DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE DEW CLAW WILL BE MAY 1st
Be sure your news reaches the Editors in time for them to meet their
deadline of May 1.
Having just returned from England, where I attended the Cruft's Dog Show in London, I feel it only fitting to dedicate this page to the enthusiasm and gracious hospitality your President found on every side.

Foreign visitors to Cruft's numbered in the thousands and ringside of the Briards were Mrs. Finkelstein, President of the newly formed Swedish Briard Club and her lovely daughter; Nell van Krenelen, long time breeder and member of the Nederlansche Briard Club (Nell now living in Italy); Wera and Rodi Hubenthal, bringing the first Briards into Norway; Elisabeth Schjoth and her sister from Denmark; Jettie Alberts from Holland; Jan Charbonneau from Canada; Todd Olson and myself from the U.S.

We were greeted with unbounded warmth by the British fanciers and were wined, dined, sheltered and chauffeured from Hastings to Seven Oaks, from Sittingbourne to London.

It was lovely to see Margaret Osborne and Nancy Tomlin again, to meet Janet Wiginton, Mike Tomlin, Ruth and Neville Bumstead, Keith Trickey and his lovely wife, who opened their home in reception of all the visitors.

My sincere thanks to all these dear people and so many others, who made this trip one of my treasured memories.

Mary Lou Tingley

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 1976 ELECTION:

John Alexander
Jan Charbonneau
Jan Zingsheim

Alternates:
Dallas Meggitt
Faye Sloan

SPECIALTY TROPHIES

Beautiful trophies are planned for both the Eastern and the Western Specialties, but your support is needed. Please send your trophy donation today!

East: Ira Ackerson, 77 Rock Road E., Green Brook, NJ 08812
West: Carolyn Erickson, P.O. Box 181, Lomita, CA 90717

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

SEND YOUR PHOTOS NOW----

CONTEST DEADLINE IS JUNE 15, 1976! Don't miss the fun, you could be a winner. Thirteen Briard photos will be chosen for the 1977 Briard calendar. See page 20 of the February issue of the Dew Claw for a list of rules and helpful hints.

SEND PHOTOS TO:

Harold A. Marley
3940 W. 96th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46268

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PATTI'S PEARLS ON MONEY -

"If you would know what the Lord God thinks of money, you have only to look at those to whom he gives it."

Maurice Baring

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY PATTI CURNOW

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Respectfully submitted by Patti Curnow

TREASURER’S REPORT

January 1, 1976 to February 29, 1976

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BCA APRIL 1976
REPORT OF THE A.K.C. DELEGATE

The Annual Meeting of the Delegates to the AKC was held on March 9, 1976. The following items of business took place:

- Two amendments to the Rules for Pointing Breed Trials were accepted. The first dealt with allowing bitches in season to run in Field Trials as may be decided by the sponsoring club. The second amendment established a National Championship Stake and National Amateur Championship Stake for Vizslas. My votes were affirmative.

- One amendment to the Rules for Retriever Trials to allow late entry of recently qualified retrievers was accepted. My vote was affirmative.

- A proposed amendment to the Dog Show Rules regarding entries by family members of the scheduled judge was announced and is expected to be brought to a vote at the June meeting. Details will be published in the AKC Gazette prior to June.

- A report was presented regarding educational seminars for obedience judges. The training material has been developed in modular fashion with visual aids. There have been four seminars to date involving 823 participants. These have been felt to be very successful. More seminars are scheduled. Any all breed or obedience club may sponsor a seminar.

- Vice-President Roy H. Carlberg reported on a conference covering the problem of surplus dogs and cats, which he attended in Feb. A full report will be in the May issue of the AKC Gazette.

- Statistics on dog shows, obedience trials and field trials in 1975 were supplied showing the following for Briards:
  - 38 Show Championships recorded
  - 6 C.D.s in Obedience
  - 1 C.D.X. in Obedience
  - 2 U.D.s in Obedience
  - 7 First Awards in Group at All Breed Shows.

Arthur M. Tingley

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SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIALTY JUDGES NEEDED

THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE SPECIALTY JUDGES. PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF THE JUDGES YOU BELIEVE HAVE A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF THE BREED AND AN INTEREST IN BRIARDS, AND SEND IT TO THE SECRETARY. WE CAN NOT KNOW YOUR PREFERENCES UNLESS YOU MAKE SUGGESTIONS. YOU MAY LIST AS MANY NAMES AS YOU WISH.

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SECRETARY’S PAGE

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

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Marli Delaney, 219 Howard Street, East Williston, NY 11596
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James & Judy Ziozios, 3799 Midland Road, Saginaw, MI 48603

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James & Judy Ziozios, 3799 Midland Road, Saginaw, MI 48603

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Gordon & Fran Davis, Rt. 1 Box 237 Buttonwood Trail, Crownsville, MD 21032 - owners of Le Chenapan de la Croix.
Roland & Christine Duval, 80 Hilliard Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K2E 6C2 owners of Silvermoons la Joie de Vivre
Robert Ferber, R.R.1 Box 168, Pleasant Valley, WI 54738 - owner of Stonehill's I'm Bogie.
Mrs. John Heaney, 12514 Briar Forest, Houston, TX 77077 - owner of Pa'Chick's Lots-A-Luck.
Simon & Ann Mexic, 5 Richmond Pk., New Orleans, LA 70115 - owners of Lausanne de Bonne Caravane
Scott & Alma Whaley, 16788 Ida West Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270

BOARD ACTION:

A motion to return to first class mailing for the DEW CLAW and to review the matter at the Annual Meeting in August has been approved. At press time the voting is incomplete but the five votes that have been received approve the motion, which is carried.

A nominating committee for the 1976 election has been appointed by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRIARD BROCHURES AVAILABLE - order your supply from Harold Marley, 3940 W. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46288. 25 brochures are $1.25, 100 brochures are $4.00. Please make checks payable to B.C.A.

EAR GLUE - The Club now has a supply of Val-a-Tehr Greeze, an excellent glue for puppies ears, which has been difficult to obtain in some parts of the country. Send $2.00 for each bottle to the Secretary. Checks should be payable to B.C.A.

HOMES NEEDED FOR ADULT BRIARDS - As the number of Briards increases, so does the problem of older dogs needing new homes. If you know of someone who would provide a good home, please notify the Secretary.

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COME TO
WONDERFUL SANTA BARBARA
FOR THE
BCA WEST COAST SPECIALTY
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SANTA BARBARA K.C., SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1976
Breed judge: Mrs. C. Seaver Smith
Sweepstakes judge: Mrs. Elva Libby
Companion Shows
Channel City, Friday, July 23
Ventura K.C., Saturday, July 24

The weekend of July 24 & 25 promises to be exciting in the historically charming area of Santa Barbara. We will have a special program, a cocktail party, a dinner and a picnic. The June issue of the DEW CLAW will contain maps and more specific information about this three show weekend.

We have special rates at Holiday Inn of Santa Barbara for the weekend (July 22 through July 25). In order to qualify for these rates, RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 8.

Rates:
Single - $19.00 + 6% tax
Double - $23.00 + 6% tax

Room rates are based on two double beds per room with single or double occupancy.

Fill in the form below and send your reservations directly to:
HOLIDAY INN OF SANTA BARBARA (Reservations)
5650 Calle Road
Goleta, CA 93017
805/964-6214

Name
Address
City ________ State ________ Zip ________

Date of Arrival ____________ Time ____________

Expected Departure ____________ Number of Rooms ____________
Number of Beds ________ Rate Desired ________ Number of People ________
Firm or Organization ________ Briard Club of America

Reservations Held Until 6 P.M.

WEST COAST SPECIALTY TROPHIES
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SEND YOUR TROPHY DONATIONS TODAY

We are in need of trophy donations. The following prices are listed for the trophies. If you would like to specify the trophy you wish to donate, please indicate your first choice PLUS three alternates. Mail with your contribution to:
Carolyn Erickson
Western Trophy Chairman
P.O. Box 181
Lomita, CA 90717

Best of Breed - $35
Best of Opposite Sex - $20
Winners, Dog or Bitch - $15
Reserve Winners, Dog or Bitch $10
Stud Dog - $8
Brood Bitch - $8
Veterans - $8
Brace - $8
Highest scoring in Obedience $8

Our trophies are being designed by Dale Gourlie, who is noted for his outstanding creations.

-------------------please send the following information-------------------

Name
Address
City ________ State ________ Zip ________

I wish to donate

1st alternate

2nd alternate

3rd alternate

Enclosed is a check for $ ________ (payable to B.C.A.)

THANK YOU!

---Don't forget to make your motel reservations early---

SEE YOU IN SANTA BARBARA!
Hey Mom,
Will I be old enough for Puppy Sweepstakes?

Fellow Briarders:

The 1976 East Coast Specialty is drawing near. For the past six months, we have been working on producing an outstanding display of trophies. The completed art work, has far exceeded our expectations, so we have increased the number of available trophies accordingly.

Now, we need your support to be successful. Please send a check, as soon as possible, payable to The Briard Club of America. Any amount you can send will be a help. We know you will be pleased with the results. Please don't wait, we need your help NOW!!

Ira Ackerson
Eastern Trophy Chairman
77 Washington Rock Road E.
Greenbrook, NJ 08812

Jayne Dubin
Eastern Specialty Chairman
14 Culver Drive
New City, NY 10956

THANK YOU!

---------- EAST COAST SPECIALTY TROPHIES ----------

Beautiful Trophies are Planned
Your Help is Needed

BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1, 1976
(exact time to be announced)

Saturday Night, July 31, 1976
AWARDS DINNER and cocktail party
at the Golden Chariot. Details will be announced in the June issue of the DEW CLAW.

PLAN TO JOIN US!
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!

ARIP 1976
NEW CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD JONQUIILLE, owned by Dianne Myers and shown by her husband Al, finished February 10, going Best of Winners at Westminster under Joe C. Tacker. The tawny bitch bred by Cece Collins is one of the January 5, 1974 litter out of Hugo and Harriet, fifth of that litter to finish and twelfth of the Harriet offspring to earn a title.

Ch. Chateaubriard Vichyssoise (Hilda), also a daughter of the Collinses’ Hugo and Harriet, was handled by Ken Collins to GROUP TWO under Anthony Hodges in Daytona, Florida, January 4. She took another Group placement in Hartford on February 15 after a competitive breed win. That day, William Kendrick judged the breed and Group and chose Hilda, who was handled by Erica McCurley. At Providence, February 21, Hilda went Best of Breed. Nice going, little lady.

At Holyoke, February 14, Jan Charbonneau’s Sandor, handled by Jane Forsyth took BOB, while Jan was in London for the Crufts show. Jan had spent three weeks in Nairobi, Kenya, and went on to London before returning to the States in time for the Garden—and again the next day, she was off to Britain for Crufts. Mary Lou Tingley also went over for Crufts, scheduling a meeting with our transplanted Jerry Cohen among others. Ken and Cece Collins will head overseas for the French Rassemblement, September 26, and the British specialty show the next week, which Cece reports Ken has been asked to judge. A good time for more Americans abroad.

Dolores and Jim Zaccaro were unable to give their usual celebration in connection with the hundredth running of the Westminster N.C. dog show. In spite of this handicap, we managed to socialize over restaurant steaks and drinks. Notably in attendance were Bob and Shirlie Kessler (and Ch. Capucine de Beauxjolais) and Bob and Donna Benner from California. They added much to our high jinx. Also to be honored for distances driven were Susan Alexander and Brenda Burton, both from Virginia, and Janet Slover and her father, Dick, who brought Desi (Ch. V.S.O.P. Bouffon de Brie) all the way from Houston, Texas. Wasn’t it fortunate that Janet showed Desi to BOB under Joe Tacker and the Kesslers’ California bitch went BOS! Winners Dog went to Janot di Casa Poni, owned by Sandy and Carole Farkas, and Best of Winners, as mentioned was Al Myers’ new champion. As usual, Westminster was a crowded and somewhat difficult show, but worth it all for its reputation and corresponding excitement. Young Janet Slover showed her golden Desi in the Group at the Garden with courage but no luck under judge Haworth Hoch. Still, she beat quite a showing of Briards. A warm story comes from Groveland, Massachusetts. Susan Lucollo owned a black, natural-eared Briard, which she had acquired as an adult. Unfortunately, her pet recently died, but she contacted our Club Secretary and was put in touch with Joyce Awodey, who was looking for the right home for a six-month-old natural-eared tawny puppy. All the arrangements were made and the dog was shipped to Massachusetts, arriving February 15. He is "perfect" in Susan’s words. We welcome both owners and Briard as East Siders.

Please remember to pass on names of people interested in obtaining Briards. We have too many unsold puppies at this date and should have the generous spirit to refer buyers when we ourselves have nothing for sale. Your attitude does make a difference to the breed at large. And the breed is getting larger every day. Already several more spring litters are on the way. I am discouraged when I hear that someone with puppies had an inquiry and did not pass the name along to another BCA member—and it is worse to hear that normmembers may have names of potential buyers but are not sharing these because of lack of contact with other Briard owners. A good Briard owner should not be lost to the breed because one breeder has no more puppies available at the time of inquiry; and, too, since not every inquirer is right for a Briard, it is sad to hear of someone feeling forced to sell because of holding too many puppies too long. Let's all pitch in to help.

January 31 was the date of the first meeting to establish an Eastern Briard club. A buffet of cold cuts and beer was served at Faye Sloan's house in Spring Valley, New York, followed by the McLeroth's films of the BCA Rassemblement and an 8mm film of Grace Norgaard's dogs. The group set March 27 for its next meeting and is planning a grooming demonstration then. Nutrition and socialization are other topics identified for future discussion. Anne Closner will work on the club's newsletter with help from Chris Ackerson and Janet Weis. A spring match will be arranged by Al Myers and Regina Keiter; they encourage people to come with children and pet-quality Briards, as well as show specimens. Ira Ackerson is acting chairman of the Eastern club until elections are held. Contact him (77 Rock Road East, Green Brook, New Jersey 08812) if he doesn't get to you first. Present at the first meeting were Ben and Pam Foster, Henry and Piphy Collins, Michael and Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Peter and Joan Hyland, Al & Diane Myers, Lenny & Susan Katz, Bernard & Maril Delaney, Michael & Janet Weis, Lee & Peggy Ann Hilton, Art & Mary Lou Tingley, Monroe & Marie Kokin, Peter & Carolyn Pizor, John & Marie Pickering, Faye Sloan, Jan Charbonneau, Jayne Dublin, Anne Closner, Tom & Regina Keiter, Ira & Chris Ackerson, Sandy & Carole Farkas, Bill & Alice Kent.

Send me your news and candida please (my budget won't permit chasing you by phone any more). Thanks for the help.

--Mercer Field, 5 Rebel Rd., Westport, CT 06880

FLANNEL SAYS HI TO ONE AND ALL!

photo by Mercer Field
Properly constructed, the legs of the Briard will form a straight column of bones when viewed from the front or the rear of the dog. Even the deeply angulated dog can have this straight line, as illustrated in figures A and B. The line from the point of the shoulder, through the center of the elbow, down the leg bones to the center of the front foot should appear straight (when viewed from the front) whether the dog is standing or moving. This is just as true in the hindquarters (when viewed from the rear). A straight line from the hip joint goes through the center of the stifle and hock joints and down the cannon (metatarsal) bones to the center of the foot. With the dog standing, these lines are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the ground. The pads are directly under the muscular support.

As the correctly constructed Briard begins to move slowly, the feet and the entire column of bones above it, remain in a straight column, more or less perpendicular to the ground. However, as the speed of the dog increases and the gait changes from a walk to a trot, the feet must begin to converge somewhat closer to the center of gravity, in order for the dog to maintain balance. At higher speeds, the feet are placed close to a single line centered under the dog, maintaining balance much like a bicycle. This is called "single tracking" and the foot prints will be about on a single line. There are two parallel lines on which the feet are placed as the dog moves slowly and the faster the dog moves, the more the feet converge toward a common line on the center line of movement — but, the column of bones in the legs still remains in a straight line from shoulder, or hip, to foot, as in figures C and D.

If the feet do not converge properly, the dog will shift his weight from one side to the other to maintain his balance, giving an awkward gait. To illustrate this, try to walk rapidly, keeping your feet about a foot apart. Uncomfortable, isn't it!

No matter how rapidly the dog moves, the feet must move straight forward in the line of movement. This utilizes all the energy, along the line of movement. If the feet are swung outward or inward, efficiency and power are wasted. The dog must also pick up his feet as he moves or one leg will interfere with the other. Occasionally you see a shuffling movement, where the dog does not, or can not, pick up his feet. He must then swing the leg out to the side so he does not trip over his own feet. This movement can be a fault of health or condition, but faulty construction is a more likely cause.

Some people confuse single tracking with "moving close", a troublesome fault. The close mover may not pick up his feet, or does not have a straight line of bone from foot to shoulder (coming toward your). There may be weakness in the pastern, or at the elbow, which breaks the straightness of the column of bones. In some cases this brings the pasterns parallel to each other and perpendicular to the ground, as in Figure E. Figure F is the same fault from the rear. Sometimes this weakness is not seen when the dog is standing, but is revealed as the dog moves.
MOVEMENT

From the rear, where close movement is often seen in the Briard, there are two common causes, which destroy the straight column of bones. The most common is cow hocks (Figure G) where the hocks are turned inward and the feet turn outward. The feet may still move straight forward in the line of movement but the all-important straight column of bones is lost. If the feet converge properly toward the center line as the speed increases, the hocks may "dust" each other and interfere with movement. The dog will then swing his legs out, around and back to compensate.

Another problem of alignment, which is becoming more common in the Briard, are hocks which deflect outward (Figure H). Depending upon construction, the feet may point straight forward or may toe in. Again the feet may move straight forward in the line of movement, but like cow hocks, the straight column of bones is lost, together with efficient movement. This fault is more difficult to recognize than cow hocks, since the position of the feet can be deceptive and the coat helps to hide this fault.

In recent years, excellent progress has been made in the fight to eliminate cow hocks and improve the rear movement of the Briard. However, we must be cautious that we don't let the pendulum swing to the reverse fault of hocks that diverge outward. Divergent hocks, whether inward or outward are equally faulty and destroy the efficiency of the dog's movement. Don't be fooled by the coat on our shaggy friends. Look above the feet. Consider the leg as a whole and breed for that straight column of bones, aligned from shoulder, or hip, to foot - alignment that stays that way, whether the dog is standing or moving.

This discussion covers only one of the many aspects of Briard movement. Movement of the dog is a complex combination of many things, as three dimensional as the animal itself. In studying movement, we must look at the dog from all angles, evaluate condition as well as construction, study films in slow motion, compare what the experts have to say, and above all, observe carefully and objectively.

D. McLeroth

SOCIALIZING PUPPIES

Jan Charbonneau reports that a terrier breeder in Canada has come up with an inventive idea to help her puppies adjust to the noise and confusion of dog shows.

Starting when the puppies are 3 weeks old, the breeder plays a cassette tape of dog show noises for them. This can be done 3 or more times a week. By the time the pups attend their first show, they are so accustomed to the noise, they seem to think they have been there before.

Any breeder, who wants to try this idea, but does not have a tape player, could use the records of dog show sounds, designed for use in obedience classes, which would accomplish the same result.

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Mercer Field brightened the day again by sending the following quote from Westbrook Pegler in Here Rover!

"For the fifth year in succession I have pored over the catalogue of dogs in the show at Madison Square Garden without finding a dog named Rover, Towser, Sport, Spot or Fido.

"Who is the man who can call from his back door at night: 'Here Champion Alexander of Claye o' Wind-Holme! Here Champion Alexander of Claye o' Wind-Holme!'"

### A.D.O.A. REPORT

**IF YOU MUST SHIP YOUR DOGS...**

Virginia Englehart

The American Dog Owners Association has announced in a recent bulletin that it has continued its investigation of transporting animals in the DC-10 airplane. From a technical standpoint (and although the investigation is not yet complete), the ADOA does not believe that you should transport your dogs on this airplane. Under no conditions should dogs be shipped on a DC-10 if the ground temperature is over 80°F.

The transportation of dogs by air in the cargo compartments of jet aircraft is a hazard to the dog. Thousands are shipped without any problems, but that does not eliminate the hazard. It means only that they were luckier than others. Use care-- make advanced arrangements; don't use DC-10 airplanes; don't tranquilize the dog (I personally do not agree with this, because I feel that it only makes the traumatic experience easier for the pup); be certain that the dog is free of any condition which impairs breathing; use a crate specifically designed for shipping dogs; don't feed the dog sooner than 6 to 8 hours before shipping; be certain that there is a label attached to the crate giving at least two names and phone numbers, as well as any special instructions.

(As an old-timer, who upon occasion, has regretfully had to ship a dog, I am very much in favor of the "in-cabin reservation" which some airlines have. One small animal per flight is allowed to go into the cabin in a specially designed container, for which you pay, if reservation is made several weeks in advance. Of course, this only applies to puppies, but the responsible person in charge can be in constant contact with the pup throughout the flight. If an older dog must go into the baggage hold, and of course, big Briards can only travel that way, the owner, a relative or a good friend should be on the same flight. Then, if there is a delay or mechanical failure of the aircraft, this person can demand the privilege of walking, watering, shading or whatever, of the animal aboard.)
Summertime bring many dog owners on the road more than at other times of the year. Whether on the show circuits or vacationing, traveling with dogs calls for taking extra precautions.

Plan Ahead: Make motel/hotel reservations well in advance and mention you are bringing a dog. Give the dog a thorough checkup before traveling to be sure your Briard is not incipiently ill. Have a sturdy metal crate with a padlock to prevent your dog from being stolen if left in the car or motel room. Take dishes for food and water, extra food, water and vitamins in case your trip is extended unexpectedly. Carry identification and instructions for dog's care and whom to call in case of accident. Include ample paper towels, towels, a warm blanket, pooper-scooper and plastic bags to clean up after your Briard.

First Aid kits should include aspirin; cortisone pills (or steroids) and ointment to treat allergies, rashes, bites (allergic symptoms include scratching, coughing, sneezing, eye rubbing, rubbing face against floor or furniture, paw licking, paw biting); medication to cure diarrhea; antacids or charcoal pills to eliminate mild gastric distress which could lead to bloating; bandages, adhesive tape, a tourniquet; many tea bags so that wet packs of strong tea solution can be applied to burns (wet tea bags will stop bleeding if a nail is cut too short).

Heartworm was discussed in the February '76 Farriery column. If your dog is not given routine preventive medication and you are traveling through an area of heartworm infestation, have your vet give the dog a blood test before you leave and prescribe caricide for the duration of your vacation. Note: dogs travelling from home during mosquito season should be tested for heartworm the following March or April in case the disease was acquired and symptoms have not appeared.

Ticks were mentioned in the Farriery in summer '75. Check your Briard while traveling (daily!) and carefully on the way home to be sure not to introduce ticks into a household of children and other animals.

Rabies and distemper vaccinations should be up to date continually during your pet’s life. Be particularly sure of this protection when you are traveling in wilderness areas. A current rabies certificate is required for bringing a dog into Canada.

In the Car: Never drive with rear windows of station wagons open. Exhaust fumes can drift back into the car and kill your dog. Also never let dogs hang their heads out windows while cars are in motion. Winds can seriously damage eyes and drive irritating debris into them.

Symptoms of motion sickness include drooling, nausea, vomiting. This can be controlled if you will not feed your dog within 3 or 4 hours before driving and use an anti-motion-sickness pill provided by the vet.

Never leave the dog in a car without adequate ventilation. Year round, too many dogs die of heat prostration. A closed automobile standing in the sun quickly becomes an inferno, but as frequently a car which looks fine with windows an inch open at 9:00 a.m. reaches 120° before noon. Screens can be custommade to shade your car, but windows must still be left open for air. An inch is not enough! Remember that shade changes during the day. Check your pet often. Leave plenty of cool water. Never confine a dog in a closed metal crate in summer or hot climates. Symptoms of heat prostration include heavy panting, agitation, drooling, frothing, shallow or rapid heartbeat, weak pulse, a temperature as high as 108° and eventual collapse. Treatment: cool dog rapidly by rubbing with ice or cold water; wrap animal in wet towels and give water or ice cubes; call vet immediately since dog may go into shock and need oxygen and other assistance to restore circulation. Heat stroke kills quickly.

Poisoning is to be suspected if your Briard cries and crouches with intense abdominal pain, vomits, trembles and finds breathing difficult. A poisoned dog might go into coma. Dogs can eat toxin, breathe it or it can pass through the skin (for example, pesticide in solution can enter the dog’s system through the pads). There is no universal antidote for poisoning, so it is important to identify the potential poison for a veterinarian if at all possible. Antidotes for one toxin can make symptoms of a different poisoning worse. If poisoning occurs, call a vet at once. When you can not reach a vet, call the Poison Control Center at the nearest hospital.

Pest strips sold for interior insect control can be poisonous to animals if chewed or if the vapors are breathed in a small unventilated area. Many garden chemicals are also poisonous, as can be turpentine and other household cleaners. The following poisonous chemicals cause the symptoms listed:

- chlorinate hydrocarbons: restlessness, hyperexcitability
- spasm
- arsenic: gastrointestinal disorders, thirst, collapse
- thallium (ant-traps): vomiting, diarrhea, convulsions, death
- spasm
- organic phosphates (malathion, HTP, etc): salivating, excessive urinating, twitching
- strychnine: deadly unless treated at once
- warfarin, pryval (rodent anticoagulants): nosebleeds, blotchy skin, internal bleeding, death without specific antidote
- red squill: pneumonia
ethylene glycol (antifreeze): personality changes, blindness, coma, death
systemic insecticides for plants: when leaves fall and dog rolls in them and eats some, it can be poisoned; symptoms vary according to insecticide; Pyrethrum biodegrades

Roughly 700 varieties of plants are harmful to animals (see Deadly Harvest, J.M. Kingsbury, Holt, Rhinehart & Winston, 1966). All are poisonous at the same stage of development. As a general precaution, dogs should be taught never to nibble on plants. It is interesting that grass has been found in the stomachs of a number of Briards that have suffered bloat and torsion, pointing to a possible contributory causal relationship. Among common poisonous plants are:

poinsnettia
mistletoe
philodendron
some large leaf ivies
rhododendron
laurel
euonymous
hemlock
Japanese & English yew berries
privet hedging
box hedging
black locust bark, seeds, leaves
precatory bean (wild in Florida, bleeding heart)
smooth scarlet & jet beans seen in jewelry from Puerto Rico & Mexico)
horse chestnut pods

Handling a dog injured by a car or falling debris can be tricky. Approach slowly, quietly. Slip a soft noose (can be made from belt or strip of cloth) around the dog's neck for use in controlling the animal, assuming it is not wearing a collar and leash. Attempt to gently tie the mouth shut with a soft muzzle (again use cloth strip, wrapping it around muzzle, tying under chin and again behind ears--gauze bandaging works too) to prevent the injured dog from biting in fright. Control bleeding with pressure bandages or tourniquets according to severity. Cover the animal with a coat or blanket while calling a vet for instructions (do not leave dog alone unless you have no recourse). To move an injured animal, spread a coat or blanket along and under the spine, very gently roll the animal onto the blanket and use it like a stretcher. An animal having fits or convulsions can be partially controlled and quieted by covering with a blanket. Always remember that the dog in difficulty will respond to a calm, confident, kind person whose voice and actions encourage trust.

Future Farriery columns will discuss preliminary treatment for burns, shock, environmental exposure, fractures, choking, porcupine quills, skunk odor, snake bite and other hazards.
**B.C.A. HERDING SEMINAR**

Plan to join us for Minnesota's big Briard Weekend! There will be time to relax with friends as well as activities to suit your interest. It all starts on Friday, June 4th with the beginning of a camp-in at the Zingsheims' hobby farm in Mound, MN. Spend Friday getting settled and grooming your dogs for the Wayzata show on Saturday and the St. Paul show on Sunday. Trophies are offered in every class both days and Webb is the show superintendent. If you can't be there on Friday, join us when you can.

Saturday, after the Wayzata show, return to Zingsheims for the medical committee herding seminar. There will be a herding demonstration and a talk by Diane Christenson, writer for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune paper. This will be a marvelous opportunity to learn more about herding dogs and ask all the questions you wish.

The Zingsheims are planning a table of delicious food to top off the day, starting with four nine foot loaves of French bread filled with assorted meats and cheeses. These will be surrounded by homemade hot dishes, salads and desserts. Beverages will be available throughout the weekend.

Saturday evening will be free to get acquainted with new friends and renew old acquaintances. There will be a raffle to benefit the Medical Committee and some films of past specialties and Rassemblement '74.

Sunday is the St. Paul show. If you have a long trip home, the camp-in will be open until Monday for those who would like to have a good night's sleep before heading home from a busy weekend.

For those people with C.B. radios, turn to channel 6 when you near 494 & Highway 12 and ask for "Show Dog Base". We will be able to help you out if you need directions. If you are not in the camping mood, or can not find your bedroll, there is a motel, which is centrally located on Highway 12, west of Minneapolis. They do take dogs and most credit cards. For reservations contact the Carriage House Motor Lodge, 8625 Wayzata Blvd. (Hwy 12), 612/544-3601. If you prefer the ground floor, just request it. The rates are: 1 person-1 bed, $17; 2 persons-1 bed, $20; and 2 persons-2 beds, $24.

So we will know how many to plan for, please write to:

Jan & Phil Zingsheim
Rt. 1 Box 140
Mound, MN 55364

and tell us if you plan to attend the pot luck dinner and/or the camp-in. Let us know how many plan to attend the dinner; and if you will camp-in on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday. Thank you.

For further information, please contact Mimi Long, Seminar Chairman, 631st Avenue North, Duluth, MN 55803 (218/724-7906). SEE YOU IN JUNE!

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**FRENCH RASSEMBLEMENT ANNOUNCED**

M. Janicot has sent word that the next French Rassemblement will be held on September 26, 1976 at Pouguies-les-Eaux (Nièvre). Those who can attend will find it to be an exciting educational experience.

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**NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST**

By the time most of us read this article, Pat Long will be well on her way to recovery. Pat went in for surgery on Friday, March 4th and will be away from the show ring for about eight weeks. Anyone interested in dropping her a line can write her at this address: 5890 Shea Road, Marine City, Michigan 48039. Get well quick Pat we miss you!

Well, we have four new champions to congratulate from our area:

**CH. CALUMET'S JAMECA J.** - On January 25, 1976 Becky finished her championship by picking up a 5 point major at the Milwaukee show under judge Sally Keyes. Becky is owned by Jim and Connie Koedinger and is out of Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny T. by Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.

**CH. TARTCECEL JACQUOT** - On February 8, 1976 at the Macomb County Kennel Club show T.J., owned by Mike & Cheryl Foote and handled by Mike, finished his championship under judge Mr. Putnam by going W.D. for 5 points and B.W. T.J. is out of Ch. Chateaubriard Vinagrette by Ch. Sultat d'Espirt.

**CH. DE HAUTE COURTE JEANNE D'ARC** - Following close on T.J.'s heals at the Macomb show Kodi, owned and handled by Mike Stollings, finished her championship by going W.B. for 5 points and B.O.S. Kodi is out of Vicki Chien de Grand Couer by Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha.

**CH. IAINNE WIDGETTE DE LINDEAU** - On February 28, 1976 at the Battle Creek Kennel Club show Widgette, owned by Dr. & Mrs. F.V.C. Wells & Linda Wells Toehr and handled by Linda, finished her championship with her third major by going W.B. For 3 points and B.O.S. under judge Theodore Gunderson. Linda sends special thanks to her parents who raised Widgette in Iowa for her and brought her down to the Rassemblement. Widgette is out of Ch. Strathcona's Blac Magic Woman, C.D. by Ch. Ura Woofi de Grand Couer. On top of finishing, Widgette has been bred to the Longfield's Vin Marque de Grand Couer and is due to whelp her puppies around March 14th. Double congratulations Linda!

Puppies are also available from Lisa Bell. She tells me that she has eight puppies who arrived December 27th for a late Christmas present. The litter consists of 6 black bitches, 1 tawny bitch and 2 tawny males. The parents are Jasante de Normandy and Am. & Can. Ch. Phydeau Quelques.

**Group Placements**

On January 17, 1976 at the Wheaton show, Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri, owned by Bob & Gerry Adolphus and handled by Bob, started off the year with a Group 4 under Mrs. Virginia Hampton. Henri took the breed, under James Culp with an entry of 2-2-2. Also, on February 20th at the St. Louis Dog Breeders Association show, Henri kept up his true showmen form by going up for a Group 2 under Mr. Ward after winning the breed with an entry of 0-0-2.
Sharon Boelter sends us this news of a new regional Briard Club:

Briard fanciers in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota have finally formed a regional club called the North Central Briarders. It seems that the number of Briards and their families have grown to a sufficient number in this area to warrant forming such a club.

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Westminster saw California Briarders in attendance, Bob and Shirlee Kessler, also Bob and Donna Benner. They report a very warm welcome, enjoyable company and appreciated a very impressive entry at the Garden.

Geronimo! I thought I saw a pussy cat. Janie, without much warning and for the first time in her four years plus, leaped out of the car window near home, on a winding narrow road. She escaped unscathed, but had a car been coming in the opposing lane as she rolled on the pavement, well ------. Be prepared!

We're anxiously awaiting the completion of the Benner's new house in anticipation of the "warming". Last seen, Donna, the architectural designer was laying tile. Situated in the hills of Fallbrook (we can relate to near the silver Bay K.C.'s Del Mar show site) with a couple of fenced acres, a brook running through the property was conveniently fenced out. Although disappointed by that, Briard, Egad and Afghan, Regie, were not too disgruntled. In concession, Egad and Regie are having four additional runs built for their visiting friends.

Congratulations to Ed and Cindy Konrath, whose Ch. Chateauabriard Vinaigrette, C.D.X. finished her Companion Dog Excellent in November. "Charlie" is another Briard champion helping to show that the dog that wins in conformation also has the qualities of the working dog.

Contratulations to Ch. Uhlan de Grand Coeur and owners Jennie Ojeda and Dallas Meggitt. "Dingus" finished his title in mid-October. Rumor has it that Dingus will be moving to St. Louis with Jennie - perhaps he will take part in some Mid-West competition.

Joan Dugan's Ch. Prince Pippin de Chez Ciel has added a Mexican Championship to his Taurels. Congratulations to Joan and Pippin, who are also awaiting the arrival of a new Briard puppy this Spring.

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COMMENT - ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND BRIARDS

We, who profess to be good members of the B.C.A., having signed the Club's Code of Ethics, and who want to be stalwarts for our breed, have a tremendous, but not impossible assignment at shows, at home, on the phone, traveling or whatever. The matter at hand is the SPORTSMANSHIP which we display.

It's very easy on occasion to look at another person's dog, especially that of a new, vulnerable owner, and denounce the dog for traits lacking, with no consideration for the owner's feelings and with no consideration for the SPORTSMANSHIP involved.

Those of us present at the shows should all congratulate the winners and thus display our genuine and mature good will. Some of us are guilty of turning our backs on the winners -- or verbally tearing apart other participants before the judging -- only to belittle ourselves and cut the circle of our friends even more.

More than a slap on the hand or a tch-tch, we who are guilty of poor SPORTSMANSHIP and actual bad manners should be reviewed by the Board of the B.C.A. and appropriate action taken. Why else have a Code of Ethics?

Ideally, we should all try industriously to bring the new owners along, encouraging, teaching, nurturing and being helpful in any way possible -- even if we didn't sell that man his beloved dog.

HAVE YOU BEEN A GOOD SPORT?

Virginia Englehart

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April 3, 1976

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SHOW ETHICS

by KENNAN C. GLASER

(The following article originally appeared in DOG WORLD magazine, June 1973. The subject is timeless.)

Benched shows have dropped in popularity and one reason is the highly competitive attitude of many of the new exhibitors. Many people do not know how to lose. When you win, even the dingy benching area in the basement of a National Guard Armory is beautiful, but when you lose the clock hands seem to move much more slowly.

The anticipation of a Group entry makes the time go quickly, but even without a win, the afternoon can be pleasant if you chat with other exhibitors and spectators. Someone always comes up with something like, "...our Scottie is show-quality except that he has a white foot...."

A little modest bragging among breeders can also be fun. Something can always be learned, especially from the old-timers in the breed. But along comes the neophyte exhibitor. He's either angry because he lost, pompous in a win, or uptight in anticipation. One typical aspect is his attitude -- his dog is better than anyone's.

To make life a little more fun at all dog shows I would like to offer ten rules of ethics for exhibitors:

1. Don't criticize another's dog -- he may beat yours.
2. Don't criticize another's handler -- you may want to use him yourself someday.
3. Don't criticize the judge -- all he wants to do is to pick the best dogs.
4. Don't entertain derogatory comments from others -- they may talk about you next.
5. Don't be too free with advice -- someone who knows more than you do may be listening.
6. Don't discuss serious business -- dog shows are too hectic.
7. Don't offer to groom someone's dog -- there may not be enough time for it to grow out before the next show.
8. Congratulate the winners with a smile -- you'll want congratulations too, some day.
9. Accept congratulations graciously and humbly from all who offer them -- then you will deserve them.
10. Be friendly and have a kind word for everyone -- this is the fastest way to become respected.

As a rule, Briard owners are known for their excellent sportsmanship and sincere concern for the newcomer to the Breed. As the numbers of Briards increase, let us hope we can continue to enjoy this excellent reputation and that each of us will take the responsibility to discourage those few, who would discredit this reputation by their undesirable behavior.

What a person is is expressed in the way he participates in his sport.
CHAMPION TARTECIEL JACQUOT (Dog)

Owners: Michael & Cheryl Foote  
Breeders: Edwin & Cindy Konrath

Championship: February 8, 1976

Whelped: May 26, 1974

Sire: Ch. Sultan d'Esprit  
Dam: Ch. Chateaubriard Vinaigrette, C.D.X.

(Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre  
Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara)

Judge: Ernest Putnam  
Handled by Michael Foote

CHAMPION IAIME WIDGETTE DE LINDEAU (bitch)

Owners: Dr. & Mrs. F.V.C. Wells  
Breeder: Linda Wells Loehr and Linda Wells Loehr

Championship: February 28, 1976

Whelped: January 11, 1973

Sire: Ch. Ura-Woofi de Grand Coeur  
Dam: Ch. Strathconas Blac Magic Woman, C.D.

(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. X Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau)  
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Judge: Gerhardt Plaga  
Handled by owner

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THE HIDDEN "COSTS" OF BRIARD OWNERSHIP

When you buy that Briard, you know how much you must pay for him, that there will be vet bills and feed bills, but did you know that there are also hidden "costs"?

Life with a Briard includes: buying a larger, gas-hog of an automobile because Rover is not comfortable in the small, economy model; mopping freshly waxed floors every time he comes in from outside or takes a drink; explaining to guests that the smudge on the mural wall they have been staring at is his favorite place to rest his head and you have not had time to dryclean it; carefully placing throw pillows over the place where he cut his molars on your chair; explaining to him, again and again that nose prints on the windows are not attractive and that it is easier to put them there than to clean them off; looking into laughing eyes as you rub wood filler into the grooves dug into the back door - "really Love, can't you bark to go out, like other dogs?"; swatting flies all summer because you gave up replacing screen doors long ago; waking up to a cold nose pushed lovingly into your face at 6:00 a.m. on the only morning you could have slept late; pleading with your mother-in-law to understand that Briards herd sheep by pushing with their heads and you hope her ankle is not too bruised after her fall down the last two steps; training the meter men to ask if the dog is in the yard, before they open the gate; convincing the cat, who has been on the top bookshelf for a week, that the dog really loves her and will play nicely if she will only come down; staying home from a weekend vacation because no one will stay with the dog - the last time he would not let your mother-in-law sleep in your bed; spending extra time training your daughter's parakeet, who doesn't say a word yet, but barks perfectly; insisting that the uninvited book salesman believe that you have no small children - that the gates on the living room door are for the dog and he can't read yet - he may not believe you, but you can be assured that he will leave after Rover plops his wet chin in his lap (so will some invited guests); brushing and combing for hours so the dog looks beautiful and then realizing that you no longer have time for his regular game of ball; and of course, you will cut back on the food budget so he can have some special treats.

Sometimes you will wonder, who belongs to whom, but there are rewards: A warm body pressed against your feet on a cold evening (he will sit there in hot weather too); a large head gently pressed into your hand when you are lonely; the persistent clowning when you are happy - or when you are sad; and always the faithful, unquestioning devotion shining from half-hidden eyes, as blind to your shortcomings as he is to his, because that is what love is all about and it is worth the extra "costs"!

"A dog is the only true love you can buy."

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"chienne bien bergère"
and
"X" - rated (see #82)

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DE LINDEAU
(OFA # -- FB-42)

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Dam:
Ch. Strathcona's Blac
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Dam:
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