastre
ont le plaisir de vous annoncer la naissance,
de leurs 7 Bebes
le 26 Aout 1974

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ont le plaisir de vous annoncer la naissance,
de leurs 7 Bebes

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE DUBINS
CH. PHYDEAUX TALLULAH, C.D. AND BELLESPRIT VANILLE

AND BEST WISHES FOR
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Merry Xmas

Burr & Tracy

Jolly Greetings from all the Ericksons

JOBY

JOSH

LINC

"CH. ESAU"

DECEMBER 1974
Champion
Van's Magdalene De Beaujolis
Wishes All Briards
★ A Merry Christmas ★

Maggie waits for Santa!

Maggie List
1. Bones
2. Toys
3. Canadiens
4. Saints
5. Parma

Owners:
Pat and Ken Van Fleet
9944 Glerson Ave.
Chatsworth, Calif. 91311

Happy Holidays
from Pa'Chick Kennels
THE OTHER RING

BY STEPHANIE KATZ

There are several exciting legs earned to report in this issue.

CH. TEDDY DU LAC DE BETHMALE C.D.X. earned his first leg toward his Utility degree on October 20, 1974 at the Minneapolis K.C. show with a score of 180. "Teddy" is owned by Mimi and Richard Long.

AM. & CAN. CH. ROCHELLE DE MARHA C.D.X. earned her second leg toward her Utility degree on October 14, 1974 at the Rochester Obedience Club show under judge Edie Muneke with a 186. "Angel" is owned by Jan and Phil Zingsheim.

We are all very proud of having Teddy and Angel working in the Utility classes, representing the Briard in this advanced obedience competition. Our congratulations!

Also a special congratulations to Linda Wells Heller and STRATHCONA'S BLAC MAGIC WOMAN C.D. "Magic" finished her C.D. degree on September 7, 1974.

IMPERIAL SABRE DE L'ETAT D'OR owned by Andy and Margot Pilara earned his first leg toward his C.D. on Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Mensona K.C. show in Santa Rosa, CA. Congratulations to this young dog and his owners. His score was 193.

Our favorite obedience publication Front & Finish is having a special offer none of us can afford to miss. They announced that beginning with the December issue, they will present the book, ABCs of Obedience Training, by Velma Janek with Barbara Goodman, in serial form. This long awaited book will be printed on the center pages of forthcoming issues so subscribers may remove this section to compile the ENTIRE book.

Both Mrs. Janek and Mrs. Goodman are well known in obedience circles as excellent teachers, exhibitors and obedience judges. For your own or a gift subscription write Front & Finish, P.O. Box 333, Galesburg, IL 61401. $8 for 1 year, $15 for 2 years.

Please send all show results and obedience news to Stephanie Katz, 1701 Strathcona Drive, Detroit, MI 48203.

BRIARD CLUB SPECIALTY WEEKEND 1975

Very special programs are being planned for the Specialty weekend in August: workshops, seminars, films, discussions plus lots of other plain old fun. Activities beginning Thursday evening, Aug. 14 will run through breakfast on Monday, Aug. 18th. Plan now to attend!

It is not too late to fill out your questionnaire about the 1975 Specialty weekend (page 36 of the October DEW CLAW). If you don't want to cut it out of your magazine, copy it and send it right off. We want too offer an exciting weekend of activities that you select. Please help us program - send all ideas and comments to: Ms. Stephanie Katz (1975 Specialty Chairwoman) 1701 Strathcona Drive Detroit, MI 48203 (313) 368-3123
Season's Greetings

from Cactus Country.

SEASONS GREETINGS

"G" watches by the gate while his mother

Ch. Chateaubriard Vinaigrette C.D. (OFA 33) learns
herding for the New Year.

Warmest Wishes For One And All
the Konraths
WORKING GROUP FIRST

Am. and Can. Champion Phydeaux Quelques
Judge: Mrs. Sally Keyes
Owner & Handler: Charles F. Vetrone

Mattoon Kennel Club
August 31, 1974
Mattoon, Illinois
The following people are welcomed as members of the newly-formed BCA Medical Committee:

Carole Cruz
4021 Quigley Street
Oakland, California 94619

Mimi Long
63 First Avenue North
Duluth, Minnesota 55380

Stan Guy
Box 217
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Camarillo, California 93010

Please send them (or me) your questions and suggestions for areas of common concern. I expect to list a few additional members of our committee in the next issue.

Before too long we will be mailing you forms requesting the medical history of every Briard you have owned through the years. Please answer these as completely as you can. The fullest possible picture of our breed's longevity, most common diseases and disabilities—and the Briard's medical strengths as well—will be indispensable to our other work. We understand that many owners have not kept detailed medical records on their dogs but trust that everyone will provide something of interest. At least this notice gives you plenty of warning!

Since we'll be covering medical questions from nutrition to pancreatic insufficiency, from definitions to rudimentary diagnosis, from the well researched to the barely recorded, it seems appropriate to begin here with something basic: body temperature.

While old wives' remedies occasionally turn out to be simple and appropriate solutions, folk medicine must be examined before it is relied upon. This is particularly true in the case of the rumor that a hot nose means a sick dog. In fact, dogs with serious fever can have very cold noses, just as healthy dogs now and then have warm ones.

An adult dog's temperature ranges from 101.5° to 101.6° Fahrenheit (38.61° to 38.66° Centigrade), and a healthy puppy may have a temperature as high as 101.8° Fahrenheit (38.77° Centigrade). 102°F indicates a slight fever; 105° F is very serious and 106° F generally points to near collapse. Likewise, an unusually low temperature (98°F) warns of serious problems; 96° F means death may be near, or can indicate a dog in shock. It is common for a bitch whelping to have a subnormal temperature.

A dog's temperature should be taken rectally, using a rectal thermometer. Ask your vet to demonstrate how this is done. If for some reason you can't take the temperature rectally, try holding the thermometer between the warm folds of skin where the hind leg joins the abdomen, for three minutes at least. This may give you an indication of temperature change until you can get assistance and a true reading.

In other columns we'll discuss symptoms possibly indicated by abnormal temperature.

---Mercer Field, Chairman
6 Rebel Road, Westport, CT 06880

Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes for the New Year!

The Pierce's
Curt - Soni - Warren - Carrie

DECEMBER 1974
Santa arrived early this year! ... in November!!

Line bred BLACK puppies from two "French Imports".

CH. UTO D'EL PASTRE (Brett)

Quyke de la Petite Suisse du Nord
Sandre d'el Pastre

CH. VONY DE LA PLAINE SAINT JUST (Vony)

Quassus d'el Pastre
Sandre de la Plaine Saint Just

Charles and Dorothy Vetrone
810 Harriet Ave. N.W.
Canton, Ohio 44703
216 455 4277
Merry Christmas

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Set behind that ever present curtain of hair.
The dog's eyes follow every movement.

Large. Black. Wet.
The smells of Christmas reach his nostrils.
Begging for a taste of the oven's yield.
Savoring each burst of sweetness on his tongue.

Your inner joy transmitted thru some unseen communication.
Love returned.
A sloppy wet kiss.
Undenied devotion.

Things are good.
Happy.
Days filled to overflow.
Scurrying to meet the deadline.

The dog is always there.
A stable partner among confusion.
His deeds done without question.

Santa's day at last.
Children tear at hastily wrapped boxes.
Christmas caroles blast from the stero.
The dog sniffing out each new toy.
Stomach's bursting with the table's bounty.
The dog leaping for every crumb which drops.

Happy Chanukkah

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Quiet descends.
Another Christmas forever gone.
The hush of falling snowflakes reaches your ears.

Collapse in the overstuffed chair.
The dog stretches at your feet.
Shaggy. Tired. Content.
Eyes filled with love.
The dog has endured it all.
Your never alone.
The dog unafraid.
With you till God calls him home.
THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS & VIEWS

A FINE BRIARD, A CHAMPION, BUT MORE OF A FRIEND. "Duby", Ch. Jennifer of Northumberland recently toured Europe with owner Paul Harris. Then, soon after returning, while lying in what would have been thought a safe area, lost her life as she patiently watched and waited for her beloved owner. Our condolences to Paul. A cruel accident but let it be a caution to others.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE BRIARDS GONE? If not a surge then surely there has been an increase in Briard popularity, which interprets a growing recognition and tribute to what we know, a wonderful and magnificent breed. Here we are the proud inheritors and yet this perplexing, ever declining "show entry". The show ring -- it is here a Briard's worth is proven to all, for all to see, but more important it is one of the guides to future intelligent breeding. When not winning, make corrections, gain experience and improvement will come. Waiting and sitting it out till your Briard looks and acts like a winner without training really never works and after all, not everyone can win at the same time. As a breeder, if that be so, when placing a good show-type, follow up. If not "showing," winning appeals to everyone. Give guidance and encouragement. If you have more or better ideas, do that too! Having eaten the Mercedes his breath had the pleasant scent of leather; little consolation or compensation for such rebellious behavior. The owner of both Briard and twice ravaged Mercedes surmised his precious one might require a "thumping" to go in balance with his affection. At a year old the difficulty could hardly be a teething but rather a craving, no less a demand for attention - not only on the even days of the month but also the odd when the master had important business matters or social commitments to consider. Not really born to praise for good behavior.

A HERDING BREED MATCH WITH A "BEST IN MATCH" BRIARD. The Belgian Tervuren Club of America's first "Herding Breed Match" was held in Pasadena on October 13th. A Briard went "Best In Match", my 9 month old puppy dog, "Cheval de Bataille de Beaixjolils". A real thrill, especially when seeing the beautiful trophy mounted on a wooden plaque, a scene etched in metal depicting several of the herding dogs with a Briard in the forefront, thanks to artist, our (Briard owners) friend, Dale Gourlie, truly a champion of the Briard.

News from the Pacific Northwest

THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS & VIEWS

MAGGIE'S BACK IN TOWN. Not shown since January, Ken Van Fleet's Ch. Van's Magdalene du Beauxjolils returned to the ring with a "Best of Breed" at San Fernando K.C., October 21st under Dr. Wessar from an entry of 3-3-2. BOS went to Ch. Desamee Aristotle (Cooper) owned by Don Normann. Cooper is an up and coming special with a great record as of late. Jennie Meggitt returned once again with Dingus, Uhan de Grand Coeur, doing very well with a WD & Best of Winners for 2 points. Winners Bitch went to Bob Kessler's puppy Capucine de Beaixjolils for 1 point. To all, a job well done and congratulations.


Don Mandeville

The Briard Club of Northern California held its second annual meeting in October. With 28 members present, new officers for the 1974-75 year were elected. Carole Cruz is now at the helm with her Board made up of Maggie Thompson; Susan Hass, Secretary, 315 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA; Frank Burkhart; and Patti Curnow.

I'm sure that I've remarked on the fantastic party giving in northern California. Daisy's litter of last year celebrated its first birthday on November 8. You can imagine my surprise when I opened a birthday party invitation to observe the event. When Maggie and I arrived to find 23 guests and 13 dogs, I was even more surprised. Margot Pilara made great cupcakes for the dogs -- meat, cheese, etc. --I'm sure she'll share the recipe if you write! The dogs came dressed in ties and tails, and upon arriving a birthday party hat adorned each head -- Sort of like a unicorn in disguise.

Marilyn Ishii in Mercer Island, Washington, has a litter whelped October 29 out of her Berrybrow's Fifi by Pierrotde la Montagne. It is a litter of 8, equally divided in sex, with 5 blacks and 3 tawnies.

Don Thompson
A STAR * ON MY CRATE DOOR

BY CHARLIE VETRONE
ALIAS, CH, PHYDEAUX QUELQUES

With due apologies to my breeder...Mary Lou Tingley... stars are made, not born!

This Fall, when a different form of recreation presented itself and my human family was asked permission for me to appear on stage in Camelot, I became very excited. I felt that after years of bringing home the purple and gold ribbons from dog shows, I was now going to be robed in purple and gold and my great talents for acting were now going to be exposed for all the world to see, not just my family and girl admirers at home! For I was sure that the part would surely be that of King Arthur, or at least Sir Lancelot.

Unfortunately this was not the case and theater lovers in Canton, Ohio had to be content with seeing me in the part of Horrid, the canine companion of King Pellinore.

Since my part is definately classified as a "walk-on"; I had to spice up some rehearsals and a few performances by ad libs. (There are other uses for the May-Pole than dancing around it!) My fellow actors have also found out that if the audience is rather stiff, a whispered command from them to me to "speak" makes for much laughter and a more relaxed crowd.

Opening night found my encore present to be a gift of a hard rubber bone and a poster saying "Break a Leg, Charlie" instead of the usual bouquet of roses. This came from a fourth grade class that I had visited just previous to my opening.

My stand-in is my 'first wife' and house companion, Cheri, and wouldn't you know that she would be the one the newspapers took pictures of when I was fulfilling a previous engagement at the Evansville, Illinois Kennel Club dog show!

Just call me "Stage Door Charlie" as I am giving out my paw-prints following each nights performance at the Players Guild.

Peace on Earth
Goodwill to men.

"Jackie"
ERIC & RENEE GERRARD

DECEMBER 1974
. PEACE .

John Sammis
Mercer Field
"Les Bouffons de Brie"

"YOGI"
Chateaubriard Virtuoso
Betty Botka
Janet & "Petie"

DECEMBER 1974
STRATHCONA'S BLAC MAGIC WOMAN, C.D.

Owner: Linda Wells Heller
Breeders: Jerome & Stephanie Katz

Obedience title: September 7, 1974
Whelped: June 30, 1971

Sire: Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie
(Ch. La Roux Chez Chien Velu X La Melissa Chez Chien Velu)

Dam: G'Veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, C.D.
(Rouveau de la Gaillarde, C.D. X Bijou de la Patre)

Trainer: Owner

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CHAMPION UV'CHOR KELEV DE STRATHCONA (dog)

Owner: Ray Katz
Breeders: Jerome & Stephanie Katz

Championship: May 18, 1974
Whelped: June 30, 1971

Sire: Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie
(Ch. La Roux Chez Chien Velu X La Melissa Chez Chien Velu)

Dam: G'Veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, C.D.
(Rouveau de la Gaillarde, C.D. X Bijou de la Patre)

Judge: Mr. Kenneth O. Peterson
Handler: Lee Gettings

DECEMBER 1974
CHAMPION BELLESPRIT FILLE VENDREDI (bitch)

Owners: Marie & Monroe Kokin  Breeder: Gerald Dubin
Championship: September 1, 1974
Whelped: December 3, 1972
Sire: Ch. Pa Chick's Rebel Deux (Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha X Pa'Chick's Esmerelda)
Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, C.D. (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)
Judge: Mrs. Peter C. Gunterman  Handler: William Long

CHAMPION BERRY BROW'S BELLE (bitch)

Owners: Marie & Monroe Kokin  Breeder: Frank C. Nicholas
Championship: September 2, 1974
Whelped: May 3, 1971
Sire: Athos d'Agincourt (Asurbanipal des Grand Pieds X Mandoline Chez Phydeaux)
Dam: Berry Brow's Renee (Pierre of Ballinaboy X Marie of Ballinaboy)
Judge: Mr. James Culp  Handled by Monroe Kokin
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION UTO D'EL PASTRE (dog)

Owner: Andra Lee Fochios
Breeder: Jacky Molinier

Championship: September 7, 1974
Whelped: November 7, 1971

Sire: Quycke de la Petite Suisse du Nord
(Ch.B. Moustache de la Petite Suisse du Nord X Ninon de la Haute Tour)

Dam: Sandra D'el Pastre
(Quino du Lac de Bethmale X Macina de la Chevrerie)

Judge: Gerhardt Plaga
Handler: Richard McMullen

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

AM. & CAN. CH. REINE DES ELFES DE MALOUSE (bitch)

Owners: Charles and Patricia A. Long
Breeder: Jeannine Mopty

Canadian Championship: September 20, 1974
Whelped: February 7, 1968

Sire: Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse
(Dam: Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse
(Ch. Moustache de la Petite Suisse du Nord X Kichnotte de la Chevrerie)

Judge: Mr. Henry Stoecker
Handled by owner
NEW AM. & CAN. CHAMPION

AM. & CAN. CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S INDIAN SUMMER (bitch)

Owner: Charles & Patricia A. Long  Breeder: Owner
A.K.C. Championship: October 6, 1974
Canadian Championship: November 10, 1974
Whelped: October 21, 1973
Sire: Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha  Dam: Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody
(Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X Marha Magie de la Brie)
(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. X Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca)
Judge: Mrs. Nicholas Demidoff  Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CAN. CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S IMPRESARIO (dog)

Owner: Susan C. McCormick  Breeder: Charles & Patricia Long
Can. Championship: September 2, 1974
Whelped: October 21, 1973
Sire: Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha  Dam: Am. & Can. Ch. Pa/Chick's Unchained Melody
(Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X Marha Magie de la Brie)
(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. X Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca)
Judge: Mr. Tom Stevenson  Handled by owner

DECEMBER 1974
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION STONEHILL'S I'M HENRI (dog)

Owners: Robert & Gerry Adolphus    Breeder: Nancy & Robert Adolphus

Championship: October 20, 1974

Whelped: October 27, 1973

Sire: Uffin Berger du Nord    Dam: Flogan Variety Sho Stonehill

(Ch. Syre du Val de Reuil X Am. & Can. Ch. Rochelle de Marha, C.D.X.)

(Ch. Soliel d'Or de Marha X Ch. Flogan Phay de Marha)

Judge: Joseph Faigel    Handled by Bob Adolphus

Peace Be With You

Jerry and Stephanie Katn

Kahlbah Umbi Zizi

Briards De Strathcona

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wishes All a Merry
and a Happy

Ken and Cece Collins
and their Briards -
Harriet, Hilda,
O.J. and Heloise

Merry Christmas
From
Minnesota's
Winter Wonderland

Gina, Gypsy

Berger Du Nord
Phil & Jan
Zingheim

DECEMBER 1974
EULOGY ON THE DOG

BY SENATOR GEORGE G. VEST

Gentlemen of the Jury: The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or his daughter, that he has reared with loving care, may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor, when success is with us, may be the first to throw stones of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads.

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

Gentlemen of the Jury: A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless, and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And, when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death.

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH, C.D., tawny, 1/12/72. Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau. Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara. OFA #32 (certified 8/7/74) Owner: Susan Alexander, Rt. 6, Box 373C, Hartwood, VA 22471. Tel: (703) 752-2360. (10/75)


CH. TIR AU FLANC DE CHARLEMAGNE, tawny, 11-2-70. Sire: Ch. Boris d'Agincourt,C.D. Dam: Ch. Recherche de Charlemagne. Owner: Richard A. Schuman, 785 Overhill Ct. N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30328. (12/74)

CH. TOUSSAINT DE CHARLEMAGNE, black, 11/2/70. Sire: Ch. Boris d'Agincourt,C.D. Dam: Ch. Recherche de Charlemagne. Owners: Nancy and Bill Genari, Briards de Normandy, 1150 Princeton Dr., Monroeville, Pa, 15146. Tel: (412) 373-3538. (2/75)

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Greetings of the Season with Best Wishes for the New Year

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