'79 SPECIALTY INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 16 - 18.
If your plans to attend are not complete do it today so
you can enjoy this once a year BCA event. Whether you
can attend or not, your donation to the Specialty Fund
will be deeply appreciated. Send all donations to the
Treasurer, Pat Long.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By now you have received the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee for the '79/'80 club year, including notice of how members may nominate additional candidates if they wish.

On the slate you will see that Ed Konrath has accepted the Committee's nomination for Vice-President. Since no one may be a candidate for more than one position, Ed has automatically given up the second year of his term as Director (Class of '80), whether he becomes the Vice-President or not. This will create a vacancy in that position as of the Annual Meeting.

Article III, Section 3 of the By-Laws provides that the Board will appoint someone to fill vacancies which occur during the year. However, Article IV, Section 2 enables the Board to put any specific question to the Membership for a decision. The AKC has advised us that if the Board chooses, the Membership may be given a right to vote to fill the specific vacancy and that this would be more democratic than if only the Board votes. Therefore, I have made the recommendation to the Board that the vacancy in the position of Director be put to the Membership like any other open position in the election so the opinion of the members is known. I believe that The Board will approve this recommendation and put this important decision into the hands of the members where it should be.

In the past there have been questions about balloting for the election. There will only be balloting if an additional candidate is nominated for any Board seat. Otherwise it is assumed by the By-Laws that the members do not oppose the candidates nominated by the Committee. The nominees who are unopposed are then declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting without balloting.

Specialty plans are going well and I hope you are making plans to attend. Although the gasoline shortage should be taken into consideration, it should not be a significant problem to us. Since the Specialty will be early in the month, the gas supplies will be at their best. The Committee advises us that anyone traveling on the New Jersey or Pennsylvania turnpikes can purchase up to $7.00 worth of gas at any one station. It is suggested that you start with a full tank and do not let it go below half-full before refueling. There are still plenty of stations open on weekends and those traveling on Friday and Monday will find the stations open.

Response to the survey of the members in the centerfold of the April Dew Claw has been very good, but we would like to hear from more of you. If you have not sent your survey, please do. This will help the Board to serve you better.

If you have any topics you would like to have discussed at the Annual Meeting, please forward them to me and they will be added to the agenda for the meeting. This can be done even if you will not be at the meeting to present your subject. It is your club and we want to hear from you.

See you at the Specialty.

Phil Zingsheim

BCA

TREASURER’S REPORT - MARCH 1, 1979 through APRIL 30, 1979

INCOME

Dues
D/C subscriptions
D/C ads
D/C stud dog column
D/C back issues
Overpayment dues
1979 Calendars
Brochures
Rescue Fund
1979 Spec. Donations

$398.00
301.00
20.00
2.00
4.50
10.00
66.00
1.25
50.00
332.30

EXPENSES

Dew Claw, April
postage
postage (new appl.)
Other printing
Overpayment dues
D/C subscriptions
Illustrated Standard
Treasurer's Bond
1979 Calendar postage
Brochure postage
Secretary's postage
Bank charges
50th Anniversary (pack & mail tiles)

$366.60
208.24
15.20
12.11
10.00
10.00
48.05
25.00
10.04
.79
15.00
4.09
102.36

INCOME

$1,185.05

EXPENSES

$827.39

Opening Balance
Income
Expenses

$6,250.05
1,185.05
827.39

Balance

$6,607.71

BULLETIN BOARD

PUPPY REFERRAL SERVICE - Although the BCA does not sell puppies, it does offer a referral service to anyone contacting the Club about pups. A list of breeders with puppies is kept current and is sent to anyone requesting the information. Breeders who have or are expecting pups should notify the Secretary so they can be included on the list. Puppy inquiries have diminished steadily for the past 18 months and the earlier your name is on the list, the more likely you are to be contacted by potential owners.

NEWS AND PHOTOS - The membership is interested in news and photos from all regions of the country. Send your news to the News Editor, Sue McCormick and your photos with appropriate information to the Editor, Diane McLeroth. Show win photos are printed as space permits and photos of new champions and obedience title holders are usually printed in the issue following receipt. Your news and photos can not be printed unless you send it, so please let us hear from you.

1979 CALENDARS - There are still some '79 Briard Calendars available from Ada Marley, 3940 W. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268. They are $3.00 each.

BROCHURES - The BCA offers an excellent brochure on the Briard for your use. It includes a description of the Briard, the AKC Standard of the Breed and the Code of Ethics of the BCA. There is space for your name and address and the brochure fits in a number 10 envelope. Every Briarder should have a supply to give to those interested in information on the breed. They are $1.25 for 25 brochures and $4.00 for 100 brochures. Order from Ada Marley, 3940 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46268. Please make checks payable to the Briard Club.

JUNE 1979
SECRETARY’S PAGE

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:
Katherine Brown, 3970 Old Shell Road, Mobile, AL 36608
Louis Dvorkin and Jordi Potiker, 32710 Redfern, Franklin, MI 48025
Robert Gostanian, 323 Noe St., San Francisco, CA 94114
Brian and Lynn Lowell, RFD #2, Box 221, E. Corinth, ME 04427
James W. Wylie, 5543 26th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS have been submitted by the following:
Patricia Magladry, Box 180, Palo Cedro, CA 96073-owner of Beards-anbrows Blac Opal
George Mahony, 119 W. Wing St., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 - owner of Stonehill's Never-E-Nuff.
Edwin & Margaret Thoreson, Rt. 2, Box 512, Estacada, OR 97023 owners of Celtic Winds Mtlle. Beaujolais.
Daniel & Sharon Tolerton, 448 E. Grant, Alliance, OH 44601 - owners of Marshall Ney de Bruesto.
Julie Treinis, Hollis St., Dunstable, MA 01827 - owner of Brie-Zee Little Whoeki, Am/Can. TD
Barbara Zaworski, N60W35378 Parkside Ct., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 - owner of Shadeaux de Femme and B.J.'s Call Me Mister.

BOARD ACTION
A motion to spend the additional money required to print & mail the '78 Rassemblement Report Catalog was unanimously approved.
It was voted to charge $10.00 per copy of the Rassemblement Report Catalog (Complimentary copies to be given to all exhibitors)

UNDER BOARD DISCUSSION or PENDING ACTION
Division of the Working Group as proposed by the American Shetland Sheepdog Association is being evaluated.

Registration of Briards found clear of PRA by the B.C.A. has been proposed since C.E.R.F. will no longer provide this service.

A motion to print the Education Committee's index of Dew Claw articles is under consideration.

Should advertising be accepted for the Dew Claw from regional briard clubs?

C.E.R.F. NO LONGER TO REGISTER OR CERTIFY P.R.A. CLEAR DOGS
The B.C.A. has been advised that as of June 1, 1979 C.E.R.F. will no longer register or certify dogs which have been found to be clear of eye disease. This decision was made due to pressure from some groups which believe other than the "Board certified veterinary Ophthalmologists or veterinarians designated as qualified to conduct eye examinations by the AVMA" required by CERF, should be permitted to submit the results of eye examinations.

C.E.R.F. has tried for some months to resolve this controversy but without success. C.E.R.F. will continue to compile data and study what is already available. They will also make every effort to keep interested groups informed as to findings on eye disease.

B.C.A. is considering setting up a registry for Briards.

BCA AWARD OF MERIT
The Briard Club of America offers an Award of Merit to each of its Members in good standing, who finishes a Briard to an A.K.C. Championship or Obedience Degree.

The award is presented at the Annual Meeting of the Briard Club. A Member, eligible for the award must file a request, in writing, that a dog or bitch was owned or co-owned by a Member of the Club; or owned or co-owned by a minor child of such Member, at the time the AKC championship or degree was completed.

A foundation plaque, together with a plate indicating the name of the Briard, the title or degree earned and the year of the title or degree will be awarded the first time a Member applies for the award. Thereafter, a plate as described above, will be awarded for each additional title or degree earned by any Briard in the same household, which can be added to the original foundation plaque.

The Club can only award one foundation plaque per family. If you prefer an individual plaque for each dog or for each award; or if you wish to have a duplicate plaque made for a co-owner, you may purchase the additional foundation plaque for $5.00 each plus $3.00 for each duplicate plate.

If you have a Briard which has completed an A.K.C. Championship or Obedience Degree, please complete and return the following application form to the Secretary. Please use a duplicate form for each eligible dog and each title or degree. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY JULY 18, 1979.

BCA AWARD OF MERIT APPLICATION

Dog's Name: ____________________________ (Please type or print name of dog carefully)
A.K.C. Title: ____________________________ Date Title Awarded ____________________________
Owner: ______________________________________________________
Co-owner: ________________________________
Signature: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM BEFORE MAILING

JUNE 1979
If your Briard has completed an A.K.C. championship or obedience degree (and you have not received a BCA Award of Merit for that title) fill out the form below and return it to the secretary. Please send a separate form for each title or degree.

Please check what has been awarded to you or any member of your household.

_____ I do not have the foundation plaque.

_____ I/we have the foundation plaque.

_____ I/we have 1 award plate.

_____ I/we have 2 award plates.

_____ I/we have 3 or more award plates.

____ I would like to have an additional plaque for this award ($5.00 enclosed).

____ I would like to have a duplicate plate for this award. ($3.00 enclosed).

Please make checks payable to the Briard Club and include with your request for additional plaque or plate.

RETURN APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY BY JULY 18, 1979

Diane McLeroth, Secretary, 3030 Rockwood, Ft. Wayne, IN 46815

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PLEASE SEND ANY ADDRESS CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO THE SECRETARY.

JUNE 1979
LIVE FOR TODAY,
DREAM FOR TOMORROW,
LEARN FROM YESTERDAY,

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB -- THE BCA.

Have you made all your plans to attend the '79 BCA Specialty in New Jersey? There still may be time. If you have not made motel reservations call the SHERATON GARDENS, Rt. 537 & Gibson Place in Freehold, NJ 07728 and ask for Len Cutler, General Manager. There may still be rooms available and the Sheraton Gardens is the center of the B.C.A. weekend.

Send your dinner reservations off to David Tooker, Hospitality Chairman, 67 Irongate Lane, Matawan, NJ 07747 (see page 9 of the April Dew Claw for details or contact Dave directly.

The Specialty Weekend begins on Friday, August 10th at the Sheraton Gardens and the hospitality room will be open in the evening. The Committee will have on hand wine, beer and soda with chips and dips for your enjoyment. The hospitality room will be open prior to the shows on both days and coffee and danish will be served. Those requiring a full breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will want to eat in the dining room. The hospitality room will also be open about 12:00 on Saturday for those who want to get together with friends and you will want to plan to use the hotel's swimming pool, game room and cocktail lounge with live entertainment.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be presented with information regarding exercise areas for your Briard and the hotel's rules and regulations. They have designated an area at the rear of the hotel for parking if you will not be staying at the hotel. However, they cannot permit over night parking for motor homes or travel trailers. Both the Gloucester County Kennel Club and the Sand & Sea Kennel Club offer over night parking facilities for these travel vehicles.

Plan to attend the Gloucester County Kennel Club show on Saturday August 11 and the B.C.A. Annual Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting that evening. The cash bar will be open for the cocktail hour and judging from the Committee's sampling of the dinner at the Sheraton, a wonderful banquet is anticipated.

THE BRIARD SPECIALTY will be on AUGUST 12, 1979 in conjunction with the Sand & Sea Kennel Club all-breed show. If you have not sent for your premium list you will want to do so today, or you may use the forms in the centerfold of this issue. The Premium list will be more complete and is available from the Superintendent or from Marie Kokin, BCA Specialty Chairman

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TROPHY LIST - 1979 BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA SPECIALTY

BEST OF BREED: Silver plated Bosque Center Piece Bowl
The Gerald T. White Memorial Trophy, Silver on Copper Tray (to be won 3 times by the same owner for permanent possession, not necessarily with the same dog).
Silver plated Tea Pot offered by Sand & Sea K.C.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: Silver plated Ice Bucket

BEST OF WINNERS: Silver plated Trivet

WINNERS DOG: Silver plated Wine Goblet

WINNERS BITCH: Silver plated Wine Goblet

CLASSES: Prizes are offered for first through fourth place in each class.

A Silver plated Jigger is offered for 1st place in the following:
PUPPY DOGS - 6 - 9 Mos. PUPPY BITCHES - 6 - 9 Mos.
PUPPY DOGS - 9 - 12 Mos. PUPPY BITCHES - 9 - 12 Mos.

Silver plated Sugar Tongs are offered for 1st in the following:
NOVICE DOG NOVICE BITCH
AMERICAN BRED DOG AMERICAN BRED BITCH

A Silver plated Pie Server is offered for 1st in the following:
BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH

Silver plated Ice Tongs are offered for 1st in the following:
OPEN DOG OPEN BITCH

Child's Silver plated Cup is offered for 1st place in the:
VETERAN DOG CLASS VETERAN BITCH CLASS

Silver plated Cup - on the Rocks, is offered for 1st in the:
STUD DOG CLASS BROAD BITCH CLASS

Two Silver plated Cordial Cups are offered for 1st in the:
BRACE CLASS

In All Classes: 2nd place - Silver plated Napkin Ring
3rd place - Silver plated Pastry Fork
4th place - Silver plated Pastry Spoon

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES: Winner, 6 - 12 Mo. Classes: Silver
6 - 12 Mo. Winner (Best Jr. Puppy) - Silver plated Wine Goblet
12 - 18 Mo. Winner (Best Sr. Puppy) - Silver plated Wine Goblet

Best In Sweepstakes: Silver Bosque Salt & Pepper Shakers

All trophies offered by The Briard Club of America unless otherwise indicated.
OTHER EVENTS DURING THE SPECIALTY WEEKEND

- Linda Wells and Rob Ferber will show their video tapes of the 1978 Specialty and Rassemblement in the Hospitality Room.
- Stephen Schwirck, DVM of Somerville, NJ will be a guest speaker. His topic will be "Potpourri of pertinent Information. Dr. Schwirck (Hillsborough Veterinary Hospital, Rt. 206, Somerville) will also be on call in case anyone needs a veterinarian at the hotel.
- There will be a number of great gifts and prizes raffled for the benefit of the Club.

SAND AND SEA KENNEL CLUB HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOWS.

- Entries close at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 25, 1979.
- The Superintendent is Tom Crowe, P.O. Box 20225, Greensboro, N.C. 27420. Send entries to the Superintendent and make all checks payable to Foley Dog Show Organization.
- Fees are: $12.00 per dog, regular entry
  - 5.00 puppy classes (6 mos. - 12 mos.)
  - 3.00 Junior Showmanship (all breed competition)
  - 5.00 Puppy Sweepstakes.
- The following classes will have a $3.00 fee, if the dogs are entered in the regular classes, if not, the $12.00 entry fee will apply: Veterans Class; Stud Dog; Brood Bitch; Brace Class.

SEE YOU AT THE B.C.A. SPECIALTY WEEKEND, AUGUST 10th, 11th, and 12th!
AGREEMENT

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I (we) hereby assume 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 for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this show or obedience trial, however such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

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SIGNATURE of owner or his agent

TELEPHONE #
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State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to A.K.C. (For complete rule refer to Chapter 15, Section 3.)

If this entry is for Jr. Showmanship please give the following information:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHP

ADDRESS

JR'S DATE OF BIRTH

If Jr. Handler is not the owner of the dog, identified on this face of this form, what is the relationship of the Jr. Handler to the owner?

JUNE 1979

BY JUDY HOLGERSEN

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After many tactics, there was only one way to tackle this; we carried her up 4 flights of stairs! Once in the apartment, we gave her three thorough shampoos and she still was not the most lovely-smelling canine one might meet. During the next few days, as one trudged up the four flights, a strange odor permeated the air.

Something had to be done about the name. Many names were bantered about, but another close friend hit upon "Jennifer". The vet in the lab said she was about 2 years old and that she might be a cross between an Old English sheepdog and an Airedale - so a British friend thought that Jennifer was an appropriate name and it seemed just right!
In the meantime, Jennifer did not learn to like the steps any better and we went for long walks on endless concrete sidewalks. I realized that she seemed to be looking for something (which I later found out was grass). She never seemed to find the appropriate spot to relieve herself except in the apartment. If we passed children she could not wait to be petted by them and tugged at the leash to be near them. We loved her dearly and she was really becoming a beautiful dog with combing and care. However, her toilet habits were a problem and at one point my husband thought that someone must have given her to a dog pound because she couldn't be toilet-trained!

We were getting frustrated by this and we were going to go on a ski vacation in New Hampshire and wanted to take her with us. We arrived in New Hampshire and were given a room on the ground floor with our own door to the outside. In one hour she was miraculously trained—never again has she had an accident! It began to dawn on us that she hadn't understood that down all those steps in that city apartment was the outside, plus that after she got down there, there was no nice green grass or earth—just concrete. Of course, New Hampshire was covered with blankets of snow and she was in heaven.

People kept asking us what kind of a dog she was, as she was really looking great by this time. My husband, drawing on his Norwegian homeland, would say, "a Norwegian sheephound." One day, a lady stopped us and said, "I think that you have a Briard there." We both said, "What is a Briard?". She proceeded to tell us that she had bred them and was familiar with the breed, and suggested I read about them.

When our vacation was over, I wondered with trepidation what would happen to her new-found training when we got back to the city. She was fine, except that in order to perform her duties, she required snow. As the snow slowly melted away, I wondered what would happen! The one, lone patch in front of our apartment was getting smaller and smaller. When it was gone, she seemed to find a substitute and adjusted to her city life.

As to her background, we could deduce that she must have come from a loving family in the suburbs which probably had children. However, she adjusted to the city, learning commands, stopping at the busy streets and making all kinds of canine and human friends in the park. Some time later, an article was published in a national magazine about a suburban dog-catcher and his brother, who had a nefarious scheme worked out between them. When the dog-catcher caught pets, honestly or dishonestly, his brother would sell them to hospitals, including the one where we had obtained Jennifer. All of my previous deductions fell into place. Needless to say, the men were prosecuted.

I still had never seen another Briard and we had no proof that was what she was, except by comparing pictures in the books we had obtained. Her ears had not been cropped and she was a little small.

We left New York for several moves, including an Air Force tour and another residency. Our Air Force time was spent in Labrador and Jennifer was again in heaven! She loved the snow, cold and freedom. Contrary to Air Force rules, some of the dog-owners let the dogs have some freedom and Jennifer was the leader of her canine friends. What a sight to see her atop an 8 foot snowbank, barking to her friends to come and romp in the subarctic cold. Her coat became thick and lovely. Our son was born during this time and she was delighted to have another family member to love and protect. We never saw any jealousy, only love and patience for our new baby.

Last summer, six years after finding our Jennifer, we were visiting my parents in Toledo, Ohio. I walked into the Holiday Inn to make reservations for our return trip to Bronxville. Standing at the reception desk was a lady with a Briard—the first I had seen in person! Impulsively I said, "I have a dog just like that!" and she looked at me very strangely. As she walked away, the receptionist said, "There's a convention of those dogs here this weekend". I rushed to the car to tell my husband, who could not figure out what I had found so exciting in a Holiday Inn! Needless to say, we were there the next day for the 50th Anniversary Specialty—and I revelled in all those beautiful "Jennifers"!

RASSEMBLEMENT '78 REPORT CATALOGS

The publishing of the '78 Rassemblement report catalogs has fraught with problems but it now appears they will be in the mail soon. A complimentary catalog will be sent to each person who entered a Briard in the Rassemblement but there will be additional copies available for those who did not enter a dog, or who would like to have an additional copy of the report.

The report is plastic ring bound and 8½ X 11 inches in size. It offers the evaluation by M. Liguine of each of the entrants together with a photo of each dog. If you would like to order a report or additional copies, please send the form below to the Secretary.

Please send copies of the '78 Rassemblement Report. I enclose $10.00 for each copy (checks payable to the Briard Club, must accompany your order).

Send catalog(s) to:

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip

(send order to: Diane McLeroth, Secretary
3030 Rockwood Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46815)

My check for $ is enclosed.

JUNE 1979
A RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT ASIDE

Review of early issues of "The Dew Claw" indicates that the Volume numbers employed for our bulletin do not accurately represent the number of years it has been published. For those interested in historic tid-bits, there are several indications that "The Dew Claw" has been published since 1928, although it may never be possible to prove this.

The Club no longer has the minutes of the early B.C.A. meetings and we do not know if a bulletin or newsletter was mentioned at that time. Several years ago, however, a former BCA Secretary reported she had seen the minutes of the original meeting and perhaps it will be possible for the Club to locate a copy of these. It was from those minutes that the organizational date for the B.C.A. of Jan. 29, 1928 was determined as well as the names of some of those present at the meeting.

There are other indications, however. Mrs. William Fletcher of Yakima, WA generously forwarded some old issues of "The Dew Claw" for the Club files, and we have also received some from Mrs. Ernest Clark of Molalla, OR. The Nov./Dec. issue of 1954 was "No. 127". The Nov./Dec. issue of 1953 was "No. 122", indicating that 5 issues were published in 1954. Numbers of other early issues indicate that an average of 4 to 5 issues of the bulletin were published each year. Estimating an average of 5 issues a year prior to 1953 indicates that "The Dew Claw" was published as early as mid-1928, the year BCA was founded.

If the foregoing is true, then the Dew Claw is in its 52nd year of publication and the correct Volume Number should be LII. (D.Mc)

TURN BACK FOR YOUR RASSEMBLEMENT REPORT CATALOG ORDER FORM.

All those who entered a Briard in the '78 Rassemblement will automatically receive one catalog without charge. If you did not enter a dog - or if you wish extra copies of the report, just cut on the dotted line above and use the form on the reverse side to place your order.

B.C.A. NEWS & VIEWS

Specialty '79 is fast approaching and everyone is urged to get their reservations and donations in before the deadlines. It will be a great weekend with the supported show on Saturday and on Sunday our annual specialty with beautiful trophies. It's a great time to meet old friends and to also meet the new owners of Briards. See you in August!

A new club is rising in the east. On September 10, 1978 at the Westchester Kennel Club Show the Atlantic States Briard Club came into being. The officers are: President - Jayne Dubin, Treasurer - Barbara Lynch, Sec. Secretary - Stephanie Marcus and Corr. Secretary - Regina Keiter. This new club publishes their own newsletter entitled LE MAGAZINE and the aims of the club was outlined as working to advance the exhibition of pure-bred Briards and perfecting grooming and handling techniques. Anyone interested should contact one of the above officers for more information.

June Show sends this BIG news!! Ch. Nestor De L'Eminence, owned, bred and handled by June, took a Group I at Lewiston Kennel Club 4/8/79. Congratulations June & Nestor!!!

New Champions

CH. LUKE CHIEN DE FAMILLE owned by Marguerite Provencher finished his championship at Eastern Dog Club in Boston. What is very special about Luke's championship is that he came to Marguerite as a "rescued dog." She has done a beautiful job with him and is to be congratulated for her excellent work. Luke's daughter, Ombre - owned by Marsha Clamp, who handled Luke to his championship, is also doing well in the show ring at the tender age of 8½ months. She has 4 RWB to majors and in Montreal, she went WB 2 days in a row (from Jr. Puppy) over open bitches to earn six points toward her Canadian championship.

CH. STONEHILL'S I'M BOGIE owned and handled by Rob Ferber finished his championship by going BW for a three point major at the Saginaw Kennel Club Show on April 7th under Judge Denis Grivas. Bogie was bred by Bob and Jerry Adolphus by Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord and out of Ch. Plogan Variety Show Stonehill.

CH. MANNY'S ILOTIE O'JILL owned and handled by Jean Heft finished her championship on May 6th at the Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club show under Judge J. D. Jones going WB for 3 pts. and BOS. Jill was bred by Manny Littin and her sire is Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, CD out of Ch. Iloete du Lac de Bethmale, CD.

CH. PA'CHICK'S NIFTY NUGGET owned and handled by Janet Couture finished his championship at the Livonia K.C. Show on 4/8/79 under Mr. Vandeventer going WD for 3 pts. and BW. Nugget's sire is Calumet's Jason J. and his dam is Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer.

June 1979
Gloria Merder sends us this obedience news from Jasper, Indiana. Chateaubriard Notre Fleur (better known as Daisy) earned her first leg at the Evansville Obedience Trial on December 4th on her C.D. It made me especially happy because it was our first competition! We had entered two fun matches and did a respectable job in sub-novice, but hadn't even entered the Novice A class! The old saying "ignorance is bliss" could apply here (or it could have been sheer stupidity!). We also have another obedience class organized here in Jasper. We have a terrific trainer who has agreed to teach another class and we've had a good response. There hasn't been an obedience class in our whole county for years and years until Daisy moved in and stirred things up. Never underestimate the power of a Briard!!

Pat Morale also sends obedience news from Richardson, Texas. Ch. Chateaubriard Justintime, CDX finished her title last fall and reports that two of her open legs were also 4th placings. She is also trying her hand in the utility ring at fun matches and at a match in April scored 189½. Just to keep Pat on her toes though, Daisy then won a runoff for 3rd place in her class! Keep up the good work Daisy & Pat. Looks like we'll have a new UD dog to add to our list soon!

Sue Erickson sends us this news on "Salty", Ch. Les Blues du Chien de Sel, C.D. She earned the 2nd leg for her C.D.X. in Open A at the St. Paul Dog Training Club Trial with a 183 under Judge Richard Christ.

**Puppy Corner**

On April 24th Nori Naire de Lindeau presented Linda Wells and Rob Ferber with 10 black puppies (5 boys - 5 girls). The proud father is Rob's Ch. Stonehill's I'm Bogie who finished his championship earlier this month.

Sue Erickson of Mankato, Minn. has one black 7 month old female available from her litter sired by Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord out of Ch. Les Blues du Chien de Sel, C.D.

Lynda & Roger Taylor are expecting tawny puppies the end of May out of their tawny champion female sired by Ch. Chateaubriard Jokerswild, C.D.

**Show Reports**

3/17/79 - Harrisburg K.C. - J Mr. Patterson e 1-5-2
BOB Ch. Phyxdeaux What's Happenin' (M. Tingley & I. Ackerson)
BOS,BW,BW Phyxdeaux Oh Susannah, TD (K. Parkas)
WD Bellesprit Midnight Special (H. Schrott)

3/25/79 - Fort Stuben K.C. - J Mr. Wills e 2-2-0
BOB,BW,BW Bellesprit Midnight Special (H. Schrott)
BOS,BW Manny's O'Bree (J. Schrumm)

3/31/79 - Western Penn. Kennel Assoc. - J. Mrs. Moore e 3-4-3
BOB Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, CDX (S. McCormick)
WD 2 pts. Stonehill's I'm Happy (Shirley & Richard Morgan)
WB 3 pts.,BW,BOS Manny's O'Bree

4/1/79 - Laurel Highlands Kennel Assoc. - J Mrs. Davis e 1-2-1
BOB Ch. Phyxdeaux What's Happenin'
BOS,BW,BW Manny's O'Bree
WD Bellesprit Midnight Special

4/7/79 - Saginaw K.C. - J Mr. Grivas e 3-4-2
BOB Ch. Silvermoon's La Tara
BOS Ch. Fiance le D'or de Beauxjolis, CD (Virginia Schaefer)
WD 2 pts.,BW 3 pts. Stonehill's I'm Bogie (Rob Ferber)
WB 3 pts. Fleur De Oranger Du Le Loup D'or (Robert Russell & Kam Felham)

4/8/79 - Livonia K.C. - J Mr. Vandeventer e 4-3-1
BOB Ch. PeChick's Impresario
WD 3 pts.,BW PeChick's Nifty Nugget (Janet Couture)
WE 2 pts.,BOS PeChick's Nutty Buddy (Frank Quinn & Judy MacGregor)

4/13-14/79 - Kent Kennel Club (Canada) J Mrs. Drury & Mr. Dawson e 0-3-0
WE 2pts.,BOB Am. Ch. Silvermoon Beau Belle Tanya (Roselyn Bell)

4/28/79 - Progressive Dog Club - J Mr. Radcliffe e 6-6-3
BOB Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, CDX
BOS Ch. Silvermoon's La Tara (Judy Ziozios)
WD 4 pts. Merlen Mon Ami (Rob & Denise Kracht & Rob Ferber)
WB 4 pts.,BW Manny's Ilotie Olive (Manny Littin)

4/29/79 - Ann Arbor K.C. - J Mrs. Tingley e 8-8-5
BOB Ch. Silvermoon's La Tara
BOS Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, CDX
WD 5 pts. Natty Bumpo de Lindeau (Donna Patrick & Linda Wells)
WB 5 pts.,BW Notre Magic Gene de Lindeau (Linda Bullard & Linda Wells)

5/6/79 - Northeastern Indiana K.C. - J J.D. Jones e 5-4-3
BOB Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, CDX
WD 4 pts.,BW Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover (Pat Long)
WB 3 pts.,BOS Manny's Ilotie O'Jill (Jean Heft)

Indianapolis K.C. - J Mr. Gilliland e 1-4-0
BOB,BW,BW 3 pts. Tigresse De Patriche (Janice Millis)
WD Stonehill's Never-E-Ruff (George Mahoney)

**JUNE 1979**

BCA
5/13/79 - Mad River K.C. - j Mr. Cartwright e 3-1-0
WB,BW 2 pts., BOB Manny's Ilotie Olive
WD 2 pts., BOS Manny's Oscar Poch Bear (Manny Littin)

Fun Matches
4/22/79 - Michigan State University - entry 5
BOB Puppy Chien de Sel Optical Illusion (Kam Pelham & Robert
Russell) - Puppy Group 3. BOB Adult Fleur de Oranger De Le Loup
D'or (Robert Russell & Kam Pelham) - Adult Group 4.

Susan McCormick,
News Editor

ABBYGIRL PUPPIES
FROM SANDACRES

INQUIRIES INVITED

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DAM: FILLE D'ABBAYE, C.D. (14 POINTS - 3 MAJORS)
SIRE: CH. JABOT LE BONHEUR D'HITE Couture, C.D.
SIRE AND DAM RATED EXCELLENT AT
1978 Rassemblement

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION STONEHILL'S I'M BOGIE (dog)

Owner: Rob Ferber
Breeders: Robert & Gerry Adolphus

Championship: April 7, 1979
Whelped: June 1, 1975

Sire: Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord
(Ch. Syre du Val de Reuil C.D.
X Am/Can. Ch. Rochelle de
Marha, U.D.)

Dam: Ch. Flogan Variety Show
Stonehill
(Ch. Sleil d'Or de Marha
X Ch. Flogan Phay de Marha)

Judge: Dennis Grivas
Handled by Rob

JUNE 1979
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

AM/_CAN. CHAMPION D'ESCOFFION MLE. MUFFET D'ARGYL (bitch)

Owners: Jim & Phyllis Bond
Breeder: Louise Cohen
AKC Championship: April 28, 1979
Whelped: March 16, 1976
Sire: Ch. Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne
Dam: Ch. Joie de Vivre des Sages-Hardis
(Ch. Phydeaux Quelques X Ch. Tendresse de Charlemagne)
(Ch. Teed d'El Paste X Thalassa du Val de Reuil)
Judge: Ed Bracy
Handled by Phyllis

SEDIR'S

LE BERGER DE BRIE, CHIEN DE FRANCE

PART IV

Continuing the series from what has become known as "The Bible of the Briard" written by Monsieur Sedin of France in the 1920s; M. Sedin's book is now a collectors' item, unavailable for many years. This series from the translation of this fine book is included in The Dew Claw so many may have an opportunity to read it and to share M. Sedin's deep love and understanding of the Briard.

Chapter VI

PSYCHOLOGY AND UTILIZATION

Among those gentle fanatics (of whom I am one) who are completely impassioned with dogs -- the friends of the Briard are perhaps the most rational, in the sense that this ancient companion of man offers an ensemble of qualities which are genuine and steadfast.

As a rule, long-haired dogs seem to be more intelligent than short-haired ones. They understand better what their masters require of them and they learn more quickly. Their gentleness, their loyalty and devotion are above the average. The Briard possesses these qualities to a remarkable degree. But their personality is strong, they have a certain self-respect and if punishment is unfair, they become stubborn.

Some shepherds have told me that their dogs do not accept unfair punishment. Dogs who are accustomed to lead the herd by themselves from farm to pasture have been known to refuse service if by chance they were accompanied, and to go home as if they were hurt because their ability was questioned. It is by gentle handling, gentle treatment, pleasant and consistent orders that one can make the wonderful friend do extremely intelligent and wise deeds. M. Paul Megnin's book "War Dogs", relates some interesting anecdotes in this respect.

The Briard scarcely needs any training, but they need to understand clearly what is expected of them: guarding man, guarding children, guarding the house, the poultry yard or the herd, and they manage very well by themselves.

Training as a police dog ordinarily spoils the character of the Briard because it annihilates his initiative. This is especially true of the German training. In order to obtain the most of these dogs it is necessary to be extremely kind, gentle, friendly and talk a great deal to them as soon as they can understand starting at six or eight months.

Col. Frederic Dommanget insists a great deal on the following absolute necessity in order to perfect a dog: that there must be understanding, communion, "oneness" between master and dog. When one buys a dog who has had some training, very often this training has to be discarded and start anew. I wrote the following in "l'Eleveur" in 1922:

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"I have just seen four dogs shows outside of Paris and I was sorry to see what little interest dog-lovers display in the training of this magnificent dog. The number of German shepherds is always tremendous but there are few beautiful specimens. The Belgians take a great deal of trouble to increase their breeds, but as for the Briard, the Beaucerons, the French Bouviers, the ratio is between 1 to 4 to 10 Belgian or 20 German shepherds."

Why? First of all, in cynophilia, a foolish conformity to fashion rules the great majority of buyers. Secondly, one doesn't value dogs seen in the country where they are ill-nourished, ill-treated and submitted to the cruelties of children and to the revolting stinginess of adults. It is difficult to imagine the degree of brutality displayed by village people with human physiognomy — when they deal with an animal who is all-loving and all-devoted. The city dweller who notices this scorn is disinterested in the victimized animal. Moreover, it is said that the Briard is hard to maintain; which is true of the pseudo-Briard, but it is false for the genuine Briard. And lastly, certain officials do not know the breed and their judgements are illogical.

The Briards which have been awarded the First Prizes since the war (W.W.I) are impressive animals by their stature and coat. Although the ideal of masculine beauty is not necessarily Farnesian Hercules, neither is the gigantic wrestler necessarily good at agricultural life or in war. A Briard and the size of a mountain dog (Great Pyrenees) would not perhaps be ideal for a cutting dog or drover dog; and all the dogs with too abundant hair, which I have seen do not long endure the work of the herder.

I remember that in my youth, Sauret had bred some large dogs, most certainly elegant and lythe and which had no resemblance to the Russian shepherds. These dogs had hair like the mane of a horse, lying down and wavy, water rolled off the back and mud, when dried, fell away from it.

During my recent trip, I saw a black Briard given a First Prize. He was well-constructed, most certainly, but he had a rather large white spot on his chest. In the old days, M. Sauret, Prince of von Arenberg M. Fregis; M. Verlinde put down the black pups with a white mark. I saw another Briard, who had received First Prize elsewhere, whose ears were cut vertically as if he were a bouvier or bas-rouge (Beauceron). Tradition demands to the contrary, that the ear of the Briard be cut in a shell-shape.

The wording of the standard for this breed must exact the most minute precision. I know that nothing is lasting in our world. One sees now the too small fox-terriers and shepherds resembling Leonberg. Some try to suppress the double dewclaw of our French shepherd dogs. This would facilitate trading among some dealers; and the protest of the traditionalists would be covered by outcries of modernists. But since this Review is independent, since the courtesy of M. Megnin is perfect, I think that my afore-mentioned remarks will be of use to those who love our brave Briards and who would conserve them for them their time-honored type.

The defense will perhaps appear too enthusiastic. May I reinforce it by quoting the following text written by a cynologist who admirably knows all breeds and who can distinguish impartially their faults and virtues: I mean M. Paul Megnin.

Following is an excerpt from his Review (July 1923), under the significant title: "Sheep Dogs, Poor Relatives in the Family of Dogs".

"Poor sheep dogs, so good, so useful, they are abandoned by the authorities, neglected by the Societe Centrale. The reason? We do not know. In any case we can only express our regrets.

"The general agricultural competition was held for the first time since 1914. A category was reserved as before the war, for sheep dogs. But as before the war, through an unfortunate misinformation of breeds and species used for watching and leading sheep, only 2 varieties of farm reproducers animals were admitted: Briards and Beaucerons. What about the other species of sheep dogs?

"Moreover, the few dogs that were shown were in a dark corner, where they could hardly be seen.

"We agree that it would be useless to invite to this working dog-show, sheep dogs who are luxury dogs or pets (of which there are many). But why not open wide the doors of the General Agricultural Competition to sheepdogs of all varieties, provided that they are absolutely useful on farms, either as watch dogs, as leaders of herds, as house dogs or personal watch dogs? A declaration signed by the owner of the dog would be attached to the application giving the actual use of the dog. The Ministry of Agriculture has extensive means of publicity through its local officers and even a simple circular issued to the local specialized agricultural teachers would publicize the requirements for admission of sheep dogs to the competition. Every variety, whatever it may be, would be admitted at first, it is true, dogs who would be very useful to the shepherds or cow herders, but who would not conform to a breed type, would be admitted. It would be up to the judges, even an admissions jury, to reject dogs not falling into any particular category. Or if one wanted to avoid having to go there, the teachers who have studied with Professeur Dechambre at Grignon, could designate those dogs whose type would make them acceptable for competition. We would likely then get a group of beautiful and good sheep dogs and varieties, as much as the Briard and Beauceron, worthy of recognition.

"There should be no exclusive control or monopoly of one breed. This would mark a unique opportunity to popularize and to gain appreciation for the sheep dogs we have in France and which leave far behind, those of foreign countries."

I will also borrow from "Eleveur" a forgotten page written by Maurice Talmeyr. In spite of several technical inaccuracies, the werve and picturesque quality of this description will be appreciated.

AT THE MARKET OF LA VILLETTE

"The dogs in themselves are quite numerous in this market. There are about 800 of them and it would be easy to fill up a book with the description of their habits, their looks, their intelligence and their individuality."
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"The story of Marotte goes back to the end of the Empire (to the time of the Sceaux and Poissy markets) but lives on as a legend. In those days cattle journeyed by night along the roads and they often got lost. A few oxen and sheep got tired, wandered in the dark and stayed in the fields or in the ditches, but Marotte used to sense this immediately. She ran to the cattle-driver, tugged at his cape, stopped him, then would go to look for the stray animal, find it, bring it back and the journey continued.

"Brisac had another talent. Sometimes in the market, the sheep stray from one herd to another, but Brisac did not let them do it. 'One sheep is missing, Brisac!' Brisac rushed immediately to the deserter, and led him to his own herd.

"Tambour had a collar with a compartment where his master used to slip some papers and used to send him to several butchers. 'Go Tambour!' Tambour went and the butchers wrote their orders on the pieces of paper, replaced them in the collar and when the dog came back it was easy to know how many oxen or sheep had to be slaughtered.

"Fils, Toulon, Javotte, Lafleur and Ramona help line up the sheep and obey the slightest sign. 'Come on Javotte, Fils, Lafleur,'! Javotte, Fils, Lafleur then execute the order like sargents. 'Here Toulon! and Toulon nuzzles the sheep and forces them back into line. 'There, Ramona!' and Ramona nips the sheep and makes it raise its head and it submits. Toulon never thinks of doing what Ramona has been ordered to do, and Fils and Lafleur do not try to go where Javotte has been told to go. They run, bite, work frantically and Lafleur sometimes pants.

"Go and have a drink, Lafleur!' says the master; and Lafleur goes to the pond, drinks, laps up, splashes and rushes back to work. 'Lafleur', calls the master after a while, for the dog is panting again, 'Go and have a drink', and Lafleur gest another drink and another splashing.

"At noon all is over and in order and the thousands of sheep are huddling close together like a lake. No back out of place, no head out of line. It is a carpet upon which Lafleur, Ramona, Javotte, Fils and Toulon run and leap as if it were a track.

"Anything might happen with a sheep dog and he is always surprising. If the herder puts his whip in his left hand, the dogs run to the left. If the herder shifts the whip to his right hand, the dogs run quickly to the right. If the herder turns his head, the dog goes behind him. If the herders stops and leaves for a moment, he needs but to put his coat on his stick in the middle of the field. It is enough.

"Stay here, Prentemps, Lisette, Papillon!' and Papillon, Lisette or Prentemps stay. They do not move. The stick and coat are there! "In reality, the dogs are professionals, they have a technique and it exists from the schools.

"At the Porte de Pantin in Paris, there is a space in the shape of a triangle with openings into the ramparts. There is a little city made of kennels and huts, where a school of that kind is organized and where two breeds remain pure and give birth to almost all the dogs of the market: Briards and Beaucerons.

"The Briard is black and silver tawny with a long goat hair, which resembles bison hair, and their brown eyes, soft, laughing, nice, sparkle in the shadows like rubies. They are jovial, apprehensive, friendly and keep as they grow the large and merry lion-like head.

"As for the Beaucerons, they have short hair, dark eyes, and the muzzle of a wolf. They are sly, wild, roam like hyenas and are never merry while working.

"Marotte, who used to tug at the herder's cape, was a Briard, and Brisac, who recognized the sheep who had strayed into another herd was a Beauceron.

"The dogs in these schools follow a kind of curriculum, and the strong point in their instruction is to teach them to grip, that is, the right place to bite the animal in order to hold it without injuring it. For the ox or the bull, the right grip is at the muzzle or behind the foot and for the sheep it is always at the neck, because bitten at the thigh, the peculiar spot tends to become callous. The young dog is placed in the company of experienced dogs and so learns the correct grip by seeing it in practice. He perhaps next can leave the school from which the students take themselves out walking every day, like at college.

"And there is never any breach of discipline during these walks. They go strolling in Pantin, on the ramparts, along the avenues of l'Abbatoir, then they return in perfect order to their well-disciplined college, calmly and silently. There is no barking in the ranks.

"All the dogs however, are not graduates of that one school. They do not get their diplomas from the Canine St. Cyr or St. Maixent, and the strangest species, the most bizarre, the most unexpected are found amongst them, as in the ancient times where each soldier, while individually armed, dressed and shod alike, resembled every other. Some are long-haired, some long-tailed, some short haired with a tail, others without one; some black, some tawny, some grey, some yellow of an indescribable yellow, some white of nondescript white. However difficult it may seem to you to classify all these canine faces, muzzles and beards, they all, or practically all share under their dusty coats or their "coats of dried dirt mail", the gaiety of the Briard or the fierceness of the Beauceron.

"The Beauceron has all the close-cropped, sad, rodent characteristics. Whereas the Briard has the goat-hair, merry eye and concise muzzle.

"The cow herders in the early morning, draw lots for their place in the Pavillon de la Regie and the whole battalion of dogs meanwhile waits peacefully for them at the door. Not one quarrel, not one grunt! Silence! At arms! But if a stray, unknown dog should by chance find its way into this group, and should by curiosity chance to sniff about, he would immediately be snatched, torn to shreds, crushed by hundreds of jaws...."

More of this chapter of Sedir's study will be included in the August "Dew Claw".

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THE HIDDEN "COSTS" OF BRIARD OWNERSHIP

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

Life with a Briard includes: buying a larger, gas-hog of an automobile because Rover is not comfortable in the small, economy model; mopping freshly waxed floors every time he comes in from outside or takes a drink; explaining to guests that the smudge on the mural wall, which they have been staring at, is his favorite place to rest his head and you have not had time to dryclean it; carefully placing pillows over the place where he cut his molars on your chair; explaining to him, again and again, that nose prints on the windows are not attractive and that it is easier to put them there than to clean them off; looking into large laughing eyes as you rub wood filler into the grooves dug into the back door - "really, Love, can't you bark to go out, like other dogs?"; swatting flies all summer; placing pillows over the shelf for a week, that the dog really loves her and will play nicely if she will only come down; staying home from a weekend vacation because no one will stay with the dog - the last time he would not let your mother-in-law sleep in your bed; spending extra time training your daughter's parakeet, who doesn't say a word yet, but barks whenever you are five minutes late for his regular game of ball; and of course, refusing to stay in any motel that does not make him welcome; feeling guilty if you have no small children - a large head gently pressed into your hand when you are lonely; the persistent clowning when you are sad; and always the faithful, unquestioning devotion shining from half-hidden eyes, as blind to your shortcomings as you are to his, because that is what love is all about and it is worth the extra "costs"!

(An absolutely true story by Diane McLeroth - originally printed in the April 1976 "Dew Claw". Reprinted by request.)