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B.C.A. 1928 - 1978 - OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMING UP!

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Past President, Mary Lou Tingley for a stellar job in the last two years. Thank you also to Jan Zingsheim, Specialty '77 Chairman, her husband Phil and their helpers for a marvelous Specialty Weekend. I would like to thank the North Central Briard Club for their picnic at Jo Steinberg's house - it was super.

It is with great sadness that I must advise you of the death of Bob Adolphus, a Director of B.C.A. On behalf of the Club, I extend our sympathies to Gerry and her family.

Since the August 1976 Annual Meeting, Mary Lou has been urging everyone to have their dogs' eyes checked for P.R.A. (Progressive Retinal Atrophy). To date only thirty Briards have been checked and of these, ten registered with C.E.R.F. the Canine Eye Registration Foundation, Inc.

We have now found our first case of retinal blindness in a Briard. We can not afford to bury our heads in the sand any longer. The prospect of blind Briards is not pleasant. I am asking that every Member with an imported Briard, an American bred Briard over 4 years of age, or a Briard that has been or will be bred, have the dog's eyes checked immediately and notify the Club of the findings. Only in this way can we find out what we are dealing with and act on the problem before it becomes too great.

The August 1976 Dew Claw carried an article on P.R.A. on page 24 and gave a list of Diplomats of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists on pages 4, 5 and 6. Your veterinarian can also tell you the closest specialist to check your Briard's eyes.

Now that Specialty Weekend '77 is history we are looking forward to 1978, our 50th Anniversary. With enthusiastic members already working out the details, we should have a most memorable weekend. The plans are being set for a Rassemblement and an independent Specialty. (Dates tentatively set for August 3, 4, 5 and 6.) The success of the weekend depends on the support of our membership. A Rassemblement/ Specialty fund has been established and contributions can be sent to Treasurer, Pat Long.

Jayne Dubin

COVER: NO MISTLETOE NEEDED

Apparently someone forgot to tell our cover dog that Briards are aloof with strangers! He and thirteen-year-old Mike are breaking some time-honored traditions. Dogs are supposed to be the worst enemies of paperboys and mailmen, but when Mike gets to this Briard's house the dog won't let go of him in time for him to finish his route. The Briard is so enthusiastic in his kissing, wagging, licking and hugging, you'd think Mike's paper had just announced that dogcatchers had been outlawed. "He greets everyone like that," says the Briard's owner. "He does it to the UPS man, the postman, & the man who comes to read the meter. He's a French sheep dog - maybe that's why he likes kissing so much."

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White had been the Secretary of the B.C.A. for many years and was instrumental in the formation of the Briard Fellowship, founded in the early 1940s. He was a licensed judge and Briard breeder for many years. The young woman who bought a portion of the White estate found the memorabilia in a small building on the property and turned it over to the B.C.A. Mary Lou suggested that these old trophies would be appropriate to give as trophies for our 50th anniversary specialty in 1978 and asked what the assembly thought about this suggestion.

John Alexander moved that the Gerald T. White trophies be used for B.C.A.'s 50th anniversary Specialty. Ira Ackerson seconded the motion. A discussion followed as to whether some of the trophies should be used as perpetual trophies. It was pointed out that AKC has not approved any new perpetual trophies for many years although it might be possible to do so if the trophy could be won for permanent ownership if won three times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog. It would be necessary to have AKC approval of such an award.

Mary Lou reported that the Board was considering having both a Specialty and a Rassemblement in 1978 to celebrate B.C.A.'s 50th anniversary. The opinion poll had indicated about 50% of those responding wanted a Rassemblement and 50% wanted a Specialty.

The motion to give the Gerald T. White trophies as prizes at the 50th anniversary Specialty was passed by voice vote.

The Secretary, Diane McLeroth reported that the Club now had a membership of 337. In addition there are 155 applicants and 192 subscribers to the Dew Claw.

Delegate to the AKC, Art Tingley reported that AKC has increased litter registration fees from $7 to $9. AKC has voted not to proceed with a recording fee at the present time. This would be a fee for each dog entered at a show but the increase in registration fees had helped overcome deficits.

Delegate reported on three proposals which were before the Delegates for consideration. One would change the Dog Show Rules to allow altered dogs to compete in the Stud Dog and spayed bitches in the Brood Bitch class. Art asked how the Club wished him to vote.

Another proposal would permit show giving clubs, at their discretion to have a veterinarian on call for unbenched shows, rather than to pay a veterinarian to remain on the site for the day. The vet would still be required to be on the site of benched shows. Art asked how the assembly wished him to vote on this proposal.

John Alexander moved that the Delegate vote against this proposal. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

A proposal to discontinue the licensing of professional handlers by AKC was explained and Art asked how the assembly wished him to vote. Discussion indicated that there were many problems involved and that it appeared AKC had very little choice in this matter.

Kimberly Olson moved that the Delegate cast his vote as he sees fit.
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after the discussion at the Delegates' meeting. The motion was
seconded and passed.

Medical Committee Chairman, Evy Wegienka asked that anyone with
questions about medical problems submit them to the committee.
Kimberly Olson asked whether heartworm medication was now necessary
in the State of California. Evy responded that heartworm has spread
across the country so if you live where there are mosquitoes (carriers
of heartworm) you should discuss preventative medication with your
veterinarian.

Rescue Committee Chairman, Pat Long reported that a number of Briards
have been placed in new homes including a litter of puppies. She
also asked for help in finding a home for a 9 year old Briard, which
was found in a dog pound in Pennsylvania. The dog, when rescued, was
in pathetic condition but had received medical care and his coat had
been cut down. Karen Rangus asked how those who could not take
another dog could help the rescue committee. It was suggested that
donations to the Rescue Fund would be welcome and make it possible
for Briards in need of help to receive it. It is also a great help
if members send the names of potential homes for rescued Briards to
the Club. Jayne Dubin reported that there is a 4½ year old imported
Briard in the East in need of a home as well.

Junior Showmanship Chairman, Regina Keiter reported that Debra
Steiner, Sarah Long, and Regina Keiter have been showing Briards in
Junior Showmanship this year. In addition, Joanne Dubin, who is 8
years old and Leah Ackerson, who is 9 years old have been doing well
at matches. She stated that she hoped more Juniors would begin
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earned 578½ points in completing her C.D.X. Jayne then awarded the
Award of Merit plaques to those who had finished a Briard to an AKC
championship or obedience title during the past year.

Jayne introduced Miss Anna Mae Forsberg, the Briard judge of the
Cudahy show that afternoon. Miss Forsberg commented that it had been
a privilege to judge such a large entry of Briards. Jayne then
thanked Miss Forsberg for her enjoyable breed judging.

Jayne reported that during the upcoming year we would be continuing
work on a Visualization of the Standard of the Briard and that she
hoped to initiate work on a Briard yearbook. She reminded the assembly

John Alexander made a motion to have an Independent Briard Specialty
in conjunction with a Rassemblement for our 50th anniversary.

Jayne Dubin pointed out that this would have to hinge on the cost
to the Club and asked if it would not be wiser to have a committee
look into the expense before a decision was made.

John amended his motion asking that the Board look into the cost and
if it is financially feasible that B.C.A. have an Independent
Specialty in conjunction with a Rassemblement in August 1978. The
motion was seconded by Ira Ackerson, who pointed out that an
Independent Specialty could make money which would help to defray
the cost of a Rassemblement.

Jerry Katz stated that it was not clear to him what would be the
advantage of an Independent Specialty and whether the Club could
make enough profit to help pay for a Rassemblement. Jayne pointed
out that this was the intent of the motion - to have a committee
look into whether a Specialty would be feasible and whether it would
help earn money to pay for a Rassemblement.

Jerry said that he thought the Membership should be polled by mail on
this. Jayne reported that the Membership had been polled already
and that out of the 337 members and 157 applicants polled, only about
60 people had replied. Since we have had no better response than
that and time is short, another poll would be of little use.

Ira Ackerson explained that he had worked on several Independent
Specialties with other breeds and they did make money. He asked
how many of those present would be either willing to work on or enter
an Independent Specialty in conjunction with a Rassemblement. A
show of hands indicated that over 60 of those present would either
work or enter.

Kim Olson asked what an Independent Specialty could do for the Club
that a Specialty in conjunction with an all-breed show won't do.
Mary Lou Tingley answered that it makes money for B.C.A. The money
we ordinarily spend does not bring a return when the show is in
conjunction with an all-breed show. The profits go to the all-breed
club. With an Independent Specialty, the profits would be B.C.A.'s.

Ira explained that there is income from entry fees, catalog advertis-
ing and raffles. There are expenses for the judge, perhaps the site
and some other expenses such as printing. These are offset by the
income and there is still a profit. One club he belongs to has a
membership of 25 and holds a Specialty every year. The entry of 100
dogs has brought them two to three thousand dollars.

Jayne pointed out that we should also consider that for our 50th
anniversary it would be nice to do something very special and very
gala, and that an Independent Specialty, if it did not cost the Club
money would be very special.

Manny Littin expressed concern that the time was short and it would
be difficult to find a motel site for the event. Jayne pointed out
that the motel has already been reserved in Toledo, Ohio.

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Jerry Katz stated that he still did not see how this would be financed and questioned whether the income would offset expenses. Mary Lou Tingley said that the motion on the floor was to have the matter looked into to see if a Specialty would be practical. Jayne Mary Lou Tingley said that the motion on the floor was to have the Specialty in conjunction with a Rassemblement unless there was a potential for a profit.

John Alexander made a motion, calling for the previous question. This was seconded and passed by strong voice vote.

The motion before the assembly was read: To have the Board appoint a committee to look into the cost feasibility of having an Independent Specialty in conjunction with a Rassemblement in 1978 and make recommendations to the Board. The motion carried.

Carol Cruz asked the Board to consider increasing the amount of money allotted for each specialty. She reported that increasing costs make it difficult for the chairman of a specialty in conjunction with an all-breed show since only $250 is presently allotted.

Jayne Dubin announced that Ken and Cece Collins, who had been unable to attend the Specialty, had sent a gift to all those attending. Each person was to receive an excellent book, The Total Dog by Louis L. Vine, D.V.M. The cover of the book is graced by a color photo of two Briards. Jayne expressed the thanks of the entire assembly to Ken and Cece for their most generous gift.

Art Tingley cautioned that a recent AKC ruling prohibits the use of any substance on the coat which could alter the quality of the dog's hair. This includes any type of hair spray, powder or any other substance which could be considered to alter the quality of the coat.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Attest: Diane McLeroth, Secretary

BOARD ACTION

The Board has voted:
1) to have Ira Ackerson and Mary Lou Tingley look into the financial feasibility of holding an Independent Specialty in conjunction with a Rassemblement and report to the Board by September 10, 1977.
2) to have a show secretary for a Specialty instead of a superintendent since this would save the club money.
3) that money for a Specialty and/or Rassemblement should be handled through the B.C.A. Treasury.
4) to discontinue the election of Regional Representatives since no one had contacted any of these previously elected. Additional representation would be provided by the forthcoming amendments to the By-Laws.
5) to present the proposed amendments to the By-Laws to the membership for a vote.
6) to proceed with Leslie Hall as artist for the Briard Illustrated Standard.
7) to buy a calculator for the Treasurer for up to $110.

8) It was voted to eliminate the year waiting period for applicants. Instead, it would be required that each applicant submit two letters of sponsorship with their application. Each sponsor must have been acquainted with the applicant for at least six months prior to writing the letter. The names of applicants will be published in two consecutive issues of the Dew Claw before review by the Board. This action will be effective immediately.

The Board disapproved motions to:
1) accept advertising in the Dew Claw from professional handlers who are members of B.C.A.
2) have stricter requirements for advertising dogs in the Stud Dog column of the Dew Claw.

A motion to publish a Briard yearbook was tabled until the 1978 expenses can be determined.

It was suggested that breeders be encouraged to buy the Dew Claw for each of their puppy buyers so the new owners will have direct contact with B.C.A. for the first year of Briard ownership.

The Board made the following appointments:
AKC Delegate, Arthur Tingley
Medical Committee Chairman, Evy Wegienka
Rescue Committee Chairman, Patricia Long
ADOA Delegate, Virginia Englehart
Constitution & By-Laws Chairman, Art Tingley
Junior Showmanship Chairman, Regina Keiter
Historian, John Alexander
1978 Specialty Chairman, Steve Feller

Ada Marley has been appointed by the Board in accord with Article III Section 3 of the By-Laws to serve the remainder of Bob Adolphus' term of office as Director.

NOTE: John Alexander has asked if anyone having information or items of historical interest to the Club would please contact him.

THE NEXT FRENCH RASSEMBLEMENT has been set for April 23, 1978 at La Ferte Alaisy 91590 at the Aerodrome Jean Salis. Anyone interested in attending this event and wishing further information should write to Mme. J.P. de Fontenilles, 4, Avenue d'Eylau, 75116 Paris.

Work is progressing on the 1978 50th Anniversary weekend in Toledo, Ohio. We are planning to hold a Rassemblement in conjunction with an Independent Specialty. Pending AKC approval, the Specialty will be held on Sunday, August 6 and the Rassemblement will precede it on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of August. Your support is needed. Contributions should be sent to Pat Long, Treasurer and volunteers to help with the work will be welcome. Louise Cohen (5521 Groveland Road, Holly, MI 48442 - 313/634-4558) is Rassemblement Chairman and Steve Feller (Brigham Road, Gates Mills, OH 44040 - 216/423-3808) is the Specialty Chairman.

NOTE: You must be a member of the Club to support this event.

MISS THIS EXCITING EVENT!

NOTICE Voting on the proposed amendments to the B.C.A. Constitution and By-Laws was completed on Nov. 30, and the amendments were approved. Of 337 ballots mailed, 99 were cast: 87 approved; 12 disapproved. The amendments will go into effect as soon as formal AKC approval is received.

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Season's Greetings

Le Beauceron Briards
FRIDAY, SHADRACH
MESHACH, LIQUORISH, MOKA

Marie & Monroe Kokin

Holiday Greetings
From the South

Belleespire Mont Lorsonne Henri
(Briagrot)
Kay Krenenber
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Dear Folks,

Perhaps you can enlighten me as to why most of the people we call Football Players in our village, are not talking to my Mum and Dad of late.

It's like this you see, I am always game for a game of anything, but this particular Saturday afternoon my family - (the crowd I herd and keep in order) decided they were all too busy to play with me. Me being me didn't go much on that situation.

So, I waited until someone, who shall be nameless (!) lest they get into trouble, left our back gate open. Then I took my chance and shot off full pelt down the lane and onto our village green, where lo and behold was a FOOTBALL MATCH in play. Great, I thought. I could hear Dad yelling something at me, but I was too intent in joining the game, I didn't listen. In I went to tackle the ball, then to my utter surprise (!) all these big burly men or mice should I say (?) scattered. They were all completely petrified; my Dad was yelling "Catch her", but they all ran in the opposite direction or stood rooted to the spot. Mud flew everywhere, people yelled, "Get that dog off the pitch", but the more they yelled the harder it was to catch me. I had the ball and was heading for the goal. Finally, my Dad did a flying tackle, landed face down in the mud, but unfortunately, he caught me. I was dragged off the field (in disgust, I might add) with the Ref. shouting, "Keep your dog under control, you've completely ruined our League Cup Match!"

I was taken back home to Mum who had forty fits, I had just been bathed for a show and now I didn't even look like a Briard. I can tell you, I had my ear chewed off something rotten! But, I'll let you into a secret, I'd do it all again, it was a Great Game!

Luanne Macfarlane

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY BRIAN BEVERIDGE

Our Australian system of making up champions is quite simple, if not too easy, you may think. At all championship shows there are Certificates of Championship (C.C.s) available for all breeds recognized by the Kennel Club. A C.C. is awarded to the best dog and best bitch of each breed, if the judge concerned feels the dogs are worthy of it.

Points are allotted as follows: 5 points plus 1 point for each dog exhibited to a maximum of 25 points at a show. Best in Group automatically gets 25 points. You need a total of 100 points under three different judges to qualify for an Australian Championship.

Therefore, if you are the only dog at a show and the judge feels your dog is worthy of the C.C., you get 5 points plus 1 point making a total of 6. At this rate, provided you were the only dog at the show and were awarded the C.C. at each show, it would take 17 shows to become a Champion. Of course, when a Briard is awarded Best in Group, it is very satisfying to know that at least the dog has beaten quite a few dogs of other breeds.

GOLDEN WEST NEWS & VIEWS

SHOW REPORTS

The Los Encinos Kennel Club show took place on July 24 with an entry of 3/6/0. Steven Hubbell was judging. B.O.B., B.O.W. and W.D. went to Fonse de Beauxjolis for a 5 point major. Fonse is owned by Jackie Drozinski and Don Mandeville. W.B. was Folette de Beauxjolis, also 5 points, owned by Jack and Sharon Higgins. Congratulations to Fonse, who finished with this win.

Channel City Kennel Club on July 29 with an entry of 3/4/1 under Judge Virginia Lynne. B.O.B. went to Ch. Capucine de Beauxjolis owned by the Kesslers. B.O.W. and W.B. was Hugette Amy de Beauxjolis owned by Don Mandeville. W.D. was Phyeaux Lovem N Leavem, C.D. owned by Judy Odom. The following day at the Ventura show, under Edith Hening, the entry was 3/5/1. B.O.B. again went to Ch. Capucine de Beauxjolis.

B.O.W. and W.B. went to Hugette Amy de Beauxjolis. W.D. was M. Charlemagne de Strattonco who is owned by Jim Stewart. Congratulations to Amy and Don, she finished that day.

July 31, the Santa Barbara show had an entry of 4/5/2, with Mrs. Leslie Kodner Judging. B.O.B. went to Capucine, B.O.W. and W.D. for 4 points was Phyeaux Lovem N Leavem. W.B. for 4 points was Miel Melosa de Strattonco owned by Dallas Meggitt and Ann-Lisa Alderman.

The Richaland K.C. show was on April 30 with an entry of 1/2/0. B.O.B. and W.D. for 1 point was Chateaubriard Made-to-Order owned by Jim and Phyllis Bond of Bellevue, WA. W.B. for 1 point was Jolie de Aix La Chapella owned by Theodora Lafferty of Yakima, WA.

July 5 at Bellingham, Washington the Mt. Baker K.C. held their show with an entry of 0/2/0. B.O.B. and W.D. was Muffet d'Argyl owned by the Bond's Phyllis Bond reports, "the Canadian sojourns have been fun and successful. The Briards create quite a stir in Western Canada and when we have shown there the Briards draw a large audience. Both Morgan and Muffit came home with 4 points each with Muffit winning B.O.B. three days."

Lyne Guy of New Mexico reports that her male, Ch. Pa'Chick's Intermezzo, C.D. and Mary Ake's Briquette de la Montagne, C.D. of Littleton Colorado became the proud parents on May 14 of 2 black males, 3 black females and 1 tawny female. She would also like to comment that, "There are so many miles between towns in the Southwest and although there are a number of Briards, we seem not to have any communication, which would help some of us show or just help each other with the breed." Anyone in that area that is interested in getting in touch should contact Lynne, P.O. Box 110, High Rolls, NM 88325.

And from the far, far West, Victoria, Australia to be exact, I received a nice letter from Brian Beveridge. He will be stopping over in Seattle late this month on his way home from the British Briard Clubs Champion Show. He hopes to meet with some Briard people in Seattle to get a look at some American Briards. Brian thought there are about 35 Briards in Australia at this stage. Briards are in their 3rd year there and he feels they have had reasonable success in the ring, winning Groups, Puppy in Group, Junior in Group and even Puppie and Junior in Shows.

Joan Dugan, 31376 Broad Beach Road, Malibu, CA 90265

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

from Canada, and from

SHAG
GENIE
TIA

and the Linneys
at Dongellan's (Reg'd) Briards

Kalita

"THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST HOLIDAY SEASON.
WE HOPE YOURS WILL BE AS GOOD AS OURS!"

THE ZINGHEIMS
PHIL, JAN & GINA
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UNDER, AIMEE,
NADIA & NIGHTMARE
NEWS & VIEWS FROM BETWIXT & BETWEEN

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Bob Adolphus. He will always be remembered as a person who had a friendly word for a beginner and also by the record he helped to build for the Briard with his best friend Henri. We send our sincere sympathy to the Adolphus family.

"Specialty '77" is now a part of history and to my knowledge, this was the largest national specialty in the history of our breed. Many thanks to Jan Zingsheim and all her hard working committee members who helped to make this a memorable weekend.

On Saturday the judge, Miss Anna Mae Forsberg, had an entry of 54 Briards to examine. Her choices of the day were: BOB Ch. Jennie del Pastre (Mary Lou Tingley), BOS Ch. Phydeaux What's-Happenin' (M. L. Tingley & Ira Ackerson), WD 5 pts., BW Bellesprit Midnight Cowboy (Michael & Kathleen Fitzpatrick), WB 5 pts. Chateau L'eriard Justintine, C. D. (Patt & Matt Morale). In obedience on Saturday we had an entry of 9 dogs with at least one entry in each class offered.

Sunday dawned cool and sunny after a night of heavy rain. In Sweepstakes we had an entry of 26 judged by Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Foster. Best Puppy in Sweepstakes was Stonehill's Nutmeg (Diane McLeroth) and Best of Opposite Puppy was Nancy's Nicholas Chien de Sel (Nancy York). The judge for the specialty was Mr. Peterson and he capably examined each dog with the final results as follows: BOB Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Bob & Gerri Adolphus) - Group I, BOS Ch. Jennie del Pastre, WD 5 pts., Le Majestaux Peter de Brie (Michael Todd), WB 5 pts., BW Stonehill's Louloute Monahan (Cathy Joesten & Florise M. Hogan). Veteran Dog - Ch. Underdog Berger du Nord (Mr. & Mrs. Zingsheim), Stud Dog - Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Bob & Gerri Adolphus), Brood Bitch - Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers (Mary Lou Tingley), Brace Class - Ch. Uziz Akhanit de Strathcona & Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona (Jerry & Stephanie Katz).

Here is a breakdown of the dogs by state who were entered Sunday in breed: MI (25), OH (6), MN (7), IL (11), IN (2), WI (11), CA (1), NJ (5), PA (3), TX (1), CAN (3). It was especially nice to see Bob Adolphus at ringside watching judging. In obedience there nine entries and two titles were finished. A CDX goes to Ch. Jolie de la Rivette owned by Dick & MiMi Long and a big UD to Gveret Kahlbath de Strathcona owned by Jerry & Stephanie Katz. We now have a grand total of four UD dogs! Anyone for a TD?? Also, a big thank you to all the helping hands who held onto dogs for us at ringside and helped bring order to utter chaos!

There is a new rising star in the midwest in the shape of a puppy by the name of Nancy's Nicholas Chien de Sel owned and handled by Nancy York. His show career has started off by taking majors over adults, breeds over specials and also being pulled in the group. We wish you continued success and good luck in the future shows.

There are two new champions to congratulate and they are:

CH. MOUTARDE D'ESCOFFION - On August 7, 1977 at the Jaxon Kennel Club, Mustard was WD for 4 pts. under Mr. Glen Sommers. His sire is Ch. Va-Nu-Pieds De Charlemagne, CD out of Ch. Joie Devivre Des Sages-Hardis and his owners are Louise & Catherine Cohen.

CH. LE MAJESTEAUX PETER DE BRIE - On September 11, 1977 at Livonia Kennel Club, Peter was WD for 5 pts. and BW under Mr. Phil Marsh. His sire is Vin Marque De Grand Coeur out of Ch. Viva Maude Chez Rogues De Brie, CD and his owners are Michael Todd & Judith Ziozios.

I received a note from Scott & Alma Whaley telling me they have welcomed another Briard to their family, a tawney bitch imported from England. Her name is Desamiee Sasha Wan Bear and Sasha joins their 18 month old male Marcus Samuel De Lindeau. They tell me that after putting for three days, Sammy decided Sasha was ok and they are now fast friends. Good luck with your new addition.

We have a new first for Briards to send 1977 out with a bang. One TD equals a Top Dog or a TRACKING DEGREE!!! Dave Behrens is one happy fella. Charlie, Am. & Can. Ch. I Charlemagne Chez Ciel, Am. CDX, TD, Can. CDX, is the first Briard to achieve the title in either the US or Canada. His tracking test was on September 25th in St. Charles, Illinois at the Royal Oaks Forest Preserve held by the Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc. Congratulations Dave & Charlie!

There are also two new Canadian champs to report:

Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Luvin Beau - Tuffy, owned and shown by Dawn & Duane Laczkowski, finished his championship at the Essex County Kennel Club show on September 3rd under judge Mrs. Daniell-Jenkins going WD 3 pts., BW & BOB. Tuffy's sire is Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, CD out of Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody.

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Imp, owned and handled by myself, bounced his way into the hearts of obedience judges picking up his CDX in the US in three shows. Each show was a surprise and I never quite knew what to expect next. Now onto Utility and a new supply of gray hairs!

YOUR DOG AND MY DOG borrowed from the French Connection:

If your dog jumps all over someone he is undisciiplined and obnoxious. When my dog does it he is only being friendly.

If your dog begs at the table he is being a pest. When my dog does that he is acting so cute.

If your dog barks for no apparent reason, he is stupid and noisy. When my dog barks like that he is showing off his alertness and keen hearing.

If your dog messes on the floor he is dirty and not properly housebroken. When my dog does it he just had an accident.

If your dog refuses to do as commanded he is stubborn and untrainable. When my dog refuses he is merely asserting his independence.

If your dog NQ's in the obedience trial it is because he wasn't trained very well. When mine NQ's he just had an off day.

If your dog knocks the children down he is rowdy and not good with kids. When mine does that he is just a little high spirited.

If your dog starts a dog fight he is nasty and aggressive. When mine starts a fight, he was only trying to play.

If your dog bites a neighbor it's because he's vicious. When my dog bites he is just being protective.

What I don't understand is why you people don't seem to like my dog ...

That's all the news for now folks. Have a happy holiday season and please send me any news on you and your shaggy friends.

Sue McCormick
Seasons Greetings

Raisin Cain

Bubba Black Sheep

Marilee Clark

Mary Ann Lathrop

Matisse T.J.

Mike & Cheryl Foote
WHAT IS A RASSEMBLEMENT?

Rassemblement (Rah-sahm-bleh/-mahnh) literally means "assembling, gathering, collecting." In Europe fanciers of various breeds hold these events at regular intervals to evaluate what progress has been made in breeding dogs more like the ideal - the Standard of the Breed. Our B.C.A. Rassemblement is named for and patterned after those held by the French Club des Amis du Briard since 1970, to help us evaluate the quality of our breeding programs and to promote the conservation of the many remarkable characteristics which make the Briard a very special breed.

At a rassemblement, each dog is individually evaluated for conformation with the Standard of the Briard by a respected specialty judge. The owner then receives the judge's written evaluation of the dog. For our Rassemblement '78 we are privileged to have Monsieur Paul Liguine of France to evaluate our Briards. M. Liguine is a judge, specializing in Briards, with a great interest in the versatility of the Breed's working qualities. He speaks English, which will make it possible for those entering a dog to talk directly with him, without the need of interpreters. M. Liguine has judged the Briards at each of the French Rassemblements since 1972, qualifying him to tell us how the American Briard compares to the Briards bred in France.

A rassemblement is NOT a dog show and dogs do not compete with one another for ribbons, points or placements. Each Briard is taken into the ring alone for evaluation. At first your dog is on lead and then the dog will be allowed to run freely in the ring, so his natural qualities and attitude can be seen to best advantage. This is especially important in evaluating the movement of the dog. How often have you heard it said, "My dog moves so much better in the yard than on lead."?

The evaluation is not based on training and it is not necessary to present a dog that has been trained for the obedience or show ring. Incidentally, unlike an AKC dog show or match, more than one handler will be allowed inside or outside the ring. This will give husband and wife the chance to hear the judge's comments first hand - and if your dog responds to whistles, whistle all you like.

The evaluation is not a negative search for faults, after all, no dog is perfect. Instead, the evaluations are made to find the strong qualities of each dog, those to be preserved and propagated so the Breed will continue to improve, while retaining the true breed characteristics.

All Briard owners are encouraged to bring their dogs for evaluation. A rassemblement is not just for show dogs but show and pet alike should be evaluated. There is a good reason for this. The evaluation of many dogs from a line can help breeders to know what good points are being produced consistently by that line and what problems need to be eliminated.

A rassemblement is an exciting educational experience which will enable each and every one of us to increase our knowledge in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. In addition to helping us learn which are our dogs' most important qualities, the entry of each Briard in the Rassemblement will be a contribution to the betterment of the Breed.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

from
THE McCORMICK CLAN

Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, CDX
Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Jezebel
Pa'Chick's Ms-Be-Haven (14 pts.)

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.

Seasons Greetings
from
The Keiters
Regina, Ron, & Regina

"VV" "Franco"
"Linda" "Rusty"
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the 1977 B.C.A. Specialty at Racine, Wisconsin.

A special thank you goes to my ambitious staff chairmen. Without their help the Specialty would not have been as successful as it was: Bob Boelter, motel and banquet chairman; Gerrie Miner and Lynn Peterson, hospitality chairwomen; Dave Behrens, program chairman; Mimi Long, picnic chairman; Jo and Barb Steinberg, who so graciously opened their home for the picnic.

I must also express my deepest thank you to everyone who contributed to the Specialty fund. No matter what size donation it was, it was equally important in making the weekend successful. Although too numerous to mention by name, contributions came from all over the U.S. and Canada. Thank you all.

From the Specialty Chairman, continued

Another great thank you goes to the people, businesses and artists, who contributed their time and money to our weekend:

Greater Racine Kennel Club
Cudahy Kennel Club
Anna Mae Forsberg
Kenneth O. Peterson
Ruth Elizabeth Foster
Mike Hefling, Innkeeper, Holiday Inn of Racine
Johnson's Wax, Racine, WI
Western Publishing Co., Racine, WI
Beecham Lab, Bristol, TN
Ken-L-Aire, St. Paul, MN
L & N Sales, Monee, IL
Rob's Animal Farm, St. Paul, MN
Animal Inn, Lake Elmo, MN
Northwest Animal Supply, St. Paul, MN
Elisa Ferracane, NY
Wilton Armetale, PA
Dolores Popowitz, MN
Edward Fisher, MN
John Coiner Pottery, MN
The North Central Briarders

A special thank you goes to Phil Zingsheim, my husband, who put up with me throughout this affair and came out smiling!

Thank you all,
Jan Zingsheim, Chairman
WINNERS BITCH AND BEST OF WINNERS at the 1977 Specialty was awarded to STONEHILL'S LOULOUTE MONAHAN (left) owned by Cathy Joesten and Florise Hogan. She is handled by Cathy and was bred by Bob and Gerry Adolphus. Pictured with Loulou are (l. to r.) Father Thomas Monahan, Ken Peterson & Cathy Joesten.

WINNERS DOG was captured by LE MAJESTEUX PETER DE BRIE (right). Peter is owned & handled by Michael J. Todd and was bred by Judy Ziozios. Peter is shown here with Mr. Peterson and Mike.

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES was STONEHILL'S NUTMEG owned and handled by Diane McLeroth. They are pictured (left) with Sweepstakes judge, Ruth E. Foster. Nutmeg was bred by Bob and Gerry Adolphus.

FROM THE SPECIALTY JUDGE
I would like to thank the Members of the Briard Club for the plaque presented to me for judging your Specialty Show.

The exhibitors are to be congratulated for their fine sportsmanship and the good job done exhibiting their dogs. I also was very pleased with the quality and good dispositions of the dogs shown under me.

The Specials class was really a challenge to judge with so many good specimens of the breed. I am sure all the spectators watching this class will remember it for a long time to come.

Again, thank you and the Members of your club for the courtesies extended to me while judging your Specialty Show.

Sincerely,

Ken Peterson

FROM THE SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE
Please convey my thanks to all your club for the kindness and consideration shown to me this past weekend.

A special "thank you" to my magnificent steward. She really is super!! I enjoyed the assignment and feel I learned much about the Briard.

The weekend was entirely enjoyable and I appreciated the opportunity to learn and to meet so many wonderful people.

Sincerely,

Ruth Foster

AND TO THIS WE ADD

A sincere thank you to Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Foster for judging our Specialty. Each showed careful consideration of the dogs and handlers. This was especially encouraging to the newcomers, dogs and handlers alike, and added so much to the pleasures of the Specialty.

The 1977 B.C.A. Specialty has set a record entry. Eighty-four Briards accounted for the exciting record of 123 entries, 9 of which were in obedience! The previous record, set at Pontiac, MI in 1975 had a total of 71 Briards with 98 entries. More and more Briarders are bringing out their dogs to support the Specialty and the Breed can only benefit.

The entire weekend was beautifully planned by Chairman, Jan Zingsheim, together with her committee and the North Central Briard Club. Hospitality was at its best from the time the earliest enthusiasts arrived through the delightful picnic which topped off the weekend.

The memories of the weekend were made even more pleasant when Breed judging was done and Briarders showed their true spirit of sportsmanship. Competitive feelings were put aside and owners of Briards from every bloodline gathered at the Group ring to sincerely cheer for the Specialty winner, Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri. Yes, Briarders are a very special breed of people!
A.D.O.A. REPORT

BY VIRGINIA ENGLEHART

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

I am a breeder in Los Angeles County and this is what has happened to me and hundreds of other people interested in improving breed quality and in showing....

In spite of a scathing letter from former President of A.D.O.A., Duncan Wright, to The Honorable Tom Bradley, Mayor, City of Los Angeles, the following law, Sec. 53.15.2 has been passed:

"Any Person who breeds a dog or cat for commercial purposes or for the purpose of show or for improving breed quality and temperment shall pay a license tax of $25 for the privilege of engaging in such activity. (O.K., so we just pay that.)

"All persons who possess a breeders' license shall:
1. Not allow the whelping of more than one litter per each female dog/cat in an 18 month period. (Good idea.)
2. Ensure that all dogs/cats prior to their sale or transfer of ownership shall have immunization. (of course.)
3. Not possess/own more than 3 dogs or cats, sterilized or not, on the premises, over the age of 4 months. (Understandable)
4. License all dogs. (Naturally)
5. No dog under the age of 7 weeks shall be sold. (just common sense)
6. A published ad for the purpose of sale/transfer of ownership of dogs shall include a Dept. of Animal Regulation breeders' license number. (We accept that.)
7. In addition, a fee of $5 per puppy whelped, will be charged and all monies collected from such litter charge will go to a special fund for surgical sterilization of female dogs owned by individuals who are receiving public assistance payments. (We taxpayers pay for their subsistence, NOW we pay for their dogs, which they shouldn't have.)

Unfortunately, obtaining the permit does not provide any fringe benefits, such as the right to keep any acess family members which may result from the licensed activity. If you finally end up with more pups than the present residential zoning code permits, you will have to give them away or sell them -- and in the latter case, you need to buy a city business license -- but if you are not zoned to conduct the business of selling, you are subject to misdemeanor charges, 6 months in jail and/or $500 fines per violation.

(JEHOSEPHAT!)

Those persons with kennel/business licenses are home free with dollars but what about the rest of us, the minority, who are dedicated to our breeds?

This new law sneaked up on L.A. Co. residents. Don't let it happen in your area. Be aware of impending legislation and FIGHT to make it fair!

Addenda: The new address of the ADOA is: P.O. Box 746, Albany, NY 12207. Telephone: 518/477-8469 and the new President is Gordon Carvill. Membership dues for a year are only $6.00. Why not support this organization, which helps to protect you, with membership dues. For newcomers, ADDA is the American Dog Owners Association.
GROUP PLACINGS: The Tingley's Jennie continues to add to her fantastic group record. Her latest wins include a Group 3 at Carolina, Group 1 at Salisbury, Group 3 at Raleigh, Group 2 at Lehigh Valley, Group 1 at Northwestern Connecticut, Group 2 at Brookhave, Group 4 at Hatboro, Group 3 at Catonsville, Group 1 at Fayetteville and a Group 3 at Hanover. Great going Jennie!


Westchester, Sept. 11, judge Kenneth Peterson, Entry 2/2/2. B.O.B. Ch. Jennie d'El Pastre (Tingley), B.O.S. Ch. Baldslow Yulin (Keiter) W.D. & B.W. Chateauubriard Norman (Karshmer), W.B. Chateauubriard Nicole (Thorn-Collins).


NEW CHAMPION: Champion Pa'Chick's Moonlight Sonata, owned by Adele Powers, finished at Ramapo on Oct. 16 with a three point major. This lovely tawny bitch was bred by Pat Long and is out of Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer by Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Debbie Steiner was Best Junior Handler at a match held in August and she is continuing to place in the Novice Senior class at point shows with Ecar Lester Lobot. Congratulations Debbie.
Regina Keiter is now showing Ch. Phydeaux Linda Lovelace in the Open Junior classes and she will show Linda at the Garden. As of this writing, Regina has 14 First Place wins! Congratulations.

John Alexander showed up at the Northwestern Connecticut show with Junior classes and she will show Linda at the Garden. As of this weekend. At least we didn't forget any of the dogs!

Well, folks, that's all the news for now. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Don't forget the Garden on February 14. Anthony Hodges will be judging Briards, and Regina and "Linda" will be showing in the limited Junior Showmanship competition.

Regina Keiter

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A PORTRAIT OF HARRIET - continued

In this one area, Harriet is outrageous. She has been known to eat a hot dog out of a child's hand while it was on the way to the child's mouth. She has even eaten two eight-dollar steaks only ten minutes out of the freezer while I drove a child to the bus stop. Gone a few minutes; home to two cleanly picked bones. The day after she ate the pound of butter, even she regretted it. Then there was the full bag of Hershey Kisses, each wrapped in different colored foil for Easter. Harriet had a litter of four-week-old pups when she pulled that trick, so we had the veterinarian give her a shot to bring up the candy and the foil. No chocolate milk for my puppies!

As a companion to her human family, Harriet is unflinchingly loyal and loving. She depends on us as we do on her. When she was in labor with her first litter, she decided the whelping box looked rather unfriendly and that she would have the pups on the white wool carpet in our bedroom. As she was determined, we spread an old shower curtain and some sheets over the carpet and awaited the big event. When the clock struck 2 a.m. I was awakened by the weight of something on my stomach. Harriet had produced her first puppy and she wanted to be darned sure I didn't miss it, so she dropped it on me!

If you are considering a Briard as a pet, friend and family protector, I can only wish for you a Harriet. Our shaggy prima donna has her family completely captivated. But I could tell you comparable tales of large Male Briard, so perhaps the only perfect solution is to own at least one of each!
"HARRIET"

CH. PHYDEAUX THEDA BARA
February 28, 1970 - September 5, 1977

She changed our lives forever -
and made an indelible impact on her breed.
Top producing bitch in the history of the breed -
Dam of:

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERY RARE
   (owner, Jerry Cohen)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH, C.D.
   (owner, Susan Alexander)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VULCAN
   (owner, Jane & Donald Mathews)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VIRTUOSO
   (owner, Betty Botka)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VINAIGRETTE, C.D.X.
   (owners, Ed & Cindy Konrath)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VOTRE SANTE
   (owner, Ruth Monast)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VOGUE
   (owner, Bill Curnow)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VICHYSSEOISE
   (owners, Ken & Cece Collins)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JAMBORIEE
   (owners, Beth & Bob Howard)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JONQUILLE
   (owner, Diann Meyers)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JOIE DE VIVRE
   (owner, Anne Closner)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JE NE SAIS QUOIS
   (owner, Brenda Burton)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JUS D'ORANGE
   (owners, Jill Carruthers and Cece Collins)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD LIMONADE
   (owner, Cece Collins)
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD MARGAUX
   (owner, Ken & Cece Collins)

Owned by Ken and Cece Collins
CHATEAUBRIARD 75 Inwood Road
Darien, Connecticut 06820

Loved by all who knew her.
TRACHEOBRONCHITIS or kennel cough is a contagious upper-respiratory disease which is spread by air-borne virus. Consequently, any exposure, be it at home, dog show or kennel, can result in your dog being stricken.

Usually coughing develops 3 to 5 days after exposure. The physical exam is often normal, no fever present, but palpation of the trachea near the thoracic inlet elicits a gagging cough. Not usually serious, kennel cough must be observed closely to avoid complications such as pneumonia.

Treatment usually includes antitussive and bronchodilating preparations. Antibiotics may be prescribed to prevent secondary infection.

Modified live virus vaccines are now available to veterinarians to control the principal viral agents involved in kennel cough. There is still much discussion as to the effectiveness of the immunization. Immunization had little effect on a recent epidemic (July 1977) at the Tucson Humane Society- 85% of the dogs became infected including new admissions. Do speak to your vet about immunization if concerned. It certainly can’t hurt!

Tracheobronchitis tends to be epidemic. The proximity to a number of dogs plus a stressful situation has given rise to the term ”kennel cough”. But dogs are all vulnerable when an outbreak occurs. No amount of supervision, sanitation and care can keep your dog from catching an airborne virus. Healthy well-cared for pets have favorable odds against kennel cough, but do keep this information in mind when you have boarded your dog and the virus is present. If the virus is present, do not leave your dog, or if when returning you find an epidemic has broken out, carefully watch your pet for signs of coughing.

(Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine, "diseases of the dog and cat", Chapter 20, Stephen J. Ettinger and James W. Ticer, Vol. 1, 1975.)

(Kennel Cough, 1976 Colorado Springs Kennel Association.)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Three handlers checked into a motel the night before a dog show. The room cost thirty dollars, so each handler gave the manager a ten dollar bill and went on to the room. After a short while, the manager remembered that there was a discount on the room during the weekend and it only cost twenty-five dollars. He gave the Bell Boy five dollars to give to the handlers as a refund. The Bell Boy, a greedy lad, kept two dollars and gave one dollar to each of the three handlers. Since they had originally given the manager thirty dollars and had been refunded three dollars, they had paid a total of twenty-seven dollars. The Bell Boy had kept two dollars, which totals twenty-nine dollars. What happened to the other dollar?
DEAR DEW CLAW,

I felt the need to drop you a line and share a story with you, which reinforces how great Briarders can be!

I have been the happy owner of two Briards, Toulouse (age 7) and Tiffany (age 6). Tiffany died very suddenly this past summer and ever since her death, Toulouse has been very depressed and dejected. He was also diagnosed as having hip dysplasia. Between the loss of a loved one and the dysplasia, this poor Briard started to give up. He refused to eat and would not even venture out of his house unless he was coaxed.

I put a call in to Mary Lou Tingley and asked her if a puppy would be a good idea for Toulouse. Mary Lou thought it was worth a try. The next problem was trying to find the right kind of Briard pup for my particular set of circumstances. A few days later I received a call from Diane McLeroth, who had a few leads on Briards in need of a loving home. The best one was a gentleman in Pittsburgh, who had recently purchased a Briard puppy but was no longer able to keep her. His ever increasing restaurant business and a recent move kept him away from home most of the time and he did not feel he was being fair to the dog. He had learned of the B.C.A. and called Diane with his dilemma...his primary concern was to place his eight-month-old female Briard in a good home.

To make a long story short, I contacted the gentleman (let's call him Ernie). We worked out the details via the telephone and both agreed that it would not be feasible to ship the dog, so we decided to meet at a halfway point on a Sunday evening in Harrisburg, PA. After driving for 3 1/2 hours (Ernie drove 4 hours, I believe) we met at the Host Inn. I had arrived first and I'm sure I looked very strange pacing around the lobby asking people if anyone had seen a man named Ernie with a puppy. After waiting for an hour, I went into the cocktail lounge, firmly believing that I had driven all that distance for nothing. A few minutes later Ernie arrived. We went out, I met the dog and we went back in and talked for some time. After that, I was on the road back to New Jersey with my new Briard (who incidentally took the trip and transfer of ownership amazingly well - walked into my house at 3:30 a.m. like she owned it!).

Since then, I have been in touch with the breeder to let her know the whereabouts of her pup, and Ernie has called to see how his former Briard is doing in her new surroundings.

The happy ending to the story is that Toulouse, formerly dejected and depressed, is reborn. He is now eating like a champ - as a matter of fact, he is getting to be overweight - and he is like his old self once again.

And "Diddle Diddle Dumpling" loves her new home and is enjoyed by my two boys and me. My son Adam has already taught her how to retrieve his Frisbee! She is truly a welcome addition to the family.

I just want to say thank you to the people who pitched in (namely Mary Lou and Diane) and assisted me in finding this adorable Briard. Briarders are super people.........

Sincerely,
Gina Pharo
Shyness—The Avoidance Complex
by Vic MonteLeon

PART II
TEMPERAMENT TESTING

Now for some actual temperament study and test descriptions:

Because these tests are an attempt to measure the dog's reaction to his environment, some general rules apply:

1. Dog is to be on leash and strong leather collar with lead snapped to collar. 2. Dog should be given full length of six foot lead and freedom of movement. He is not to be restrained except in the event of unprovoked aggression or during a panic reaction. 3. Dogs are not to be under commands at any time. 4. Dog may be encouraged on most tests, but handler should allow dog to lead out. Handler should not get between dog and tester and attempt to coax dog forward. This type of encouragement must be penalized as an attempt to assist the dog. Should the dog get behing the handler, the handler may encourage the dog, but should not focus on the dog or look at him while encouraging him. The handler's focus should be on the particular test stimulus. 5. The tests are to be laid out in a course, with assistants prepositioned for all tests on a particular dog. Dog and handler will move from one test to another smoothly without significant hesitation, stops, or rest periods between tests.

Graders are urged to take handlers through test course without their dogs in order to familiarize them with procedure prior to actual testing. Handlers should exude confidence to their dogs during testing as hesitation, startle, concern, etc. "go down the lead" to the dog and may cause him to appear less positive than he would otherwise.

TEST #1 - BEHAVIOR TOWARD STRANGERS

Objective: To measure the dog's reaction to strangers in a non-threatening situation.

Procedures: The test has two parts as follows:

A. Neutral Stranger - a tester who is a stranger to the dog approaches owner and engages him in a conversation for a few seconds. He ignores the dog throughout and after the bit of conversation, continues on his way where he encounters the friendly stranger.

B. Friendly Stranger - A different tester, who is also a stranger to the dog approaches happily and briskly and is exuberantly friendly to the dog. (Do not use dog's name).

Measuring Criteria: Part A

(+3) Dog alerts to stranger's approach and shows positive and strong investigative behavior.
(+2) Dog alerts to approach and shows mild investigative behavior.
(+1) Dog alerts to approach and is watchful but does not attempt to investigate (aloof).
(0) Dog does not alert to approach or the stranger during conversation - attention is elsewhere.
(-1) Dog shows uneasiness at approach and mild avoidance behavior.
(-2) Dog backs away and tries to get behind owner.
(-3) Dog panics - extreme avoidance.
TEMPERAMENT TESTING continued

Measuring Criteria: Part B
(+3) Dog shows strong pleasurable response - enjoys petting, gives positive attention to stranger.
(+2) Dog is curious and mildly outgoing - interested, but somewhat more reserved than above.
(+1) Dog is curious and tolerant of stranger, but not particularly outgoing (aloof).
(0) Ignores approach and is totally disinterested in stranger.
(-1) Dog shows uneasiness at approach and mild avoidance behavior.
(-2) Dog backs away and tries to get behind owner.
(-3) Dog panics - extreme avoidance.

NOTE: If the reaction of the dog is aggressive or either 2A or 2B, minus scores will be given: the maximum of three for a dog who tries to attack the stranger. (This is a non-threatening situation with no provocation for aggression.) Combinations of aggressive/avoidance behavior should be noted in remarks column on score sheet.

Upon completion of this set of tests, handler and dog move along the course toward the blind behind which is the assistant with the can filled with gravel.

TEST #2 - REACTION TO AURAL STIMULI

Objective: To measure dog’s alertness to aural stimuli and the degree of his investigatory behavior toward these stimuli.

Procedures: This test has three parts as follows:
A. Hidden clattering - Owner and dog walk directly toward a blind behind which is a Tester seated with his back to the blind and right hand holding a beer or pop can partially filled with gravel, nails, etc., extended parallel to blind in the direction from which the dog will approach. (The purpose here is to present the minimum human profile upon discovery by the dog.) When the dog is about 30 feet from the Tester, the Grader will signal for the can to be rattled by a twisting motion of the hand - not a violent up and down motion. After rattling begins, dog is allowed to continue forward to investigate the source of the noise. If dog turns and/or moves toward sound, handler may follow.
B. Tester continues to rattle can as dog comes around blind to discover source of noise and investigates the can. Upon completion of this test handler and dog will move approximately 15 feet beyond the next assistant, who will shoot the gun. The spot will be marked on the course. Handler and dog will then stop facing away from shooter.
C. Gunshots - Handler stands with dog in either standing or sitting position (no commands are to be given dog), facing away from tester whose back it also turned to them. Distance between dog and Tester is to be five yards. On signal from Grader, Tester fires three shots from .22 caliber pistol pointed at sky. If dog turns and/or moves toward sound, handler may follow.

Measuring Criteria: Part A.
(+3) Dog alerts and immediately moves forward to investigate.
(+2) Dog alerts, startles momentarily, but quickly recovers and investigates with minimum encouragement.
(+1) Dog alerts, startles, and will investigate only with strong encouragement of 30 seconds maximum duration.

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TEST #3 - Umbrella test, continued

The open portion of the umbrella is then lowered and rested on the ground while Tester retains handle in hand to prevent umbrella from moving in wind, etc. Dog is allowed to move forward (with encouragement if necessary) to investigate umbrella.

Measuring Criteria:
(+3) Dog startles, but recovers almost instantaneously and shows strong investigative or aggressive behavior.
(+2) Dog startles, recovers and approaches umbrella.
(+1) Dog startles, requires encouragement but will recover and approach umbrella within 15 seconds.
(0) No reaction
(-1) Dog startles and will not recover even with a great deal of encouragement.
(-2) Strong avoidance behavior.
(-3) Panic reaction.

Upon completion of this test, handler and dog proceed to the footing test area.

TEST #4 - FOOTING TEST

Objective: To measure dog's capacity to recognize, and react in a positive manner, to a potentially threatening situation and to defend himself in the face of such threat.

Procedures: (A) Handler/dog team approach a strip of polyethylene approximately 15 feet long and 6 feet across, laid on the ground and weighted on the corners, if necessary. With dog on loose lead, they proceed directly along the length (15 feet) of this change of footing. (B) After completing above part of test, Handler/dog team cross an aisle of normal footing at least 10 feet wide and then proceed directly across an exercise pen lid flat on the ground. This simulated grating should be approximately 12 feet long and 3 or 4 feet across. Handler and dog will move along, not across the length of this change of footing.

Measuring Criteria: to be exactly the same for both Parts A and B.
(+3) Dog walks across change of footing with no apparent hesitation
(+2) Dog shows slight hesitation, but overcomes this and walks across confidently.
(+1) Dog shows mild avoidance and must be encouraged slightly, but does walk across. (Jumping is scored as -1).
(0) Not applicable.
(-1) Mild avoidance and requires considerable coaxing before making any attempt to walk or jump across.
(-2) Strong avoidance and will not cross even with a great deal of encouragement.
(-3) Panic reaction (attempts to escape).

Upon completion of the last footing test, handler and dog will proceed directly toward the blind behind which the "agitator" or decoy is hiding.

TEST #5 - SELF-PROTECTIVE/AGGRESSIVE REACTIONS

Objective: To measure the dog's capacity to recognize, and react in a positive manner, to a potentially threatening situation and to defend himself in the face of such threat.

Procedures: This test has three parts - dog will wear leather collar and strong leather lead throughout. Tester should be dressed in odd clothing such as wide brimmed hat, long overcoat, goggles, etc. and if possible, some sort of protective arm underneath clothing.

(A) Handler/dog proceed downwind toward Tester hidden behind blind. When dog is about 20 feet from blind, Tester staggers out and crosses dog's path making weird motions and sounds. Handler ceases to move forward as soon as assistant comes into view.

(B) After tester has crossed dog's path for a distance of about 15 feet, he then turns toward dog and continuing weird sounds and motion slowly and tentatively advances on him. If dog exhibits positive reaction, continue with Part C. Handler must remain stationary.

(C) Assistant then raises stick and makes threatening gestures toward dog. Gestures should be waving of stick, smashing of stick on ground, etc. However, the same weird sounds and motions of A and B should continue. When positive reaction is forthcoming, Tester should back off in a furtive manner. No contact is to be made between dog and Tester. For all parts of this exercise, the handler must not allow the dog to advance beyond leash length of the handler's stopping point. Pressure on the leather collar should not be in the form of a jerk.

Measuring Criteria:

Part A
(+3) Immediate, strong alert with strong investigative and/or aggressive reaction. (Moves forward confidently to end of leash).
(+2) Alert with moderate approach/investigatory behavior. (Moves forward confidently to end of leash).
(+1) Alert with no approach behavior.
(0) No reaction.
(-1) Alert with mild avoidance.
(-2) Alert with strong avoidance.
(-3) Alert and panic reaction.

Part B
(+3) Dog begins or continues strong aggressive reaction; ie lunging, growling, barking at end of leash.
(+2) Dog stands ground and becomes aggressive as above.
(+1) Dog stands ground but shows only curiosity or investigative behavior.
(0) No reaction.
(-1) Dog retreats but still displays some aggressiveness.
(-2) Dog displays strong avoidance and retreats with no aggressive behavior.
(-3) Panic reaction.

Part C
(+3) Dog begins or continues strong aggressive reaction that includes moving forward to meet threat with growling, barking, etc.
(+2) Dog stands ground and becomes aggressive as above.
(+1) Dog retreats slightly then advances in aggressive manner. This retreat/advance pattern might be repeated several times.
(0) No reaction or only shows curiosity.
(-1) Dog retreats slightly but does not recover and advance. Shows some aggressiveness during retreat.
(-2) Dog shows strong avoidance and retreats considerably with no aggressive behavior.
(-3) Panic reaction (Dog attempts to escape)

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AM/CAN CH. I CHARLEMAGNE CHEZ CIEL, AM/CAN CDX, AM. TD, AD (dog)
Owner: Dave Behrens
Breeder: Virginia Englehart
Tracking Degree: September 25, 1977
Sire: Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha
(Dam: Ch. Queen Elizabeth chez Chien Velu
(Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X Marha Magie de la Brie)
Judge: Ted Hoesel and Judy Schwartz
Handled and trained by owner

NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION

CAN. CHAMPION CHESWICK'S GEMMA LA ROUSSE, CD (bitch)
Owners: Vera & Russ Linney
Breeder: Penny Ridley
Canadian Championship: September 10, 1977
Whelped: December 17, 1975
Sire: Ch. Sultan d'Esprit
(Dam: Ch. Sirhan Dilettante
(Ch. Phydeau Quoin de Cuivre X Ch. Peinarde de Marha)
Judge: Knut Egeberg
Handled by owner

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NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION

CANADIAN CHAMPION BELLESPRIT MACK THE KNIFE (dog)

Owner: Christiane McDunnough
Breeder: Jayne Dubin

Canadian Championship: July 3, 1976

Whelped: August 9, 1976

Sire: Ch. Sultan d'Esprit
(Dam: Ch. Bellesprit Velours
(Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)

judge: Robert Braithwaite
Handled by owner & Andre Desroisier

Breeders: Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, CD

WYNOTT FROM STONEHILL, C.D. (dog)

Owner: Jean Ball
Breeders: Bob & Nancy Adolphus

Companion Dog Degree: November 21, 1976

Whelped: October 27, 1973

Sire: Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord
(Dam: Ch. Flogan Variety Sho Stonehill
(Ch. Syre du Val de Reuil, CD X Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha)

#1 Briard in Obedience for 1976 by the Delaney System

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CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S LITTLE SPITFIRE (bitch)

Owner: Janet Couture  
Breeders: Charles & Patricia Long

Championship: June 25, 1977  
Whelped: August 5, 1975

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, CD  
Dam: Am/Can Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody

(Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse (Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse CD X Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)

Judge: Mr. Bennett  
Handled by owner

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD JUSTINTIME, C.D. (bitch)

Owner: Pat & Matt Morale  
Breeders: Cece & Ken Collins

Championship: August 13, 1977  
Whelped: July 11, 1974

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydex (Ch. Matador Chez Phydex, CD X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)  
Dam: Ch. Chateaubriard Vichysoise

(Ch. Pythias Chez Phydex X Ch. Phydex Theda Bara)

Judge: Anna Mae Forsberg  
Handled by owner

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NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION

AM/CAN. CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S LUVIN' BEAU (dog)
Owners: Duane & Dawn Laczkowski  Breeders: Charles & Patricia Long
Canadian Championship: September 3, 1977
Whelped: August 5, 1975
Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, CD
(Won-Dire des Elfes de Malouse x Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)
Judge: Mrs. Daniell-Jenkins  Handled by owner

Sire: Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona, CDX
(Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie x G'Veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, UD)
Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Quivre x Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)
Championship: August 27, 1977
Whelped: July 2, 1976
 Owners: Ken & Cece Collins  Breeders: Owners

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD MARGAUX (bitch)
Owners: Ken & Cece Collins  Breeders: Owners
Championship: August 27, 1977
Whelped: July 2, 1976
Sire: Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona, CDX
(Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie x G'Veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, UD)
Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Quivre x Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)
Championship: August 27, 1977
Whelped: July 2, 1976
Owners: Ken & Cece Collins  Breeders: Owners
AM/CAN. CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S LIVIN' LEGEND (dog)

Owners: Charles & Patricia Long  Breeders: Owners

Canadian Championship: October 1, 1977  Whelped: August 9, 1975

(Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha X Am/Can Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody)

Dam: Am/Can. Ch. Reine des Elfes de Malouse
(Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse X Maia-MoPti des Elfes de Malouse)

Judge: Hans Brunotte  Handled by owner

CHAMPION M. CHARLEMAGNE DE STRATHCONA (dog)

Owner: Jim Stewart  Breeders: Jerry & Stephanie Katz

Championship: October 9, 1977  Whelped: June 24, 1976

Sire: Ch. Uhey Chien de Grand Coeur  Dam: Ch. Uziz Akshanit de Strathcona
(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse X Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau)  Brie X G'Veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, UD)

Judge: Bill Harvey  Handler: Chuck Gamby

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1. (46) Ch. Usit Aksali De Strathcona and (47) Ch. Umbi Chabin De Strathcona, CD. Owners: Jerome and Stephanie Katz.

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Judges—Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Foster

SWEEPSTAKES. Puppy, Dogs, 6 mos. and under 9 mos.

1. (20) Stonehill's I'm Newton. Owners: Robert and Gerry Adolphus.


SWEEPSTAKES. Puppy, Dogs, 9 mos. and under 12 mos.


SWEEPSTAKES. Puppy, Dogs, 12 mos. and under 15 mos.


SWEEPSTAKES. Puppy, Bitches, 6 mos. and under 9 mos.

1. (26) Stonehill's Nicole. Owner: Mary Kay Deany.

2. (38) Chien De Seul Nom de Plume. Owner: Susan Erickson.


SWEEPSTAKES. Puppy, Bitches, 9 mos. and under 12 mos.


SWEEPSTAKES. Puppy, Bitches, 12 mos. and under 15 mos.

1. (27) Beau Cheval's Princess Yucca. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Stuart E. Pearson.

2. (42) Mento Tera De Strathcona. Owner: Carol Busey.


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