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THE DRAWING ON THIS MONTH'S COVER WAS DONE BY MILLI KOSEFF

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

In this issue of the Den Claw, you will find the new Briard Standard which was recently approved by the American Kennel Club. The new Standard is effective May 1, 1975 and is a successful conclusion to many years of hard work. This project is not the work of any one person but represents the sum total of contributions from many. Please accept my sincere thanks to each of you for your contributions and support.

You may find the following figures interesting as they represent the total Briards registered by the A.K.C. for each stated period:

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These figures speak for themselves and the last year reflects a 25% increase over 1973. For those of you who plan to breed, these figures may serve as a caution light. It may well be that the market for Briard puppies has been saturated at this time. Combined with the steadily increasing costs of raising a litter and the very uncertain economic conditions, the risk of having to keep puppies well beyond eight weeks of age appears to be greater than ever. You are all concerned about seeing these puppies find good homes. I'm sure. During the past 5 months, there were 13 Briards over 2 years of age that required new homes. It is likely that this condition will remain with us for awhile, despite our precautions. For the breed's sake, take care.

By this time you will have received your Rassemblement catalog, thus closing the door on Rassemblement 1974. I again request that a proper perspective be maintained in regard to the Rassemblement. Our sole purpose in holding this event was to learn more about our breed. To this extent, the weekends were a success. Remember too that M. Janicot was not evaluating Briards according to our Standard.

For those of you who have not completed plans to attend the Specialty in August at Pontiac, please do so. It promises to be the largest yet held and will prove to be informative for all.

Phil

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


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

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Virginia Englehart has been appointed as B.C.A. Delegate to the ADOA.

SUPPORT THE B.C.A. SPECIALTY WITH A TROPHY DONATION

O.F.A. CERTIFIED BRIARDS

Three Briards missing from the list of O.F.A. certified Briards given in the February issue of the DEW CLAW (page 34) are:

FB - 2 Marha Magie de la Brie
FB - 3 Ch. Brigette de Marha
FB - 6 Quixote de Marha

There are still 10 Briards which have been certified but not listed. If your Briard was given one of the numbers listed below, please notify the Secretary so our records will be complete.

Who has numbers FB: 1, 4, 5, 9, 11, 16, 23, 24, 25, 27?

TREASURER’S REPORT

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Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

B.C.A. SPECIALTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1975
PONTIAC KENNEL CLUB
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN
-A GREAT WEEKEND IS PLANNED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!-
REVISED BRIARD STANDARD
Effective May 1, 1975

"Dear Mr. McNelis:

"Please be advised that at its recent meeting, our Board of Directors approved the proposed revised Standard for the Briard submitted to us with your letter of August 14, 1974 and published in the December issue of Pure-Bred Dogs - American Kennel Gazette.

"It will be published as approved in the March 1975 issue of the Gazette, and we will also undertake to distribute copies of it to all persons who are eligible to judge the breed at AKC shows."

"Very truly yours,

William F. Stifel
Executive Secretary
American Kennel Club"

REVISED STANDARD for the Briard

GENERAL APPEARANCE— Vigorous and alert, powerful without coarseness, strong in bone and muscle, exhibiting the strength and agility required of the herding dog. Dogs lacking these qualities, however concealed by the coat, are to be penalized.

CHARACTER—A dog of handsome form. He is a dog of heart, with spirit and initiative, wise and fearless with no trace of timidity. Intelligent, easily trained, faithful, gentle and obedient, the Briard possesses an excellent memory and an ardent desire to please his master. He retains a high degree of his ancestral instinct to guard home and master. Although he is reserved with strangers, he is loving and loyal to those he knows. Some will display a certain independence.

HEAD—The head of a Briard always gives the impression of length, having sufficient width without being cumbersome. The correct length of a good head, measured from the occiput to the tip of the nose, is about forty (40%) per cent of the height of the dog at the withers. There is no objection to a slightly longer head, especially if the animal tends to a longer body line. The width of the head, as measured across the skull, is slightly less than the length of the skull from the occiput to the stop. Viewed from above, from the front or in profile, the fully-coated silhouette gives the impression of two rectangular forms, equal in length but differing in height and width, blending together rather abruptly. The larger rectangle is the skull and the other forms the muzzle. The topline of the muzzle is parallel to the topline of the skull, and the junction of the two forms a well-marked stop, which is midway between the occiput and the tip of the nose, and on a level with the eyes. The muzzle with mustache and beard is somewhat wide and terminates in a right angle. The muzzle must not be narrow or pointed. Although not clearly visible on the fully-coated head, the occiput is prominent and the forehead is very slightly rounded. The head joins the neck in a right angle and is held proudly alert. The head is sculptured in clean lines, without jowls or excess flesh on the sides, or under the eyes or temples. The lips are of medium thickness, firm of line and fitted neatly, without folds or creases at the corners. The lips are black. The head is well covered with hair which lies down, forming a natural part in the center. The eyebrows do not lie flat but, instead, arch up and out in a curve that lightly rolls the eyes. The hair is never so abundant that it masks the form of the head or completely covers the eyes.

CHEST—The chest is broad and deep with moderately curved ribs, egg-shaped in form, the ribs not too rounded. The breastbone is moderately advanced in front, descending smoothly to the level of the elbows and shaped to give good depth to the chest. The abdomen is moderately drawn up but still presents good volume.

TOPLINE—The Briard is constructed with a very slight incline, downward from the prominent withers to the back which is straight, to the broad loin and the croup which is slightly inclined. The topline is strong, never swayed nor roached.

Nose—Square rather than round, always black with nostrils well opened. Disqualification—Any color other than black.

Teeth—Strong, white and adapting perfectly in a scissors bite.

Eyes—Eyes set well apart with the inner corners and outer corners on the same level. Large, well opened and calm, they must never be narrow or slanted. The gaze is frank, questioning and confident. The color must be black or black-brown with very dark pigmentation of the rim of the eyelids, whatever the color of the coat. Disqualification—Yellow eyes or spotted eyes.

EARS—The ears should be attached high, have thick leather and be firm at the base. Low-set ears cause the head to appear to be too arched. The length of the natural ear should be equal to or slightly less than one-half the length of the head, always straight and covered with long hair. The natural ear must not lie flat against the head and, when alert, the ears are lifted slightly, giving a square look to the top of the skull. The ears when cropped should be carried upright and parallel, emphasizing the parallel lines of the head; when alert, they should face forward, well open with long hair falling over the opening. The cropped ear should be long, broad at the base, tapering gradually to a rounded tip.

NECK—Strong and well constructed, the neck is in the shape of a truncated cone, clearing the shoulders well. It is strongly muscled and has good length.

BODY—

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Proportions—The Briard is notobby in build. In males the length of the body, measured from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttock, is equal to or slightly more than his height at the withers. The female may be a little longer.

TAIL—Uncut, well feathered, forming a crook at the extremity, carried low and not deviating to the right or to the left. In repose, the bone of the tail descends to the joint of the hock, terminating in the crook, similar in shape to the printed letter "J" when viewed from the dog's right side. In action, the tail is raised in a harmonious curve, never going above the level of the back, except for the terminal crook. Disqualification—Tail non-existent or cut.

LEGS—The legs are powerfully muscled with strong bone. Viewed from the front or rear, the legs are straight and parallel to the median line of the body, never turned inward or outward. The distance between the front legs is equal to the distance between the rear legs.

The construction of the legs is of utmost importance, determining the dog's ability to work and his resistance to fatigue. The hindquarters are powerful, providing flexible, almost tireless movement.

FOREQUARTERS—Shoulder blades are long and sloping forming a 45-degree angle with the horizontal, firmly attached by strong muscles and blending smoothly with the withers. The forelegs are vertical when viewed from the side except the pasterns are very slightly inclined.

HINDQUARTERS—The croup is well muscled and slightly sloped to give a well-rounded finish. The pelvis slopes at a 30-degree angle from the horizontal and forms a right angle with the upper leg bone. Viewed from the side, the legs are well angulated with the metatarsus slightly inclined, the hock making an angle of 135 degrees.

FEET—Strong and rounded, being slightly oval in shape. The feet travel straight forward in the line of movement. If the rear toes turn out very slightly when the hocks and metatarsus are parallel, then the position of the feet is correct. The nails are always black and hard. The pads are well developed, compact and elastic, covered with strong tissue. The toes are strong, well arched and compact.
DEWCLAWS—Two dewclaws are required on each rear leg, placed low on the leg, giving a wide base to the foot. Occasionally the nail may break off completely. The dog shall not be penalized for the missing nail so long as the digit itself is present. Ideally the dewclaws form additional functioning toes. Dewclaws on the forelegs may or may not be removed. 

Disqualification—Anything less than two dewclaws on each rear leg.

COAT—The outer coat is coarse, hard and dry (making a dry rasping sound between the fingers). It lies down flat, falling naturally in long, slightly waving locks, having the sheen of good health. On the shoulders the length of hair is generally six inches or more. The undercoat is fine and tight on all the body.

COLOR—All uniform colors are permitted except white. The colors are black, various shades of gray and various shades of tawny. The deeper shades of each color are preferred. Combinations of two of these colors are permitted, provided there are no marked spots and the transition from one color to another takes place gradually and symmetrically. The only permissible white: white hairs scattered throughout the coat and/or a white spot on the chest not to exceed one inch in diameter at the root of the hair. Disqualification—White coat. Spotted coat. White spot on chest exceeding one inch in diameter.

GAIT—The well-constructed Briard is a marvel of supple power. His movement has been described as "quicksilver", permitting him to make abrupt turns, springing starts and sudden stops required of the sheepdog. His gait is supple and light, almost like that of a large feline. The gait gives the impression that the dog glides along without touching the ground. Strong, flexible movement is essential to the sheep dog. He is above all a trotter, single-tracking, occasionally galloping and he frequently needs to change his speed to accomplish his work. His conformation is harmoniously balanced and strong to sustain him in the long day's work. Dogs with clumsy or inelegant gait must be penalized.

SIZE—Males 23 to 27 inches at the withers; bitches 22 to 25 1/2 inches at the withers. Disqualification—All dogs and bitches under the minimum.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Nose any color other than black.
Yellow eyes or spotted eyes.
Tail non-existent or cut.
Less than two dewclaws on each rear leg.
White coat.
Spotted coat.
White spot on chest exceeding one inch in diameter.
All dogs or bitches under the minimum size limits.

KEEP YOUR CAMERA READY
TO CATCH THOSE BRIARD ANTICS ON FILM
PHOTO CONTEST COMING UP

BLACK AND WHITE, 8 X 10 PHOTOS PREFERRED
WATCH FOR CONTEST RULES IN THE JUNE ISSUE!
THE BRIARDS IN HOLLAND

BY MRS. M.C. ROMPELMAN-MIJNLIEFF

The "Nederlandse Briardclub" was founded in 1942, when a few enthusiastic owners of French-bred Briards came together at the initiative of Mr. Hamel, who then became our Secretary/Treasurer, a post which he fulfilled for more than 25 years. Now, as Honorary Secretary, he attends most committee meetings and we are glad to have his invaluable advice.

Soon contact was established between our clubs and many prize-gifts have been exchanged over the years. I myself own a lovely butter dish, won at a club match, gift of the B.C.A.

A well-known breeder of the early period, who still owns and breeds Briards, is Mrs. Francie Backx, well known also for her Bobtails. A staunch defender of the natural ear, she has once won the Paris championship with an uncropped bitch of her own breeding.

It is quite possible that there are in America some descendants of Ch. Grenadier de la Joie d'Elise, bred by Mrs. de Metter, via his son Larry de la Haute Tour. Larry was used as stud in France and is also the grandfather of 1942 Crufts male champion. Grenadier died a few years ago in Spain, where Mrs. de Metter took him when she went to live there.

Mrs. de Metter is also the breeder of Ch. Noyon de la Joie d'Elise, who took more than 35 Best Dogs all over Europe, even behind the iron curtain! Noyon is now 11, and still a very fine dog to look at, but best about him is his lovely temperament. He is so friendly, that a German judge once said he would like him to have a bit more "character". "Well", said Mr. van Grunsven, Noyon's owner, "You try to strike my wife with that pencil you have in your hand." He did, and immediately Noyon attacked him.

Noyon's daughter, Ch. Rusty van de Rieloop, has founded a dynasty of her own, the de la Richesse Briards, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alberts in the flat country of meadows and lakes in the north of the Netherlands. Ever heard of Friesian cattle? Well, Rusty has herded them. Both she and her daughter Sirikit de la Richesse were selected at the French Rassemblement.

The yearly event we all look forward to is our club match, when around 50 Briards with their owners come together informally to compete for the prizes. There is no benching, we sit at tables around the ring, drinking coffee and discussing the dogs, indoors, because our weather is too uncertain to plan such an event in the open air. Not always easy to find a restaurant with a hall big enough to accomodate so many people and a roomy ring, and willing to admit so many dogs! Also, we like it to be outside the city, with room and safety to give the dogs a run between showing.

After we have had lunch together, judging is resumed, till every dog has had its turn. Some people go home happier than others, but everybody has received a prize or a souvenir.

It is our custom always to invite a French judge, a specialist for the Briard, and so the famous M. Montenet has often been our guest, as has M. Feau, who judged the Briards at this year's Mondale in Paris (with the title World Champion attached). M. Janicot (well-known to you from your own Rassemblement), and several others. Their knowledge and experience has been of invaluable help to us.

There are also among our members, people who are not interested in showing their dogs with a competitive element in it, who have them only as pets and don't even want to know how they are as Briards. With those in mind I started a few years ago with our "walks". The last time more than 80 people attended, some drove more than 100 miles just to take a walk together. We walked in two groups and most of the dogs are so well behaved that their owners let them off the lead and off they went, running and playing together, but coming back every few minutes, like a good Briard should, to look for their own people. A lovely sight, this pack of blacks and tawnies, all running free, and enjoying themselves.

Another aspect of our work for the Briard is the registration of all genealogical data of our dogs, and since last year, our breeding committee, consisting of Mrs. van Grunsven, Dr. Offereins, a veterinarian surgeon, and myself. We have rules, set down by our members themselves, for instance that before being used for breeding, a dog or bitch should at least once, preferably twice, have been judged with good results. Further, we give advice and guidance to the best of our ability to less experienced breeders. Also, we have written a pamphlet, to inform and warn prospective owners. Better to breed less, and sell only to serious dog-lovers. We too have dog-farms and animal-shops and want to keep our Briard out of them!

Let me finish by conveying to you greetings from all our members, the Briard-friends in Holland.

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I am sure all American Briarders join me in extending our sincere thanks to Mrs. Rompeelman for taking time from her duties as President of the "Nederlandse Briardclub" and as a qualified Briard judge to write this interesting and welcome article for our DEW CLAW.

D. Meelooy

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BRIARDS IN HOLLAND - continued

BRING A PICNIC TO OUR PICNIC

The B.C.A. Medical Committee invites you to live it up, look and learn, love every minute!

Saturday, June 21 at noon

Bring a friend, bring your questions. We'll supply a few Board members and a self-appointed committee of experts on Briard health and happiness.

CHEZ: June and Bill Shew
Falconnridge
Martin Road
East Hartsland, Connecticut 06027 (Near Hartford)

A $2.00 donation for medical research will be appreciated

COME ONE, COME ALL! LOTS OF ROOM!

Please RSVP to: Mercer Field
6 Rebel Road
Westport, CT 06880
203-226-5379

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THE FARRIERY

Bloat & Gastric Torsion

Bloat with accompanying gastric torsion is deadly. If you suspect your dog's stomach is bloating, waste no time. Call a vet (your own or whoever you can reach quickly), describe the dog's condition and get your Briard to the vet's office for observation. Do not accept a veterinarian's refusal to see the dog late at night. If you do, and the animal is in fact suffering bloat and torsion, your lovely Briard may not be alive in the morning. From the onset of bloat, the dog has from 3 to 8 hours only to live. Bloat most commonly occurs within 3 hours of eating, and some experts feel it kills 100 dogs each day.

Little is known of the causes of bloat, but there are surgical remedies for the condition. Bloat is essentially a severe onset of stomach gas, which causes the stomach to become distended. If not counteracted, it will cause death through suffocation as the enlarged stomach presses against the diaphragm or death from peritonitis if the stomach ruptures. Bloat often brings on shock as well, since blood flow is reduced as the condition progresses.

A dog’s stomach swings like a pendulum because it is supported only at two points at each end. In large breeds with ample rib-cage spread, the stomach when heavy with food can swing into the lung area or rotate (generally clockwise), existing over itself and thereby blocking the entrance to the intestinal tract and trapping food, gastric juices, blood and gas within the stomach. This twisting is called torsion and in most cases must be corrected surgically. The operation involves emptying the organ of fermenting food, swelling it up and replacing it in its normal position. Some veterinarians recommend tacking the stomach to the abdominal wall to prevent recurring torsion, but others feel this procedure has little value. A relatively new technique known as pyloroplasty calls for enlarging the opening from stomach into intestine to facilitate emptying the stomach contents. Pyloroplasty has as yet not been used widely in this country.

Several probable causes of bloat have been suggested. A dog with a deep chest and wide rib-cage may be susceptible to bloat, because his stomach has more space in which to swing and rotate. If this dog exercises after eating, his stomach may flip. Another suggestion is that before bloat occurs, a dog's chemical make-up changes. If the levels of sodium and potassium in his system alter dramatically as the result of stress or disease, the stomach muscles become weak with reduced efficiency to move food. Food remaining in the stomach too long ferments, producing methane gas and carbon dioxide. It is also suggested that before bloat the intestinal tract backs up, preventing emptying of the stomach. Yet another theory is neurologic. If there is congenital nerve damage, or such damage results from injury or previous bloat, it is speculated that the brain might give incorrect signals to the stomach, starting a killing chemical cycle.

Whatever the cause, the following precautions are recommended to prevent bloat:

- Feed small meals, twice daily.
- Soak kibble well before feeding the dog, or use only prebaked kibble, which absorbs little water.
- Never feed old food; always throw out what is not eaten at one meal.
- Avoid sudden and pronounced changes in diet.
- Require two to three hours of rest after meals before permitting rigorous exercise.
- Never allow the dog to drink abnormal quantities of water, particularly very cold water.
- Don't let your dog scrounge the neighborhood or get into garbage.
- Eliminate opportunities for the dog to bound off high platforms or stairs.

The dogs that survive bloat and torsion are dogs whose owners are continuously observant. The better you know your dog, the more likely you are to recognize subtle changes in his behavior which indicate sickness or discomfort. Following are some warning signals of bloat:

- Restlessness, uneasiness, reluctance to sit or lie down
- Whimpering, moaning or a special quiet signal of pain
- Vomiting followed by quantities of white foam, then gagging and repeated attempts to swallow
- Unsuccessful vomiting, belching
- Unproductive attempts to defecate
- Refusal or inability to swallow food
- Abdominal tension preliminary to a distended, hard abdomen
- Shallow or labored breathing
- Darkened gums and tongue

If the dog's abdomen is taut or distended, immediate surgery is almost always necessary. If there are other symptoms present, don't wait for this as confirmation.

For dog's who've survived bloat, some vets recommend a prescription diet called ID (intestinal diet), which is easier to digest that most dog foods. You may want to look into this as added precaution.

The medical committee keeps a file on bloat research and symptoms and treatment for Briards with bloat. We hope that you will send us any information which might help in isolating bloat's cause, symptoms or treatment. Please be sure to note whether or not your Briard has suffered bloat if you fill in the medical questionnaire (which you should receive by May—sorry for our delays in putting it together).

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BLOOD TESTS FOR HEARTWORMS ARE DUE IN MARCH AND APRIL.
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YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY BABY!

Imp taking a Group 3 at Pontiac under j Gordon Parham at 14½ month on 1/19/75, his first time out as a special!

Imp will soon be bred to Am. & Can. Ch. Reine des Elfes de Malouse, owned by Charles & Patricia A. Long of Pa'Chick Kennels in Marine City, Michigan. Watch for news of this promising litter.

Owner Handled All The Way by Susan C. McCormick
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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

by Pat Long

Briard Booster Show in Canada

On May 10th the Forest City Kennel Club of London, Ont., Canada will sponsor a Briard Booster Show. The judge will be Mrs. Maynard Drury who will also judge group. On the following day there will be another Forest City show at the same location. Sorry, I don't know who the judge will be. Anyone interested in obtaining premium lists may contact Show Sec. Mrs. Rita N. Smith, P.O. Box 753, Postal Station "B", London, Ontario, Canada N6A 4Y8. Phone 519-268-3429. Trophy donations would be appreciated and should be sent to Alice Clark, Apt. 1415, 33 Harbour Square, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The following point system applies for Briards in Canada:
1 dog - 1 point, 3 dogs - 2 points, 4 dogs - 3 points, 6 dogs - 4 points, 8 dogs - 5 points. It takes 10 points to finish a Briard in Canada. Hope to see you at the show!

Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri owned by Bob & Gerry Adolphus has done it again, this time at the Wheaton Kennel Club show on January 18th. He was BOB under Mr. Haskell Schuffman with an entry of 5 Briards and then went on to get another Group 4 this time under Mr. Ken Paterson. This is Henri's second group placement in a month and a half. Nice going for a young dog.

Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario owned by Susan McCormick entered for the first time in the U.S. as a special at the Pontiac Kennel Club on January 19th was BOB under Mr. Gordon Parham with an entry of 8 Briards. He then went on to get a Group 3 also under Mr. Parham. To my knowledge, this is the first Briard Mr. Parham has ever placed in a group. Nice going for a 14½ month old owner handled by Imp.

At the Wisconsin Kennel Club in Milwaukee on January 26th Unique Magie Du Nord, C.D. owned by Gerrie Miner & Laurie Kay was WB & BOS for a 3 pt. major to finish her championship under Mr. Kurt Mueller. It might have been a long trip for the owners, but it was well worth it.

Correction: In February we reported that Stonehill's I'm Henry stood 27½ inches at the withers. We have learned from Gerry Adolphus, that in actuality, Henri is 26½ inches.

Show Wins
1/18/75 - Wheaton Kennel Club - J Mr. Haskell Schuffman entry 3-1-1 -- BOB Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Bob & Gerry Adolphus), WD & RW 2 pts. Stonehill's I'm Jacques (Marilyn Rasmussen & Bob Adolphus), WB & BOS Urania Berger Du Nord, C.D. (David Behrens).

1/26/75 - Wisconsin Kennel Club - j Mr. Kurt Mueller - entry 3-4-C -- BOB Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri, WD & BW 3 pts. Pa'Chick's Justin (Edwin & Dorothy Alderton), WB & BOS 3 pts. Unique Magie Du Nord, C.D. (Gerrie Kiner & Laurie Kay)

2/9/75 - Wascomb County Kennel Club - j Mr. Haskell Schuffman - entry 1-3-1 -- BOB Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona (Jerome & Stephanie Katz), WD Tarteciel Jacquot (Michael & Cheryl Poole), WB 2 pts. BW & BOS Jou Jou de Chez les Gamins (Thomas Fusik)


3/9/75 - Detroit Kennel Club - j Mr. Robert Wills - entry 2-3-4 -- BOB Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona, BOS Ch. Fa'Chick's Indian Summer, WD 1 pt. Fa'Chick's Justin, WB 2 pts. BW Calumet's Joharah J.

3/16/75 - Genessee County Kennel Club, Inc. - j Mr. Phil Marsh - entry 2-6-3 -- BOB Ch. Fa'Chick's Impresario, BOS Ch. Fa'Chick's Indian Summer, WD 1 pt. Fa'Chick's Justin WB 4 pts. & EW Fa'Chick's Jezebel.

9 POINTS IN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKENDS - Chateaubriand Jote de Vivre is shown taking a 4 point major, B.W. & B.O.S. at Harrisburg K.C. on March 15 under Mrs. Joan Rejholec. She is handled by her owner, Anne Glosner. "Huggy Bear", 14 mos. old, also earned a 5 point major at the Rockland County show on March 8th.

Calumet's Jabet J - Grand Rapids K.C. Show 11/10/74 Judge: Mr. Gordon M. Parham W.B. - 1 point & BOB. Handled by: Hank Riske Owned by: Fran Volkman

Jabet, at the age of 8½ months has 8 points with one 3 point major.

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Calumet's Jezra J - Western Reserve K.C. Show 12/15/74
Judge: Mrs. Maynard E. Drury W.B., B.W. - 2 points and B.O.B. Handled by: Hank Riske Owned by: Fran Volkman

Jezra, at the age of 9½ months has 14 points with two 4 point majors. Jezra was also shown once in Canada and picked up 3 points there. This bitch is for sale.

MORE TO COME!

a repeat breeding, born September 26, 1974

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GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF B.C.A. MEMBERSHIP

The following geographical portrait of the B.C.A. has been drawn up regionally to give you a better idea of your Briard neighborhood. For this survey, members were defined as those whose B.C.A. dues for 1975 had been paid by March 10, 1975.

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CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VOTRE SANTE (Barney) took B.O.B. at Madison Square Garden on March 10, with an entry of 21 Briards. Barney is owned by Ruth Monast and handled by Fred Olson. The judge is Melbourne T. Downing.

(left) Winners Bitch for a four point major and Best of Winners honors went to Fran Volkman's CALUMET'S JEZRA J. at Westminster. Shown here handled by her breeder/owner Jezra finished her championship at this show under J. Melbourne Downing.
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX AT THE GARDEN

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VICHYSSOISE (Hilda) went B.O.S. to her littermate, Barney, at Westminster. Owned by Ken and Cece Collins, Hilda was bred by Cece and is handled by Ken.

(right) Winners Dog honors were won by Jan Charbonneau's PHYDEAUX WINDFALL, at the Garden. "Sandor" is owner-handled.

EAST SIDE STORY

The 99th Westminster Kennel Club show at Madison Square Garden, Feb. 10th, provided quite a pick-me-up for the mid-winter doldrums this year. An impressive entry of 21 Briards promised an exciting day of competition.

Dogs, handlers and owners alike were noticeably "up" for the competition and the atmosphere was tense with anticipation. Pre-show comedy was provided by Jayne and Gerry Dubins' Tallulah, who entertained surrounding admirers by not only perking up and barking at the mention of the word "cat", but nearly jumped off her grooming table when someone happened to spell it out, "c - a - t". And can you imagine Ruth Monast's Barney carried in the arms of his young mistress, Maryellen, 5 minutes before ring time? Oh well, a little, much needed levity.... and then ol' Barney (Ch. Chateaubriard Votre Sante) proceeded to jump out of Maryellen's arms....into the ring...and following in his daddy's footsteps, went Best of Breed over 9 other specials, under judge Melbourne T. Downing. Barney's sire, Ch Pythias Chez Phydeau was BOB at the Garden in '73.

Barney, a very handsome two year old tawny male, finished his championship at the '73 Briard Specialty when he was 10 months old, has 7 BOB's to his credit and just recently took a Working Group 3rd at the Rockland County K.C. show on March 8, under Mrs. Demidoff. Congratulations to a beautiful young dog and his people.

The show ring at the Garden was literally crammed with Briards for the BOB competition. The ring was much too small for so many Briards and handlers to really move around comfortably, let alone gracefully. Judge Downing was forced to stick Briards in any available nook and cranny. You couldn't see the "Briards for the Briards"! Ken (Nureyev) Collins was forced to execute a surprise grand jete' (with Hilda in hand) over an equally surprised stationary dog and handler......Jan Chabonneau, handling Ch. Other Bijou de Strathcona, found it impossible to hide from her puppy Sandor, who positioned directly across the ring from her with Barb Booher, sought Jan out and loudly registered his distress at their separation. Sandor (Phydeaux Windfall) went W.D. with Jan earlier in the competition.

Fran Volkman, coming all the way from Michigan, ably handled her Calumet's Jezra J. for a 5 point major as Winners Bitch and then on to Best of Winners. Ken and Cece Collin's Hilda (Ch. Chateaubriard Vichyssoise) went Best of Opposite to her littermate, Barney. Fran's Calumet's Jabet J, littermate to Jezra, was Reserve Bitch and the Collins' Chateaubriard Jus d'Orange was Reserve Dog. Congratulations to all winners and participants for a beautiful turnout.

Next on the day's agenda was the annual Zaccaro "Garden Party". We joined Jim and Dolores in their lovely apartment for good wine, good cheese, m-m-m- good ravioli and that famous "Super Hero Sandwich"! Of course the Zaccaro's Chianti and Rico, acting as truly marvelous hosts, sampled the fare before the guests did (to double check for tastiness, naturally)! Thanks to all the Zaccaro's for a great evening. It was nice to see so many far-traveling Briarders...Jan Charbonneau down from Ontario, Pat Long and Fran Volkman in from Michigan, Barb Booher (formerly Zimmerman) from Reno, John and Susan Alexander from Virginia and surprise guest, Jan McNelis, all the way from Louisville.

How about an Educational Picnic? Yes, at Bill and June Shew's on June 21st. The picnic will be sponsored by the Medical Committee, whose aim is to encourage all Briard owners, present and future, pet and show...
HEATSTROKE: CAN STRIKE WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE MODERATE
DEVELOPS SUDDENLY
KILLS QUICKLY
RESULTS FROM CONFINEMENT IN CAR OR CRATE
CAN ONLY BE PREVENTED BY YOU

PREVENT HEATSTROKE WITH WARM WEATHER APPROACHING, MAKE SURE YOUR DOGS ARE NEVER CONFINED IN UNVENTILATED AREAS!

EAST SIDE STORY -- continued

dogs alike, to come meet informally, non-competitively and educationally under the trees at East Hartland, CT (near Hartford). There will be Board members present to lead a loose panel discussion on grooming and caring for your dog, conformation, health questions and any other topic. A two dollar donation will be asked, and the money will be put toward the building up of a medical research library, the collection of resource materials, bloat research and/or other worth projects.

Breeders are asked to send names and addresses of pet owners to Mercer Field. All will be asked to R.S.V.P.

Glad to hear Beth and Bob Fuller’s Barrister is recovering beautifully from his recent bout with bloat. He was operated on by Dr. Dick Thackaberry (one of the advisors to our Medical Committee) on Jan. 31st. Dr. Thackaberry had previously operated successfully on Mercer Field’s Duffel for an attack of bloat and torsion.

I am also happy to hear the Joe Mittleman’s Sherlock is back on all fours after an acute attack of gastroenteritis.

The latest show to report on was the Rockland Country Kennel Club (Jayne Dubin’s local club) held at the Rockland County Community College, Field House. It was quite a nice show ground with a sizable entry of 22 Briards (9 Specials). Ken and Cece Collins’ O.J. was W.D. to finish his championship and his littermate, Chateau-briard Joie de Vivre, owned by Anne Closner went W.B. Barney took the breed and went on to a W.G. 3 and Ch. Phideaux Tallulah, C.D., owned by the Dubins was Best of Opposite Sex. Andrea Fochios’ new black puppy bitch, Juda des Fosses de Saules, made her show debut, as did Fred Eccleston and Heloise des Coteaux.

There’s a new litter of puppies at the Collins’ house as of Feb. 28th. On Harriet’s fifth birthday, she gave birth to her fourth litter, 5 males and 4 females, sired by Barney (Ch. Chateau-briard Votre Sante). Cece says they are all just fat and sassy.

I would like to thank all those persons intrumental in making the Rassemblement ’74 catalog possible. Special thanks to Harold Marley for the long hours put into produce such a beautifully printed catalog; to Nancy McLeroth for translating; to Diane McLeroth for typing up all the evaluations; to Mary Lou Tingley, Rassemblement Chairman; Mel DiGiacomo, John Sammis, Bill Wright and Chuck Rasmussen for the many, many memorable photos; and last but not least everyone who in any way participated in the Rassemblement. This catalog will act as a reminder of our first Rassemblement, a very special experience!

Don't forget John and Susan Alexander’s local kennel club, Mattaponi K.C., Manassas, VA, will hold its first point show on May 17. John and Susan welcome all Briarders and their 'friends'. Keep those cards and letters coming, "pulease"!

Millicent Koseff
**NEW BRIARD CHAMPION**

**CHAMPION UNIQUE MAGIE DU NORD (bitch)**

Owners: Gerrie Miner & Laurie Kay  Breeders: Jan & Phil Zingsheim  
Championship: January 26, 1975  
Whelped: October 21, 1971  
Sire: Ch. Syre du Val de Reuil  Dam: Am. & Can. Ch. Rochelle de Marha, U.D.  
(CH.B. Ogham des Elfes de Malouse X Mady de la Chevrerie)  
Judge: Mr. Kurt Mueller, Sr.  Handle by owner Laurie Kay

**NEW BRIARD CHAMPION**

**CHAMPION JEAN PIERRE DE CHARLEMAGNE (dog)**

Championship: January 5, 1975  
Whelped: February 23, 1974  
Sire: Am. & Can. Ch. Phydeaux  Dam: Ch. Tendressa de Charlemagne Quelques  
(Ch. Ike de Vasouy X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)  
Judge: Roy M. Kibler  Handler: Jack Patterson
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION CALUMET'S JEZRA J. (bitch)

Owner: Fran Volkman Breeder: Owner
Championship: February 10, 1975
Whelped: February 26, 1974
Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.
Dam: Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny T.
(Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse X Mia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)
Judge: Melbourne T.L. Downing Handled by owner

ChAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD JUS D'ORANGE (dog)

Owners: Ken & Cece Collins Breeder: Cece Collins
Championship: March 8, 1975
Whelped: January 5, 1974
Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara
(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)
Judge: Donald M. Booxbaum Handled by owner
BODY LANGUAGE

How Your Dog Talks To You

By Jane Poulton

MODERN RESEARCH INTO CANINE BEHAVIOR IS PROVING THAT
ALTHOUGH MUTE, THE DOG IS FAR FROM DUMB AND IS THE
MASTER OF BODY LANGUAGE, NOW A POPULAR CONCEPT
AMONG THE HUMAN BEHAVIORISTS.

For generations man's claim to
superiority over animals has been his
ability to use tools, to deal in abstract
symbols and to communicate by
speech and in writing. Modern
researchers are busily knocking holes
in this claim. Jane Goodall Van
Lawick has shown us animals that use
tools. At the University of Nevada a
chimp named Washoe developed a
sign language with 140 words. At the
Yerkes Regional Primate Center in
Atlanta, Georgia, a chimp named
Lana has learned to read and write
simple sentences. She's even good at
punctuation, a lost art with most
humans. In 1963, the Sperry
Gyroscope Company programmed a
computer to help decipher the speech
dolphins, which is truly remarkable
because they can communicate over
long distances and carry on several
conversations at once, a talent that
would be the envy of any
over-the-fence backyard human-gos-
sip. If Homo is not as sapiens as he has
thought, at least he still has man's best
friend, the dumb dog, to inflate his
ego.

Modern research into canine
behavior, however, is proving that
although mute, the dog is far from
dumb and is the master of body
language, now a popular concept
among human behaviorists. Any
owner who communicates with his dog
is well aware of the effectiveness of
body language. If you come home
from an outing and your dog meets
you at the door crawling on his belly,
tail between his legs, lips curled in a
grimace, eyes half closed and ears at
half mast, you do not need scientific
knowledge to know that the pork
chops have been stolen off the stove or
there is a mess on the hall rug. The
more the dog is aware of the
seriousness of the crime he has
committed, the more exaggerated will
be the language. He may even whine
and debase himself enough to lick
your shoes!

In his book, Weird Unsolved
Mysteries, Eric Norman recounts a
number of incidents in which dogs
seemingly used human speech. One
dog learned to say "Hello, I love you."
A 13-year-old rat terrier learned to
say, "I want out." Obviously these
"talking" dogs are putting people on.
They have sunk to the level of the man
who barks at his dog to demonstrate
friendship. They are not speaking
their own language, only mimicking
ours.

A Greyhound we owned learned to
sing a rough sort of scale. She learned
that if she sang it in front of the meat
counter at the corner grocery, she
would get goodies. She progressed to
pawing the keys of the piano and when
she found this also turned humans on,
she would gladly "play the piano" for
anyone who asked. This dog certainly
had no musical talent, but she was
nobody's fool.

A dog uses his whole body and all
the bits and pieces when indulging in
canine conversation. He uses his nose
for sniffing or he will bob you with it
as a sign of affection. Tongues are for
sorcery. A dog can use his eyes
better than a Gay Nineties chorus girl.
They roll to indicate misery or despair
and they can gleam with wickedness
and humor. Flews can be drawn in
anger, pain, or to imitate the human
smile. The ears carried high can
denote search for adventure; carried
at half-mast or pinned back they show
remorse or fear. A head carried high is
an indication of a dog on the go, but
carried at the height of the withers or
lower it means cowardice or attack,
depending on the other signals that go
with it—whines or growls, grins or
grimaces.

If a dog presents his paw to you on
his own, he is not shaking hands but
supplicating. He will roll over on his
back and hold his legs high, or on his
side with hind leg held high to indicate
that he surrenders and you—or
another creature—are the superior
person. Scrunched down on his belly
with eyes closed and tail between his
legs means "I don't want to fight," and
we are told that if you adopt a
similar position when attacked by a
vicious dog, you may not get chewed
up. Fortunately we have never had to
put this theory to the test.

David Mech, in his fine book The
Wolf, has a diagram indicating at
least 10 different positions of the tail
which indicate a wide spectrum of
moods. When two dogs meet, they
usually hold their tails well up and
sniff at both ends. If all goes well one
dog will indicate by the position of his
body that he is acknowledging his
inferiority and is willing to follow the
leader. The dominant dog may then
take on with his tail high to signal,
"O.K., then follow me and we'll have
an adventure."

It does not take a scientific observer
to note that tail wagging means a dog
is happy. If it is held low and wagged
slowly it may be a form of pleading for
understanding when a dog feels he is
in a situation that threatens him.
Either you are angry with him as an
example of a human threat, or he is
not sure that another dog is reading
his signal about not wanting to argue
with a superior canine.

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BODY LANGUAGE

Your dog presents his rear end to you for scratching or patting as a gesture of pure love and complete trust. He is giving you the part of him that is most difficult to protect. He may even sit on your foot. Lying by your feet, he may reach out and place a paw on your foot to feel contact with you.

Dogs use their voices in all sorts of ways, and this varies with different breeds and individual dogs. Foxhounds learn to bay in chorus as part of their work in hunting, but a Pointer learns to walk on tiptoe and keep his mouth shut in the work he does. Michael Fox, in his very valuable book Canine Behavior, describes the natural progression in the development of a dog's voice. At birth the puppy makes mewing noises which cease after five weeks. Between seven and nine days dogs tend to whimper, but this sound gives way to yelps at four weeks and yelps persist. In the adult dog, according to Fox, aggressive growling, submissive whining, territorial defense barking and the bay of the hunting dog are vocal activities expressing or reinforcing behavior of the individual which is communicated to others.

Sometimes, judging by the results of their conversations, it is well that humans remain blissfully ignorant of what dogs are saying. At other times their meaning is clear. A friend owned a fat, gourmet-type Dachshund and a shy, gentle Chihuahua mixed breed dog. At meal time every evening, when two bowls were placed on the kitchen floor, the Dachshund ignored his, ran to the front door and barked furiously as if the house were about to be invaded. The smaller dog followed him, ignoring his own food and took up the cry. While his companion was still protecting the homestead, the gourmet dog rushed back to the kitchen and cleaned up both bowls of food. The owner was well aware of this and the Chihuahua eventually was fed alone, but the performance was too good to miss.

Every dog writer starts his career with the article entitled "How to Pick a Puppy," but in our experience puppies usually do the picking. Our Poodle choose us at a time when we were not even looking for a dog. We had two already. She was one of a litter raised by a neighbor and good friend. We stopped in to see the puppies frequently as a matter of professional interest. Four of the puppies could not have cared less, but the fifth one decided we were going to have her. She wriggled, she licked, she whimpered, she clawed her way into our laps. We would have been completely insensitive not to get the message. We became a three-dog family.

This highly articulate dog did not like our plans for her to sleep in the kitchen. For three months we waged a struggle resembling several chapters of The Exorcist. You would not believe the noises that emanated from the kitchen from midnight till dawn or the havoc that was wreaked. In the end we changed her sleeping location.

Even the only dog we ever owned that we considered "dumb" proved to be more sensitive in her emotional makeup than we had believed. She was a fat little Beagle who felt about us as Churchill felt about Cambodia—she gave us little attention and we seldom thought about her except to feed her. An invalid parent came to live in our home, and this she liked. Now there was always someone around in bed who would allow her to sleep on a blanket at the foot of the bed or stretch out on the rug in a warm sunny room. One day the dog was off visiting the neighbors when the invalid parent tried out a wheelchair for the first time. The dog arrived home at sunset and found all the family gathered on the front porch and her favorite person out of doors for the first time in the dog's memory. The little Beagle grinned, cavorted around the chair, barked with delight and showed in every little movement that she appreciated the fact that another dimension had been added to this human's life. We never downgraded that dog again.

A dog's voice or body language can indicate abnormal personality. Absorbing material on this facet of canines is contained in Fox's book, Abnormal Behavior in Animals. You should be aware that your dog, like many humans in this troubled world, may possess a neurotic trait which may have to be lived around but may not be impossible to live with. Also, doggy language varies greatly among individual dogs as well as among breeds. Our Doberman expresses complete bliss with a guttural noise that comes from the very roots of her being. The first time we heard it we were prepared to rush her to the nearest veterinarian. It took some time for us to catch on to the fact that this was a "love" noise. We have asked several Doberman owners if their dogs make similar sounds but have received negative replies.

You have probably been aware of your dog's efforts to communicate with you even if you have never sat down and analyzed the many ways he does so. Your dog is talking to you all the time. You should take time out and listen. He is listening to you all the time, and whether you read him or not, you come on to him loud and clear.

PUPPIES WHelpED MARCH 7, 1975

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A.D.O.A. REPORT

ANNUAL MEETING - The annual meeting of the ADOA will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on July 12, 1975. The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. and will last until approximately 6:00 p.m. If you wish to make reservations, phone The Ramada Inn (Atlanta Airport, 845 N. Central Ave. Hapeville, GA. (404) 763-3551.

LEGISLATION - During the past four months there has been little activity in Washington related to ADOA favored legislation. This is to be expected whenever a new session of Congress convenes.

The interests of animal lovers received a boost with the election of Mr. Thomas Foley as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. Legislation on which hearings were held last fall is in the final stage of rewrite and will be reintroduced within the next few weeks. This legislation amends the Animal Welfare Act to regulate common carriers transporting pet animals, establishes certain minimum standards and defines penalties for engaging in activities related to the fighting of dogs and other animals.

A bill to make dog fighting a felony was introduced in Florida. Only one objection was raised, pertaining to the keeping of dogs confiscated at a dog fight. The Bill cleared the Committee by a unanimous vote.

Assemblyman Mike Antonovich (Burbank, CA) introduced legislation to stiffen penalties for promoting and engaging in dog fighting and the fighting of other animals. "California has become a center for such activities and present laws are clearly not a deterrent," said Antonovich. The proposed legislation would make any person who owns, possesses, trains, or fights any animal or bird guilty of a felony with a mandatory six month minimum jail sentence. Penalties proposed for attendance at such fights will be a misdemeanor. The proposed bill would also require seizure of the animals involved.

AIR TRANSPORTATION - A delay was granted to the air carriers by the FAA in implementing new regulations related to animal safety originally scheduled to become effective Feb. 18, 1975. These regulations, require the carriers to strap down dog crates, prohibits obstruction of ventilation, and calls for use of restraining nets to prevent other cargo impacting the dog crates. The date has been set back to Oct. 18, 1975 to provide time for aircraft modification. The ADOA concurred in this delay.

The ADOA received a reply to questions raised by the ADOA of the American humane Association regarding the use of the AHA name on Aeropet crates. This crate did not pass ADOA tests and is considered unsafe. The AHA stated that professional testing of the crate was not done. The AHA has a recent report of an Aeropet crate breaking up during transit and the AHA is in touch with the manufacturer. ADOA testing indicates the crate would break up under stress. AHA stated that the crate did not carry the AHA seal of approval. The manufacturer was only permitted to state that the crate "conforms to the recommendations of the AHA". The ADOA does not see a difference.

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SHORT, SHORT STORIES

SOME WILL DISPLAY A CERTAIN INDEPENDENCE - June Shew relates a story told to her by Mrs. Frances Backx, a well-known breeder of Briards and Old English Sheepdogs, who lives near Amsterdam, Holland. Mrs. Backx also raises Jersey cattle and has a neighbor who raises sheep. Proving that shepherds and cowmen can be friends, the neighbor called one day for herding assistance when several sheep had strayed through a break in the fence. Mrs. Backx' Briard was brought to the rescue, accomplished the job quickly and returned home with his mistress. A few hours later, the neighbor called Mrs. Backx frantically. "Quick, can you help? Your Briard has come back, gone through the break in the fence and rounded up my sheep. The last I saw, he was disappearing down the road with the entire flock ahead of him!" Mrs. Backx went quickly to the window. There on the lawn was her shaggy friend, obediently waiting for her to thank him for his present...the whole flock of her neighbor's sheep, contentedly nibbling grass.

WELL-MANNERED - Mercer Field's "Flannel" being on a restricted diet has become an indomitable sleuth for forbidden treats. Her latest success was accomplished while Mercer talked on the office phone. On return to the kitchen, Flannel was discovered standing up, paws on the counter, licking the last drops of milk from a tall glass -- which was upright! Not a drop had been spilled by this well-mannered Briard.

TAKE YOUR PICK - In an attempt to study the quality of the true "goat's coat", Gerry Adolphus stopped by the goat barn at the county fair. She enthusiastically explained that she was interested in the texture of the goats' hair because that was the correct texture of a good Briard coat. Trying to be of help, the farmer told her he would be happy to show the coat to her, but first he had to know which breed of goat the Briard coat should resemble! It seems that goats' coats come in every texture imaginable, from soft and long to short, smooth and dry.

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COMMENTS ON BRIARD REGISTRATIONS

Did you know that Briard registration with the AKC has increased in the past year from 165 to 205? Consequently, out of the 122 breeds that are recognized by the AKC, Briards have climbed from the 100th breed in popularity to 96th.

"Great", you say? Think again!

These recent statistics coincide with the increasing problem of unwanted Briards, found more and more and more often, wasting away in supposed humane shelters. Not too long ago, Mary Lou Tingley was notified of two Briards in a New Jersey shelter...caged there from September to March! Both dogs were in terrible condition, infested with parasites and, according to John Sammis, kept in pens with the unremoved corpses of other dogs. A home was found for one fortunate dog, but the other died before anything could be done.

It seems that increasing popularity of a breed tends to encourage careless if not ignorant breeding and breeders, as well as indiscriminate selling of puppies. I realize that it is impossible to foresee, or to entirely control the future of individual puppies, but it is possible to more closely review the qualifications and intentions of prospective buyers. Briards are particularly attractive dogs, irresistible as puppies and there are still people who don't understand that BRIARDS ARE NOT THE RIGHT DOG FOR ALL PEOPLE!

I don't want to sound alarming, but it frightens me to think of Briards, or for that matter, any breed, supporting a puppymill...or worse ---- homeless and unwanted.........think about it........

Millicent Koseff

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CH. CHATEAUBRIAND 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 373 C, Hartwood, VA 22471. Tel: (703) 752-2360. (10/75)


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