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Thanks to June Mahon for this month's cartoon!

JUNE 1977
TREASURER’S REPORT
Jan. 1, 1977 to April 30, 1977

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REPORT OF THE A.K.C. DELEGATE

The annual Meeting of the Delegates to the AKC was held on Tuesday, March 8, 1977. After routine acceptance of new delegates and two new clubs for membership nomination, the election of Directors to the AKC Board took place. Messrs. Haworth Hock, Samuel K. Lothrop, Jr., and William A. Metz were elected without opposition. Of significance was the failure to return Board Chairman Alexander Feldman, a long time Director, to the Board.

Following the report of the Treasurer, which indicated a need for increased revenues, the following increases were announced:

- Effective June 1, 1977, an increase in the fee for registering a litter from $7.00 to $9.00. The $4.00 fee for registration of an individual dog remains unchanged.
- The use of a recording fee which has not been in effect since June of 1954 is being proposed to help defray expenses involved in keeping show records. This will require a Dog Show Rule amendment which may be voted on at the June meeting. The proposed amount initially involved is $.50 per dog with a limit of $1.00 per dog. Likely implementation would be September 1, 1977.

It was announced that the Board of Directors has approved a new title, "Obedience Trial Champion" effective July 1, 1977. Championship points will be recorded only for those dogs which have earned the Utility dog title.

Submitted by Patti Curnow

SECRETARY’S REPORT

ADDITIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST, 1977

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Laurence LoPatin
Jody Rutherford, 3525 Oberon Ave., Boynton Beach, FL 33436
Thomas Rutherford
Frank Trapp, 169 Everglade Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Pam Ambriscoe, 259 W. Main St. Rt. 123; Norton, MA 02766
Rob Ferber, R.R.1, Box 168, Pleasant Valley, WI 54738
Dawn & Duane Laczkowski, 26783 LaMuera, Farmington Hills, MI 48018
Ginni Schaefer, 214 Ernst, Linwood, MI 48634

REINSTATED

Dorothy Vetrone, 810 Harriet Ave. N.W., Canton, OH 44703

APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Amy Pearson, 1325 Eastcanton Ct., Deerfield, IL 60015

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

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

Mary Ake, 1300 Ridge Road, Littleton, CO 80120 - owner of Briolette de la Montagne.
Linda Hysell, 4312 Industry Road, Rootstown, OH 44272 - owner of Ch. Lorraine de la Croix and Pa'Chick's Methusalah.
Jerome & Claire Mahoney, Dunham Hill Road, Woostock, VT 05091 - Owners of Marmion de Strathcona.
Cynthia Mattingly, 10423 Katzafogle, Mt. Morris, MI 48458 - Owner of Cedarcroft Brandy Buck.
Walter Stewart & Brannon Heath, 1127 Hhmman, Evanston, IL 60202 - Owners of Calumet's Matchmaker and Stonehill's Newton.
Roger Taylor, 4312 Industry Road, Rootstown, OH 44272 - owner of Ch. Lorraine de la Croix and Pa'Chick's Methusalah

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA

THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1977 AT THE HOLIDAY INN, 3700 NORTHWESTERN AVE, RACINE, WISCONSIN. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE AWARDS BANQUET AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 p.m.

AWARDS OF MERIT: The B.C.A. offers an Award Plaque to each Member in good standing, who finishes a Briard to an AKC Championship or Obedience degree. The awards are presented at the Annual Meeting of the Club and if the owner is not present the plaque is mailed after the meeting. If you have a dog or bitch eligible for an award, write to the Secretary for an application form.
Photography Contest

JOIN IN THE FUN!!!
YOUR BRIARD COULD BE A 1978 CALENDAR DOG
OR A DEW CLAW COVER DOG!

CONTEST DEADLINE: August 15, 1977

Each year the B.C.A. holds a photography contest. The winning photos are used to make the B.C.A. calendar and some are printed on the cover of the DEW CLAW. Start taking photos today, or see if your favorite photo of your favorite Briard fits the requirements.

CONTEST REGULATIONS
1. All photographs must be positive prints - 8 X 10 preferred.
2. Black and white or color accepted...black and white preferred.
3. The Briard should be the focal point of the photograph.
4. No show poses accepted.
5. Photographs must be taken by BCA Members and Applicants or members of their immediate family.
6. Limit your entry to no more than three photos.
7. Identify each photo, on the back only, with entrant's name and address. (8. Photographs should be submitted in reusable photo mailers so they may be safely returned to the owner.

SEND PHOTOS TO: Diane McLeroth
3030 Rockwood Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

HELPFUL HINTS:
1. The dog in the photo should typify the Briard and should be the focal point of the photo.
2. Photographs should capture the Briard as he really is at home or at play - no show photos please.
3. Since the winning photos will be reproduced, it is VERY IMPORTANT to have good light/dark contrast (A light dog against a dark background - a dark dog against a light background). Remember, the printer can not add contrast to the photo.
4. Photos will be selected on the subject matter but reproductive quality must also be considered. If you have had difficulty taking good photos of your dog, read David Loehr's article in this issue (page 36).
5. Larger photos will reproduce better. If the printer must enlarge them, they lose quality and contrast. This can be avoided by making enlargements from your original negative before submitting the photo.

DON'T DELAY!
START TAKING PHOTOS NOW!!
SHOW WINS

A 4 POINT MAJOR was won by CAN. CH. PA'CHICK'S INTERLUDE at Livonia K.C. on April 10th. Judge Henry Stoecker awarded "Kiki" (right) W.B. and B.W. for the points. She is owned and handled by Alice Bixler Clark.

HUGETTE AMY DE BEAUXJOLIS is shown (left) after capturing W.B., B.O.W. and B.O.B. at Kern County K.C. on April 4th for a 3 POINT MAJOR. Six-month old Amy was handled to the win under judge Edgar Sellman by her owner and breeder, Don Mandeville.

COBO HALL (right) 3/8/77. Best of Breed went to CH. UZIZ AKSHANIT DE STRATHCONA and Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to AM/CAN. CH. UMBI CHABIV DE STRATHCONA, AM/CAN. C.D. by J. Ellsworth Gamble. Zizi and Umbi are owned, handled and bred by Jerry & Stephanie Katz.

GOING TO THE MADISON, WISCONSIN SHOW? Bob Boelter suggests you spend time at Boelter's on Sat., July 2nd in the afternoon. There will be pop, beer and food later in the day. There are extra beds, room on the floors for sleeping bags and room in the yard for campers.

Bob invites you to return to Boelter's after the Madison show on Sunday, July 3 for a get together and a snack. RSVP to Bob Boelter, 4383 Windsor Road, Windsor, Wisconsin 53598.

That's all the news for now. Remember, if you have any good shaggy dog stories, please send them to me at 25743 Culver, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Sue McCormick
Sandra Scott in Greeley, Colorado reports...Our dog, Colby Ian de Beauxjolis went W.B., B.W. and B.O.B. for 1 point at the Colorado Kennel Club show held Feb. 20 in Denver. He now has a total of 14 points with both majors out of the way. He has been showed exclusively in Colorado where competition is hard to find, but if we hang in there, we should have a Champion Briard soon.

Latest from Texas from Judy Odom...The Austin Kennel Club show was held on March 12 and had an entry of 2/0/0. BOB and WD went to Phydeaux Luvem’N’Leavem, C.D. for 1 point, owned by Judy Odom. RWD went to Linda Pruitt's Falichon de Beauxjolis. The same results occurred on March 19 at the Galveston K.C., March 20 at the Houston K.C. and March 26 at the Fort Worth K.C. show. The Texas Kennel Club show held in Dallas on March 27 had an entry of 2/1/1. BOB went to Ch. V.S.O.P. Bouffon de Brie owned by Janet Slover and Mary Lou Tingley. BOW and WD to Phydeaux Luvem N Leavem, C.D. BOS and WB went to Chateaubriard Justintime, C.D. owned by Pat Morale.

RAISIN CIRCUIT SHOW REPORTS...April 1, Sequoia K.C. in Tulare, CA with an entry of 4/0/0 under Sandra Mashford, BOB and WD for a 3 point major went to Baron d’Yquem de Chez Ciel, Claude, owned by Susan and Bill Shipman. RWD was Fonse de Beaujolais owned by Jackie Drozinski. Again, on April 2 at the Sun Maid K.C. show, under Ernest Loeb, Claude went BOB and WD for another 3 point major.

On April 3 at the Kern County Kennel Club in Bakersfield with and entry of 4/1/0 under Edgar Sellman, BOB, BW and WD went to Fonse de Beaujolais for a 3 point major. WB was Jane’s Amy Beaujolais owned by Don and Nancy Mandeville. Ewy Wegienka was there and writes that "it was good to see Bob Kessler again. Also Clay Holland was there. He came from Seattle to help a handler friend. It seemed like the Western Specialty over again. I enjoyed meeting Sue Shipman, her friend Chris, who handled Claude to his 2 wins and Jackie Drozinski. Don Thompson came with me and agreed to handle my "Shadow" (who is really a handful) for me, while I had a much easier time with "Lamont", my 6 month old puppy. Maybe if some of us from Northern California got together with some of you from Southern California at some in between shows, we will be able to put together some more majors."

At the San Fernando Kennel Club show on April 17, with an entry of 0/3/0, my own Milady Sadie de Lindeau went BOB and WB for 2 points.

We extend our sympathy to Patti Curnow, who recently lost her Amy. Please send your news to me at 31376 Broad Beach Road, Malibu, CA 90265 or call 213/457-3155.

Joan Dugan

HE WHO TRIMS HIMSELF TO SUIT EVERYBODY
WILL SOON WHITTE HIMELF HIMSELF AWAY.

THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS AND VIEWS

EAST SIDE STORY

Congratulations to the owners and breeders of these new Champions:

CHAMPION LE CHENAPAN DE LA CROIX, owned by Fran Davis, finished at Harford County on April 25 under Council Parker. "Rogue" is out of Une Fille de Charlemagne by Ch. Velu Bergerac de Charlemagne and he was bred by Charles Vetrone and David Catanzaro.

CHAMPION BRAE COTE'S TIMOTHY, owned and bred by Helen McIlvain, finished at Old Dominion on April 23 under Virginia Hampton. Timothy was sired by Aignier Jean Valjean, out of Samantha Pomidou.

CHAMPION BALDSLOW YULIN, owned by Regina Keiter and bred by Ruth Bustead, finished at Penn Treaty on May 1. "Rusty" was WD and BW for his 4th major under Anna Mae Forsberg. He was sired by Beaune of Baldslow, out of Baldslow Portia.

CHAMPION PHYDEAUX LINDA LOVELACE, owned by Regina Keiter, also finished at Penn Treaty. Linda was bred by Mary Lou Tingley and is out of Ch. Phydeaux Useba des Bergers, sired by Ch. Sultan d'Esprit.

CHAMPION EAGLE OF ALPEN, owned by Jayne Dubin, finished at Trenton with a 4 point major under H.M. Cresap. "Napper" was sired by Ch. Sultan d'Esprit out of Impie du Lac de Bethmale. His breeder is Alice Kent.

The Tingleys' Ch. Jennie d'El Pastre took a Group 1 at Rode Island, a Group 4 at Tidewater, a Group 2 at National Capital and another Group 1 at Central NY. Ch. Chateaubriard Vichyssoise, owned by Ken and Cece Collins took a Group 1 at Laurel Highlands and a Group 3 at Durham.

Mrs. J. Marshall Jones judged our breed at Northern New Jersey. Ch. Jennie d'El Pastre was the BOB winner and Jayne Dubin's "Napper" was WB for a 5 point major. Acteon Fatence of Antigo, owned by Meg Weitz was WB for 5 points.

At Rockland, under Henry Stoecker, our "Rusty" was WD, BW & BOS for four points. Our Linda was WB for 3 points. Ch. St. Briard's Jealous E won the breed.

Harrisburg was held on March 19. Ch. Jennie d'El Pastre won the breed under Mrs. Helen Fisher. Le Beauchien's Moulin Rouge, owned by Marie and Monroe Kokin was WD and BW for a 4 point major. Our Phydeaux Linda Lovelace was WB for 2 points. Le Beauchien's Moulin Rouge (Shadrack) also took a 4 point major at Western Pa., and a 3 point major at Laurel Highlands. His littermate, Le Beauchien's Melisande (Liquorish) was WB at Laurel Highlands for 3 points. Shadrack and Liquorish were bred by the Kokins out of their Ch. Bellesprit Fille Vendredi by Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux.

Ch. Beau Cheval's Vent Vert, owned by Regina Keiter was BOB at Old Dominion under Virginia Hampton. Ch. Phydeaux What's Happenin' owned by Ira Ackerson and Mary Lou Tingley was B.O.S.

Sally Keyes judged Briards at Baltimore County and she awarded the breed to Ch. Phydeaux What's Happenin' and BOS to Ch. Beau Cheval's Vent Vert.

Bob and Gerry Adolphus and their fantastic Briard, Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri, came east for Bucks County and Trenton, two of our largest...
EAST SIDE STORY - continued

outdoor shows. Bucks had an entry of 3/5/4 Briards. Henri took the breed and went on to a Group 1 under Kenneth Peterson! Ch. Jennie d'El Pastre was BOS. WD and BW for 4 points was Saint Briards Maxwell C, owned by Anne Liebert. WB for 4 points was Extasy of Alpen owned by Chris Ackerson.

Trenton had an entry of 5/7/4 Briards. Mr. H.M. Cresap judged and awarded the breed to Henri and BOS to Jennie. WD for 4 points was Jayne Dubin's Eagle of Alpen and WB and BW for 5 points was Junon de la Plaine Saint Just, owned by Carol and Eugene Steiner. Henri went on to a Group 4 under Virginia Hampton. Bob and Gerry Adolphus are two of the nicest people we have ever had the pleasure of meeting and we wish them and Henri continued success. John Alexander was also present with his adorable 8 week old tawny puppy, Nicky, which he imported from England. After the Bucks show we somehow managed to squeeze 14 Briarders into our trailer for a spagetti dinner. We may have been a little short on space, but we all had a great evening.

Our 12 year old daughter, Regina and her Briard, Ch. Beau Cheval's Vent Vert have started off 1977 with a bang! As of this writing, they have placed in 14 out of 16 Jr. Showmanship classes and they have 7 firsts! Needless to say, Regina has two very proud parents and we wish her and VV continued success.

Mercer Field reports that her Duffel mated a litter of 5 (2 black & 3 tawny) puppies out of Poupee de l'Eminence Noire (Bergere). Mercer is keeping a large, tawny female which she calls "Linen". Her registered name is Bouffon-de-Brie Nonpariel. The Hendersons, who own the dam, are also keeping a female, Bergere de Passevant.

Mary Lou Tingley tells us that a large black male out of the Rico/Sheba litter, Phydeaux Luvem'n'Leavem, has earned his C.D. He is owned by Judy Odom in Texas. Congratulations for a job well done!

Well, that's all for now, please continue to send your news to us at RD2, Box 346, Harvey's Lake, PA 18618, or call 717/333-4002.

Regina and Tom Keiter

NEWS FLASH

CONGRATULATIONS to young Regina Keiter and her Briard, V.V. (Ch. Beau Cheval's Vent Vert). Regina qualified for Junior Showmanship competition at Westminster with her eighth first place with competition on May 15 at Lancaster, PA.

Regina is the first Junior in history to qualify for the Garden competition by handling a Briard. Anyone, who has watched Junior Showmanship competition knows this is no small task even with a small dog. Keep up the wonderful work, Regina and V.V!

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Henri: The top winning Briard in breed history, including 18 Group Firsts to date, and the only Briard ever to rank among the top 20 Working Dogs. In the Kennel Review rating system for 1976, Henri's show wins placed him 13th of all Working Dogs and 36th of all breeds.

Magie: Rated excellent at the 1974 Briard Club Rassemblement. Her previous litter has produced two champions and four more are pointed to date.

2 tawny bitches
1 black bitch
5 black males

Send inquires to:

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Lisle, IL 60532
312/852-3884

5350 City Road 151
Mound, MN 55364
612/472-4052

advertisement
Specialty Weekend Map

Racine, Wisconsin
Join us there for the B.C.A. Specialty
August 12, 13, 14, 1977

OOPS!

We published the wrong motel phone number in the April Dew Claw for making room reservations for the specialty. If you called that number and made reservations and weren’t told that BCA members were gathering at the Holiday Inn…call this number instead.

414 - 637-9311

because your reservations are probably at the wrong place.

Additional specialty information.

BABY SITTERS - The specialty committee presently plans to invite a few experienced baby-sitters to the specialty. In exchange for a fun-filled weekend in Racine…with plenty of Briards and swimming…the kids will look-after children during the Cudahy and BCA specialty dog shows and during the BCA dinner/meeting. The hours of their availability will be published. Parents who use the sitters should plan on making a monetary contribution to help defray the cost of the sitter’s meals and room.

See you in Racine
"Hey, it's almost time! The B.C.A. Specialty is only two months away!"

"Gee, I almost forgot about the Specialty!"

Don't let this happen to you! Start making your plans today to attend the Annual B.C.A. Specialty in Racine, Wisconsin.

This year, the B.C.A. Specialty Weekend will be started off on Friday, August 12, with an informal rap session in the hospitality room of the Racine, Holiday Inn at 8:00 p.m. The speaker will be Margaret Gibbs, a trainer in KPT (Kindergarten Puppy Training). Snacks and mixes will be available on a BYOB basis.

Margaret has been instructing puppy classes for the last four years. She has worked with Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI, where she was an apprentice trainer and now works with their lecture team and the school's foster puppy raising program. It is this dog guide program, combined with the suggestions of canine behaviorists, which are offered in her classes for the general public. Her program has been widely acclaimed by veterinarians, breeders and humane society groups. Marge is a feature writer for Front & Finish, Off Lead and the AKC Gazette. She is now working on an article covering puppy socialization for the obedience department. She has received three Dog Writers' Awards in as many years.

Saturday, August 13th, is the Cudahy Kennel Club Show. The day will start with coffee and "kringles" served in the hospitality room from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Racine is known for it's kringles. The show is in Cudahy, Wisconsin and the grounds are located at South Woods, an excellent dining establishment. It is held on the soccer field right next to the restaurant so there will be some excellent food in the offing. The Cudahy K.C. was formed six years ago as an off-shoot of training sessions. Originally the Dane Club started training classes but they soon opened to other breeds.

After the judging at the Cudahy show, the afternoon is yours to do as you wish. David Behrens will be happy to give carting and backpacking demonstrations in the parking lot for those who are interested.

There will be a cocktail party starting at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality room with a cash bar. At 7:30 the banquet will be served and the B.C.A. Annual Meeting is scheduled at 8:30. During the banquet there will be numerous drawings for door prizes - Don't miss this chance to win something very nice to take home. The hospitality room will be open after the meeting for those who may wish to buy items from the Briard flea market and for those who just wish to do more socializing.

Of course, Sunday, August 14th is the Specialty. The Greater Racine Kennel Club Inc. was organized over 20 years ago, as the Belle City Kennel Club. It underwent a name change in 1970 and has been holding AKC Licensed shows since 1974. The show site is really lovely, on the shore of Lake Michigan, in an enclosed football field. Adjacent to many acres of parkland, there are breezes off the lake to make it comfortable even if it's sweltering in the city. There is ample parking and there will be an individual ring and grooming tent for the Briards.

After the Specialty, the North Central Briarders will host a tail gate picnic, back at the motel.

For those who will be staying until Monday, before returning home, there will be an unwind time from picnic time until you collapse in bed.

Don't forget to get your motel reservations in to the Holiday Inn at Racine (414/637-9311) as soon as possible. The motel is small and this will be a busy weekend in Racine. Also you certainly don't want to miss the delicious dinner and a chance to win a door prize, so send your awards banquet reservations in to Bob Boelter right now. (Reservations forms on pages 23 and 24 of this issue of the DEW CLAW.)

Thank you very much for the many donations which are helping to make this year's Specialty a success. If you haven't sent your donation in yet, but are planning on doing so, it will be welcomed.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT WEEKEND!!
WHY NOT ENTER YOUR BRIARD IN THE SPECIALTY -

PREMIUM LISTS for the Specialty Weekend dog shows will be available from Jan Zingsheim, 5350 City Road 151, Mound, MN 55364 or from Roy Jones, Superintendent, P.O. Box 307, Garrett, IN 46738.

Use the entry forms in the centerfold of this issue of the DEW Claw. Following is the entry information provided by Roy Jones, the superintendent for both the Cudahy K.C. and Greater Racine K.C. shows. Obedience classes will be offered at each show.

REGULAR CLASSES at both shows will be: Puppy Dogs 6 - 9 months; Puppy Dogs 9 - 12 months; Novice Dogs; Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs; American-Bred Dogs; Open Dogs; (The same classes are offered for bitches.) Best of Breed Competition

CUDAHY KENNEL CLUB, Saturday, August 13, 1977 - Cudahy, Wisconsin
Closing date for entries is July 27, 1977
Entry Fees at Cudahy are: $10.00 for the first entry of each dog except Puppy Classes which are $7.00. Each additional entry of the same dog is $6.00. Junior Showmanship Only is $10.00, as an additional entry, $3.00.

Cudahy K.C. is also offering Brace and Team Classes which are $6.00 per unit plus regular entry.

GREATER RACINE KENNEL CLUB, Sunday, August 14, 1977 - Racine, Wis.
Closing date for entries is July 27, 1977
--The B.C.A. will consider the Briard Classes as its Specialty--
Entry Fees at Racine are: $10.00 for the first entry of a dog (including Puppy Classes). Additional entry of the same dog is $5.00. Junior Showmanship Only is $10.00, as an additional entry $5.00.

Non-Regular Classes for Briards will be: Veterans (Dogs and Bitches 6 years old and over); Brace Class; Stud Dog (with two get); and Brood Bitch (with two produce).

B.C.A. PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES are open to all dogs and bitches over six months and under fifteen months of age, owned by members and non-members, to be judged before the regular classes for Briards. Champions of record are not eligible. Entries must be handled by the owner or breeder, or a member of their families. Should the owner or breeder have more than one dog in the same class, any non-professional handler will be acceptable. Professional Handlers may show their own dogs or dogs they have bred.

Each entry for the Sweepstakes must also be entered in a Regular Class at the show. Each entry is to be indicated as Sweepstakes on the regular entry form in the space provided for additional classes.

The Sweepstakes fee is $5.00 per entry and is to be added to the Regular Class fee and mailed to the Superintendent. The entire amount of the Sweepstakes fee in each class becomes the Sweepstakes Fund to be divided among the winners of each class as follows: 1st place, 50%; 2nd place, 25%; 3rd place, 15%; 4th place, 10%. CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED BY SEX as follows: Over 6 & under 9 mos; over 9 & under 12 mos.; over 12 & under 15 mos.
Agreement:

I (we) acknowledge that the "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" and "Obedience Regulations" may be obtained WITHOUT CHARGE from any Superintendent or from the American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. (Variety) If you are entering a dog of a breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., cocker spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in.; over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Fox Terriers (smooth, wire), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).

2. (Dog Show Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the dog show class in which you are entering is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e., age division, color division, weight division.

3. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The judging of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.

4. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a show were closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any show for which entries closed after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to A.K.C. (For complete rule refer to chapter 16, Section 3.)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP—If the dog identified on the face of this entry form is entered in Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

NAME OF JUNIOR HANDLER

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the owner?
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP—If in consequence of my (our) participation in this show or obedience trial, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, damage, theft, death or negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or cause.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or cause.

I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by death, theft, damage, or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or cause.

I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) agree to hold this agreement and all other agreements and promises contained in the “Obedience Regulations,” have been made available to me (us), and that I (we) are familiar with their contents.

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NAME OF DOG

DATE OF BIRTH

HANDLE ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the owner?
THE OTHER RING

Obedience enthusiasts now have a most exciting challenge ahead of them. The Board of Directors of the A.K.C. has approved the following additions to the Obedience Regulations, effective July 1, 1977.

CHAPTER 2A

Obedience Trial Championship

Section 1. DOGS THAT MAY COMPETE. Championship points will be recorded only for those dogs which have earned the Utility Dog Title. Any dog that has been awarded the Title of Obedience Trial Champion may continue to compete, and if such dog earns a First or Second place ribbon, that dog shall also earn the points.

Section 2. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS. Championship points will be recorded for those dogs which have earned a First or Second place ribbon competing in the Open B or Utility Class (or Utility B, if divided), according to the schedule of points established by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club. In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or is dismissed, excused or expelled from the ring by the judge shall not be included.

Requirements for the Obedience Trial Championship are as follows:
1. Shall have won 100 points; and
2. shall have won a First place in Utility (or Utility B, if divided) provided there are at least three dogs in competition; and
3. shall have won a First place in Open B provided there are at least six dogs in competition; and
4. shall have won a third First place under the conditions of 2 or 3 above; and
5. shall have won these three First places under three different judges.

Section 3. O.T. CH. TITLE CERTIFICATE. The American Kennel Club will issue an Obedience Trial Championship Certificate for each registered dog and will permit the use of the letters O.T.Ch. preceding the name of each dog, that meets these requirements.

Section 4. INELIGIBILITY AND CANCELLATION. If an ineligible dog has been entered in any licensed or member obedience trial or dog show, or if the name of the owner given on the entry form is not that of the person or persons who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed, or if shown in a class for which it has not been entered, or if its entry form is deemed invalid or unacceptable by the A.K.C., all resulting awards shall be cancelled. In counting the championship points, such ineligible dogs, whether or not they have received awards, shall be counted as having competed.

Section 5. MOVE UPS. If an award in any of the regular classes is cancelled, the next highest scoring dog shall be moved up and the award to the dog moved up shall be counted the same as if it had been the original award. If there is no dog of record to move up, the award shall be void.

Section 6. RETURN OF AWARDS. If the win of a dog shall be cancelled by the A.K.C., the owner of the dog shall return all ribbons and prizes to the show-dating club within ten days of the receipt of the notice of cancellation from the American Kennel Club.

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THE OTHER RING - continued

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OBEDIENCE NEWS

PHYDEAUX LUVEM N LEAVEM (Barbu) finished his C.D. in three consecutive shows with scores of 189, 185 and 189. Barbu is owned by Judy Odom of Austin, Texas.

PA'CHICK'S LOTS A-LUCK has 2 legs toward her C.D. She is owned by Pru Heaney.

Catherine Kelly reports that her TANKIE earned a leg toward her C.D. with a score of 170. Tankie was ill at the time but really pulled through for Catherine despite her illness. Good luck, and health on future legs!

GV'RET KAHLBAH DE STRATHCONA, CDX Handled by Jerry Katz scored 189 at Saginaw in Open B and 190 at Livonia in Open B.

We have just received a report that DENISE DES ARDENNES DE BRIE earned a C.D. title. She is owned by Annie Laurie Lyon of Houston, Texas.

"Jack", CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JOKERSWILD, owned and handled by Manny Littin earned two legs toward his C.D. In Ft. Wayne, IN he took a 191 in Novice A under Mr. Christ for Highest Scoring Champion of Record, and the next day under Mrs. Southcott, he took a 194 in Novice A, which placed him 6th of all qualifying dogs.

BRIARD HEALTH AND WELFARE

SUMMER THOUGHTS FOR YOUR HAIRY FRIENDS

As the warm weather approaches one must be mindful of some of the hazards which our hairy friends may have.

In warm weather we all must release some of our body heat through our skin and mucous membranes. Our Briards, however do not have quite the compensation that we have in controlling their body heat release in hot weather. Therefore, we must be careful about leaving our friends in warm places where there is not adequate ventilation such as the automobile. This as well as excessive exercise may induce heatstroke and sudden death in our Briards with relatively little warning.

Skin problems also seem to be prevalent in the warmer seasons. Eczema and "hot spots" may be treated by the use of local corticosteroid and/or antibiotic topical ointments and general measures of cleanliness. These, or appropriate baths should be prescribed by your veterinarian. If a specific underlying cause can be determined, the management of the course is much easier.

Although fleas, lice and ticks are not necessarily seasonal, they can cause dermatitis, anemia and other systemic problems for our friends. During the warmer seasons, of course, these insects are more prevalent and many Briards are allergic to flea saliva. Fleas and lice may act as intermediate hosts for tapeworms and ticks may carry a protozoan or Rickettsial infection, such as Rocky-Mountain Spotted Fever. The Ixodes species of ticks found in Canada may cause paralysis in dogs and the ear tick found in the Southwestern United States may cause secondary ear infection.

There are many sprays, powders and bath preparations on the market for controlling all of these pests. Although lice will only survive on the dog, the fleas and ticks are found almost anywhere, so any locations the involved dog comes in contact with should be decontaminated. Flea collars are popular and effective, however the chemicals used in them can alter the liver metabolism of the dog. Therefore one should use these collars with caution and be very careful not to get the collar wet, which increases the rate of absorption of these chemicals through the skin.

Wishing you and your furry friend the best for the summer season,

The Medical Committee: Evy Wegienka, Chairman; Larry Wegienka; Carole Cruz; Jan Charbonneau; Linda Neely; Steve Neely and Hap Paul.
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<td>Hyacinth, Narcissus, Daffodil</td>
<td>Bulbs</td>
<td>Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea. May be fatal.</td>
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<td>Oleander</td>
<td>Leaves, branches</td>
<td>Extremely poisonous. Affects the heart produces severe digestive upset and has caused death.</td>
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<td>Poinsettia</td>
<td>Leaves</td>
<td>Fatal. One leaf can be fatal to a child.</td>
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<td>Elephant Ear</td>
<td>All parts</td>
<td>Intense burning and irritation of the mouth. Death can occur if base of the tongue swells enough to block the air passage.</td>
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<td>Rosary Pea, Castor Bean</td>
<td>Seeds</td>
<td>Fatal. A single rosary pea has caused death. One or two castor beans are near lethal dose.</td>
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<td>Mistletoe</td>
<td>Berries</td>
<td>Fatal. Several berries are fatal.</td>
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### Flower Garden Plants

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<td>Digestive upset, nervous excitement, depression. May be fatal.</td>
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<td>Monkshood</td>
<td>Fleshy roots</td>
<td>Digestive upset and nervous excitement</td>
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<td>Autumn Crocus Star of Bethlehem</td>
<td>Bulbs</td>
<td>Irregular heart beat and pulse, accompanied by digestive upset and mental confusion</td>
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<td>Lilly of the Valley</td>
<td>Leaves, flowers</td>
<td>Severe digestive upset.</td>
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<td>Iris</td>
<td>Tubers</td>
<td>Source of drug digitalis, used to stimulate the heart. In large amounts causes dangerously irregular hear and mental confusion.</td>
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<td>Foxglove</td>
<td>Leaves</td>
<td>Poisonous in large amounts.</td>
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<td>Bleeding Heart</td>
<td>Foliage, roots</td>
<td>Fatal. Large amounts of raw or cooked leaves can cause convulsions coma, death.</td>
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### Vegetable Garden Plants

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<td>Rhubarb</td>
<td>Leaf</td>
<td>Violent, painful convulsions. Fatal.</td>
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### Plants in Swamps or Moist Areas

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<td>Water Hemlock</td>
<td>Entire plant</td>
<td>Juicy may severely injure digestive system.</td>
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### Plants in Fields

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<td>Intense digestive disturbances. Fatal.</td>
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<td>Fatal. Resembles a wild carrot.</td>
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<td>Jimson Weed (thorn apple)</td>
<td>Entire plant</td>
<td>Abnormal thirst; distorted sight, delirium, incoherence, coma. Has proven fatal.</td>
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<td>Wild or Cultivated Cherries</td>
<td>Foliage</td>
<td>Fatal. Contains a compound that releases cyanide when eaten. Gasping, excitement, prostration.</td>
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<td>Oaks</td>
<td>Foliage/acorns</td>
<td>Affects kidneys. Symptoms appear after several days.</td>
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<td>Elderberry</td>
<td>Shoots, bark leaves.</td>
<td>Nausea &amp; digestive upset. Children have been poisoned by using stems for blowguns.</td>
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<td>Black Locust</td>
<td>Bark, sprouts, foliage</td>
<td>Nausea and weakness from chewing.</td>
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<td>Jack in the Pulpit</td>
<td>Entire plant</td>
<td>Contains small crystals of calcium oxalate causing burning of mouth.</td>
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<td>Mayapple</td>
<td>Apple, roots foliage</td>
<td>Contains 16 active toxic principles mainly in the roots. Causes severe diarrhea.</td>
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### Ornamental Plants

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<td>Wisteria</td>
<td>Seeds, pods</td>
<td>Digestive upset.</td>
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<td>Rhododendron</td>
<td>All parts</td>
<td>Fatal. Produces nausea, vomiting, depression, difficult breathing and coma.</td>
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<td>Jessamine</td>
<td>Berries</td>
<td>Fatal. Digestive disturbances.</td>
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<td>Lantana Camara</td>
<td>Green Berries</td>
<td>Fatal. Affect lungs, kidneys, heart and nervous system.</td>
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<td>Yew</td>
<td>Berries foliage</td>
<td>Fatal. Foliage is more toxic than berries. Death is usually sudden and without warning symptoms.</td>
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<td>Golden Chain</td>
<td>Bean-like capsules in which seeds are suspended</td>
<td>Severe poisoning. Excitement, staggering, convulsions and coma. May be fatal.</td>
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IMPARTIAL TESTS OF DOG FOODS POSSIBLE

"Dear Members of the Briard Club of America:

During the latter part of last year, I began discussing the various aspects of canine nutrition with many dog owners and veterinarians. It became apparent that all we really know about manufactured dog foods is just what the manufacturers themselves tell us, and that research in canine nutritional disorders is a hodge-podge of scattered and inconclusive research papers.

In the past months, a group of dog owners, kennel clubs, veterinarians and I have been asking Consumers Union to test and evaluate the nutritional efficiency of manufactured dog foods and to examine, in depth, the latest research concerning canine nutrition, including: the possibility that mega-sodium ascorbate treatment can prevent hip dysplasia; that bloat may be triggered by something in the dog's food; that kidney failure results from long term feeding of dry foods; and to detail the correlation between structural disorders and rapid growth fostered by over-nutrition, which may be due to some dog foods pumping our puppies with too much protein, Vitamins A and D and phosphorus, reating an abnormal growth rate.

The replies we are receiving from Consumers Union to our hundreds of letters is encouraging... Consumers Union is now deciding on projects and its budget for 1978. Since it is a non-profit organization whose only income is from the sale of their monthly report, the amount of money and effort they will put into the dog food project will be directly influenced by the amount of interest shown by dog owners.

Consumers Union may not be able to solve any of the problems mentioned, but at least they can test the dog foods and focus attention on related research by calling it to the attention of millions of dog owners. This could very well induce the dog food companies to concentrate more effort toward canine research and to produce better products....

Sincerely yours,
Stephen Cullen, 62 Blooming Grove Tpke.
New Windsor, NY 12550"

Notice:

The Consumers Union, a non-profit organization, known for its impartial and credible tests of consumer products, is in the middle of selecting projects for 1978. Dog owners are asking Consumers Union to test and evaluate the nutritional efficiency of manufactured dog foods and to examine the latest research concerning canine nutrition and its relationship to disorders. LETTERS ARE NEEDED! Anyone interested in seeing a project of this type undertaken is asked to send their ideas and suggestions, or any information which they may think is important to:

Ms. Rhoda H. Karpaktn, Director
Consumers Union
256 Washington Street
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCE will there be any solicitation of funds from ANYONE!

A sample letter can be found on the next page.
CHAMPION CALUMET'S MAHOGANY M (bitch)

Owner: Fran Volkman
Breeder: Owner

Championship: November 27, 1976

Whelped: March 10, 1976

Sire: Calumet's Jason J.
Dam: Am/Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny T.

(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. X Am/Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny T.)

Obedience Title: February 26, 1977

Handler: Hank Riske

CHESWICK'S GEMMA LA ROUSSE, C.D. (bitch)

Owners: Verna & Russ Linney
Breeder: Penny Ridley

Championship: November 27, 1976

Obedience Title: February 26, 1977

Whelped: December 17, 1975

Sire: Ch. Sultan d'Espirit
Dam: Ch. Sirhan Dilettante

(Ch. Phydeaux Quin de Cuivre X Ch. Peinarde de Marha)

(Ch. Sirhan Cadeau de Noel X Safari de Murgis Akra)

Handler: Hank Riske
CHAMPION LORRAINE DE LA CROIX (bitch)

Owners: Linda Hysell & Roger Taylor
Breeder: Lisa Bell
Championship: March 20, 1977
Whelped: December 28, 1975

Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Quelques
(Ch. Ike de Vasouy X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)
Dam: Jasante de Normandy
(Ch. Toussaint de Charlemagne X Miss U.S.A. de Charlemagne)
Judge: Eleanore Evers
Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

NEW COMPANION DOG

PA'CHICK'S LOTS-A-LUCK, C.D. (bitch)

Owner: Prudence Heaney
Breeders: Charles & Patricia Long
Obedience Title: April 8, 1977
Whelped: August 5, 1975

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.
(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. X Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca)
Dam: Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody
(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. X Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca)
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION BALDSLOW YULIN (dog)
Owner: Regina Keiter
Breeder: Ruth Bumstead
Championship: May 1, 1977
Whelped: February 21, 1976
Sire: Beaune of Baldslow
(D. Vir d'El Pastre of Baldslow x Desamee Juliette Bear of Bryend)
Dam: Baldslow Portia
(D. Vir d'El Pastre of Baldslow x Balslow Carine)
Judge: Anna Mae Forsberg
Handler: Thomas Keiter

CHAMPION PHYDEAUX LINDA LOVELACE (bitch)
Owner: Regina Keiter
Breeder: Mary Lou Tingley
Championship: May 1, 1977
Whelped: November 16, 1975
Sire: Ch. Sultan d'Esprit
(Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre x Ch. Peinarde de Marha)
Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Berger
(Ch. Sire de la Briardiere x Ch. Tresor de Vasouy)
Judge: Anna Mae Forsberg
Handler: Thomas Keiter

BCA JUNE 1977
DECALOGUE FOR THE BRIARD

1. THOU SHALT REMEMBER THAT THOU ART A BRIARD - LET NO MAN CHANGE THEE.
2. THOU SHALT LOOK AT LIFE WITH LARGE, DARK EYES WHICH REVEAL THE DEPTHS OF THY CHARACTER.
3. THOU SHALT CARRY THY HEAD WITH PRIDE FOR IT IS THE MARK OF THY BREED.
4. THOU SHALT NOT WALK LIKE A DUCK - BUT WITH FEET STRAIGHT AHEAD.
5. THOU SHALT NOT CARRY THY TAIL ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THY BACK - BUT ALWAYS WITH A CROCHET.
6. THOU SHALT FOREVER BE PRECEDED BY A LARGE, SQUARE NOSE.
7. THY HOCKS SHALT NOT KNOCK.
8. THOU SHALT MOVE WITH SUPPLE POWER AND THE DIGNITY BEFITTING THY ANCIENT HERITAGE.
9. THOU SHALT NOT JUDGE THY COLOR IN HASTE FOR IT DOES NOT MAKE THE DOG AND MAY TAKE SEVERAL YEARS TO MATURE.
10. THOU SHALT NOT CONCEAL THY FAULTS WITH COAT, FOR THEY SHALL BE PASSED DOWN TO THY CHILDREN AND TO THEIR CHILDREN.

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