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TREASURER’S REPORT

September 1, 1975 - October 31, 1975

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Respectfully submitted by Patti Curnow

THE HARDSHIP OF ACCOUNTING
by Robert Frost

NEVER ASK OF MONEY SPENT
WHERE THE SPENDER THINKS IT WENT.
NOBODY WAS EVER MEANT
TO REMEMBER OR INVENT
WHAT HE DID WITH EVERY CENT!

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Members have received their '76 dues notices this past month. Please send your dues to Patti Curnow promptly. Reminder notices are an unnecessary expense for the Club.

Applicants do not owe dues until the January following acceptance to membership.

SECRETARY’S PAGE

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Fred & Mary Eccleston, 48 Stelfox St., Demarest, NJ 07627
Jay & Sandra Kennelly, 282 Stewart St.N.W., Warren OH 44483
Robert & Shirlee Kessler, 815 Bronze Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90049
James & Karen Rangus, 30314 Palomino Dr., Warren, MI 48093

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Ward W. Briggs, Jr., 114 S. Waccamaw Ave., Columbia, S.C. 29205
Alice Bixler Clark, 284 Bedford Park Ave., Toronto, Ont. Canada
Susan Erickson, 220 Elm Road, Coon Lake Beach, Wyoming, MN 55092
Ellen Leveille, 444 Rita St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3J 2V6
Kimberly Olson, 2567 Saratoga Ave., Concord, CA 94519
William & Rosemary Patchell, 21 Clearview Ave., Chalfont, PA 18914
Lynn Peterson, 2206 Lakeaires Blvd., White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Lana Sheer, R.D. 2, Box 17, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

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

Carolyn Lillian Erickson, 13407 Sylvan St., Van Nuys, CA 91401. Owner of Enchanteur de Beauxjolis.
Richard R. Mikulski, 1455 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132. Owner of Enjoue Jason de Beauxjolis.

BOARD ACTION:

The Board selected the photographs to be printed in the Briard brochure. Division of the country into four regions, with approximately an equal number of members in each region (see map on next page) was approved. All members of the Board approved except Dorothy Vetrone, who voted "needs discussion". Patti Curnow was out of the country and unable to vote.

Cost of the December greeting ads in the Dew Claw was unanimously approved.

Jan Charbonneau has been appointed to chair the Education Committee.

UNDER DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD:

'76 Specialty plans.
'77 Specialty advanced planning.
3rd Class postage for the Dew Claw to hold down expenses.
Regional Representation Committee.
Rassemblement '78 & Rassemblement fund raising.
Foreign exchange trophies.

Your comments or questions about any Club work are welcomed and encouraged. Please contact any Board member.

DECEMBER 1975
REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE:

Work on the Regional Representation Committee is progressing and the Committee will soon be a reality. Nomination ballots have been mailed to members and will be followed by ballots for the election of a Representative from each region. The Representative will be in contact with the members of his region, the BCA Board and the other Representatives of the Committee.

For a trial period, the Club has been divided into four regions, with about the same number of members in each region. A map of these regions is on the preceding page. If the initial committee is successful, further divisions can be made in the future to reduce the size of each region and increase the number of Representatives on the Committee. The Regional Representation Committee has been enthusiastically received. With the continued cooperation and interest of the members, this Committee will become a growing asset to the B.C.A.

BRIARD BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE

A COPY OF THE NEW BRIARD BROCHURE IS ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE DEN CLAW. IT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS, WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE OUT AT DOG SHOWS, TO PROSPECTIVE PUPPY BUYERS AND TO OTHERS INTERESTED IN THE BREED.

FOR YOUR COPIES SEND $1.25 for 25 BROCHURES
$4.00 for 100 BROCHURES

TO: Harold A. Marley, 3940 W. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268.
(Please make checks payable to the Briard Club of America)

AMERICANS IN PARIS: Meatball (Ch. Chateaubriard Very Rare) regularly accompanies his owner, Jerry Cohen (second from left) to work at the Atlantic Institute for International Affairs in Paris. Jerry reports that, "The Directors thinks it might enhance the Institutes image: some people, though, may just conclude that the place is going to the dogs."
Merry Christmas

FROM MEL, PACO, JELOU AND DIANA

Best wishes for the holiday season

Art and Mary Lou Tingley

DECEMBER 1975
SEASONS GREETINGS
from
BELLESPRIT BRIARDS

Greetings *
of the Season *
AND BEST WISHES *
FOR THE *
New Year *

THE BRIARD FANCIERS
OF CANADA

Jayne and Jerry Dubin
THE OTHER RING

The club where we train has been using an exercise that has been found quite successful in teaching the recall and achieving straight fronts. It's called "back up and call your dog" and is performed exactly that way.

Without giving your dog warning, while you are heeling your dog at a normal pace, back up in your tracks and give the dog the recall command. After backing up 3 to 5 steps and gathering the lead in your hands, give your dog the command "sit". At this point, your dog will be close enough so that you can correct the sitting position by gently sliding either foot to the dog's rear to adjust the position to a straight front. At the same time, since both hands should be at your waist, holding the lead, you can verbally praise the dog and encourage him to watch you attentively by scratching the dog under the chin.

When the sit is completed you can alternately finish the dog (back to heel position) or walking forward in the dog's direction and give the command "heel"; or you return to the heel position. We suggest alternating the last exercises so the dog will not learn to anticipate the finish. Needless to say, the lead and collar are also used for the sit.

The "back up exercise" can be introduced into your regular training sessions. We have found that varying exercises makes training more fun for Briards.

We have two more AKC C.D.s to report. Our Umbi, CH. UMBI CHABIV DE STRATHCONA, Am. & Can. C.D. is trained and handled by Jerry Katz. He took his 1st leg at Southern Michigan Dog Training Club on Sept. 27 under j. Edward Anderman with a score of 194 ½. His 2nd leg was at the Sportsman Dog Training Club on Sept. 28 under j. Mr. L. Jackson with 194 ½ and his 3rd leg was under j. A. Comstock on October 5 with a score of 192.

Jolie, JOLIE DE LA RIVETTE, C.D. owned by Mimi and Dick Long is trained and handled in obedience by Dick. She earned her 1st leg at the Twin Cities Obedience Training Club on October 18 with a score of 187. She took her 2nd leg at the Minneapolis KC on October 19 with a score of 195 ½ and a run off for 5th & 6th place. She finished with a 3rd leg at Central Ohio KC with a score of 193.

Our Kahlbah, working in Open B took a 195 ½ on Sept 27 under j. Max McCammon at Souther Michigan and a 195 ½ on Sept. 28 under j. Ed Anderson at Sportsman's. Kahlbah also finished her Canadian C.D. at at Sarnia KC on October 4 under j. Lois Burpee with a 197 ½ and 2nd high score in trial.

Send your obedience news and questions to Stephanie Katz, 1701 Strathcona Drive, Detroit, MI 48203.

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Many loving memories; all the special qualities that is a true Briard

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EAST SIDE STORY

GROUP PLACEMENTS: The East has a new star rising: Ch. Jennie d'el Pastre, owned by Mary Lou Tingley and shown by her husband Art. Jennie finished quickly this past summer and already has two placements on her record. October 11, Mrs. Virginia Hampton awarded the French import Group IV at the Glen Falls K.C. show in Greenwich, New York. The following week, October 18, Mrs. James A. Cole chose Jennie for Third, this time at the South Jersey K.C. competition in Carmel, New Jersey. A fine start for a bitch attracting much attention among Briard fanciers.

NEW CHAMPIONS: AMERICAN AND CANADIAN CHAMPION PHYDEAUX WINDFALL, owned and handled by Jan Charbonneau picked up his American title September 27 at the Hoosier K.C. show with a major under Roy Ayers. Sandor amassed quite a record of Group placements, including a Best in Show, before finishing in the States. The black's dam is Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Bergeries; Ch. Phydeaux Quin de Cuvre is the sire. Mary Lou Tingley is the breeder to be congratulated along with Jan and Sandor.

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD JOYRIDE finished October 12 at the Ramapo K.C. show, taking a major under Mrs. Patricia Marcmann. Julie is co-owned by Cecoe Collins and Jayne Mathews and was handled to her American title by Cece Collins and Jayne Mathews and was handled to her American title by Cece and Jaynet.

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD JE NE SAIS QUOI finished at the Carroll County K.C. show October 13 under Mrs. Augustus Riggs. Owned and handled by Brenda Burton, Jiffle took 2 points at each of her final three shows, three days in a row—a strong finish for this tawny bitch, by Ch. Phydeaux Chez Phydeaux out of Ch. Phydeaux Theda Eara. Kudos to breeders Ken and Cecoe Collins, Brenda and Jiffle.

Brenda invites us all to the first point shows to be given by the Charlottesville/Albemarle K.C. and the Skyline K.C., both indoors on January 21 and 22. Call her for premium lists, motel recommendations, etc. (804-296-5918, nights or 804-295-4177 at work). Brenda is doing the newsletter for her local dog club and is thinking of joining other East Siders at Crufts in February. To top all this, she has offered to take care of me and cornered me! I walked in behind her to shoo her out, but, due to her one of the corrals, so I decided to let her out before she took the corral down. I walked in behind her to show her out, but, due to her anger, she decided to take care of me and cornered me! When I saw that I could not back down, I started up the fence. All of a sudden, my Briard puppy, Tanya, who came out of nowhere, ran between me and the cow and started to give her the business. Tanya turned that cow around, chased her out of the corral and promptly came back to me, all pleased with herself.

In Georgia, Catharine Kelly has become Secretary of the Greater Savannah Dog Training Club and is an initiator of a pet therapy program for emotionally disturbed and retarded children at Georgia Regional Hospital. Called Pet-a-Pet, the program was covered in an article in Shoptalk.
MERRY CHRISTMAS ...

HAPPY NEW YEAR &

THANK YOU!!!

To all my fellow Briarders and judges who gave "Imp" such a wonderful year in 1975 ---

24 Best of Breeds
2 Group Placements

out of 33 shows, all with stiff competition.*

American & Canadian Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario

also

American & Canadian Ch. Pa'Chick's Jezebel
Dromore's Laird Brandy-wine, Am. U. D.,
Can. C. D. X.

& me,
Susan McCormick

p.s.: Watch for Pa'Chick's Livin' Legend and
Pa'Chick's Lovin' Legend comin' up for '76!

*As of 11/6/75
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Sunshine
(Soleil de Marha)
and
May and Jack Gríncaspro

Best wishes for the Holidays
and for your happiness
in the New Year

The Kesslers
Robert, Shirley,
Stuart & Elke
THE FARRIERY

Hookworm

Confinement of dogs, improvements in general sanitation and increasingly effective drugs have contributed to a reduction of parasites in dogs over the years. Unfortunately, many owners and breeders still feel that worms are inevitable in puppies or to be tolerated over long periods in older dogs. Worms can and should be controlled. In general, a bitch should be checked for worms before breeding, kennels and runs should be hygienically treated after worm infestation has been discovered, and owners should be alerted to symptoms of worms in their animals and advised of the necessity for repeated treatments and checking by a veterinarian.

It is not wise to worm your dogs with popular medications sold over the counter. If you handle worming at home, do so only with your vet's advice and consent.

Other columns will describe roundworm, whipworm, heartworm and coccidiosis and ways to control and eliminate these parasites.

Hookworms are short, threadlike, white or gray parasites of the small intestine. The head is turned in hook shape. Such worms attach themselves to the dog's intestinal wall and survive by sucking blood. Their mouths are equipped with cutting plates, which leave open wounds as the worms migrate to new feeding sites.

Hookworm larvae enter dogs through the skin, via foot pads or are swallowed with contaminated food, water or toys. They may be passed from dam to foetal puppies.

Larvae entering through the skin migrate in the bloodstream to the lungs where they enter air sacs and are thence coughed into the throat and swallowed. Once swallowed, hookworms mature in the intestines and lay eggs within three to six weeks (hence the need for multiple treatments spaced over several weeks).

Puppies infected in utero will show hookworm ova in their faeces within fifteen days of birth. Although the parasites can be detected by microscopic stool sampling, hookworms do not uniformly produce obvious symptoms in dogs. It is not uncommon to find an older dog carrying heavy hookworm infestation without diarrhea or anemia. In such a case, a veterinarian should be asked to dispense a long-term low-dosage vermicide. Whenever your dog has been associating with a known carrier of hookworms, you should have your pet's stool checked—remembering that the dog can be infected without showing symptoms. City dwellers whose dogs run loose in parks (or on lead among many dogs) should be particularly wary of hookworm, taking regular stool samples.

Symptoms of hookworm include diarrhea which can be streaked with blood or appear to be pure blood, anemia and sluggishness with weight loss. Mucous in the stool can indicate hookworm but is also a symptom of intestinal infections unrelated to parasites. As many as thirty percent of dogs in the South are thought to be infested with hookworms, and unfortunately the problem is widespread elsewhere.

Infested kennels can be washed with diluted lye solution (2 pounds of lye to 10 pounds of cold water—use with extreme care to avoid skin and eye contact or breathing lye dust). The solution should be allowed to dry for an hour and then be thoroughly rinsed clean before allowing dogs to reenter. Sodium borate, while useful on dirt, will kill grass. Bulk salt kills hookworm eggs and larvae through dehydration, but again must be used with care and a veterinarian's supervision.

When you buy a puppy, you should immediately take it to a vet for a thorough checkup, bringing a stool sample with you. If the vet finds hookworms, it's wise to inform your puppy's breeder or previous owner so that all dogs in contact with the puppy can be checked for parasites.

The best way to control hookworms is to spread the word that the small investment in fecal examinations pays off multiply in your Briard's health and happiness.

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Medical Committee News

We regret that Dallas Meggitt has had to resign from our committee due to conflicting business demands. We are looking forward to his occasional assistance and thank him for working to give this committee a firm foundation.

Welcome to new committee member Brenda Burton (436 North First Street, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901). Please send her your ideas and questions or direct them to other members in your area.

Our HERDING/ORTHOPEDIC SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN EARLY JUNE, the Saturday afternoon and evening of the Waysata (Lake Minnetonka K.C.) Dog Show, tentatively at Jan and Phil Zingsheim's home in Mound, Minnesota. Do plan now for this exciting event—we anticipate a great turnout and are requesting compatible show times at the Saturday and Sunday competitions. Closer to the event, we will publish a detailed schedule and map, including entrance fees, supper menu, etc. Contact Mimi Long (69 First Avenue North, Duluth, Minnesota 55803) if you can help in the preparations. WORKING DOG MAGAZINE has expressed interest in a feature story on our herding/orthopedic seminar, so we'll also be looking for a good volunteer photographer to record the weekend.

Questionnaires: As of this writing about 75 questionnaires have been returned with partial news of more than a hundred dogs. It is important that we hear something from everyone, so don't hesitate to ask for more questionnaires, particularly if your original is lost. Returns have been largely from owners of living Briards—we need to know about Briards of the past—breeders could help by checking on the status of puppies they have sold. If you have had a recent litter, please ask me for questionnaires for the new owners, or send their names and addresses, and I will mail the forms with explanation. Don't forget to update your dogs' forms once they have been mailed; a postcard or phone call is enough. Send photographs too!

Mercer Field, Medical Committee Chairman
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Westport, Connecticut 06880
203-226-5379

Brenda Burton Jan Charbonneau Carole Cruz Mimi Long Hap Paul
-Virginia-
-Canada-
-California-
-Minnesota-
-France-

DECEMBER 1975
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
from
Burr and Tracy

May the peace and happiness of the season be yours today and every day throughout the New Year

Ch. Chateaubriand Joye de Vivre "Huggy Bear"
Anne and Elsner

DECEMBER 1975
Season's Greetings

Best Wishes for a Winning New Year

"BUCKEYE" BRIARD CLUB

Wishing you All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Mleraths and Briards
Dudley, Sereine, Damon

DECEMBER 1975
Merry Christmas
&
A Prosperous New Year

Tarteciel Jacque
Ch. Chateau Briard Vingnette CDX

Best Wishes
"G", Charlie, and the Konraths
Tucson, Arizona

Season’s Best
“Bagel”
& The Kleins

DECEMBER 1975
The subject of temperament testing of puppies has been gaining advocates at a steady rate ever since the publication of "New Knowledge of Dog Behavior" by Pfaffenberger. The work described in his book showed how a testing program, combined with breeding, led to spectacular success in the production of dogs capable of being trained for "Guide Dog" work. Some breeders, being concerned with specific qualities of temperament, have been quietly testing their litters, pretty much in isolation from others. There is no meaningful dialogue on the subject between serious breeders. The purpose of this article is to establish the beginnings of such dialogue. It is needed.

In the Doberman fancy, there is an increasing awareness of the importance of temperament...in a way, we're lucky. The millions of words of adverse publicity...(you've heard it - "they'll turn on you"..."don't cut yourself shaving"..."they're vicious", etc.) have made us very aware of the importance of a stable dog. In fact, not many are aware today that, years ago, the great Ch. Muck v. Brunia was brought to America at great expense PRIMARILY to upgrade the image of the Doberman. At any rate, the increased interest in Doberman temperament currently being evidenced is related to two recent developments. The first is the DPCA Temperament Testing study, the eventual goal of which is to establish a Register of Merit (ROM) award for Dobes of sound temperament and conformation. The second is the explosive growth of the Schutzhund sport in America. Although unrelated to each other, both focus direct attention on what a dog DOES, how a dog BEHAVES, and WHY.

In my capacity as the chairman of the R.O.M. Committee, I've received many requests for information concerning the DPCA program, but I've also received many inquiries regarding the testing of young pups in order to predict future ability to perform. By and large, I've never gotten around to answering these inquiries, primarily because the subject of puppy testing is complex and cannot be addressed casually. I trust that this article will, in part, answer those inquiries.

A great deal can be learned from the observation and testing of puppies. If breeders are willing to expend time and energy in keeping records, following through by observing how the pups turn out as adults, and making their findings known to the fancy at large, we can all benefit immensely. If breeders are willing to take the time to observe and test pups, a new world of conscious awareness of the individuality of each pup will insure more proper placement in homes and less "problem dogs". Surely that alone makes it worth the effort.

Do observation and testing really prove anything? Yes, they do. They show which pups are dominant or submissive to humans or dogs...they show which pups are independent, shy, or aggressive...they show which pups are melancholic or joyful...they show which pups are active, and which are quiet...they show which pups are determined and which are lazy...they show which are alert or dull. Quite a lot of information on which to select a pup or match it to a particular environment. Would one, in good faith, give a sharp, hyper-active, dominant, determined, and somewhat independent dog to a quiet elderly couple, even if he were pick of the litter and they wanted a show dog? Not hardly....the people, or the
Temperament Testing - continued

Do observations and testing indicate future ability for police work, schutzund work, obedience training, etc.? No...not yet. At present, all we can assert is that they indicate POTENTIAL, just as "grading" litters produces an order, conformation-wise. No breeder would be idiotic enough to claim that an 8 week old pup WILL finish! What grading does accomplish is to weed out the non-show specimens...the faulty dogs from the standpoint of the breed standard. Are such "weeding" processes ever wrong? Yup...every breeder has been subjected to the "Ugly Duckling" phenomenon...not often, though, and certainly not enough to discourage the grading of litters. The observation and temperament testing of puppies is of the same value.

In conformation, although people express individual preferences within breed "type", there's pretty much universal agreement via the Standard as to what constitutes a good dog. In the area of temperament, however, relatively little guidance is given other than the section which states that the Dobe is "energetic, watchful, determined, alert, fearless, loyal, and obedient", further stating that shyness and viciousness are to be condemned, but that aggressiveness towards other dogs is not to be confused with viciousness. This does say a lot, but in order to appreciate it some background and thought are required. So, before diving into the subject of puppy tests themselves, let's explore for a moment the characteristics of a "Working Dog"...one who is expected to be a guardian and protector. Furthermore, let's focus on those qualities of temperament that are NOT addressed in our Breed Standard.

COURAGE - a working dog must have courage...raw guts if you prefer. This is a virtue that must always be present in a working dog. This is NOT the same as fearlessness, which the Standard calls for. A fearless dog is not afraid; a courageous dog is not only fearless, he (she) is perfectly willing and desirous of meeting every confrontation head-on. In other words, a courageous dog is a dog willing to stay and fight when the option to avoid is available.

PROTECTIVENESS - a working dog must have a strong sense of territory, of his own property...and a desire to protect it. In a man-dog (mixed pack) relationship, the dog must be willing to naturally protect his owner (pack leader) when threatened. Admittedly, dogs that don't possess natural protectiveness can be, and are, trained as guard dogs, but an IDEAL dog would naturally possess this quality. Such a dog exhibits a measurable sense of responsibility to his owner...a responsibility borne not out of dependence, but devotion and love. This trait is sometimes called the "degree of autonomy" of the dog. That is, the more autonomous the more he considers the world his, and worthy of his protection.

STABILITY - a working dog must be stable, and predictable...otherwise he is undependable and potentially dangerous. A stable dog will react to similar situations in the same manner. An unstable dog will act one way today, and another tomorrow. This instability is sometimes referred to as "situation-shyness". Theoretically a dog could be all the things the breed standard calls for, yet still exhibit instability in particular situations.

TOUGHNESS - a working dog must have a tough constitution, as opposed to a "softness". A soft dog is one who lacks resilience...a dog who, for example, crumbles under a correction or a harsh word; a dog who does not "bounce back". A soft dog is over-sensitive, and single disagreeable incidents mark him for life. In my opinion, such dogs will train up very easily, because they are very eager to avoid correction; however, they tend to become so keyed to their owner, they lose alertness and awareness of their environment. I personally feel this is the most overlooked problem in Dobermans today. Softness is rationalized as "willingness" to work. This is not true. Soft dogs work because they are afraid not to...not because they want to and respect their owner.

The above characteristics of temperament, in addition to those stated in the Standard, might be considered as a "blueprint" for the ideal working dog. However, it should be pointed out that, as in conformation, the "perfect" dog probably never has and may never, exist. That your particular dog doesn't possess the ultimate degree of all the traits listed does not preclude him (her) from being a hell of a good dog. Now let's move on to puppy behavior.

There are two types of activity one can engage in to identify traits of temperament in young pups.

OBSERVATION - here, the observer does nothing to inject himself into the situation. We merely observe the pup's behavior in a number of environments and record the results. This is opposed to TESTING - in which the tester creates controlled environments and interacts with the pup to identify variations in littermates' reactions to provided stimuli.

We'll now discuss each in turn; however, first let's state that we're assuming a healthy litter. Sickness in any form will nullify the validity of the tests or observations.

Observation of pups can begin at birth. Most breeders do this, but they keep no records and, hence, what they do observe is either forgotten or cannot be correlated with future observation of behavior.

In the first three weeks of the pups' lives, a lot can be observed and recorded. Let's assume all pups have been marked for identification at birth. So that we can be consistent throughout the article, let's mark our hypothetical litter with letters (A,B,C,D,...etc.). We start by recording the names of the sire and dam of the litter, and after each, list all the adjectives that we can identify to describe what we know about their behavior. This will be useful in the future...e.g.

SIRE: Ch. Mr. Appolo of Hell's Half Acre: Aggressive, but friendly, ignores other dogs, good eater, sensitive, physical...loves to touch people, protective around house, but not away from home, active and playful...etc.

DAM: Angel of America, UDT: Placid and lazy around house, doesn't like kids, dog-fighter, very aggressive at front door. Protective at home and away from home, good mother, ravenous appetite, not very alert, fearless...etc.

We might then make an observation sheet on which to record impressions, as follows:

'76 BRIARD SPECIALTIES: WEST - JULY 25 - SANTA BARBARA K.C.

EAST - JULY 31 - PENN RIDGE K.C.

DECEMBER 1975
Temperament Testing - continued

For each trait, select descriptions which measure, subjectively, strength of behavior. For example, activity level could be described as high, medium, low; appetite as strong, weak; alertness as acute all the way to dull; etc. Changes in behavior might mean sickness, or other causes, so such record keeping may also be an aid to insuring proper care.

Prior to discussing actual puppy tests, let's for a moment consider possible causes of variation in observed puppy behavior of littermates which may be due to other than genetic causes. This is at best an incomplete list of causes.

1. Initial Size - from three to five weeks of age smaller pups are usually bowled over by their larger littermates. This might cause either submissive passivity or strong determination.

2. Litter relationships are not identical for each pup since each pup has a different set of littermates...e.g., pup A has set (B,C,D,...), B has (A,C,D,...) etc. In addition to this, each pup develops an individual relationship to the dam.

3. Varying health and hunger of pups. The pup who gets to the "faucets" first and fills up...the pup who always manages to suck on the biggest, fullest teats, the pup who's healthy, will hardly ever be stressed and will tend to spend the first few weeks of his life grunting and belching with luxurious abandon.

It might be added that the temperament of the dam plays a MAJOR role in the formation of emerging puppy personalities. Some mothers, like humans, are highly frivolous with their pups...they just can't seem to take their maternal duties seriously. When pups fight and one yelps, this particular dam will ignore it. When pups are screaming for her to open the milk bar, she'll have to be coaxed into the whelping box. Some mothers don't like pups at all, and have to be watched closely to prevent injury to the pups. Some are overzealous and too maternal...smothering their pups with attention, never letting them develop relationships with each other...and some are serious and sensible. This type will let the pups play, but if it gets too rough, she'll break it up, lick and reassure the one who was yelping. She'll care for their needs and play/socialize them. She knows her pups and knows when to be concerned. It's interesting to note that genetics are often blamed for temperaments that are (as pups) remarkably consistent when the same dam is involved. It's a distinct possibility that the dam's behavior in the whelping box is the cause...and THAT may be genetic.

We've now observed our hypothetical litter, recorded our observations, and are ready to test each pup under controlled conditions. The first set of tests we'll discuss are those developed by William E. Campbell, and they are described in his article, "Matching Puppies and People". The article originally appeared in Modern Veterinary Practice.

There are five tests:

1. SOCIAL ATTRACTION - immediately on entering test area, put pup down gently in center of area, step away several feet in the opposite direction from which you entered, kneel down and gently clap your hands to attract the pup. How readily the pup comes to you, attitude of tail, etc., indicates the degree of social attraction, confidence or social independence of the pup. Do NOT call the pup to you. Just clap your hands.

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2. FOLLOWING - starting with pup on ground next to you, walk away from pup in a normal fashion. How readily he follows shows his degree of following attraction. Failure to follow indicates independence. However before you score a pup with an "i", make sure he SAW you leave. No chatter allowed to get the pup's attention.

3. RESTRAINT - crouch down and gently roll the pup onto its back, holding it with one hand on its chest for 30 seconds. How strongly the pup fights or accepts this restraint shows a measure of social/physical domination or submissiveness.

4. SOCIAL DOMINANCE - crouch and gently stroke the pup from top of head downwards along neck and back. Whether or not he accepts this indicates his degree of acceptance of your social dominance.

5. ELEVATION DOMINANCE - bend over and cradle the pup under his belly, fingers interlaced and palms up, elevating him just off the floor. Hold him there for 30 seconds. This places the tester in full control and the pup in none at all. Measures acceptance of human dominance.

Sample responses and associated scores are shown on the score sheet. According to Campbell, two or more "dd's" with "d's" in other sections indicate a dominant/aggressive pup...not to be placed in homes with small children. Three or more "d's" will be outgoing and dominant...again not good for small children. Three or more "s" will probably fit most environments and are best with kids. Two or more "ss" are highly submissive and should only be given to warm, calm, patient people. Two or more "i" responses, especially on test 4, will be difficult to socialize and may be hard to train.

Campbell's tests provide a useful baseline for determining working potential. This is my opinion, subject to debate, but the ideal profile for a Doberman would be:

1. Social Attraction dd or d
2. Following dd or d
3. Restraint s
4. Social Dominance either d or s
5. Elevation Dominance s

(For scoresheet see following page).

The above tests focus on interaction with people. The next set of tests describe a pup's interaction with his environment. The following tests can be given to pups from 6 to 8 weeks of age.

HEIGHT TEST - place pup on top of box from which he has to jump down to the ground; the box is low enough so that the pup can't hurt himself in jumping off (approximately 10 inches). Repeat the test SEVERAL times and note how quickly the pup gains confidence. Pups lacking ego will tend to crouch without moving (almost frozen) on top of the box. After such a dog is helped down...does he learn to get down himself? This test shows confidence and motor ability.

INCLINE TEST - place pup on a higher box than the height test with a rough surfaced board going down which he can walk on. See if the pup uses the inclined board. Does he try to jump off? Does he crouch? Show the pup how to use the incline. How quickly (number of repeats) does the pup learn?

UP THE INCLINE - place a toy or piece of food on top of the same box used in the incline test. Does the pup walk up the incline to get the...
Temperament Testing - continued

object? Does he try to jump up on the box? If you show (coax the pup up, does he go?

ISOLATION TEST - put the pup in his own pen by removing mother and littermates. How long does it take the pup to recognize his isolation and start to cry? Test each pup. The second part of the isolation test is to remove the pup and place him in a new, strange area. There should be no distractions in the area. Some pups will become very distressed. Others will explore the area; some might crouch and shiver in a corner. This set of tests also tests confidence and curiosity.

The above tests will show the degree of confidence a pup has in himself as well as motor skills. There are two additional tests that can be used to test a pup’s intelligence and problem solving ability as well.

THE "V" BARRIER - hinge two 6 foot long by 4 foot high boards together to form a "V". Place the pup toward the closed end so that he can neither see out or turn around (head towards the closed end). Step to the open end and call the pup. To get out, the pup will have to back up and turn around. How long does it take the pup to figure this out? If the pup has to be shown, how many trials does it take for the pup to do it on his own?

THE CHICKEN WIRE - take a 6 foot to 8 foot long roll of 4 foot high chicken wire. Have the pup placed behind and in the middle of it. Call the pup. Chances are, it won’t see the wire and will walk right into it. Then it will run up and down the wire to try to get around it. On this test, and on the V-barrier, the less socialized or aloof pup will probably solve the problem more quickly. He is not as anxious to reach you as the pup who really tries, but makes a lot of mistakes. The desired response is a dog who shows some distress, quick problem solving ability, and strong greeting when he reaches you. An overemotional, overdependent pup will take a very long time to solve such a problem.

There are two additional tests that have been used by Pfaffenberger in the testing of guide dog puppy prospects. They are described below.

THE TOUCH OR BODY SENSITIVITY TEST - this tests the pup’s reaction to mild pain or discomfort producing stimuli. It weeds out the bodily insensitive dogs, as these will be hard to train, as well as the over-sensitive pups. The insensitive dog will literally "not feel" even a strong training correction, whereas the over-sensitive dog will crumble over the mildest correction. Proceed as follows: with the pup next to you, lift a front paw and gradually apply pressure with the thumb and forefinger to the webbing between two toes, while gradually pulling the webbing toward you. At some point, the pup will feel discomfort and pull his foot away, perhaps giving a yelp. Here’s what we look for:

- a) a pup who does not balk immediately
- b) a pup who does not require a great deal of pressure to respond
- c) a pup who is reassurable by the tester and forgives. This is important.

Again, as with many other tests, this one must be judged relatively. Experience will help refine your judgement.

The final test is the famous "Fetch Test" of Pfaffenberger. The test is famous because it is the single most reliable indicator of future guide potential. Put the dog in a corridor, where it can’t run around you,

free of distraction. On leash, so that you can guide the puppy back to you. Take a toy, such as a ball, and get the dog’s attention by bouncing it or making quick, jerky motions with it. When the pup is interested, throw it and say "Puppy, fetch". If the dog goes out and picks it up, this is satisfactory. As soon as the pup picks up the object, clap your hands and call him to you. If he comes, excellent; if not, gently guide him to you with the leash. Do this three times. Wait a day or two and repeat the test. The test is given, finally, on the third day. Take off the leash and send the pup after the object. Those that come back with the object off leash are excellent in terms of "willingness to train-up". Those that don’t may be okay with further on-leash work. I should stress that play methods MUST be used. No forcing allowed. We’re trying to determine a pup’s natural reaction to PLEASE.

There you have it...a survey of fascinating puppy tests that can provide you with hours of fun and socialization for the pups, as well as meaningful information as to the future potential of the puppy for temperament. Hope you enjoy them.

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M. YAW

DECEMBER 1975
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION JENNIE D'EL PASTRE (bitch)
Owner: Mary Lou Tingley
Breeder: Jacky Molinier
Championship: August 16, 1975
Whelped: June 11, 1974
Sire: Pantin de Bor
(Det des Elfes de Malouse X Katia de Bournety)
Dam: Ulla d'el Pastre
(Qycke de la Petite Suisse du Nord X Maqui d'el Pastre)
Judge: Mr. Roy Ayres
Handled by Art Tingley

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION PHYDEAUX INTERLUDE (bitch)
Owner: Mercer Field
Breeder: Mary Lou Tingley
Championship: September 7, 1975
Whelped: April 7, 1973
Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre
(Ch. Ike de Vasouy X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)
Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers
(Ch. Sire de la Briardiere X Ch. O'Tresor de Vasouy)
Judge: Graham Head
Handled by owner
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION AND COMPANION DOG

CHAMPION I, CHARLEMAGNE CHEZ CIEL C.D. (dog)

Owners: David & Lynn Behrens
Breeder: Mrs. Richard Englehart

Championship: September 21, 1975
Companion Dog: September 21, 1975
Whelped: March 6, 1973

Sire: Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha
Dam: Ch. Queen Elizabeth Chez Chien Velu
(Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X Marha Magie de la Brie)

NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION

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

Owner: Susan McCormick & Charles Long
Breeders: Charles & Patricia Long

Canadian Championship: October 4, 1975
Whelped: March 3, 1974

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.
Dam: Ch. Reine des Elfes de Malouse
(Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse X Maia-Mopty des Elfes de Malouse)

Judge: Mrs. Grace Taylor
Handled by owner

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BEST OF WINNERS

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD JOYRIDE (bitch)

Owners: Cece Collins & Jane Mathews  Breeder: Cece Collins

Championship: October 12, 1975

Whelped: July 11, 1974

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau  Dam: Ch. Chateauaubriard Vichysoise

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau C.D. X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)  (Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau X Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara)

Judge: Patricia Marcmann  Handled by Ken Collins

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We hope it isn’t too far fetched...

...to wish you a merriest holiday and best new year.

Sue Erickson & Salty

DECEMBER 1975
Happy Holidays

The Vaughan's
John, Anna Bracket
"Sale" & "Cephas"

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

Henri
Elsa & Muffin

Gerry & Bob

Stonehill Farms

DECEMBER 1975
Seasons
Greetings
and a Briard in a Pear tree.
Patti, Kim, John Curnow
and Aimee

Pa'Chick Kennels
Charles & Pat Long
December 1975
Ch. Chateau briard Jamboree
and his people
Bob and Beth Howard

Send Greetings To All
From Springfield, Illinois

We wish all our friends
LOVE, PEACE, & JOY
throughout the year

"V V"
Ch. Beau Cheval's Kent Vert
"FRANCO"
Aigner Javelot d'Or

THE KEITERS
Regina, Tom, Regina

AIGNER BRIARDS

DECEMBER 1975
Season's Greetings

Meilleurs Vœux

"Let My Love, Like Sunlight, Surround you and yet give Illumined Freedom."

Peace and Joy for This Holiday Season

Phil and Jan Zingheim
NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!! And good luck to all for '76!!

I was happy to hear from Mimi Long about the Minneapolis show. She tells me that their Jolie de la Rivette took Winners Bitch for 3 points. She now has three majors out of four shows. At one show, she was the only dog in competition. Sure is a great start for a young bitch! At the same show Laurdeen’s D’Artagnan, a 7 month old male owned by Lynn Peterson, came from the puppy class to capture Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a major. Congratulations!!

At the Sarnia, Ontario Kennel Club show Sharon Werden’s Calumet’s Joker J., picked up his first points by going Winners Dog and Best of Winners for 3 points. After taking W.D., Sharon was so excited tears of happiness ran down her cheeks. Then at the Toledo show a few weeks later they picked up Joker’s first American points by starting with a 5 point major. Keep up the good work Sharon and Joker!

Congratulations are also in order to the following dogs and handlers for finishing championships and picking up group placements:


Jongleur-Noir de Charlemagne, owned by Tom & Sharon Cook, Jr. and handled by Ed Ulmer, finished his championship by going Winners Bitch for 4 points under Mr. John Honig at Licking River Kennel Club on 10/11/75.

Joiedevivre des Sages-Hardis, owned by Louise M. Cohen and handled by Henry Riske, finished her championship at the Chicago International Kennel Club show under Mr. Rex Vandeventer by taking Winners Bitch for 5 points and her third major.

Ch. Stonehill’s I’m Henri, owned by Bob & Gerry Adolphus and handled by Bob, keeps stunning the show world. Henri adds 6 new group placements to his record for a total of 13. Here are his new accomplishments: Louisville 9/1/75 James Culp - Group 2, Edwardsville 9/6/75 Skarda - Group 2, Nashville 9/21/75 Robert Wills - Group 1, Peoria 10/18/75 Robert Wills - Group 4, Stone City 10/31/75 Robert Ward - Group 3.

Am. & Can. Ch. Pa’Chick’s Impresario, owned and handled by Susan McCormick, took time out to keep all four feet on the ground for a change to pickup a Group II under Mr. Rex Vandeventer at the Livonia Kennel Club on September 7th after going B.O.B. over an entry of 8 also under Mr. Vandeventer.

Show Reports

9/6/75 - Saginaw Valley Kennel Club - J Dr. Booth - entry 2-4-0 - W.D., B.W. 3 pts., B.O.B. Taritectel Jacquot (Mike & Cheryl Foote),
Season's Greetings
from Texas

The Slover's
Dezzie and Kelly

DECEMBER 1975
And Joyful Homecomings in '76

Mercer Field and Les Bouffons de Brie

Flannel Twill Pepperidge Duffel

Season's Greetings

Harold & Ada Marley

December 1975

Peace
Happy Holidays

Dartagnan

Alex and Lynn Peterson

Ch. Teddy U.D. Jolie C.D.
The Longs: Duluth, Mn.

DECEMBER 1975
HO! HO! HO!

Maribeau's Mostess Hostess

Bubba Black Sheep

Maribeau's Morning Daisy

Laurdeens wish you a merry Christmas!

From Gerrie Miner and Laurie Kay

MAX

Bridgette

MAGIE
Château Lindenn hopes that you enjoy your Briand's "gift of love" throughout the new year.

David and Linda
Wells, Michigan

marquis (above)

Friday, December 1975

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