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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is with deep regret that I must advise you of the death of Harold Marley on September twelfth. All of you know Harold as a Director of the Briard Club and the printer of the Dew Claw, Briard Brochures, and the Calendar. He was much more than that. With over 40 years experience in dogs he was counselor, adviser and friend. He will be sorely missed!

Mary Lou Tingley

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPECIALTY PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO CONTRIBUTED THE CANDIDS FOR THIS ISSUE: Bob Boelter; Mel DiGiacomo; Fred Libby; David Loehr and Phil Zingsheim.

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DEADLINES FOR THE DECEMBER DEW CLAW:

NEWS & COLUMNS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1ST
GREETING ADS ACCEPTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 12TH
SECRETARY’S PAGE

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS
Regina Keiter, Box 346 R.D.2, Harvey’s Lake, PA (Junior Membership)
Bill & Leila Rittmaster, P.O. Box 125A, Cradle Rock Rd., Pound Ridge, New York 10576

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NOTICE
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During the past few years, the B.C.A. has paid the Postal Service for address corrections. The cost of this service has gone up from 10¢ to 25¢ per address and it will no longer be possible for the B.C.A. to pay for this. IF YOU ARE MOVING, NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS SO YOU WILL NOT LOSE CONTACT WITH THE CLUB.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
Mr. & Mrs. James Agnew, Weatherhead Hollow Road, R.R. 3 (Gulford), Brattleboro, VT 05301 - owners of Le Beauchien’s Maitre d’Armes
Nick & Debby Karafotis, 349 Walnut, Wyandotte, MI 48192 - owners of Firekeeper Lambre Nikaume
Lt. Col. (Ret.) & Mrs. James Shroyer, 7757 Gran Quivira Dr., El Paso, Texas 79904

MINUTES
The minutes of the B.C.A. Special Meeting in California are not yet available.
The Annual Meeting of the Briard Club of America was held on Aug. 1, 1976 at the Golden Chariot Motel, Montgomeyville, PA. 37 Members and 10 Guests were present. A quorum is 50 Members.
The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by the President, Mary Lou Tingley. It was decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the ’75 Annual Meeting in that these had been printed and distributed to the Members, and had been in the October 1975 DEW CLAW.
Mrs. Tingley called for a report from the Secretary. Diane McLeroth reported: 1) B.C.A. Membership, as of the ’75 Annual Meeting was 276 Members with 1 Jr. Member and 98 Applicants. As of the ’76 Annual Meeting, the Membership was 333 with 2 Jr. Members and 74 Applicants. 2) Between May 1, 1975 and April 30, 1976, the AKC registered 36 litters of Briards. Sixteen of these litters (44.44%) were bred by non-members and non-applicants. 3) Regarding membership applications, it was asked that only current forms be used.
Mrs. Tingley noted that the Annual Report of the Treasurer was included in the printed bulletin for the meeting.
A.K.C. Delegate, Art Tingley, reviewed the major items considered at the 4 quarterly Delegates meetings of the past year. 1) The sharing of the same show site by neighboring kennel clubs, which is now discouraged by AKC; 2) Three amendments to the Rules for pointing breeders, which were adopted; 3) A proposed amendment about a member of a judge's family entering a show where the judge is judging was voted down; 4) An amendment to the By-Laws of AKC was approved providing that the required vote to approve a delegate is 2/3 as opposed to the 4/5ths previously required.
Louise Cohen, Chairman of the ’76 Rassemblement reported that the evaluation of the geographic distribution of the membership indicates that the State of Ohio would be a reasonable site for the Rassemblement. Several motels were contacted but refused to accept a dog club event. At the suggestion of Manny Litten, a motel in Toledo was contacted, which agreed to accept the Briard function. The grounds are adequate, recreation facilities are available and the motel is built on a New Orleans theme. It is convenient to airports and major expressways.
Jaye Dubin, Eastern Specialty Chairman, explained that there had been difficulty finding a motel for the ’76 Eastern Specialty. This was due in part to the bicentennial year and the historic region of the country. The Golden Chariot, however, was happy to make arrangements for B.C.A. and Jayne expressed her hope that everyone had had a nice time.
Region 2 Representative, Steve Feller commented that not one member had contacted him as Reg. Rep. He had, however, had some response to a survey of his region. Since no one had taken advantage of the representation offer, he expressed concern about the future of the Regional program.
Medical Committee Chairman, Mercer Field, reported that she is still distributing questionnaires and that there are more available for those who need them. She added that the Medical Committee has had a good year, thanks to the enthusiasm of the membership. Mercer stated that there has been an excellent response to the questionnaire and if those who have not yet sent in their questionnaires would fill out the questionnaire the number of responses would double or triple. The Committee would like a questionnaire on file for each dog, even if it only gives the dog’s name, age, sex and owner. Questionnaires can be up-dated from time to time by post card or veterinary medical report. Mercer added that it is interesting to note that the questionnaires indicate that Briards are healthy dogs.
The President announced that there had been no additional nominations for the Annual Election. In accord with the By-Laws, no election was required and the slate of the Nominating Committee was declared elected. The Board for the ensuing year is: Pres., Mary Lou Tingley; Vice-Pres., Jaune Dubin; Sec., Diane McLeroth; Treas., Patti Curnow; and Directors, Ed Konrath, Richard Long and Harold Marley.

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John Alexander, referring to the Treasurer's report, noted that the Club had spent $500 more than its income in the past year.

Mary Lou Tingley commented that there are several areas where the Club can conserve on money spent; one of these being the Award Plaques. When the Club began awarding the plaques, they cost about $5 each and now have doubled in price. Originally the Club presented about 5 a year and that number is now almost 50 and increasing. She suggested that awards could be discontinued or there is an alternate plaque which could be awarded. The alternate could be awarded to a household for the first championship or obedience degree earned. Each successive award would consist of an engraved plate, which would be added to the original plaque (somewhat like a Sunday School pin). A discussion of these suggestions followed.

It was suggested that dues be raised. An increase of $2.50 per person ($10 for individual membership, $15 for joint membership) would increase Club income, at its present size, about $800 per year. John Alexander commented that many pay more dues to local clubs than to B.C.A.

Mercer Field stated that it seems wrong to give husband and wife a membership at less cost and asked if each person paid the same dues, would it not increase income.

Diane McLeroth responded that the difference between Joint Membership dues and Individual Membership dues is due to the fact the Joint Membership receives only one copy of the DEW CLAW and one mailing of other items. The Club therefore saves that amount of money on the Joint membership. If each person paid individual dues it would be necessary to send duplicate mailings to husband and wife. The Club would not realize any profit from such a program.

Following further discussion of these points, the assembly recommended that the Board consider giving one award plaque per household with additional plates for each additional award.

The assembly recommended that the Board consider an amendment to the By-Laws increasing the dues to $10 per individual membership and $15 per Joint Membership.

Mary Lou Tingley pointed out the need to revise the method of selecting the Specialty judge. The membership was asked to give recommendations in the past and for '76 only 19 members responded. There was a slightly better response for the '77 Specialty but it still was not representative enough. She recommended that a perpetual list of respected and qualified judges be drawn up and revised each year at the Annual Meeting. Following discussion it was recommended that the Board have the Secretary collect names for an initial list of judges, from every responsible source. The list could then be reviewed and updated by the Membership at each Annual Meeting.

Jerry Katz commented that statistics indicate that a good percentage of Briards are being bred by non-members and asked if anything could be done to help the buyers of these puppies.

Tom Keiter suggested that the B.C.A. take out an ad in the New York Times to give information about the Club to non-members.

Marie Kokin asked why these non-members are not members: is it that they don't care; can't they find sponsors; or are they discouraged enough.

It was suggested that the B.C.A. take out an ad in the New York Times to give information about the Club to non-members.

Mary Lou reported that she knows of several, who do not care one way or the other about the Club.

Mercer Field reported that he had met a number of Briard owners, who did not know there was a B.C.A. and suggested the B.C.A. establish a committee to contact non-members and give them information about the breed and the Club.

Ira Ackerson commented that the Yankee Briard Club had contacted many non-members with its first mailing list. This was successful and a large percentage of the Yankee membership is comprised of non-BCA members. Many of these did not know there was a national Club and are now anxious to join. Ira suggested that the regional clubs and Reg. Representatives could take the responsibility for contacting and encouraging these people to at least subscribe to the DEW CLAW.

In response to a suggestion that the Board be responsible for contacting non-members, Diane McLeroth commented that it is important to remember that the Board is not the whole B.C.A. Each member can help put new people in contact with the Club. She suggested that the names of anyone interested in the breed be forwarded to the Secretary so the Club can contact these people. Better results are achieved if newcomers names are sent to the Club, than if the Club's address is given to the newcomer.

Mary Lou stated that the Club has a beautiful brochure available for distribution by members. She noted that none of these was apparent at the Specialty and suggested that members buy a supply to give to interested individuals.

It was suggested that breeders give a subscription to the DEW CLAW to every puppy buyer, not already receiving it.

Mercer Field commented that although there may be some non-member breeders, who have no interest in the Club, the Club could try to reach the buyers of their puppies. She repeated her recommendation that a committee be formed to actively seek these people and encourage them to have contact with the Club.

The assembly made the recommendation that an Education Committee be set up to actively seek and encourage non-members to have BCA contact.

Jayne Dubin asked for the floor to thank Ira Ackerson, Eastern Trophy Chairman; Mary Lou Tingley; Faye Sloan; ring stewards, Joel & Louise Cohen; and all the others who had helped with the Eastern Specialty.

The President announced that she had had a disturbing letter from the British Briard Club asking for the help of the B.C.A. The British have found confirmed cases of Progressive Retinal Atrophy in their Briards and Mary Lou stated that it would be advisable for American Briard owners to do a little checking. She announced that information on the problem would be included in the August DEW CLAW and asked everyone to help. Only with the cooperation of B.C.A. can we determine whether or
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not PRA is a problem in this country.

Mercer Field commented that there are very few statistics available for a rare breed such as the Briard. It is therefore especially important that problems of any kind be reported to the Club. This information can only be of service to the breed and withholding the information can only be a detriment. Every statistic matters.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Attest:
Diane McLeroth
Secretary

(Additions or corrections of the Minutes should be forwarded to the Secretary.)

BOARD ACTION

Arthur M. Tingley is appointed AKC Delegate for the ensuing year.

Virginia Englehart is appointed as ADOA Delegate.

Louise Cohen is appointed as Junior Showmanship Chairman.

A motion to elect Regional Representatives at the time of the Annual Election was approved unanimously by the Board.

A motion to change the Award plaque to the type discussed at the Annual Meeting was unanimously approved.

A motion to raise dues to $10 per individual & $15 per joint membership as recommended by the Membership was unanimously approved.

Harold Marley was appointed to study the Const. & By-Laws for any necessary changes.

A motion to have the Secretary collect judges names for a list to be reviewed by the membership was unanimously approved.

The Holiday Inn at Toledo, OH was unanimously approved as the site of the ’78 Rassamblement.

Ruth Foster was approved to judge Sweepstakes at the ’77 Specialty.

Art Tingley was appointed to replace Harold Marley as Const. & By-Law Revision Committee Chairman.

A motion to have the October DEW CLAW printed in Ft. Wayne, IN and then to evaluate the work was unanimously approved.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:

A motion to place a monthly ad for the BCA in the New York Times; A recommendation that a Committee be set up to actively seek and encourage non-members to have BCA contact.

BRIARD BROCHURES

Briard Brochures may be ordered from Ada Marley, 3940 W. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Make checks payable to the Briard Club and send $1.25 for 25 brochures; $4.00 for 100 brochures.

EYE CLINIC IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Janice McNelis has advised the Club that the Collie Club of Western Pennsylvania holds an eye clinic, open to all breeds, every three months. Anyone interested should contact Jan.

EAR GLUE available from the Secretary for $2.00 per bottle.

GREETING ADS FOR THE DEW CLAW DUE NOVEMBER 12TH!

Each year, the December issue of the DEW CLAW is made very special by the Christmas and Holiday greeting ads sent by B.C.A. Members and Applicants. Even though the cost of these ads is reduced from regular advertising rates, they help to pay for the printing of the DEW CLAW, but more importantly, the ads give a more personal contact between Briarders around the world.

Plan your ad now! Don't be left out! Show your support of the Breed and take advantage of this excellent way to send good wishes to other Briarders. Details can be found in this issue and don't forget, the deadline for ads is November 12th!

TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

Patti Curnow, Treasurer

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EXPENSES

Dew Claw printing and mailing $1,766.29
Other printing 214.92
Brochures 81.00
1976 Calendar 250.00
Constitution printing and mailing 118.21
Dues notice mailing 44.40
Dues Statements and Calendar expense 65.25
Calendar & brochures, additional postage 26.80
Rassemblement Catalog postage 2.38
Medical Questionnaire 70.28
Medical Committee Expense 83.71
Specialties
Trophies and awards 544.02
1975 Specialty Dinner 152.45
Specialty expenses, 1975 327.56
'76 Eastern Specialty allowance drawn 250.00
'76 Western Specialty allowance drawn 239.50
1976 Eastern Specialty trophies 338.50
1975 Sweepstakes judge 20.00
AKC fee for second '76 Specialty 15.00
Dues
1976 AKC Dues 25.00
1976 ADOA Dues 25.00
Dog World Ad 91.58
Sportsman's Insurance 125.00
Reg. Editor's expense, Mercer Field 25.00
Overpayment refund 162.74
Long/Vetrone hearing 65.92
Secretory's expenses 61.81
Treasurer's expenses 70.43
Exchange trophies 6.26
Ear glue 37.14
Bank charges 5.00
Bad check 5.00
TOTAL EXPENSES $5,304.75

Opening Balance $3,067.19
Income + 4,800.14
Expenses - 7,867.33
Operating Balance $2,562.58

Balance in Accounts
Checking $683.63
Savings 981.94
Charity Fund 4.00
$2,562.58

WITH GRATITUDE TO HAROLD A. MARLEY

The Briard and the world of dogs lost a true friend when Harold Marley died on September 12, 1976. He was a man of great insight, ceaseless service and uncompromising loyalty. His work and philosophy as a fancier has helped to shape the B.C.A., and maintain well-defined goals to protect the qualities of the Briard. As a breeder of Briards, the excellent qualities in his line have been recognized and sought by other breeders. As a consequence, the "de Marha" kennel name is found in many pedigrees across the country.

Harold worked quietly at a myriad of tasks for the betterment of dogs and especially the Briard. Whether major or incidental, each job received the same careful attention. Sometimes, his only thanks was the knowledge of a job well done. He wanted it that way and never discussed the many extras he did.

For those who did not know him, Harold began his work with dogs forty-four years ago, with special interests in obedience and breeding. Through the years, which he modestly would claim were "about 25 or so", he worked with all-breed as well as specialty clubs, in addition to developing his own breeding program.

Not all of Harold's services to the dog fancy are known. We do know that he served as Secretary and bulletin Editor of the White Collie Club (national) for four years; held the offices of President and Vice-President of the Associated Specialty Clubs of Indiana; President and Treasurer of the Associated Specialty Clubs of Indianapolis; Had held every elected office of the Hoosier Kennel Club - President and for six years Secretary of Hoosier, was their Delegate to the AKC and was currently serving as Treasurer for that club. He was Director of the United Collie Clubs of the Mid-West and was co-author of the Constitution and By-Laws. He also served on the Breeder Research Committee of the Collie Club of America.

Harold's interest turned to Briards in the early 1960s and he has served the B.C.A. in many capacities. He volunteered to print the DEW CLAW in 1963 and has continued to do so since that time, developing the bulletin into the quality publication it is today. He was DEW CLAW Editor from 1967 to 1970; B.C.A. President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. He chaired the Standard Committee From 1968 to 1971 and was Director on the Board, which drew up the final draft of the current Briard Standard. Harold was a strong proponent of Regional Representation and an informed membership. As President, he was the first to put Directors on the B.C.A. Board and initiated reporting the work of the Board in the DEW CLAW. Many may be familiar with his service to the Club in these capacities, but not as many know that in his spare time, he also did the great majority of B.C.A. printing and took the responsibility of all major Club mailings. We can only guess at the thought and concern he devoted to the problems of the Briard and the Club.
In spite of all this work, Harold was never too busy to share his sound, common sense, his hard-earned knowledge and his extensive experience with others. He was an expert as well as a novice sought and respected his advice, which would usually include the statement, "What improvement would this bring to the Breed, because that is what it should be all about."

Harold’s philosophy and direct approach can best be pointed out by his last letter to the Board and it seems appropriate to quote him here:

"I do not feel that the function of an Education Committee is that of seeking and encouraging non-members to have BCA contact. The function of the committee should be that of preparing educational material, that can be made available to those who wish to further their knowledge of the Breed and the many subjects relative to breeding and showing of the Breed."

"Until such time as the Club sees the wisdom of placing the Welcome Mat out to those persons, who are not members of the Club, I see no justification for placing an ad in the New York Times or any other publication. The reason there are so many litters being bred (or produced) by non-members of the Club is attributable to the fact that we do not fill out an application for membership, then we in a manner of speaking say, 'we will let you know in a year, but first we wish to find some reason for not approving your membership'. All the waiting periods in the world are not going to eliminate a few less desirables from becoming members.

"We must realize that great breeders and excellent members are not the result of 'aid to the needy' by the Club. They are individuals of good judgement, who have what it takes to do the job they feel needs to be done. No one can improve their breeding program but themselves. No one can cull their stock, give them the intestinal fortitude to start out in the right direction, or to start over should it be necessary. The education the Club can provide is fine and helpful, but is no substitute for the hard decisions a breeder must make in his breeding program."

"We can only guide, and we should make our guidance available to each and every Briard owner without a lot of red tape and such that discourages membership. We are the losers, not those, who we discourage."

Harold Marley made a profound mark on the dog fancy. He was Breeder, Advisor, Worker and Friend. The contributions of this outstanding Briarder will continue to enrich the B.C.A. and serve the Breard through the years to come.

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**THYROID - WHAT IS NORMAL?**

Ellen B. Saunders, V.M.D., a veterinary specialist in Dermatology and Clinical Immunology generously consented to speak at the East Coast Specialty on Thyroid Abnormalities and their relation to skin and breeding problems. Dr. Saunders is a pioneer in the field of Thyroid disease in the dog and her practice consists of consultations with and referrals from veterinarians, whose patients need the help of a specialist.

The following is an outline of Dr. Saunders most informative talk. It is hoped that the report will not only be of interest to those, who could not attend the meeting, but that it will also stimulate support for Dr. Saunders’ study of Briard thyroid levels.

The study of Thyroid Abnormalities in the dog is relatively new. Only recently have tests, which measure canine thyroid values accurately, come into use and many laboratories still do not use them.

Although Hypothyroidism (under-active thyroid) can be an underlying cause of skin and breeding problems, it is often overlooked in a diagnosis. It is difficult to recognize when the veterinarian is not working with the problem day in and day out. This is complicated by the fact the same symptoms can be caused by other problems.

**THE SKIN CAN REACT IN ONLY A CERTAIN NUMBER OF WAYS**

The skin can only react in a certain, set number of ways to any stimulus, whether internal or external. For this reason, every symptom of Thyroid abnormalities can also be produced by other causes, and Hypothyroidism is not always suspected by the veterinarian.

Thyroid abnormalities can only be diagnosed or eliminated as a cause of a problem through an accurate blood test. A dog with recurrent symptoms which only respond temporarily, if at all, to other treatments should certainly be suspect and the thyroid levels tested.

**SYMPTOMS WHICH MAY INDICATE HYPOTHYROIDISM**

Some symptoms which may indicate that a dog's thyroid is underactive are: Seborrhea; Obesity; A sparse coat or bald spots; Recurrent ear problems; A history of irregular heat cycle in the bitch, or infrequent seasons; False pregnancy; A dog, who seek's heat, sleeping on a register or in front of a refrigerator; Darkening or thickening of the skin (Acanthuses Nigrescence) in large or small areas; Pigmental changes of the hair as an adult; Lethargy; Infertility in the bitch; Litter size in the dog; A bitch, who produces very small litters; and swelling of the feet.

Less common manifestations of Thyroid disease are a low grade infection of the hair follicles and calcium deposits in the skin.

**NOT ALL SYMPTOMS ARE NECESSARILY PRESENT**

The Hypothyroid dog may have one or two of the above symptoms, but it is unusual for numerous symptoms to be present. Of the several hundred Hypothyroid dogs which Dr. Saunders is treating, not more than 50 of them have come in with numerous symptoms. It is important to remember that every symptom of Hypothyroidism can be a symptom of other problems, unrelated to thyroid. **All that itches and scratches is not thyroid.**
HYPOTHYROIDISM IS SIMPLE TO TREAT

True Hypothyroidism, without complications from other problems is easy to treat with thyroid replacement hormone. Once Hypothyroidism is diagnosed, the dog is put on thyroid medication and usually remains on it for the remainder of its life. Initially, the dog is checked every 6 to 8 weeks until the correct level of medication is determined. The dog is then tested in 3 to 6 months to be sure the level remains constant. The dog is then tested once a year thereafter. As a rule, once the dog is on medication, there is a marvelous response within the first few weeks.

Occasionally, Hypothyroidism is not the only cause of the symptoms in the Hypothyroid dog. Perhaps there is an allergy or gonadal hormone imbalance. In these cases, the thyroid medication will only help the dog to a point and then the other problem(s) must be determined and treated.

HYPOTHYROIDISM CAN BE PRESENT WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

Thyroid disease can exist in a dog, who shows no symptoms (Asymptomatic). Evidence of this would be a bitch producing an unusually small litter for her breed, or no pups at all; a bitch which only comes into heat at 14 month intervals or not at all, but is perfectly normal otherwise; or early abortion of a litter. These indications could be caused by Hypothyroidism but they could also be caused by something else, or be normal to that bitch. Other possible causes for the examples given could be a progesterone/estrogen imbalance; a uterine infection; or sterility in the male. The only way to know if the thyroid is involved is to have the blood test done to determine the thyroid level. (This should not be done when a bitch is coming into heat, in heat or when she is pregnant, as the level can not be measured accurately at that time.)

EAR PROBLEMS COMMON TO THYROID DOGS

Thyroid dogs commonly have ear problems. These are sometimes severe, but more often the complaint is that a yellow wax builds up in the ears. This may be in conjunction with other signs of thyroid abnormality or it could be the only symptom present.

HYPERACTIVITY MAY ALSO INDICATE HYPOTHYROIDISM

Although the thyroid dog tends to be lethargic, paradoxical Hypothyroidism, when the dog is high strung or hyperactive is also seen. These dogs have an under-active thyroid gland and when they are put on thyroid replacement medication, they calm down. This type of reaction has also been reported in humans.

CHANGES OF THE HAIR COLOR

Pigmental changes of the hair sometimes occur. Dr. Saunders showed slides of a Weimaraner, whose coat had turned yellow in some areas as an adult. The dog has also developed white spots in areas where the skin had been infected. After healing, the hair did not carry pigment as before. These pigmental changes of hair in the Hypothyroid dog are adult in onset.

SEBORRHEA

Skin infections, such as Seborrhea, secondary to Hypothyroidism can often be cleared up temporarily with standard skin treatments. However, as soon as the treatment is discontinued, the problem returns. The area affected can be very small or it can be extensive.

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HOT SPOTS

Dr. Saunders explained that "hot spots" are nothing more than an area where the dog is licking or chewing. Perhaps there was a fly or flea bite, an imbedded hair, a piece of food stuck in the coat; anything that starts the dog licking. At first, the hot spot should be treated as a non-specific dermatitis. However, if it persistently re-develops, the thyroid levels of the dog should be checked.

ACANTHUSES NIGRESCENCE

Acanthuses Nigrescence is a darkening and thickening of the skin. The skin is either traumatized or licked until it becomes like the bark of a tree and then black pigmentation forms. The specific cause is not known, but it commonly is seen on the thyroid dog.

OTHER DISEASES CAN CAUSE THYROID SYMPTOMS

Demodectic mange can cause pigment change that is not a thyroid symptom. It can cause baldness, giving the same appearance as Hypothyroidism, but it is not related. The only way to diagnose demodectic mange is by skin scrapings.

Cushings disease is not thyroid, but the symptoms can be the same. Flea allergy or gonadal (sex) hormone imbalance, thalium poison (rat poison) also cause the same symptoms as Hypothyroidism.

NORMAL THYROID LEVELS FOR BRIARDS NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED

What is the normal thyroid level for the Briard? This is not known. Normal thyroid values have only been established for the average, 30 pound dog. However, what is normal for a 30 pound dog is not necessarily normal for a large breed, like the Briard. Until the normal thyroid level of the Briard is established, all veterinarians will be at a serious disadvantage in the diagnosis of thyroid problems.

Dr. Saunders became interested in the Briard when one with skin and coat problems came to her. The dog appeared to have a low thyroid level, based upon the normals for a 30 pound dog. Since the normals for the Briard are unknown, Dr. Saunders could not make a positive diagnosis and asked for the help of area Briard owners, to determine the normal values for the breed.

The first 5 or 6 Briards checked only added to the confusion because the apparently "normal" Briards had lower thyroid values than the first Briard, who had already responded to treatment and was growing coat. By the time 12 Briards were tested, only one had tested within the normal range for the 30 pound breeds.

IS THE NORMAL THYROID LEVEL FOR BRIARDS LOWER THAN A 30 POUND BREED'S?

A dozen tests are not enough to determine a thyroid norm for the Breed. The dogs tested ranged from 0.4 to 4.9 on one test factor and the normal for the 30 pound dog is 0.3. Apart from the 4.9 dog, the remainder of Briards ranged from 0.4 to 2.2. This raises the question of whether normals for the Briard are lower than the 3.0 which is normal for a 30 pound dog.

BRIARDERS ARE ASKED TO HELP

Dr. Saunders is trying to determine what the normal thyroid values are for the Briard. This knowledge would be invaluable to veterinarians across the country and throughout the world in diagnosing skin and breeding problems.

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THYROID continued

If the norm for the Breed is lower than the norm of the 30 pound dog and that information is not available to the veterinary profession, the average healthy dog could be diagnosed as Hypothyroid when it is not.

On the other hand, since some Briards have been tested and found to have a lower level than the 30 pound dog, a Briard could be hypothyroid and it could be overlooked. Misdagnosis could be common without the norm to guide diagnosis.

BLOOD TESTS OF APPARENTLY NORMAL BRIARDS ARE NEEDED

To establish the normal thyroid level for Briards, Dr. Saunders needs the test results of at least 50 apparently normal Briards. Since the Briard is still a rare breed, Dr. Saunders has asked the Briard Club for help. Several Briarders at the Eastern Specialty had Dr. Saunders test their Briards, but more tests are needed. Only with the help of Briarders across the country can this beneficial information be determined for the Breed.

FOR ACCURACY, BLOOD TESTS CAN NOT BE RUN BY JUST ANY LAB

Unfortunately, lab results vary considerably and not every lab uses a test kit sensitive enough to measure canine thyroxin. Most kits for testing thyroid do not report the necessary values of antibodies below the 6.0, which is normal for humans. The normal level for dogs is known to be below 6.0. It is therefore imperative that the lab use a kit sensitive enough to pick up canine thyroxin and sensitive enough to measure it in the low range normal to dogs.

Dr. Saunders suggests that a lab using the RIA kit put out by Nuclear Medicine of Texas can give an excellent report, which should be sent to Dr. Saunders. If the lab uses a less sensitive kit, the results can not be compared to the data she has and the results would be worthless and a waste of your money.

Dr. Saunders advises that your veterinarian should ask the lab using the Nuclear Medicine RIA kit to "double the amount of blood serum used in the test" and the results will be excellent. The amount of serum tested is less than a drop.

HOW TO HAVE YOUR DOG TESTED FOR THYROID LEVEL

1) Have your veterinarian draw a sample of blood.
2) ONLY THE BLOOD SERUM IS TESTED. The blood must be separated and only the blood serum sent for the test.
3) If your veterinarian's lab uses an excellent kit such as mentioned above, have the test run and the results sent to Dr. Saunders.
4) If you do not know whether the lab uses an acceptable kit, have your vet send 2 or 3 c.c.s of blood serum (serum only) to Dr. Saunders with $10 to cover the cost of the test. The results will be reported to you or your vet.

TO MAIL SERUM TO DR. SAUNDERS FOR TESTING

1) A coolant may be added to the serum and it can be sent in a styrofoam mailer to preserve it. 
2) Mark the mailer "MEDICAL" so it will be delivered promptly by the postal service.
3) Include $10 to cover the cost of the test. Unfortunately the grant previously available to Dr. Saunders is gone and she must now ask each person to pay for the test to be run.

HAROLD MARLEY MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

A Memorial Fund has been established in Harold Marley's name. The fund will be used to help finance thyroid research and establish normal thyroid values for the Briard. This data, when available, will be of continuing service to the Breed throughout the world in the years to come. This seems to be a fitting tribute to a man, who had such a deep concern for the Briard and contributed so much to the Breed.

If you would like to give something in Harold's memory, send a check to Janice McNellis, 119 Highland Drive, McKurray, PA 15317. A card giving your name as a contributor will be sent to Ada Marley and the money will be used only for research to establish the normal thyroid values of the Briard.
Our big news is, of course, the Western Specialty. Briarders from as far as Minnesota and Texas joined us making the weekend very special. We owe a very special thank you to Carole Cruz for all her careful planning and hard work. Clay Holland from the State of Washington sums it up in his letter when he says, "Well, I made it to the Specialty and it was well worth it! They couldn't have chosen a better Chairperson than Carole Cruz. She was fantastic!"

The Specialty Weekend was filled with happy events giving people a chance to get together and away from the excitement of the shows. On Friday evening, the Hospitality Suite was opened for an informal gathering, ably hostessed by Evy Wegienka and Carolyn Erickson. After the Ventura show on Saturday, the BCA hosted a cocktail party in the Hospitality Suite. Snacks were prepared by Virginia Englehart and her able bodied crew. While everyone munched on the goodies, the men of science, Dallas Meggitt and friend, Walt Wegst, repaired the video tape equipment so the Herding Seminar tape could be shown. Don Normann, Bob Boelter, Dave Behrens and Phil Zingsheim also lent assistance. Since the sound was pre-set on the T.V. set and was difficult to hear, the Boelters, Behrens and Zingsheims took turns narrating the events on the Herding Seminar, which had been filmed at the Zingsheims' in Minnesota. How nice to see dogs used for the work for which they were intended!

Following the Herding Seminar tape, the entire group left the Holiday Inn and reassembled in downtown Santa Barbara at the El Paseo restaurant. After a delicious Mexican feast, Patti Curnow chaired the BCA meeting where members discussed topics they wanted raised at the Annual Meeting the following week in the East.

Sunday, the day of the Specialty opened with coffee and rolls in the Hospitality Suite and then on to the UCSB Campus for the show. After the judging the weekend was topped off by a superb tailgate picnic, hostessed by Shirlee Kessler. Shirlee reports, "It being summer, we packed our baskets with California Hospitality and took it to the Santa Barbara show. We tossed in some great salads, assorted cold cuts and cheeses, various desserts and summer molds...and when the buffet was laid out for the hungry Briarders, the spectacular setting deserved all the oohs and ahs. I wish to thank the committee for their fantastic efforts and am listing their names for future services: Carole Cruz, Donna Benner, Joan Dugan, Virginia Englehart, Jackie Drozinski, Kay Greene, Sharon Higgins, Nancy Mandeville, Linda Martin, Julie Normann, Sue Shipman, Pat Van Fleet and special thanks to Paul Marks for the meats and cheeses. Greatly appreciated, Dallas Meggitt...thanks for putting all the pieces together."

Thanks also to Carol Ludwig and Uri for their special demonstration of protection training following the picnic. Michael Ames, Uri's trainer was on hand to help with the demonstration which showed how versatile the Briard is.

Virginia Englehart writes, "Now that the dust has settled, I have to say the entire West Coast Specialty Weekend was terrific. I was extremely encouraged by the rapport and general interest shown by each person. Carole Cruz, bless her bones, did an outstanding job and kept the whole affair well-knit and coordinated. Silently she may have been tearing out her hair, but in public it was all super smooth."

Carole's report follows and she made us promise we would print it exactly as she wrote it. After reading her puns, you will know why she exacted the promise.

- Joan Dugan

WESTERN SPECIALTY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

When I sat down to write thank you notes to all the people, who were so kind during the Specialty weekend at Santa Barbara, the list grew beyond my initial expectations. So, I decided to attempt the impossible - thanking everyone who contributed or worked. Lists such as this are dangerous because someone always gets left off. However, with my philosophy, I'd rather be shot down for something I did, instead of what I neglected to do. (Since it was I, who unintentionally left his name off the premium list for having donated a trophy, Don Mandeville gets the first shot among those whose names are accidentally omitted again.)

I was particularly impressed by the great number of non-members, who helped out. That is really a compliment to the leadership of those who do belong to the BCA. The next step is bringing a few more of the willing workers into our Club.

A very special thank you to everyone who had to travel great distances. The cooperation shown by all those who made the trek to California from the Mid-West, Texas, Washington, and Arizona, was exceeded only by their marvelous spirit.

You are a neat group of people who made me very pleased to have had the chance to work with and for you.

1. Gerry and Bob Adolphus and Phoebe Jordan
2. Loretta and Dave Albiar
3. Lynn and Dave Behrens
4. Patti and Dave Behrens
5. Donna and Bob Benner
6. Sharon and Bob Boelter
7. Lee Erickson and Joe Busch
8. Cassandra Colwes
9. Florence and John Cruz
10. Glenda and Bill Curnow
11. Patti Curnow and Mary Kay Cordano
12. Jackie and John Drozinski of Shaggy Shoppe
13. Joan and Earle Dugan
14. Virginia, Dick, Louise and Ginger Englehart and Gina Vessa
15. Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Erickson
16. Carolyn Erickson and Roland Taub of Landlyn Kennels
17. Carolyn L. Erickson
18. Lee Erickson
19. Sue Erickson
20. Dale Gourlie
21. Dr. and Mrs. Avron Greene
22. Joe Hare
23. Sharon and Jack Higgins
24. Clay Holland
25. M. and Mme. Jean Janicot
26. Mary Julian
27. Shirlee and Bob Kessler
28. Cindy and Ed Konrath
29. Elva and Fred Libby
30. Carol Ludwig, Sherri, and Mike Ames
31. Don Mandeville
32. Nancy Mandeville and Jerry Stoner
33. Paul Marks
34. Linda and Eddy Martin
35. Diane and John McLeroth
36. Dallas Meggitt and his very tolerant neighbors
37. Sue and Dick Mikulsky
38. Joan Morley
39. Linda and Steve Neely
40. Julie and Don Normann
41. Judy and Dave Odom
42. Linda Pruitt
43. Susan and Bill Shipman
44. Sisters of the Holy Family, Gail and Isabel
45. Ann and Tom Stevenson
46. Mary Lou and Art Tingley
47. Pat and Ken Van Fleet
48. Carmen and Neil Visser
49. Evy and Larry Wegienka and Marie Doherty
50. Kathie and Walt Weigst
51. Yvonne and Bill Wright
52. Jan and Phil Zingsheim

1. BCA Board of Directors
2. Briard Club of Northern California
3. Buckeye Briard Club
4. El Paseo Restaurant - Emilio
5. Holiday Inn of Santa Barbara - Dagmar, Diane, and Doug
6. North Central Briarders
7. Santa Barbara Kennel Club and Frank Sabella

Sincerely, Carole Cruz

P.S. I would like to add a special thank you to Diane McLeroth who added so much spice to my life during the past year. At a time when I didn't know whether I was cumin or going, her sage words mustered my courage and kept me from crying in my beer. She managed to curry favor by not letting all of my woeful capers leak out to the world. For that savory act of kindness, I feel that she is well worth a mint to the BCA as a well-seasoned secretary.

As a native of the San Francisco area, I feel that Diane should be allowed to rest on her laurels until the bay leaves.

Thanks, Diane!!!

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MYSTERY OF THE MONTH

Who is the Briard in the Skippy Dog Food advertisement now appearing in national magazines?

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SPECIALTY WINNERS - WEST

CH. STONEHILL'S I'M HENRI, pictured above was BEST OF BREED AND WORKING GROUP IV at the Western Specialty. He also captured the breed at the two companion shows going on to a Group I at Ventura under J. Velma Hiser and a Group IV at Channel City under Derek Rayne. Henri was handled by Phoebe Jordan for owners Bob & Gerry Adolphus.

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VINAIGRETTE, CDX took BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX at the Western Specialty under Mrs. C. Seaver Smith. She is owned by Ed and Cindy Konrath and is handled here by Ed.
WINNERS BITCH
VICKI CHEIN DE GRAND COEUR
owned by Sharon and Bob Boelter and handled by Bob.

WINNERS DOG & BEST OF WINNERS
EGAD LA BOUCHE DE BEAUXJOLIS
owned by Robert and Donna Benner

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
FONSE DE BEAUXJOLIS
owned by Don Mandeville and Jackie Drozinski.

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CH. JENNIE D'EL PASTRE, above, was BEST OF BREED at the Eastern B.C.A. Specialty under Mrs. C. Seaver Smith. She is pictured after taking B.O.B. and Working Group I under Mrs. Frances Crane at Perkiomen K.C., the Friday companion show to the Specialty. Jennie is owned by Mary Lou Tingley and was handled by Philip Marsman.

AM/CAN. CH. PA'CHICK’S IMPRESARIO, CD captured BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX at the Eastern Specialty. He is pictured here with J. Mrs. C. Seaver Smith and owner/handler Susan C. McCormick.
The Eastern B.C.A. Specialty started a day early with a number of Briarders and guests arriving on Thursday. As unloading was completed, the early-birds gradually joined others in the Hospitality room at the Golden Chariot Motel for films of past specialties and some Briard talk accompanied by wine and cheese.

The official start of the weekend was the Perkiomen Valley show on Friday. Briarders from as far as Wisconsin gathered under the grooming tent to put the finishing touches on their dogs and enjoy the show. The pleasures of the day were heightened when the Tingley's Ch. Jennie D'El Pastre went on from Best of Breed to a Working Group I. That evening Briarders enjoyed an informative talk on dogs and breeding by Peggy Westphal.

Although very few had the good sense to retire at a reasonable hour the night before, the Specialty show on Saturday found everyone enjoying the pleasant weather, a private grooming tent furnished with refreshing beverages and plenty of space to set up chairs for a good vantage of the judging. The good sportsmanship, traditional to Briard owners was apparent as the winners were chosen and congratulated. Most stayed for group judging to show their support of the breed and to cheer for the Tingley's Jennie, the Eastern Specialty winner.

There was unexpected excitement when 11-year-old Regina Kletter went from Junior Open Class in Junior Showmanship to Best Junior Handler over an entry of 571 Showing her Briard, Ch. Beau Cheval's Vent Vert, Regina is the first Junior to achieve this enviable goal with a Briard. Congratulations, Regina and V.V.

The pleasures of the Specialty continued into evening with the traditional cocktail hour and Annual Awards dinner. During the awards presentations, John Alexander presented a stunning Briard stature, sent by Nancy Tomlin as a perpetual trophy for Best of Breed at BCA Specialties. This year plates will be added for Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri, Best of Breed at the Western Specialty and for Ch. Jennie D'El Pastre, Best of Breed at the Eastern Specialty.

The Zingsheim Challenge Trophy in memory of Am. & Can. Champion Rochelle de Marha, U.D. was presented to Ch. Umbi Chabiy de Strathcona, C.D. owned by Jerry & Stephanie Katz. The Challenge Trophy is to be awarded each year to the Briard finishing an obedience degree with the highest combined score for a Briard. Umbi and the Katz certainly deserved the award in that Umbi finished his C.O. degree with the fantastic score of 580.5 out of a possible 600 points!

Following presentation of the awards, Ellyn B. Saunders, V.M.D. gave a most informative talk on skin problems and thyroid. Many questions were asked and Dr. Saunders, a specialist in the field, resumed answering questions at an informal gathering of Briarders later in the evening.

John Alexander contributed to the evening's events by showing his slides of British Briards taken on his recent trip to England.

Sunday morning, bright and early found members gathered for a complimentary breakfast and the Annual B.C.A. Meeting. Following the meeting a few, who had great distances to travel, left for home and others left for the show at Hunterdon Hills, the final event.
of the weekend. Another Group placement for a Briard topped the show. Ch Phideaux What's Happenin' owned by Ira Ackerson and Mary Lou Tingley captured the Best of Breed award and went on to a Group IV under judge, Noah Bloomer.

A vote of thanks goes to Jayne Dubin, Eastern Specialty Chairman and her Committee for all their work and planning. The Golden Chariot made a special effort to make the BCA welcome, the show facilities were excellent, the trophies were especially handsome and it was a warm and welcome weekend for Briarders.

THE OTHER RING

Stephanie Katz

Congratulations to the following Briards and their owners!

CAN. CH. SILVERMOON LA JOIE DE VIVRE, CAN/AM. C.D. owned by Christine and Roland Duval arrived at the Eastern Specialty with his Canadian C.D. and Championship. He finished his Am. C.D. in the three consecutive shows that weekend. Nice work for this 13 month old youngster.

TARTCEI EL JASPRE, C.D. owned by Steve and Linda Neeley finished his C.D. on the Western Specialty Weekend. He is trained and handled by Linda.

AM/CAN. CH. PA'CHICK'S IMPRESARIO, AM/CAN. C.D. owned and handled by Sue McCormick completed his Canadian C.D. on Sept. 5 under Mrs. Betty Mclugh with a 190. His other legs were 193 and 193½.

CH. I, CHARLEMAIGNE CHEZ CIEL, AM/CAN. C.D. owned and handled by Dave Behrens earned his Canadian C.D. in three straight days at the Essex Co. shows with scores of 186½, 188½ and 189.

Reports from the West indicate we can soon expect another C.D.X. Briard. Ed and Cindy Konrath's Tartceil Jacque, C.D. earned two legs toward his C.D.X. on the Western Specialty weekend with scores of 183 and 188.

At the Essex County show in Canada our Kahlbah, G'Veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, C.D.X. earned a 197 for a 3rd in Open B under Mrs. Barbara Saunders on Sept. 5.

Something special has been happening recently. Briards are doing very well in obedience on the rating systems. In obedience there are two point systems, similar to the Phillips system in breed competition.

The Delaney System awards points for High Dog in Trial and class placements. H.I.T. and each placement receives 1 point for each dog defeated.

The Shuman System records points on a cumulative basis from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Points are awarded each time a dog posts a qualifying score in Open and Utility, per the following: A score of 200 = 8 points; 190 - 199½ = 7 points; 190 - 197½ = 6 pts.; 190 - 194½ = 5 pts.; 186 - 189½ = 4 pts.; 180 - 184½ = 3 pts.; 175 - 179½ = 2 pts.; 170 - 174½ = 1pt.


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W.B. Lauderens L'Aimee Mon Chienne (J. & P. Zinghelne)
R.W.B. Ursula Berger du Nord, C.D. (Dave Behrens)

Puppy Dogs - 9 - 12 months
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2nd Fonse de Beaujolais (J. Drzosnski & O. Mandeville)

Open Dogs
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2nd Bar 10uq de Chez Ciel (Bob Shipman)
3rd Lauderens Moon Shadow (Bob & Sharon Roeter)
Bred by Exhibitor, Bitches
1st Lucienne Chez Ciel (Mrs. R. Engehart)

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WORKING GROUP IV - Judge, Mrs. W. Heekman

Ch. Stonehills' I'm Henri

YENTHA DOG FANCY - JULY 24, 1976
Judge, Velma Hiser

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CHANNEL CITY SHON - JULY 23, 1976
Judge, Derek Rayne

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Puppy Dogs

1st Phyxena Lslo Laverant (Valarie Matthews)
2nd Phyxena’s Limited Edition (K & J. Rangus)
3rd Stonehill’s I’m Bogle (Rob Ferber)
4th Calvin’s Jorvunoeus J. (Sharon DeWitt)

Open Bitches

1st Phyxena Linga Lovelock (Regina Keiter)
2nd BeauCheval's Fair Warning (L. Stuart and M. Kalmar)

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

1st Chateau Island’s Caffe au Lait (K & C. Collins)
2nd BellaRae Lu-Ver (Haye Page)
3rd Phyxena’s Jessica (Alice Clark)

Open Bitches

1st Ille du Lac de Bethmale (Mary Littin & Susan Alexander)
2nd BellaRae Local Mon Bonheur (R. M. Hard)
3rd Dessane Belle Bear (C. Steiner B. Wabba)
4th Phyxena’s Lucie Legend (P. Long & S. McCormick)

WORKING GROUP 1

Ch. Jennie d’ El Pastre (Mary Lou Tingley)

*Hey Mon, Charlie is all smoked... Come Cook!*

PENNSYLVANIA K.C. - JULY 31

THE BOARD CLUB OF AMERICA WILL CONDUCT THE BOARD CLASSES AT THIS SHOW AS ITS SPECIAL EVENT

SHEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Anna War Ferdinand

Sweepstakes Dogs and Bitches, Over 6 Months and Under 9 Months.

First: $750 Second: $475 Third: $325 Fourth: $350

1st Phyxena’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
2nd Phyxena’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert C. A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
3rd Phyxena’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert C. A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
4th Phyxena’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert C. A. Long and Susan C. McCormick

Sweepstakes Dogs and Bitches, Over 9 Months and Under 12 Months.


1st BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
2nd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
3rd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
4th BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick

Sweepstakes Dogs and Bitches, Over 12 Months and Under 15 Months.

First: $475 Second: $275 Third: $150 Fourth: $120

1st BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
2nd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
3rd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
4th BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick

Sweepstakes Dogs and Bitches, Over 15 Months and Under 18 Months.

First: $325 Second: $200 Third: $125 Fourth: $75

1st BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
2nd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
3rd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
4th BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick

Sweepstakes Dogs and Bitches, Over 18 Months and Under 20 Months.

First: $200 Second: $125 Third: $75

1st BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
2nd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
3rd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick

Sweepstakes Dogs and Bitches, Over 20 Months and Under 24 Months.

First: $125 Second: $60 Third: $30

1st BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
2nd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
3rd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick

Sweepstakes Dogs and Bitches, Over 24 Months.

First: $60 Second: $30

1st BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick
2nd BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick

Sweepstakes Dogs and Bitches, Over 25 Months.

First: $30

1st BellaRae’s Irish Legend, Owners: Robert A. Long and Susan C. McCormick

Best PUPPY IN SHEEPSTAKES

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BRIARDS. Stud Dog Class.

65. Ch. Phyeaux Quoin De Cuivre. Owner: Mary Lou Tingley.

BRIARDS. Breed Bitch Class.


76. Ch. Vivo Maude Chez Rogues de Brie CD. Owner: Judith A. Zaccaro.

BRIARDS. Brace Class.

41. Ch. Umbi Chabi De Strohthoa CD. Owners: Jerome and Stephanie S. Katz.


BRIARDS. Entered For Junior Showmanship Only.


** Best Junior Handler in Show - entry of 57

CAN/AM. CH. PHYDEAUX WINDFALL was BEST IN GROUP at the Sudbury & District K.C. (Canada) under J. Sam Back. He was handled by Parker Harris and is owned by Jan Charbonneau.

BELLESPRIT LICOL MON BONHEUR was Winners and Best of Opposite for 3 point major at Pontiac K.C., 8/15/76, under J. Joseph Faigel. Licol is owned by Marie & Bob Herd and handled by Bob.
Specialty 1976 has come and gone and I for one had a great day. It was really nice to see all the Members from the central region supporting the East Coast Specialty. It was a long trip, but more than worthwhile.

We'd like to thank Alice Clark for her hard work getting us all together and the awards dinner. Hope to see you all again next year at Racine!

The Labor Day weekend brought the Briard fanciers of Ontario's annual Booster show. We had a grand entry of 18 Briards, which is the biggest ever for a booster. Some of the farthest visitors were Dave Behrens from West Chicago, ILL. and some were new faces from the Toronto area. The weather obliged and didn't rain, but our teeth were chattering. We'd like to thank Alice Clark for her hard work getting us all together and the beautiful etched glass trophies.

Essex County K.C., the day before the booster was judged by Ed Dixon. Ch. Phydeaux Windfall (Jan Charbonneau) was B.O.B. over the entry of 4/3/3 and went on to a Group 2. W.D.: B.W. for 3 points was Ch. Pa'Chick's Luvin Beau owned by the Duane Laczkowski. W.B. for 2 points and B.O.S. was Pa'Chick's Little Spitfire owned by Janet Weaver.

The Booster show at Essex County brought an entry of 5/7/6 under judge, Leslie Rogers. B.O.B. was Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona (Jerry & Stephanie Katz), B.O.S. Ch. Sirhan Dilettante (Penny Ridley), W.D. & B.W. for 4 points was Ch. Pa'Chick's Livin Legend, W.B. for 4 points, Ch. Uziz Akshanan de Strathcona (Jerry & Stephanie Katz) and Best Puppy was Cheswick's Gee Chunky Soup (Penny Ridley).

The Sunday entry was 2/2/1 with Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona again B.O.B., Beau Cheval's Wunderlust (Jill Carruthers/handler Parker Harris) was W.D. AND B.W. for 1 point and B.O.S. was Bob & Marie Herd's Bellesprint LClo Mon Bonheur.

Contratulations are in order for Jim & Judi Ziosios who tell me "We've been blessed with a baby, so precious and so small --- A little bit of heaven, and the dearest gift of all." Jaime Michelle was born on 8/16/76 arriving at 5:39 a.m. and weighing 8 lbs. Judi, we're sure happy to see you made it to the hospital. We thought for awhile we might meet the new arrival at one of our Briard gatherings!!!

We'd also like to send congratulations to the following new title holders and group winners:

CH. ILOTE DU LAC DE BETWIXT - 7/30/76 at the Perkiomen Valley K.C., Lottie finished under Mrs. Frances V. Crane by going W.B. for a 5 point major. She was capably handled by a joyous Manny Litten and is co-owned with Susan Alexander.

CH. PA'CHICK'S LUVIN' LEGEND - 7/31/76 at the Penn Ridge K.C., Tuffy finished under Mrs. C. Seaver Smith by going W.D. & B.W. for 5 points. Tuffy was handled by myself and is owned by Dawn & Duane Laczkowski.

CH. PA'CHICK'S LUVIN' LEGEND - 8/14/76 at Genesee Country K.C., Holly finished under Glen Sommers by going W.B. & B.O.S. for 2 points. She was handled by myself and is co-owned with Sue McCormick.

CH. UMBI CHABIV DE STRATHCONA, C.D. - 4/11/76 at Chatham, Ontario, Umbi finished his Canadian Championship under Melbourne T.L. Downing. Umbi is owned by Jerry & Stephanie Katz and was handled by Jerry.
THE BULLETIN BOARD

To all the very fine Briard people across the country,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your thoughtfulness during my illness.

The Briard T-shirt sent back from the East Coast Specialty with everyone's signature on it was terrific.

The 'over and beyond' hospitality given to Phoebe and Henri by all the West Coasters --- especially Bob & Shirlee Kessler and Carole Cruz was absolutely magnanimous.

All the telephone calls, cards, pictures and letters from all over, West, Midwest and East, I'm sure have helped to speed up my recovery.

Bob and Sharon Boelter opened their home and made it possible for Gerry to have a 'base of operation' during his three week stay in Madison for treatments.

Diane McLeroth's "keep in touch and stay informed" telephone service, so I never felt severed from the world; The plant from the North Central Briard Club; all the above and far more have been appreciated by both Gerry and myself, far beyond the point where words can even begin to tell our true appreciation. All we can say to each and every one of you is, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Bob and Gerry Adolphus

An Open Letter to the Membership

Each time a group of Briarders gets together, I realize the desire we all have for open communication, for sharing ideas and for just simply getting together. Since the DEW CLAW is our official organ of communication, perhaps we can "talk" with each other by open letters. Going along with this idea....

Jerry and I, along with many people we spoke with over the Specialty Weekend, appreciated and very much enjoyed talk by Ellyn B. Saunders, V.M.D. We thank the Specialty Committee for inviting Dr. Saunders to share her knowledge and research findings on canine thyroid function and skin disease with us.

Some in the BCA have knowledge of dogs and specifically Briards; some of us are less knowledgeable. Any of us can learn more. I certainly hope that a tradition has been implemented to set aside a portion of time during each Specialty weekend for an educational program.

Whether the presenters of such educational programs are BCA members or experts from outside our membership, we all stand to profit from such programs. Topics are endless. Why don't we all write in and say what topics interest us most. Not only can we profit, so can our Briards.

Stephanie Katz

Nobody's perfect ---- and neither is your Editor! There was a mix-up of boys and girls in the Kokin's advertisement in the August DEW CLAW and we are very sorry about it. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WERE 10 BITCHES AND 3 DOGS IN "Friday's" and "Mark's" litter, not the reverse as reported!!!

OCTOBER 1976
COMPANION DOG

AM. & CAN. CH. PA'CHICK'S IMPRESARIO, AM. & CAN. C.D. (dog)

Owner: Susan McCormick
Breeder: Charles & Patricia Long

American C.D.: June 19, 1976
Canadian C.D.: September 5, 1976

Whelped: October 21, 1973

Sire: Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha
Dam: Am/Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody
(Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X Marha Magie de la Brie)

Handled by owner

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CHAMPION OF RECORD

CHAMPION LAURDEEN'S L'AIMEE MON CHIENNE (bitch)

Owner: Jan & Phil Zingsheim
Breeder: Laurie and Gerry Miner

Championship: July 11, 1976

Whelped: March 7, 1975

Sire: Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha
Dam: Ch. Unique Magie du Nord, CD
(Quixote de Marha X Ch. Brigette de Marha)

Judge: Rex VanDeventer

Handled by owner

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BCA
CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S LUVIN' LEGEND (bitch)

Owners: Patricia Long & Susan
Breeders: Charles & Patricia A. Long McCormick

Championship: August 14, 1976
Whelped: August 9, 1975

Sire: Am/Can Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, Am/Ca n. C.D.
Dam: Am/Ca n. Ch. Reine des Elfes de Malouse

(Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha X Odon Desire des Elfes de Malouse X Am/Ca n. Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Mali-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)

Melody)
Judge: Glen Sommers Handled by Pat Long

TO BATHE OR NOT TO BATHE

The question of whether or not a Briard should be given a bath is age-old and time-worn. There are many, who firmly believe that the dog should not be bathed and others, who believe just a firmly that a bath does the dog no harm.

When the question was put to Dr. Ellyn Saunders, a veterinary dermatologist, she skillfully avoided being drawn into the controversy by giving the following advice.

"A Briard should be bathed if the dog has a clinical problem. A mild shampoo used with any frequency dries the skin; A strong shampoo used with any frequency will irritate the skin. Irritated skin can become seborrheic skin.

"If the dog has a skin problem, it should be bathed with the frequency prescribed by the veterinarian.

"If you wish to bathe a dog for other than clinical reasons, use a mild, pH balanced shampoo. Follow it with a bath oil rinse.

"Briards have a fine undercoat which tends to mat. If you use the human bath oils with lanolin on these dogs, you will have a mess. Instead, use a veterinary bath oil such as 'Shampaid' which does not have lanolin and will not mat the coat.

"If a dog has dry skin, you do not need to bathe the dog, just put some Shampaid in a spray bottle and spary it into the coat. It will not make the coat oily and it will eliminate the dry skin. Shampaid Emollient rinse can be ordered through your veterinarian. It is also great for people!"
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CAN. & AM. CH. PHYDEAUX WINDFALL, black, 12/16/73. OVC #308 Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre. Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers. Owner: Jan Charbonneau, 608 Ramsey Lake Rd., S.S.1, Site 2, Box 7, Sudbury, Ont., Canada P3E 2C5. Telephone: 706/678-2847. (4/77)


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