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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our two 1979 Specialty judges: Puppy Sweepstakes Judge, Charles Cook and Specialty Breed Judge, Arnold Woolf. They did an excellent job and handled the classes in a way which helped to compensate for the weather.

The Board of Directors met the night before the Specialty and made some decisions which I think you, as Members, should be informed of.

-The Illustrated Standard, which has been with two different artists over the past five years, was tabled until a future date. It was decided that the project may be impossible to complete and it is likely to be a sizable expense. After five years of work, we have very little to show for it. The time and expense may be more than the Club should support at this time.

-Bulk mailing of the Dew Claw was discussed. Bulk mailing would save the Club considerable money and there should only be minor delays in mailing time. A permit from the U.S. Postal Service will be applied for and hopefully they will view us as an exempt, non-profit organization, which will lower the mailing expenses even more. This bulk mailing, if passed by the Board, will be tried for an issue or two and if unsuccessful, we can return to 1st Class.

-It was suggested to the Board that we again consider sending the Dew Claw to the judges approved for judging Briards. The AKC Delegate, June Shew, pointed out that the judges are looking for information that can only be obtained through the Dew Claw. Expense became a factor to consider, but the savings on bulk mailing would cover any additional costs of printing copies to mail to the judges.

Phil Zingsheim

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October 2, 1979

By now your members must know our wonderful news. Ombre is home with us! We are so happy this "miracle" has happened. He is wonderful and clean after days of brushing and a bath. He is so happy to be home and remembered us, especially the children. We would like to thank you all for the love and support that was given to us in our darkest hour, and I mean darkest hour.

Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts. We are once again a family with our "Ombre" back home. He has not stopped wagging his tail or following me around. We keep looking at him and we don't believe that we are so lucky. His one-year-old birthday is October 22nd and what a celebration we are planning for him!

With love and thankfulness,

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BOARD ACTION

-COST OF DEW CLAW REPRINTS - a price of $1.00 for up to 4 pages of article reprints from past Dew Claws has been set by the Board to cover the cost of copies and mailing.
-BULK MAILING OF THE DEW CLAW - A motion to apply for a permit and test bulk mailing of the Dew Claw was approved by the Board. The motion was unanimously approved by those voting.
-DEW CLAW TO JUDGES - The Board passed a motion to use some of the savings realized by bulk mailing to print additional copies of the Dew Claw for mailing to AKC judges approved to judge Briards. Approving the motion: Bob Boelter, Pat Long, Ada Marley, Diane Mcleoth, Dallas Meggitt and Phil Zingsheim. Disapproving: Charles Cook
Requesting discussion: Carole Jobe, who commented that the judges should be given an opportunity to request copies in that we can not afford to send them unless wanted. Ed Konrath suggested waiting to see if bulk mailing was successful, otherwise approving.
Not voting: Ken Collins
-ADCA - A motion to renew BCA's membership in the American Dog Owners Association was unanimously approved by those voting.
-BCA CALENDAR - a motion to print an '80 Briard Calendar was unanimously approved by those voting.

NOTICE- PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS. We will soon try Bulk Mail, which is not forwarded. If you do not notify the Club of your new address, if we do not have your Zip Code, or if you do not have bulk mail forwarded by your post office, you will miss some copies of the Dew Claw. With your help, bulk mailing can be successful and amount to considerably savings on mailing costs.

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B.C.A. NEWS & VIEWS

It has come to my attention that various folks are wondering why news and show reports have not been in the News & Views column from different parts of the country. We can only report the news that you send us. Any contribution is received gladly whether it be In the form of a show report or just a bit of news you wish to share with other Briarders. If you send show reports, please send complete reports such as judge, size of entry, who took the points in both sexes along with breed and best of opposite. Please help us to make this a pleasing article to read and share your news with other Briarders.

Judy Schramm, who is a teacher, sends us this news on the day Mandy (Ch. Manny’s O’Bree) visited summer school. At the school where I teach, there was a summer enrichment program for slow learners. The gal in charge asked me if I would bring Mandy "the show dog" to school and put on an assembly - so we did! We tried to explain a few basics - teaching your dog the commands sit, down, come, stay and heel. Before we began the obedience demonstration I explained the story of the Briard. The whole time Mandy was a complete ham but she worked with such dignity. All the children just had to pet her afterwards and it really was a lovely experience for us as well as the children.

O.F.A. News
Cindy Gray reports that her "Noah" - Ch. Unique Noe de Vielle Ville, C.D. – is now certified number FB-92. Jim Stewart reports that both his briards have their certification. Ch. M. Charlemagne de Strathcona is FB-82 and Beardsanbrow’s Natanya is FB-94.

Several people have asked what a "T" added to an O.F.A number means. According to Dave Behrens, this letter indicates that the dog is tattooed.

Obedience News
Julie Treinis and "Whooki" send us this news from the three day breed and obedience show they attended sponsored by the Chateauguay Valley Kennel Club on June 30, July 1 & 2. Whooki took B.O.B. at each show, but the really big news was his obedience performance. From the Novice B class, he earned his Canadian C.D. in three shows, with one 3rd place finish and two firsts. In the third show, he was High Scoring Dog In Trial. After receiving his award for this, he was awarded a rosette and trophy for having the highest combined score for the three shows from one class! His scores were 192½, 194 and 195.

Daisy, owned and trained by Gloria Merder, earned her second leg toward her C.D. in Bloomington, Ind. on July 21. The judge was Rev. Thomas V. O’Connor and their score was 175½.
Daniel Tolerton reports his Marshall Hey de Briollette (Ch. Pa' Chick's Intermezzo, C.D. out of Briollette de la Montagne, C.D.) completed his C.D. title with scores of 190, 197 and 191.

At the Twin Ports Dog Training Club Graduation Match Christopher and "Ombre" Long placed first in the Jr. Handler division and high score from both classes, his and the "old" (experienced) handlers with new dogs, which was judged by the same judge. Their score was 95 out of a possible 100! He's done virtually all the training himself - pretty good for a 10 year old and a 7 month old Briard puppy!!

New Champions

CH. FILLE D'ABBAYE, C.D. - owned by Jane Beahan finished her championship on July 15th at the Duluth K.C. show under judge Mr. Rutledge Gellilland going W.B. for 3 pts. and B.O.S.

CH. MANNY'S LITTLE MISS NIBBLES - owned by Manny Littin finished her championship on 7/15/79 at the Grand River K.C. show under Judge Mrs. Keyes going W.B. for 2 pts.

CH. MERLEN MON AMI - owned by Bob & Denise Kracht and Rob Ferber finished his championship on August 11th at the Gloucester County Kennel Club show under Judge Miss Anna Mae Forsberg going W.D. For 5 pts. and B.W.

The east coast specialty for 1979 was a great success even though we were almost washed away on Sunday. It was great to visit with old and new friends and everyone really enjoyed themselves. There were raffles with beautiful prizes and a beautiful picture and a ceramic Briard were raffled at the show site.

The following are the results from the supported show and the specialty:

8/11/79 - Gloucester County Kennel Club - j Miss Forsberg - entry 15-9-12
B.O.B. - Ch. Phyeaux What's Happenin' (M. Tingley & Ira Ackerson)
B.O.S. - Ch. Notre Magic Genie de Lindeau (Linda Bullard & Linda Wells)
W.D. 5 pts., B.W. Merlen Mon Ami (Bob & Denise Kracht & Rob Ferber)
W.E. 5 pts. Chateaubriard Nouvelle Nova (Richard McDearmon & Ellen Walton)

8/12/79 - Sand & Sea Kennel Club - j Mr. Cook (Sweepstakes) & Mr. Woolf (Regular Classes) entry 20 Sweeps - 21-19-23-6 Regular
B.O.B. & Grp. I - Ch. Nestor de L'Eminence (June Shev)
B.O.S. - Ch. Phyeaux Linda Lovelace (Regina Keiter)
W.D. 5 pts. Chucklin's Ch Huggy Bear (Linda Hysell & Roger Taylor)
W.E. 5 pts., B.W. Chateaubriard Nouvelle Nova

Best Junior Sweepstakes Winner - Bon Ami Othello (Marilyn Halpern)
Best Senior Sweepstakes Winner - Chateaubriard Onederwoman (Cece & Ken Collins)
Best Puppy In Sweepstakes - Chateaubriard Onederwoman

Puppy Corner

On 8/17/79, Ch. Pa'Chick's Ma-Be-Haven, C.D. delivered a litter of eleven puppies (10 females - 1 male) sired by Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover. At this time there are three tawny and one black show quality females available. Inquiries should be directed to Susan McCormick.

On 9/14/79, Ch. Bellesprit Licol Mon Bonheur delivered a litter of eleven puppies sired by Pa'Chick's Man O' War (7 females - 4 males). There are black and tawny puppies available and inquiries should be directed to Bob & Marie Herd.

Puppies are expected around 11/18/79 out of Ch. Silvermoon's La Tara sired by Am./Can. Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona, C.D. This will be a tawny litter and inquiries should be directed to Judy Ziozios.

Puppies are expected in September out of Acteon Faierice of Antigo sired by Ch. Just Tigger de Charlemagne. Both parents are black and inquiries should be directed to Meg Weitz.

Show Reports


Judy Ziozios sends these show reports on her Ch. Silvermoon's La Tara - B.O.B. at the following shows - Sturgis, Travis City, Flint (pulled in group), Fowlerville and Saginaw. Also at the Saginaw show, Julie Ziozios showed Tara in junior handling and placed 4th her first time out.

W.D, BW 1 pt., BOB Oliver du le Loup D'or (Sheryl Buffington)
W.B 1 pt., BOS Fleur de Oranger du le Loup D'or (Bob Russell & Kam Pelham)

5/27/79 - Kalamazoo K.C. - j Robert Ward - e 3-3-1
BOB Ch. Silvermoon's La Tara
W.D 2 pts., BOS Merlen Mon Ami (Bob & Denise Kracht & Rob Ferber)
W.B 2 pts., BW Pa'Chick's Nutty Buddy (Frank Quinn & Judy MacGregor)

5/28/79 - Battle Creek K.C. - j Tom Stevenson - e 2-3-1
BOB Ch. Silvermoon's La Tara
W.D 1 pt., BOS Oliver du le Loup D'or
W.B 2 pts., BW Pa'Chick's Nutty Buddy

New Champions

OCTOBER 1979
DO YOU NEED ANSWERS TO YOUR TRAINING QUESTIONS? Jerry Katz will be writing an Obedience Question and Answer column in future issues and will try to provide some solutions to problems you have with the training of your Briard. Whether you are training for show or just for a well-behaved Briard, send your questions along to: Jerry Katz, 1701 Strathcona, Detroit, MI 48203.

YOUR NEWS & VIEWS should be sent to Susan McCormick, 25743 Culver, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

FLEA DERMATITIS  BY JOHN E. CRAIGE, V.M.D.

One of the most common and most important problems, especially at this season of the year is flea dermatitis. There are many parts of the country where fleas are not a problem - the high deserts, the frozen North and others - but they are a problem in the more moderate environments where most of our population resides. They are especially serious in late summer and early Fall. The first frost and the coming of winter the fleas become dormant and not too serious a problem. In the Spring, they become active again. They seek a blood meal and breed, laying their eggs which hatch into tiny, wiggly larva. These larva live off the blood in the pieces of feces. The larva pupate and eventually hatch into adults. One way to tell whether your dog is infested with fleas is to shake some of the black dandruff onto a paper towel dampened with water. In a few minutes a red ring of blood appears around each of the pieces of feces. The larva pupate and eventually hatch into adults and the cycle is repeated. These increase by geometric progression through the summer and by early fall billions of hungry fleas are waiting to jump on whoever they can find.

Not all dogs react to fleas in the same manner. Some dogs never seem to have any fleas no matter how many there are in the environment. Other dogs can be teeming with fleas and yet have no itching or skin problems. While other dogs can show marked skin lesions and severe itching when only a few fleas can be found on them. I concluded from observing these differences in the dogs' reaction to fleas that some dogs had a natural substance in their body that repelled fleas, while other dogs lacking this substance were actually allergic to flea bites. It is well known that fleas as well as other biting insects inject a small amount of poison into the bite. In studying the subject I found that humans had a similar susceptibility and the allergy to the dog flea and that this could be successfully treated by using a specially prepared extract of dog fleas.

Hollister-Stier Laboratories in Spokane, Washington produce such a flea antigen and I have used this for many years in the treatment of flea allergy. Theoretically this desensitizes the animal to the flea allergy but in fact I have observed that many dogs that have been given a course of flea antigen do not have fleas subsequently. I concluded from this that the flea antigen causes some sort of immunity to develop in the dog so that the fleas will not attack that dog. I also observed that resistance to fleas depends on the general health of the dog. Sick or debilitated dogs are frequently heavily infested with fleas. It is important in nursing such a patient to keep him de-flead.

The recommended treatment for de-sensitizing humans is to give subcutaneous injections at two day intervals for six injections. I have adopted a different procedure for desensitizing dogs as follows: In addition to the flea antigen I use a non-specific desensitizing agent called Hapamine which is produced by Parke-Davis Laboratories. I mix one part of Hapamine to ten parts of flea antigen and give a half c.c. of this mixture intradermally at five to seven day intervals. In a subsequent article I will explain why I follow this procedure. Frequently there is improvement after the first or second injection, but I prefer to give a course of about five injections. 

continued-
FLEA DERMATITIS - continued

Some dogs remain free of fleas permanently after a course of flea antigen, but others require one or more injections during the subsequent flea seasons.

You are probably wondering why I do this with all of the advertising that has been put into promoting flea collars and other such insecticides. These are a class of drugs called cholinesterase inhibitors. When they first came on the market they seemed to be the answer to our flea problem. They came in pill form and all you had to do to eliminate the fleas was give your dog pills periodically. They really worked. I remember an Irish Setter I gave the pills to one night and put into a crate. In the morning the floor of the crate was black with dead fleas. This lasted about a year in my area and then the fleas became resistant and it was no longer effective.

As newer formulas were developed they went through a similar process. Now, in our area the flea collars are not very effective. We use some of the newer insecticides as dips but we find the sprays and powders having pyrethrins and other organic insecticides are still the most effective and most reliable. A necklace made of Eucalyptus nuts seems to be more effective than the highly touted flea collars and flea medallions. In addition to the blood loss and debilitation from heavy infestation, and the allergic dermatitis, fleas can cause other problems. Fleas are the intermediate host of one of our most common tapeworms. Puppies can become infested with tapeworms by ingesting the fleas as they suckle the bitch.

Frequently the scratching and biting that an allergic dog does introduces other organisms which complicate the picture. The most common of these organisms are grass fungi and staphylococci. The so called grass fungi are a serious problem and are very interesting.

Thirty years ago or so, Dr. Merrick of Chicago published a paper incriminating a grass fungus called Alternaria as an associate with flea irritation in causing so-called summer eczema. He found that this could be successfully treated by using a chemical named 2-Mercaptobenzothiazole. He put this chemical in a proprietary medicine, Sulfadene, which is still commonly used for skin conditions. This chemical is the base of a commonly used drug produced by the Pitman-Moore Co. for veterinary use called Mercaptopanine Cream. Despite the success of this drug in treating skin problems, especially "summer eczema" the veterinary profession has largely over-looked this organism as a pathogen in skin problems. I think this is because this fungus is not considered to be a pathogen in man. There is no question in my mind that Alternaria and even some other so-called non-pathogenic grass fungi contribute to the intensity of the lesions in summer eczema and other skin conditions. But even if we accept the viewpoint that Alternaria are not contributory to the skin problems, they still are important to the individual trying to keep his dog in show condition.

Alternaria produce a rust colored pigmentation in the hair which cannot be removed by any method I have ever tried. This is bad enough in a dog like a Norwegian Elkhound but it is really serious for Samoyeds and other light coated dogs, where it stays in the coat until the hairs are shed. It therefore behooves us to try to eliminate this fungus if we are having this problem.

As far as I can see the alternaria are the only organism producing this red discoloration but they are not the only fungi that contribute to the skin lesions of summer eczema or other problems. My experience with our own dogs convinces me that fungi of the Alternaria group, the Hormodendren group and possibly others are a problem in keeping dogs in top condition.

Several years back we had our dogs on concrete runs. During one especially damp winter all of them developed itchy, motheaten lesions on the legs and underside of the body that came in contact with the concrete runs. We disinfected with chlorine and many other disinfectants without being able to control this problem until we removed the concrete and treated the dogs specifically for the fungus. Besides the mercaptobenzothiazole there are other good fungicidal preparations. At that time we used one which has been taken off the market. Apparently no one else found it as successful.

This past winter we developed a similar condition in some of our younger stock. Generalized itching, thin hair and slight encrustations on the legs and abdomen and in some cases on the ears. Scraping after scraping failed to disclose any mites or other parasites except fungi in the Hormodenren group. This time the dogs were on gravel but again it was an especially damp season. We disinfected with pool chlorine, quaternary ammonium compounds, flame throwers and insecticides without affecting the course of this problem. In desperation I prepared a dip using so-called tamed iodine, using it at the end of the rainy season. The dogs stopped itching after two or three daily dips in the iodine and the lesions cleared up.

Since then I have used this substance in treating skin lesions in which I have found fungi. It is included in a shampoo prepared by Pitman-Moore called Eladol Shampoo as well as a paste called Meladol Creme for application to the lesions and it is available in a water solution called Betadine (The Purdue Frederic Co., Norwalk, CT). I diluted Betadine about one to four in preparing my dip. The iodine is non-irritant and nontoxic if ingested and actually acts as a mild bleaching agent for the light colored dogs, without staining in any way. However, it does stain jewelry and cotton cloth so it should be used with care.

Before I leave the subject of fleas, I want to mention stick-tight fleas, as these can be a serious problem. As their name implies, they attach themselves to the skin permanently and do not move around the dog as do the dog fleas. They are found on the ears and other places where the hair is thin and frequently are in very heavy concentrations in those areas. They normally attack poultry and usually are found on dogs that are housed in abandoned poultry houses. Apparently they can lie dormant for a long time before they find a warm blooded host. The dips and sprays are successful in removing these parasites, but the quarters should also be fumigated.

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Dr. Craige's article was sent to The Dew Claw by Yvonne Wright, whose Briards were successfully treated for flea dermatitis by this method. Thank you, Yvonne.
Briard Novelty Shoppe

Christmas is just around the corner. The Briard Novelty Shoppe has many ideas for those little, hard-to-find gifts and those stocking stuffers.

This year the Shoppe will have Christmas Cards. One will feature the adult head on the front and "To Wish You a Merry Christmas and Every Happiness in the New Year" inside. A limited supply will be in ivory and red, after which they will be in ivory and brown. They sell for $7.50 pkg. of 25 cards and envelopes. The other will be a slim line card. These are selling for $3.00 pkg. of ten cards and envelopes.

The Shoppe has postcards now. 12 in a package for $2.00. There is an assortment of a, b, c, d, and e. pictures in each package. As for stationary, the Shoppe has a new, smaller size, 3½ X 6½ with the same pictures across the top. These are packaged 20 with extra sheets and 20 envelopes for $5.00.

The Shoppe also will have a Christmas decoration for your tree this year. It is a Briard head carved out of balsa wood and painted in either black or tawny. These are cute and belong on every Briard owner's tree.

We have a very cute bumper sticker for your car or van. It says, "LOVE A BRIARD" with two shaggies on one side. These sell for $2.75 each.

The Shoppe will be carrying many new items this next year and some should be ready for Christmas. These include a line of ceramics with Briards on them, mugs, plates, etc. The Shoppe may introduce more jewelry and some crystal. Look for these later.

All catalog items are available. If you don't have a catalog, write for one. Remember, Christmas is coming!

Jan Zingsheim
5350 Co. Road 151
Mound, MN 55364
612/472-4052

HELP! - HELP! - HELP! - HELP! - HELP! - HELP! - HELP! -

THE BCA WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO ITS STATISTICAL RECORDS. MANY OF YOU CAN HELP. PLEASE TRY TO COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING FORM AS POSSIBLE FOR ANY TITLED DOGS YOU HAVE OWNED. WITH ENOUGH RESPONSE, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE DOGS WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS AND FIRSTS FOR OUR BREED AND WILL PROVIDE STATISTICAL RECORDS BCA SHOULD KEEP.

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL TRY TO SUPPLY AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY ON OLDER DOGS AND DOGS OF THE PAST, BEFORE THESE DATA ARE LOST. IF YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF THE DOG THAT YOU COULD SEND FOR CLUB FILES, IT WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

DAVID BEHRENS
STATISTICIAN

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CHAMPION & OBEDIENCE TITLED OFFSPRING OR GET

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH TITLED DOG AND SEND TO:
DAVID BEHRENS, 1309 S. LLOYD, LOMBARD, IL 60148
It is always an honor for a judge to be invited to judge a breed specialty and a greater honor when it is a breed that he has had no affiliation with. But, when it is also a National Specialty, then there is no greater honor.

When I was asked to do the Briard National, I accepted without hesitation. Not until the confirmation arrived did I realize fully the monumental task that lay before me. In all honesty, I did not relish the job, for over the past few years, I have been finding the quality of Briards improving so greatly that I knew I would have a hard job. However, with the honor so comes the effort. I would do what I could to properly preside over your specialty.

I have to admit to spending numerous hours, not only in review of the breed standard, but also in studying the history, background, purposes, etc. of your chosen breed. Judges are required to make their decisions based upon their interpretation of the official breed standard, but I personally feel that the background and purpose of the breed involved is, or should be, included as part of that standard.

It is no easy task to critique a show like yours. I will not individualize. I will generalize. First, let me reiterate one important fact and that pertains to the conditions of the day. They were far from advantageous, in fact they were downright detrimental. The daylong showers made it next to impossible for the dogs, exhibitors, stewards and others in their respective sexes.

The weather, the "handsome" appearance was prevalent. Probably the most impressive qualities that I found throughout the competition were that the vast majority were in extremely good condition, well-muscled and possessing good hindquarters. A majority possessed good shoulders but not as many as I would have liked to have seen.

As a former collie breeder, along with my requiring soundness throughout, I also like an intelligent expression and, for the most part, it was there.

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CH. NESTOR DE L'EMINENCE

The coveted Best of Breed at the National Specialty was awarded to the handsome and powerful Nestor by judge, Arnold Woolf. Capably handled by his owner and breeder, June Shew, Nestor then added to his laurels by winning the Working Group under Mr. Woolf.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX - CH. PHYDEAUX LINDA LOVELACE

Specialty, Best of Opposite Sex honors went to Ch. Phydeaux Linda Lovelace, owned by Regina Keiter.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA:

On behalf of all who worked on the 1979 Specialty, I would like to thank those who contributed to our Specialty fund and those who were able to attend. We realize that some were unable to travel the long distance, because of the gasoline problem and we can say that those were truly missed.

We hope that all will agree that their weekend was spent enjoying the entire affair and Win, Lose or Draw, was worth the trip East, North or South.

You are aware of our slogan, LIVE FOR TODAY, DREAM FOR TOMORROW, LEARN FROM YESTERDAY.

Hopefully we can all be together next year to enjoy another Specialty, to see the up and coming Specials, as well as the young dogs just starting out and to renew old friendships.

Sincerely,
Marie Kokin - Chairperson
Ruth Monast - Co-chairperson
Mary Ellen Monast - Secretary

Sincerely,
Cece Collins - Trophy Chairperson
Wendy & David Tooker - Hospitality

October 1979
BEST OF WINNERS & WINNERS BITCH -
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD NOUVELLE NOVA

Richard McDearmon & Ellen Waltons lovely young bitch finished her championship in style with Best of Winners and Winners Bitch at the Specialty. She is owner-handled by Richard.

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SPECIALTY WEEKEND REPORT

The Sheraton Gardens in Freehold, NJ was the accommodating center for the specialty weekend activities. It provided good service, welcome refuge from the weather and a complimentary hospitality room was the meeting place for all who attended.

Linda Wells and Rob Ferber showed their video tapes from last year's specialty and many enjoyed identifying dogs and exhibitors. A complete array of hors d'oeuvres, caviar, Brie cheese, liver pate, chips, dips, wine, beer and soda were available for all to enjoy and each morning Danish and coffee provided an eye opener. Many thanks to the Monasts, the Tookers and the Kokins, who provided all the marvelous repast and the warm welcome.

Raffles were held throughout the weekend and included such things as first aid kits, fire extinguishers, 8 track tape deck, CB radios, to mention a few of the items donated by local and area businessmen.

WINNERS DOG - CH. CHUCKLIN'S OH HUGGY BEAR

Believed to be one of the youngest Briards to have completed an AKC championship (8 months, 28 days), Huggy Bear was awarded the Winners ribbon out of the 9 to 12 month Puppy Class. He is owned by Linda Hysell & Roger Taylor and was handled by Linda.

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Raffled on Sunday was a delightful, black, ceramic Briard, won by Rob Ferber and a beautiful, framed pastel of a tawny Briard, won by Manny Littin. The Specialty Committee was proud to announce that the raffles had netted over $400 which was donated to the B.C.A.

On Saturday, after the supported entry show, flowers and candelabrum set the theme for the B.C.A. Banquet. Prime Rib and Rock Cornish Hen headed the menu, which was enthusiastically enjoyed. Following dinner, members and guest were treated to an informative talk by Dr. Stephen Schwirck, who discussed many topics such as breeding problems and the socialization of puppies. Then he invited open discussion. The annual meeting followed and the hospitality room remained open for the evening and many enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with friends.

Although it had rained throughout Friday and continued through Saturday, there was still hope it would rain itself out. It didn't. On Sunday, it was reported that even the seagulls were flying inland, it was cold and windy - a day to stay home. Not for Briarders and
ON PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES  

BY CHARLES COOK

It was a great pleasure for me to see such a good turn-out of excellent Briard youngsters at the August 1979 Specialty Sweepstakes. Our American breeders are to be congratulated on their programs -- both in breeding and the selection of fine domestic and foreign stock to complement their own lines.

The nineteen 6-18 month old Briard pups who were presented were of outstanding quality -- I might suggest that some attention could be paid to getting a deeper color in the tawnies -- The bone structure, considering the ages, seemed good -- I saw a few dogs with light eyes -- a point for breeder vigilance! -- Several pups had under-shot bites -- a condition which certainly does not improve with age.

There were a couple of dogs who were really difficult to examine. This can usually be corrected with proper attention, but it takes a complete turn-about in the type of attention (or lack) the dog has been getting. With the same people caring for and handling the dog, it is a most difficult assignment. Best to confer with owners who have dogs of friendly, out-going temperament and TAKE their advice. Briards are companionable dogs and must have loving attention; stern over-training is devastating.

It is difficult to get a good over-all picture of a dog that won’t stand or won’t track straight when being gaited. A few puppies might have done better if they had been ring-trained a little more. However, that part will certainly improve with time. Generally the dogs were well-presented and well-groomed.

Jane and I did enjoy seeing all the Briards and what a pleasure it was to once more see old friends and meet new fanciers! It was great being back among you all again. Thank you for your confidence in my judging ability and thank you all too for the most appreciated gift.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH - FLEUR DE ORANGER DU LOUP D’OR

Bob Russell & Kam Pelham’s "Blossom" was awarded the Reserve honors at the Specialty. She was handled to her nice win by Susan Karshmer.

BEST IN PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES - CHATEAUBRIARD ONDERWOMAN

Rain and cold could not stop the Onderwoman -- "Bunny" was awarded top honors in Sweeps by Judge Charles Cook and is breeder/owner handled by Cece Collins.

the determined group wrapped in raincoats and even trash bags, ignored the rain - the first in many, many specialties - and moved out in force for the judging. Briards are hardy dogs and their owners proved to be the same. The weather did discourage any post show gatherings, so the wet and weary left for home having enjoyed a delightfully hospitable weekend.

Many thanks to Specialty Chairman, Marie Kokin, Co-chairman, Ruth Monast and their entire committee for doing so much to make the weekend enjoyable. The trophies were beautiful, the hotel was excellent. The careful planning and generous hospitality made it easy to face the rain and the gasoline shortage.

OCTOBER 1979
SWEETSTAKES
Judge: Mr. Charles Cook

The following Trophies are offered by the Briard Club of America unless otherwise indicated:

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BIARDS
Judge: Mr. Arnold L. Woolf

BIARDS. Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Dogs.


BIARDS. Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Dogs.

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BRIARDS. Veteran Bitches.

1 Ch. Chateaubriard Amandelle, WD 558018. 07-07-77. Breeder: John C. & Judy Anslow, By Ch. Chateaubriard Joyride CDX.


Briards D’Occasion

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3-78 BEST PUPPY IN WORKING GROUP – LAKEHEAD K.C.
6-78 AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
7-78 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP
10-78 A.D. – ENDURANCE TEST
11-78 AMERICAN C.D.
5-79 CANADIAN C.D.X.
5-79 AMERICAN C.D.X.
5-79 AMERICAN T.D.
6-79 CANADIAN T.D.

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WHelped: 6-27-77
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CH. PYTHIAS CHEZ PHYDEAUX
3 time Specialty Winner

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH, CD
OFA: FB-32 (Good)
Eyes Normal

CH. PHYDEAUX THEDA BARA

AM/CAN, CH. PHYDEAUX WINDFALL, AM/CAN, CD
OFA: FB-69
CERF: BR-110/77-44
Multiple BIS & Group Winner

AM/CAN, CH. BEARDSANBROW’S N’EST PAS
AM/CAN, CDX, AM/CAN, TD, AD
OFA: FB-96-T (Excellent)
CERF: BR-120/78-13

AM/CAN, CH. UTHER BIJOU DE STRATHCONA
OFA: FB-71
CERF: BR-109/77-74
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CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JUSTINTIME, U.D. (bitch)

Owners: Pat & Matt Morale
Breeders: Ken & Cece Collins
Utility Title: July 8, 1979
Whelped: July 11, 1974
Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau
Dam: Ch. Chateaubriard Vichysoise
Judge: Ginger Pugh

CH. BEARDSANBROW'S N'EST PAS AM/CAN CDX & TD, AD (bitch)

Owner: Dave Behrens
Breeder: Janis Charbonneau
Canadian TD: August 26, 1979
Whelped: June 27, 1977
Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Windfall, Am/Can CD
Dam: Ch. Uther Bijou de Strathcona
Judge: Gayle Humphrey

NEW UTILITY DOG

Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, CD
Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour
Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau

Trained & Handled by Pat

BCA
CHAMPION FILLE D'ABAYE, C.D. (bitch)

Owner: Jane Beahan
Breeder: Sue Erickson

Championship: July 15, 1979
Whelped: January 12, 1977

Sire: Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord
Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord's I'm Henri
Ch. Flogan Variety Sho Stonehill
Ch. Uhey Chien de Grand Coeur

Dam: Ch. Les Blues du Chien de Sel, CDX
Ch. Ugie Belle Noir de Strathcona

Judge: Rutledge Gilliland
Handler: Shelli Flesland

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION B.J.'S CALL ME MISTER (dog)

Owner: Barbara Zaworski
Breeder: Owner

Championship: June 10, 1979
Whelped: May 24, 1978

Sire: Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord
Ch. Syre du Val de Reuil, CD
Am/Can. Ch. Rochelle de Marha, UD
Obrikan Debonnaire

Dam: Shadeaux de Femme
St. Malo des Coteaux

Judge: Marie Moore at Kenosha K.C. 9/9/79
Handled by owners

OCTOBER 1979
### Champion Manny's O'Yellor (Dog)

**Owner:** Ruth Monast  
**Breeders:** Manny Littin & Susan Alexander

**Championship:** May 6, 1979  
**Whelped:** January 6, 1978

**Sire:** Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, CD  
**Dam:** Ch. Ilote du Lac de Bethmale

- Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau  
- Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara  
- Roch des Elfes de Malouse  
- Roxanne du Lac de Bethmale

### Champion Manny's O'Jill (Bitch)

**Owner:** Jean Heft  
**Breeders:** Manny Littin & Susan Alexander

**Championship:** May 6, 1979  
**Whelped:** January 6, 1978

**Sire:** Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, CD  
**Dam:** Ch. Ilote du Lac de Bethmale

- Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau  
- Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara  
- Roch des Elfes de Malouse  
- Roxanne du Lac de Bethmale

**Judge:** J.D. Jones  
**Handled by owner**
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION MANNY'S O'BREE (bitch)

Owners: Ron & Judy Schramm
Breeders: Manny Litting & Susan Alexander

Championship: June 24, 1979
Whelped: January 6, 1978
Sire: Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, CD
Dam: Ch. Ilote du Lac de Bethmale

Ch. Pythis Chez Phydeau
Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bará
Roch des Elfes de Malouse
Roxanne du Lac de Bethmale
Handled by owner

NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION

AM/CAN. CH. LUKE CHIEN DE FAMILLE (dog)

Owners: Marguerite Provancher & Breeder: Joyce & Bill Awodey
Elisabeth P. Goddard
Canadian Championship: April 8, 1979
Whelped: August 17, 1975
Sire: Ch. Alcides Chez Chien Velu
Dam: Ula Hoop de la Petite Suisse du Nord

Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, CD
Ch. Arlette des Grand Pieds, CD
Sully du Val de Reuil
:Qualine de la Petite Suisse du Nord
Handler: Marsha Clamp
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION ONDINE DU COTEAU D'AVRANCHES (bitch)

Owner: Marguerite Provencher  Breeder: Owner
Championship: September 1, 1979
Whelped: April 17, 1978

Ch. Alcides Chez Chien Velu
Sire: Am/Can Ch. Luke Chien de Famille
:Ula Hoop de la Petite Suisse du Nord
Ch. Je Sambo Noir de Charlemagne

Dam: Ch. Mousse du Coteau d'Antigo
:Ch. Joie de Vivre de Charlemagne

Handler: Elisabeth Provencher Goddard

CHAMPION OMBRE DU COTEAU D'AVRANCHES (bitch)

Owners: Marguerite Provencher & Breeder: Marguerite Provencher
Marsha Clamp
Championship: September 2, 1979
Whelped: April 17, 1978

Ch. Alcides Chez Chien Velu
Sire: Am/Can Ch. Luke Chien de Famille
:Ula Hoop de la Petite Suisse du Nord
Ch. Je Sambo Noir de Charlemagne

Dam: Ch. Mousse du Coteau d'Antigo
:Ch. Joie de Vive de Charlemagne

Handled by Marsha Clamp

OCTOBER 1979
HIP DYSPLASIA RESEARCH AT CORNELL

The James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health at Cornell is involved in research of many facets of animal health. The work, funded in part by gifts and grants includes studies of infectious diseases, canine nutrition, canine diseases, immunology, microbiology, electron microscopy and hip dysplasia.

Research in the past two years on hip dysplasia centered on providing a comprehensive description of hip joint laxity in Labrador retrievers which show radiological evidence of hip dysplasia, according to a report by George Lust. He states, "We observed that loose joints contain an abnormally large amount of synovial fluid. "The volume of synovial fluid is related to the degree of hip joint laxity as judged by manipulation of the joint and radiological evidence of displacement of the femoral head."

"Our examination of the relationship between synovial fluid volume and hip joint laxity led to some astonishing findings. We observed that the hip joint became tighter when the synovial fluid is removed. Indeed, some dysplastic joints showed normal laxity when the fluid was aspirated through a needle inserted into the joint space. Removing the fluid apparently creates a vacuum that prevents displacement of the femoral head. In circumstances where the joint remained abnormally loose after fluid was removed, we found that the round ligament was stretched and swollen."

"These findings encourage speculation about the processes underlying the development of hip dysplasia. An increase in the synovial fluid in the hip joint might allow the femoral head to move more freely, setting in train processes that result in the distroction of tissue and the development of osteoarthritis. These processes occur in dogs genetically predisposed to the disease. How this genetic makeup is expressed in the structure and function of the hip joint and what factors favor the accumulation of synovial fluid in dysplastic joints are subjects of continuing studies."

Douglas D. McGregor, Director of the James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health at Cornell states, "We face the future confident in the ability of our well-trained staff to meet the challenges of our changing research, academic and economic environment. At the Institute we are particularly fortunate in being served by an advisory council that provides moral support, expert advice, and scientific guidance. With the added ingredients of material support and understanding from those interested in the welfare of dogs, we will maintain the tradition of excellence and service that has characterized the activities of the Institute during the twenty-eight years of its existence."