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SECRETARY'S REPORT

We deeply regret to report
Monsieur Robert Montenot
died on March 27, 1981

Monsieur Montenot, the highly respected and acclaimed, French, Briard judge and teacher, made a great and lasting contribution by his devoted service to the Briard. His knowledge and guidance perpetuate his memory and he has achieved a well-deserved place in breed history.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

MORE ON BRIARD CPRA.

TRUE - Central Progressive Retinal Atrophy is a reality in Briards.
TRUE - Briard CPRA is inherited as recessive genetic disease.
FALSE - Briard CPRA is only a problem in England.
FALSE - CPRA has no effect on our breeding plans.

It is true that CPRA has not yet been found in domestic bloodlines, but this does not mean we are "in the clear" - only that the disease has not yet surfaced. It does mean we have a head start in the battle we face and every breeder can help us to keep that edge and better our chances to control the spread of the disease by following a few, proven rules.

GUIDELINES:

1. DO NOT IGNORE THE WARNINGS: don't second guess the experts with wishful thinking. B.C.A. is very fortunate to have the help of Dr. Aguirre, recognized as one of the foremost authorities in the field. There is also the extensive work of Dr. Peter Bedford in England made possible by the cooperation of the British Briard owners and breeders. Let's not ignore these advantages!
2. DO NOT BREED ANY CPRA AFFECTED DOG OR BITCH.
3. DO NOT BREED ANY OFFSPRING OF AN AFFECTED DOG OR BITCH.
4. DO NOT BREED ANY DOG OR BITCH, FROM A BREEDING WHICH HAS PRODUCED AN AFFECTED BRIARD (not only littermates, but also full brothers or sisters from other litters.)
5. DO NOT BREED ANY DOG OR BITCH IF EITHER PARENT HAS EVER PRODUCED AN AFFECTED OFFSPRING.

These rules, undoubtedly sound repetitious, but they bear repeating. It is better to eliminate any questionable dog or bitch, including those from "High Risk" lines, known to produce CPRA, from any breeding program rather than risk the spread of the disease. In areas where CPRA is widespread, it may not be possible for breeders to adhere completely to these guidelines - but in this country, where the disease has not yet been identified in the bloodlines, WE CAN STILL BE SELECTIVE!
RESEARCH ON BRIARD CPRA

Dr. Aguirre and Dr. Bedford are launching a new study which should provide valuable data for briard breeders and veterinary ophthalmologists.

A litter of briard puppies has been whelped in England. Both the sire and the dam of the litter are affected with CPRA so all the pups have the hereditary make up to develop CPRA. About half of this litter will be raised by Dr. Bedford in England and the other half will be raised by Dr. Aguirre in the United States.

The puppies will be raised under controlled conditions in both countries and their eyes will be examined frequently. Over a period of time, Drs. Aguirre and Bedford hope, among other things, to find some early indications of CPRA which would be invaluable in helping to control the disease. The study should also indicate whether or not there are any environmental influences affecting Briard CPRA.

This will be a long-term study over a period of years, but will be a valuable service to the breed. Funding is being sought, but this won't cover the costs. Your help is needed, if this very important study is to be successful. Watch for regular reports on this research, and PLEASE, SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE EYE RESEARCH FUND TODAY.

ADDITIONS TO THE B.C.A. EYE REGISTRY

Ch. John's Pashtu de Strathcona
Piquantte d'Occasion
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BOARD ACTION

All applicants included on the membership list in the Feb. Dew Claw have been voted into membership by the Board.

The advertising policy of The Dew Claw was reviewed by the Board and is as follows: Advertising will continue to be for Members only, to advertise pups, stud dogs, show wins and other achievements. We will continue to refuse commercial advertising for products. (If a member has a product to offer, it can be handled through the BCA Briard Novelty Shop.) New Titleholders will be published, without charge and show wins included as space permits. Space will be provided for new regional groups being formed, without charge. When a regional group is approved as an Associate Regional of BCA, the club advertising policy will apply as it does to a BCA Member.

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NEWS & VIEWS

TIME IS FLYING BY and we are fast approaching out national specialty weekend in Racine. Anyone who can lend a helping hand should contact our show chairman, Jan Zingsheim, who will gladly put you to work. Your trophy donations should also be sent in. The donations make a memorable weekend possible. Also, plan to have your briard's eyes examined at the eye clinic being planned for the weekend!

LOOK FOR SPECIALTY DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE.

HELPFUL HINTS

I am sure everyone has gone through the trauma of trying to cut black nails for the first time. Since the nail is so black, there is no way to tell where the bloodline is hiding. This sometimes leads to cutting the nails too short and you have a nervous dog and blood to deal with.

I prefer to use the guillotine type nail trimmer made by Resco. They make a heavy duty model, which works well on the larger breeds. You should also have a product called Quik-Stop which helps to stop any bleeding if you happen to goof.

Push back the coat on the paw and examine the nail. Notice that on the underside, there is a "V" like growth which ends as the nail grows to a point. This is a soft membrane and you should never cut into this area.

Take the nail trimmer and cut off a small portion of nail, using a steady, quick pressure on the trimmer. This will keep the nail from cracking. If you see a white, powdery center, this tells you that you can cut a bit more. When you see a clear membrane, DON'T cut any further. This is the quick and will bleed if you cut into it.

If you happen to cut a little too far, take a pinch of the Quik-Stop and press on the end of the nail. Bleeding should stop immediately. If the bleeding continues, take a bar of soap and soften in warm water. Then rub the soft soap into the nail. This will act like a small cork and stop the bleeding.

Never cut your dog's nails the same day as a show, because if you cut them too short, your dog may limp.

TRAVELS WITH ALICE CLARK
OF GORMLEY, ONTARIO

I was returning from a holiday visit to my parents' place in Florida and stopped off at Disney world, in order to do a feature on their boarding kennels. (Only a dog nut would go to Disney World, leave her son in the car to dog-sit and visit only the kennels, right?)

I had gotten out of the van and was assembling my cameras, when Jessie (Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Jessica) hopped up into her usual "on guard" position on the passenger's seat. Two men passing by looked at her and stopped in their tracks.

I was not surprised by their usual question, "What kind of dog is that?" but I was surprised by the reaction when I answered, "Briard". One of the men broke into a wide grin and said, "Oh, I thought so. I was sure it was."

He went on to explain that he was vacationing in the U.S. from France and that he too had a briard at home and that Jessie was the first he had seen since arriving here.

In no time at all, he had extracted a color photo of his lovely tawny bitch from his wallet for me to admire and told me that she had recently won at some big show on the Continent.

After he left, I was sorry that I had not asked about her breeding, but was pleased to have run into another briard fan so unexpectedly.

Incidentally, I had taken the gang along with me to Florida, secure in the knowledge that none of the bitches was due in heat until spring. Well, two weeks of the warmer weather and longer days of daylight must have convinced them that spring had arrived. By the time I headed back, five of the seven were in heat and the poor males were climbing the walls at being in such close quarters with all those enticing females. (Alice breeds Beardies and writes a column for the Canadian Kennel Club magazine. I'll bet she had a vocal ride home.)

OFA NEWS

Bob & Marie Herd are happy to announce the certification of their Pa'Chick's Man O'War. He is now OFA FB-119 at four years of age. His sire is Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux and his dam is Am/Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Jezebel.

NEW CHAMPIONS

CH. CHIEN DE SEL OPTICAL ILLUSION
Sage, owned and handled by Kam Pahlm & Bob Russell, finished her championship at the Central Ohio KC. show on Nov. 16. Her sire is Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord and her dam is Ch. Les Blues du Chien de Sel, C.D.

CH. CHAMPAGNE CINNAMON BREEZE
Cinnamon, owned and handled by

DROMORE'S PERRIER, owned by Linda Beall took a 5 POINT MAJOR under Mr. James Trullinger on July 12. She is pictured above after going Best of Opposite Sex from the classes under judge, Mr. Ed Dixon on June 22.
Linda Carpenter, finished her championship at the Land O' Lakes show on Jan. 10. Her sire is Am/Can. Ch. Le Tres Chien Jacques and her dam is Am/Can. Ch. La Tres Belle Chien Andrea.

OBEDIENCE DEGREES

CHATEAUBRIARD LE BEAU C.D. owned and handled by Linda Willson completed his Companion Dog degree on Jan. 18. He is sired by Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence out of Ch. Chateaubriard Margaux.

BIGTREE'S PALADIN C.D. owned and handled by Barb Lynch completed his C.D. degree on Jan. 18. He is out of Belllesprit Meriah and sired by Bigtree's Nova Obi-Wan.

MATCH NEWS

Mary Lopez sends us news from California of her 5-month-old black bitch. On Jan. 6, Mon Jovis Beau Derek, owned by Mary, took Best of Breed and a Working Group IV at the Associated Dog Breeders of Northern Calif. match under judge, Christine W. Greco.

PUPPY CORNER

Manny Littin has one tawny male from his October litter. He is out of Ch. Manny's Ilotie Olive and sired by Ch. Manny's Pal O'Jack.

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD ONEDERWOMAN was handled by her breeder/owner to Best of Breed over an entry of 14 (5-5-4) at Rockland Ct. K.C. The judge is Mrs. Denny Kodner.

CH. PHYDEAUX POLLY POULET captured Best of Opposite Sex at Westminster K.C. She is owned by Fran Taylor and handled by Cindy Meyer.

John MiIlis has tawny puppies, whelped in Feb. The sire is Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence and the dam is Ch. Tigresse de Patricle.

Don Mandeville has tawny pups available from his Nov. litter.

Regina Keiter has a tawny litter due in March out of Ch. phosphoryx Linda Love lace and sired by Ch. phosphoryx What's Happening.

Linda Hysell is expecting tawny puppies in April out of Ch. Lorraine de la croix and sired by Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence.

Marie and Monroe Kokin expect a black and tawny litter in April. The sire is Ch. Pa'Chick's My Le Beauclien and the dam is Le Beauclien's Majolique.

Bettyann and Skip Jankel are expecting a tawny litter in April out of Ch. Michelle Belle de Strathcona and sired by Ch. John's Paschtu de Strathcona.
SHOW NEWS

1/10/81 Land O' Lakes KC, 1/24/2
J. Mr. Orivas
BOB Ch. Phydeaux Polly Poulet
(Fran Taylor)
WD 1 pt., BOB Berger du Nord's Nightmare (Phil Zingsheim)
WB 3 pts. BOW Champagne Cinnamon Breeze (Linda Carpenter)

1/11/81, St. Croix Valley KC, 1/2/3/2
BOB Ch. Phydeaux Polly Poulet
WD 1 pt. BOS Abbey's Puygilet de Bonheur (Jane Beahan & Fran Taylor)
WB 1 pt. BOW Olivia la Voyageur Duluth CD (Sarah Long)

1/25/81 Pontiac KC, 1/2/3/3
J. Mr. Radcliffe
BOB Ch. Dromore's Promises-Promises
Promises (Sue McCormick) ---->

SUSAN MCCORMICK, News Editor

PIQUANNE D'OCCASION, owned and shown by Janis Charbonneau, took Winners Bitch for a 5 POINT MAJOR at Ingham Co. K.C. on Dec. 7, under judge, Mr. Ed Dixon.

TROUPEAUX PRETZELLE ORIELLE, owned by Mike & Sue Gresco earned a 3 POINT MAJOR at Oakland Co. K.C. under Mr. Herman Felton, Nov. 23. She then took a 3 POINT MAJOR at Goldcoast K.C. on Dec. 14, under judge, Mr. Lawrence Goldworm. She is handled here by Sue McCormick.
SOME THOUGHTS ON TEMPERAMENT

Roger Carras commented in his article titled, "Special Breeds of Dogs," that the Briard, a superb working dog, may be "too much dog" for the average owner with little previous experience with dogs. He points out that the Briard is among a number of "special" breeds which are intelligent and need special care and consideration. These, he believes, are a highly questionable choice as a first dog for an inexperienced owner.

He points out that no one should be encouraged to get "more dog than they can handle. We all pay the piper when that happens." Club records and breed history indicate Mr. Carras is correct. The Briard is not the dog for everyone! They require careful handling, training and socialization if the human/briard relationship is to be a success.

Briards also should be bred with temperament in mind if the breed is to retain its true character and we are to avoid the overly aggressive, difficult dog which can be produced in an assertive breed, such as the Briard.

So often we hear that temperament is a matter of environment rather than heredity. This may be true in part, but we must not fool ourselves into thinking that temperament is purely environmental. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Anyone, inclined to breed a dog, must look into the hereditary traits - evaluate the temperaments of not only the dog to be bred, but also of that dog's ancestors.

It is so easy to excuse fearful or aggressive behavior in a dog we own with "he (or she) had this or that bad experience." We are not only kidding ourselves with such side-stepping, we are doing a grave disservice to our breed. During a 2 month period, it was necessary to advise three briard owners that the only remaining solution to the behavior problems of their dogs was euthanasia.

What a tragedy! The owners in each case were devoted to their dogs. Each had tried many other suggestions over an extended period of time - each seeking help from experienced breeders and professionals in the dog field. In each case, the problems improved only temporarily, if at all, and further incidence of biting and aggressive or unpredictable behavior caused immeasurable grief.

In addition, in all but one case the dogs were sold as "show quality" - and in none of these cases have the breeders made any effort to help the owners with the problems.

"No bad temperament in my line," you say. Don't be too sure. In the past 5 years, dogs from almost every bloodline in this country have fallen to this sad fate.

In each of these recent cases, abnormal behavior was observed at a tender age - two of the three before the pup reached the age of 3 months! This does not indicate improper handling, nearly so much as abnormal temperament, which can only be prevented by careful breeding and objective evaluation of the temperament potentials of the line.

The desirable temperament of the briard is such that there are not the dog for everyone - not a dog which should be promoted or popularized, as some have tried. That would only cause more problems, as the well-intended but uninformed push the sale of puppies onto those who need a different type of dog.

We agree with Mr. Carras, the briard is a "special breed of dog" which needs, not only a special kind of owner, but a special kind of breeder, to keep the qualities and avoid the pitfalls. Breeders of briards must be watchful of the temperament produced in their lines - then cautious about who buys the puppies, especially if sold as "show quality" and likely to be bred. Above all, the breeder must make every effort to help the new owner to raise his pup in such a way as to bring out the remarkable qualities of this breed.

DIANE MCELROY

AN INTERPRETATION OF TEMPERAMENT

BY MRS. A.L. WILKIE

May I offer my interpretation of temperament? It is the outward reactions a dog exhibits under certain conditions. What is more important, it is the observer's own interpretation of such behavior. This he or she calls good, bad, weak or bold.

In reality, a dog's temperament is an abstract concept, manifested in the dog's behavior. Under certain circumstances such behavior (I use this word in favor of temperament) is influenced by the highly specialized glands known as the ductless or endocrine glands. Their secretions are carried to the body's organs over the central nervous system, which then travel to the organs of the body, which will make use of them for the best effect. A simple euphonic which I use to help students remember these, is to simply call them the glands of "fire, flight and fright." If the reader will pause here to reflect upon this simple phrase, he or she will, I hope, be better able to understand the close relationship between these glands and a dog's behavior.

By the principles of memory, repetition, and most important of all, by the association of ideas through environment, a dog's behavior is also greatly influenced. But here again, depending on how strong or confident a dog's basic temperament is, will depend on its initial reactions and its ability to cope and adjust to a particular situation; gunfire, strange objects, etc.

No person should ever attempt to assess a dog's temperament on only one occasion. Some dogs require but a second to adjust to a certain situation, others require much more time. Yet, both dogs may basically have a sound mental makeup.

I read constantly of judges assessing temperament in the show ring. How I envy them their knowledge, in their ability to assess a dog's mental stability in a split moment, e.g. loose lead and a pat on the head.

May I suggest the observer study the set of the dog's ears, the rolling of its eyes, dropping of the tail in breeds that should have a "good set on", and the tucking up of the tail in breeds whose tail set should normally be carried low. Here, a loose lead, and check chain, plus NATURAL HANDLING would undoubtedly assist a judge considering the dog's character as important to his or her final placings.

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Too often these days, a dog’s ring behavior, here I avoid the word temperament, is the last quality to be considered; dare I be so bold to say, if it is considered at all in my opinion, it should be among the first. There are some judges who show concern and their placings establish this awareness. The all-rounder is usually more aware of showmanship, which is basically the dog having a bold, lively temperament.

There are some breeders whose sole interest is to breed dogs to win prizes and to produce puppies who will command good prices from anyone who will pay the price of such puppies, without any regard for the mental stability of either parents or puppy.

Always remember that a bold, outward going character, or if you prefer, a good temperament, is genetic, as is any external feature.

Any planned mating should be studied with as much care and attention to mental good health as to such breed characteristics as color, size, coat texture, conformation, etc. which are in my opinion simply a question of personal priorities.

Any animal to be selected for a breeding program should be sound both mentally and physically. Minor breed points should be treated with the breeder’s own sense of priorities and personal preferences, but any dog or bitch with a shy, or unduly aggressive nature should be left out of any program. The same applies to any physical disability, such as P.P.A., H.D., elbow dysplasia or patella luxation.

Here, may I say how I admire and applaud such discerning breeders who have their stock X-rayed and examined by a veterinary surgeon before using any animal in their breeding program. Only good can come from such far-sightedness and breed interest. Such people are putting that rather overused phrase “THE BREED’S WELFARE” at heart in its true concept.

May I close this article by quoting a simple slogan:

“A PEDIGREED DOG WITHOUT BREED TYPE IS NOT TYPICAL, BUT A PEDIGREED DOG WITHOUT GOOD CHARACTER IS NOT EVEN A DOG.”

The foregoing article is reprinted from “The Briard”, published by The Briard Association of England. Mrs. Wilkie is from Canada.

NEW SERIES PLANNED

The Dew Claw will soon begin a new series of articles, written by Briard Specialist Judges in France. If there are any subjects which you would like to have discussed, from the French point of view, send your suggestions to Diane McLerath. Subjects will be compiled into a list by order of interest. Individual questions may also be included. This is a perfect opportunity to learn from specialists in our Breeds’ country of origin, so let us hear from you.

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THINK

SPECIALTY WEEKEND!

Specialty Headquarters:
HOLIDAY INN
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RACINE, WISCONSIN 53405
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This year, the B.C.A. returns to the Holiday Inn on the outskirts of Racine for the '81 Specialty Weekend. Those who attended the Specialty in '77 will remember the warm hospitality of this inn and the North Central Briarders, who will again host our National Specialty.

The Holiday Inn is located in a wooded area, only 1/2 hour from Saturday's companion show at Cudahy K.C. and 10 minutes from the Greater Racine K.C. show grounds, the site of our Specialty and the Racine K.C. Show on Sunday. Two major airports service the area: Chicago's O'Hare and Mitchell Field in Milwaukee, and the motel is convenient to I-94.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!! This cannot be overly stressed, since our Specialty is on a major show weekend and motel space will be in demand. SEND YOUR RESERVATION FORM TODAY and be sure that you mention you are coming for the BRIARD CLUB SPECIALTY.

Exciting plans are being made for your enjoyment and a Hospitality Room will again be the center of activities. Don't miss out - make your plans and reservations today!

1981 BCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6th

Our Specialty Judges
Ruth Foster, Puppy Sweepstakes
Emma Brodzeller, Obedience
John Cramer, Conformation

TWO COMPANION SHOWS

Saturday, Aug. 7
Cudahy K.C.
Briard Judge: Ed Brady*

Sunday, Aug. 8
Greater Racine K.C.
Briard Judge: John Stanek*

* = pending AKC approval

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IT'S TIME
TO MAKE
SPECIALTY WEEKEND
RESERVATIONS!

Don't Delay!

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Ch. Pa'Chick's My La Beauchien
WD 558088
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Marha Magic De La Brie
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AN/CAN Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody
Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca

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ICA SPECIALTY - MOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Please send reservations to: Michael Heffling, Innkeeper
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                          ___ Sat. Aug. 7, 1981
                          ___ Sun. Aug. 8, 1981

Reservation guaranteed with first night deposit.
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ADDRESS

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BCA SPECIALTY - BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

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My check or money order for $___________ ($12.00 per person) is enclosed.
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NAME
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
TELEPHONE

Please send banquet reservations to: Bob Boelter
4383 Windsor Road
Windsor, WI 53598

RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE IN BY JULY 15, 1981 - Thanks.
If you have questions or last minute changes, you may call Bob at his office, 608/291-3361.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
THE BCA ANNUAL AWARDS BUFFET
Saturday, August 7, 1981
at the Holiday Inn, Racine, Wisconsin

The Buffet will be $12.00 per person and your reservations should be sent to Bob Boelte, Banquet Chairman, 4303 Windsor Road, Windsor, Wisconsin 53598. Bob suggests, if you have questions or last minute changes, that you call him at his office (608/251-3381).

BUFFET MENU
Toasted Green Salad
Roast Round of Beef au Jus
Fried Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Carrots Vichy
Baked Beans
Assorted Crisp Relish Tray
Fruit Gelatine Mold
Potato Salad
Fruit Ambrosia
Cole Slaw
Carrot Salad
Pickled Beets
Three Bean Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee or Tea
Dessert

PLEASE HELP WITH YOUR
SPECIALTY DONATIONS

Each year, the generosity of Briarders across the country make our National Specialty a weekend to remember. This year a lovely array of brass trophies are planned. Even if you are not able to attend the Specialty, won't you show your interest and support of the Breed by sending your Specialty Donation to:

Jan Zingsheim, Specialty Chairman
5350 Co. Road 151
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YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE SINCERELY APPRECIATED!

THE B.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, just prior to the cocktail hour and Awards Banquet.

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CANAINE
BILL OF RIGHTS


THE RIGHT TO BE WANTED

Owing a dog is a long-term commitment and one that should be carefully considered. Most likely you will own the dog for 10 to 15 years and should therefore have a dog which you have carefully chosen for personality breed and sex. A dog's devotion to his master is legend, but the master should be devoted to his dog.

THE RIGHT TO GOOD HEALTH

Once you have decided to own a dog, you must prepare for its proper care. When you have decided on a puppy, agree to buy him only if you are given time to have him examined by your own veterinarian. If the puppy is not healthy, return him. It is detrimental to the relationship to start with an unhealthy pup. The puppy will need to have preventative vaccinations and will probably need to be wormed. You need to find out what to do if you have an emergency after office hours. Is there an emergency number? Is there another veterinarian to cover for your doctor when he is unable to answer emergencies? These are important questions because dogs not unlike children, always seem to become ill or have accidents outside normal office hours. It is helpful to have a book on dog health problems. It will also help you to decide if you have a real emergency or if you can wait until office hours.

THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

While it is true that a dog is a very social animal he also needs some privacy. When he is tired or not feeling well, he needs a bed where he can go and not be disturbed. Everyone in the family should respect the dog's private place. Often, when the dog gets into trouble, he will want to be alone and undisturbed so he can seek for a proper length of time.

THE RIGHT TO GOOD SCHOOLING

Every dog should go to school (Or, should we say every dog owner should go, since obedience school teaches you to train your dog.) An ill-mannered dog which will not obey is certainly not a joy to own. If you take an untrained dog anywhere, it is an ordeal to be suffered through, both by you and anyone else who is present.

On the other hand, a dog which has been taught obedience, is usually welcomed by most everyone. If you go for a walk to exercise the dog, it can be a very pleasant experience if the dog will walk by your side in the "heel" position. If you turn the dog loose to explore, and he starts to go too far away a simple "come" will bring him back. If you want to take the dog to the store but can't take him inside, you can give him a "down" stay command and not worry about him.

While obedience training can be a sport in itself, its main purpose is very practical. Obedience training, to be truly effective, does take a lot of time, patience and practice, but it is time you and your dog will enjoy together.

THE RIGHT TO HAVE A SAFE, SECURE HOME

Every dog which is allowed outdoors should have a fenced run. It should be a large pen, where the dog can be left and you will know he is securely penned. It should be made of good quality wire and should have either a concrete floor or wire, covered with sand or gravel. This will assure that the dog will not dig his way out. It should also be covered with either a roof or wire. It is amazing how high a dog can climb or jump when he has decided he wants to escape. The dog should have a doghouse for shelter and fresh water at all times. The wastes should be cleaned daily.

This is not a place to leave the dog all the time, but merely a safe place, outside, where you can leave the dog when you do not want to be concerned about where he is or what he is doing.

Please make sure your dog has learned not to bark or howl when left in his pen.

THE RIGHT TO BE RETURNED IF LOST

Occasionally, even with the best precautions, a dog will wander and not be able to find its way home. Often, purebred dogs are stolen for resale.

There are two things you can do to raise the probability of having your dog returned. First have a good name tag, engraved with your name and address, on his collar at all times. If you move, get a new one immediately. The next thing is to have the dog tattooed. The dog's A.K.C. registration number may be used for your social security number, which can be registered with a registry organization such as the National Dog Registry. It may still be difficult to track you down if the dog is lost, but a tattoo will usually guarantee the dog will not be stolen or resold.

THE RIGHT TO BE NEUTERED

Any dog which is a pet, should be neutered. There are so many unwanted puppies now, that we don't need anymore. Both male and female must have much nicer pets if they are neutered. It also saves you the headache of having a female in heat. If you have a male which hasn't been neutered, he will be more inclined to wander.

THE RIGHT TO PROPER ACCOMMODATIONS IF YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR DOG

If you must leave your dog when you go on a trip, you owe it to him to find a good boarding kennel. Often, people board their dog at their veterinarian's but I feel I would rather not have my dog around others who may be ill. A good boarding kennel will, above all, be clean and not foul smelling. The dogs should have sufficient room to run and should have a warm, dry and clean bed area. Usually boarding kennels will keep most popular brands of dog food on hand so your dog will not be expected to change his diet. Watch how the attendants handle the dogs. They should like dogs and be comfortable around them.

THE RIGHT TO A LONG LIFE

As your dog gets older, you may have to make some special...
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HELP WITH THOSE FRENCH NAMES - Frank Didishaim has renewed his offer to help you choose French names for your puppies, or your kennel name which will also be correct in French. Frank's address is, The Mansion House, Robbinston, ME 04671.

POSSIBLY 160 PUPPIES? - At press time, there is the potential for about 160 briard puppies due this spring and early summer. This includes the unsold puppies, already born, and an average of between 8 and 10 puppies in each of the litters due to be whelped. If you are considering breeding a litter, please be sure you have enough vaccinations for at least half the expected litter; advise the BCA Secretary and the Mastiff Editor of your plans; and please keep the Club up to date on the number of puppies you have available.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP - One of the problems with being a good sport is that you usually must lose to prove it.

LOOKING FOR BRIARD NOVELTIES? The B.C.A.'s Briard Novelty Shoppe offers many items for Briarders such as, jewelry, note paper and stationary, clothing, art work and leather goods. From practical items such as ear glue to novelties and gifts, the Novelty Shoppe has those hard to find items. For further information write to Jan Zingsheim, 5530 Co. Road 151, Mound, MN 55364.
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simply because you are requested to (you are under no obligation to spend money to aid a criminal investigation of yourself.

B. PERSONAL INVESTIGATION:
- if you are confronted with some official demanding to investigate your property, the following responses are recommended:
  - if the person presents a badge, you should ask for:
    - HIS FULL NAME, PHONE NUMBER
    - HIS SUPERVISOR'S FULL NAME & PHONE NUMBER
    - THE AGENCY HE REPRESENTS
    - HIS BADGE NUMBER
    - WHY HE IS THERE TO SEE YOU
    - IF THERE IS ANY COMPLAINT INVOLVED,
    - WHO MADE THESE COMPLAINTS (He probably won't answer)
    - WHETHER HE HAS A WARRANT FOR A SEARCH
    - REQUEST A COPY OF THAT WARRANT (probably he won't have one)
  - You should answer no questions but ask that he send or deliver all questions in writing. You should write down the answers to all of these questions as the conversation proceeds. A simple notebook will do the job.
  - If you feel that a search of your home will lead to threatened confiscation of a dog or a criminal complaint, you should refuse entry to your home unless the sheriff or police are present with a search warrant. If he says that he can get one easily, then tell him to do so. Remain cool and polite. Call your attorney as soon as is possible.

If you are faced with threatened seizure without a court hearing or court order, call the police immediately. Also obtain the names of all persons involved, including the policemen. This may prevent seizure.

Please understand that seizure of property, without due process of law, is unconstitutional, and due process of law should include a court hearing in every action related to such seizure.

if the animal control officials or police seize a dog, they may not destroy the animal or harm him in any way until a judge has ruled that you are in violation and this can only occur after a full hearing.

Call your attorney at the time of threatened seizure and ask him to help you. Do not answer any questions from the police without legal advice. Do not offer any explanations regardless of what they may be (police and enforcement officials have a bad habit of misinterpreting such explanations). Remember, everything you say can and will probably be used against you.

Do not volunteer any dogs or other property.

Call other breeders in the area to warn them and inform them of the occurrence.

C. COOPERATION:
Remember that cooperation will not usually avoid prosecution. Also remember that seizure of one of your dogs without court action, under protest, amounts to prosecution without trial. Repeat, anything you say or do in regard to the attempted seizure or inquiries may be used against you in a criminal or quasi-criminal action. Everything you say or do will probably be used against you. Write down everything that is said and occurs as it happens as soon after as you can. These notes can be valuable evidence to defend yourself at a later time.

Try to avoid anger and avoid violence at all costs. Try to obtain as much information as you can: the informers, enforcing officials, etc. Require the enforcing officers to put everything in writing. They may not do it, but you can ask.

DO NOT BE AFRAID and remember you must assert your rights to protect them.

If you are responsibly breeding and owning dogs and not creating a nuisance or an unsafe situation for others, then you are conducting a wholesome activity in raising high-quality pets and hobby animals. Dogs are not evil or criminal by themselves. Dogs are one of man's oldest companions. Do not feel ashamed of your activity and do not admit the so-called "responsibility" of purebred breeders for stray dogs and unhealthy conditions in other parts of the city.

TAIL LANGUAGE DICTIONARY

The tail of the Briard is "uncut, well-feathered, forming a crochet at the extremity, carried low and not deviating." No matter how well this unique characteristic of the Briard conforms to the Standard, it also serves as a "rudder" - and when not in this use is one of the dog's best means of communication. Every Briard owner could undoubtedly add a number of interpretations to the following translations of "Briard Tail Language".

TUCKED UNDER & STILL: I'm very unhappy, or ashamed, or I hurt.
TUCKED UNDER & WAGGING AT THE TIP: I'm a puppy and I think I like you, or Did I do something wrong?
LOW & STILL: Don't know you so watch it, or just thinking, or showing, or not doing anything at all.
LOW WITH NARROW WAG: is this right?
LOW WITH WIDE WAG: I think this is right!
HALF-UP & STILL: Anticipation.
HALF-UP, SLOW WIDE WAG: I'm happy, or I love you.
HALF-UP, RAPID WIDE WAG: Hello!
HORIZONTAL & STILL: Who are you? or I don't think I like you.
HORIZONTAL, RAPID NARROW WAG: One step closer and... or, Are you a girl dog?
HORIZONTAL, WIDE WAG: Playtime! or Dinner time! or just very happy.
HIGH AND STILL OR WAGGING: I'm very excited!
TOO HIGH: (We'll never admit Briards do this!)
(Suggested by our "gang". What does your Briard have to say? D,Mc.)
AMERICAN/CANADIAN/MEXICAN CHAMPION
First Briard to Earn All Three Titles

AM/CAN/MEX. CH. FONSE DE BEAUXJOLIS (dog)

Owner: Jackie Drozinski
Breeders: Don & Nancy Mandeville

Mex. Championship: March 9, 1980
Whelped: September 5, 1975

(Sire: Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha
(Ch. Esau F. de St. Chermain
(Anastasia d'Agincourt
(Morley

Dam: Ch. Man de Ville's O.J. Britt
(Berry Brow's Nina

Handled by Marge Pugh & Bill Corr

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AMERICAN/MEXICAN CHAMPION

AM/MEX. CHAMPION J. BONNE CHANCE DE BEAUXJOLIS (bitch)

Owner: Jackie Drozinski
Breeders: Don & Nancy Mandeville

Mex. Championship: March 9, 1980
Am. Championship: August 24, 1980
Whelped: October 20, 1980

(Sire: Ch. Fonse de Beauxjolis
(Ch. Man de Ville's O.J. Britt

Dam: Ch. Cicely of Northumberland
(Berry Brow's Nina

Judge: Mr. Malcolm Phelps

Handled by owner

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CH. PHYDEAUX OH SUSANNAH, CDX, TD (bitch)

Owner: Karen Farkas
Breeder: M.L. Tingley

C.D.X. DEGREE: June 14, 1980
Whelped: March 25, 1978

Sire: Ch. Sultan d'Esprit
(Ch. Bellesprit Midnight Cowboy
(Ch. Bellesprit Velours

Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers
(Ch. O'Tresor de Vasouy

Trained and handled by owner

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NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION OTTO HAYES JR. DU LE LOUP D'OR (dog)

Owner: Ginni Schaefer & Frank Janca
Breeder: Ginni Schaefer

Championship: September 7, 1980
Whelped: May 10, 1978

Sire: Ch. Fiancé le d'Or de Beauxjolis CDX/Can. CD
(Ch. Man de Ville's G.J. Britte

Dam: Ch. Era le d'Or de Beauxjolis UD/Can CDX
(Ch. Cicely of Northumberland

Handled by Ginni

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CHAMPION CHIEN DE SEL OPTICAL ILLUSION (bitch)

Owner: Kam Pelham & Bob Russell
Breeder: Sue Erickson

Championship: November 16, 1980
Whelped: September 15, 1978

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

(Dam: Ch. Les Blues du Chien de Sel, CD
(Ch. Ugee Belle Noir de Strathcona

judge: Helen Miller Fisher
Handled by Owner

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CHAMPION JOHN'S PASHTU DE STRATHCONA (dog)

Owner: John Kelly
Breeders: Jerry & Stephanie Katz

Championship: November 23, 1980
Whelped: August 24, 1979

(Sire: Am/Can. Ch. Silvermoon la Jole de Vivre Am/Can. UD
(Ch. Viva Maude Chez Roques de Brie CD

(Dam: Ch. Uziz Akshanit de Strathcona
(Ch. Veret Kahlban de Strathcona Am/Can. UD

judge: Mr. Herman Felton
Pictured with J. Katz, handling and owner

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NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION MANNY'S OTHELLO (dog)

Owner: Marilyn Garner

Breeders: Manny Littin & Susan Alexander

Championship: December 7, 1980

Whelped: January 6, 1978

Sire: Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth CD

(Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara)

Dam: Ch. lloire de la Briard Pierre

(Roch des Elles de Malouse)

Judge: Mrs. Eleanore Evers

Handled by owner

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NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION CHAMPAGNE CINNAMON BREEZE (bitch)

Owner: Linda Carpenter

Breeder: Jill Carruthers

Championship: January 10, 1981

Whelped: March 11, 1979

Sire: Am/Can. Ch. Le Très Beau Chien Jacques

(Chante de la Briard Pierre)

Dam: Am/Can. Ch. La Très Belle Chien Andrea

(Xanysse de Patrice)

Judge: Mr. Denis Grivas

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NEW CANINE PARVO VACCINE AVAILABLE

Intestinal disease caused by canine parvovirus swept through the country's dog population in 1979-80. It was probably the most talked about animal disease in years, costing the lives of thousands of dogs, especially susceptible puppies. Parvovirus infection was unprecedented in the canine, virtually all dogs world-wide were at risk. Veterinary suppliers worked overtime to develop a preventive vaccine and several were introduced. Now a technically superior canine parvovirus vaccine has been introduced.

Until recently, all vaccines for the prevention of canine parvovirus disease contained the same immunizing virus used in feline distemper vaccines. Why use a feline vaccine to control what has become a major disease problem in dogs? Basically, canine parvovirus and feline distemper are closely related. The feline virus will actually provide some immunity against parvo.

In the rush to develop a vaccine manufacturers simply tested existing feline vaccines in dogs, found them to be safe and somewhat effective, and obtained government licenses to sell these products as canine parvo vaccines. The problem with "feline origin" vaccines is that their immunity is relatively short-lived and inconsistent. Dogs vaccinated 2 or 3 months previously were being brought to veterinarians with typical signs of parvo disease.

The first "canine origin" parvo vaccine has just been commercially licensed, and promises to provide more protection against the disease. Produced by Norden Laboratories of Lincoln, NE it contains a chemically killed strain of canine parvovirus.
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THE THINGS THEY SAY ABOUT DOGS

A mature dog is excellent for conversation. If you chat with him a while, gradually building up the argument and the intonation, he relishes it so that he will roll around on the floor, lie on his back kicking, and groan with joyous worship. Very few wives or husbands are so affected.

Christopher Morley

The man recovered of the bite, the dog it was that died.

Oliver Goldsmith

If the dog will not come to you after he has looked you in the face, you ought to go home and examine your conscience.

Woodrow Wilson

The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him, and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too.

Samuel Butler

To his dog, every man is Napoleon: hence the popularity of dogs.

Aldous Huxley

We have discovered that the best way to get medicine into the family dog is to talk to him on a variety of dull subjects, then drop a pill down his throat when he yawns.

Franklin Jones

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