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HALF PAGE: $7.50 plus $3 per photo
Stud Dog List: $10 for 6 issues; $2 per issue
Looking for Puppies: No charge

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Photos of New Champions and Obedience Degrees, show wins of Winners or better from Major shows, printed in The Dew Claw as space permits.

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SECRETARY'S PAGE
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:
TOD BROWN, SEASIDE, CA (MON JOVIS CLAIRE DE LA COTE)
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UNDER DISCUSSION: The possibility of adding national advertising for the club and assessing each breeder per litter listed is being discussed by the board. Such a listing would reach buyers through national ads (newspapers & magazines) and in the dew claw. This will be discussed at the annual meeting.

NEW EYE DISEASE REPORTED IN BRIARDS
They say that the only breeds free of eye disease are those who do not check for it. This may be true.

We regret to announce that progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) has been diagnosed in Briards. To date, we have learned of possibly seven young Briards with symptoms of this disease; three in France and possibly four in this country.

P.R.A. is a totally different eye disease from C.P.R.A. However, both are believed to be genetic in origin and both are believed to be recessive in their mode of inheritance. The eye exam used to screen for C.P.R.A. can also reveal P.R.A.

When the club was in France a few weeks ago, we were asked to examine three-night blind Briard puppies, about four months old. Night blindness is an early symptom of P.R.A., and can be detected at an early age. Dr. Aguirre reports that the three puppies appear to have classic P.R.A.

About the same time, the club received reports of night blindness in at least three, and possibly four, American bred Briard puppies. One of these puppies has already been examined by E.R.G. (electroretinogram) which confirmed the diagnosis of P.R.A.

With these early indications that PRA afflicts Briards, it is very important to remember that these puppies were produced by different breeders and that the affected puppies come from varied bloodlines. Any speculation as to which lines are affected would be premature, and useless, to say the least.

Since the same eye examination used for C.P.R.A. can reveal P.R.A. dogs found clear of eye disease by such an examination were also clear of P.R.A. at the time of that examination. However, it is now more important than ever to have your dogs examined yearly!

If you find that your Briard has impaired vision at night, do not spay or neuter, but go to a veterinary ophthalmologist for an accurate diagnosis, and report the findings to the club. If your Briard is diagnosed as having P.R.A. the dog could be extremely valuable to the breed for test breeding purposes. If we work together, we can do much to help eliminate P.R.A.

FREE EYE EXAM OFFERED FOR EVERY BRIARD ENTERED IN THE RASSEMBLEMENT!
**Treasurer's Report**

**Jan. 1, 1982 Through Feb. 28, 1982**

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**Patricia A. Long, Treasurer**

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**Look!!**

**A Book on the Briard!!**

Including the Early History, Assorted Writings by Several Authorities, Methods of Training, Plus Photos, Paintings and Sketches of Early Briards!

You see a marvelous shaggy dog and it is love at first sight; or you hear a little about the Briard and you want to learn more. You rush to the library, only to find that there is no book about the breed and you can find only brief wisps of contradictory information scattered through various publications.

This is an experience many of us have shared, but there are some excellent writings on the Briard which should not be hidden away by those who were lucky enough to find them. And, thereby comes this book, to share some of the historic writings and wonderful notes of information about Briards, which we all like to read.

To place your advanced order, send a check for $10.00 to Diane McLeroth, P.O. Box 15587, Ft. Wayne, IN 46805.

All proceeds will go to support Eye Research in Briards.

**Spring 1982**

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**Rassemblement/Specialty '82**

**August 5, 6, 7 & 8, 1982**

**Holiday Inn - West Reynolds Road (Exit 4, OH. Trnpk) Toledo, Ohio 419/381-8765**

**Thursday, August 5:** Festivities begin with an evening swim-party - time to socialize with friends and general merriment!

**Friday, August 6:** Our 47th National Specialty will start early in the day. With obedience scheduled first and the junior showmanship, sweepstakes and conformation to follow. The specialty show site is the marvelous courtyard at the motel, as we had in 1978. No need to leave early to find a good parking place; just step out the door to the motel! All judging is planned for the same ring.

**Specialty Chair:** Manny Littin, 10625 Monclova Rd., Monclova, OH 43542 - 419/877-5750

**Show Secretary:** Midge Fish Emerson, 701 Riley Dr., Marengo, IL 60152 - 815/568-7462

Friday evening, after the specialty, a Bar-B-Q is planned in the courtyard and all you need to do is put your dog in your room and enjoy a relaxed meal with friends. The Co-Chairmen are: Donna Kahn, 419/878-2684 and Denise Raszka, 419/531-6500.

**Saturday, August 7:** B.C.A. will hold its 3rd National Briard Rassemblement All Day on Saturday. Our distinguished French Judge will be M. Lin Montenot. The Rassemblement will also be held in the Courtyard.

**Rassemblement Chair:** Stephanie Katz, 1701 Strathcona, Detroit, MI 48203 - 313/368-3123

There will be an Eye Clinic all day on Saturday. Dr. Aguirre will be available to answer your questions about Briard eye research.

**Saturday evening:** The B.C.A. Annual Meeting is scheduled for late afternoon and this will be followed by a cocktail hour and the B.C.A. Awards Banquet. Banquet Chairman is Karen Pawlaczky, 313/541-8902.

**Sunday, August 8:** Rassemblement Evaluations will continue all day until every dog entered has been evaluated, with the final 'Selection' following the evaluations. The selection is made from those dogs rated 'Excellent' and points out those Briards the judge believes to be the most outstanding of the dogs evaluated. The judge chooses a group of 'Select' dogs and no ratings or placements of these dogs is made.

The Holiday Inn features indoor and outdoor swimming pools, game room, social and outdoor Tennis Courts and is within walking distance of bowling, putt-putt golf, movies, restaurants and many other sights.

Y'all come!
PROJECT SHARE

IF YOU'RE THINKING YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE B.C.A. SPECIALTY/ RASSEMBLEMENT WEEKEND (AUGUST 5, 6, 7 & 8) BECAUSE:
- THE TRIP IS TOO LONG TO DRIVE ALONE
- THE TRIP IS TOO EXPENSIVE TO DO ON YOUR OWN
- YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO SHARE A ROOM WITH YOU
- YOU WISH YOU KNEW SOMEONE TO SHARE IT ALL WITH YOU

PROJECT SHARE IS FOR YOU!

SUSAN SMITH IS COMPILING A LIST OF PEOPLE WITH JUST THESE NEEDS AND WILL PUT THEM IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER, HOPING TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE TO COME TO THE BCA WEEKEND THIS YEAR. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SHARING A RIDE, IF YOU HAVE ROOM FOR ANOTHER IN YOUR CAR; IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A ROOM AT THE MOTEL - BUT DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SHARE - THEN CONTACT:

SUSAN SMITH
2226 S. LINDA
BELLEBROOK, OHIO 45305
513/848-4206
(Try her weekend days)

DON'T MISS THIS 'ONCE IN FOUR YEAR WEEKEND' - IT IS TOO SPECIAL TO MISS!

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ATTENTION

Air Line Travelers!

THE HOLIDAY INN HAS A COURTESY VAN WHICH WILL PICK YOU UP AT THE TOLEDO EXPRESS AIRPORT (NOT DETROIT METRO).

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING THE VAN MEET YOU, NOTIFY THE MOTEL AND REQUEST A PICK UP. PLEASE TELL THE MOTEL
1. NUMBER OF PEOPLE
2. NUMBER OF DOGS (50 SEATS CAN BE REMOVED FOR CRATES)
3. DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL
4. DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE

IF THE VAN IS NOT AT THE AIRPORT TO MEET YOU, CALL THE HOLIDAY INN - IT WILL TAKE THEM 15 MINUTES TO GET TO THE AIRPORT.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE MOTEL AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE DATE OF ARRIVAL.

HOLIDAY INN - WEST
2429 S. REYNOLDS ROAD
TOLEDO, OHIO 43614
OR CALL: 419/381-8765

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SPRING 1982

After Specialty

Bar-B-Q

Friday, August 6th
COURTYARD OF THE INN

JOIN US!
CUT OUT THE RESERVATION FORM AND SEND TO:
DONNA KAHN OR DENISE RASZKA

MENU
BBQ RIBS
BBQ CHICKEN
ASSORTED CRISP RELISHES
GARDEN FRESH TOSSED SALAD
COLE SLAW
GERMAN POTATO SALAD
THREE-WAY BEAN SALADS
MACARONI SALAD
ROLLS AND BUTTER
CAKE
BEVERAGE

$10.00 per Person

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CASH BAR

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JULY 31
BAR-B-Q RESERVATION FORM

Please make reservations for (number) people for the Friday, after-show Bar-B-Q. $10.00 per person is enclosed.

Please make checks payable to The Briard Club (please send only US funds)

NAME: ____________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________
CITY/STATE/ZIP: ____________________________
PHONE: ____________________________, area code/number

SEND TO: DONNA KAHN
OR DENISE RASZKA
4725 Waterville-Monclova Rd.
Box 29
Monclova, OH 43542

RESERVATIONS DUE July 31, 1982

BRIARD CLUB
MONCLOVA, OH 43542

FOR SPRING 1982

AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Please make banquet reservations for ________ people.
I have enclosed $12.50 per person.

Please make checks payable to The Briard Club (please send only US funds)

NAME: ____________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________
CITY/STATE/ZIP: ____________________________
PHONE: ____________________________, area code/number

RESERVATION DEADLINE July 31, 1982

SEND TO: KAREN PAWLACZYK
818 Camden
Ferndale, MI 48220

BRAID CLUB
BCA Awards Banquet

Saturday, August 7th

A DELICIOUS BUFFET MENU IS PLANNED

ROAST TOP SIRLOIN OF BEEF
BAKED HAM WITH RAISIN SAUCE
AU GRATIN POTATOES
HONEY-GLAZED CARROTS
GARDEN FRESH TOSSED SALAD
ASSORTED CRISP RELISHES
FANCY POTATO SALAD
FRUITED JELLO MOLD
COLE SLAW
ROLLS AND BUTTER
ASSORTED FRUIT PIES
BEVERAGE

$12.50 PER PERSON

CUT OUT THE RESERVATION FORM
AND SEND TO:
KAREN PAMLACZYK
TODAY!

RESERVATION DEADLINE JULY 31
(DINNER BY RESERVATION ONLY)

THERE WILL BE A COCKTAIL HOUR PRECEDING THE BANQUET
WITH CASH BAR

PICK UP YOUR BANQUET TICKETS FROM KAREN AFTER YOU CHECK IN.

SPRING 1982

BCA

RASSEMBLEMENT '82

DURING THE B.C.A. WEEKEND THIS AUGUST, THE BRIARD CLUB OF
AMERICA WILL HOLD ITS THIRD NATIONAL RASSEMBLEMENT FOR BRIARDS.
THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL EVENT WHICH THE CLUB SPONSORS ABOUT
EVERY FOUR YEARS - YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!

LITERALLY, THE FRENCH WORD 'RASSEMBLEMENT' MEANS GATHERING
OR ASSEMBLING AND IN EUROPE, THESE EVENTS ARE HELD REGULARLY
TO ASSESS WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD BREEDING MORE OF
THE IDEAL; THE STANDARD OF THE BREED. THIS GIVES OWNERS AN
INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION OF EACH OF THEIR DOGS; BREEDERS AN
ASSESSMENT OF WHAT THEIR LINE IS PRODUCING, BUT THE PRIMARY
OBJECTIVE IS TO GIVE A BROAD OVER-VIEW OF THE BREED AS IT IS
TODAY. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS OVER-VIEW WILL PROMOTE THE
CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT OF THE BREED WHILE CONSERVING THE MANY
REMARKABLE QUALITIES, WHICH MAKE THE BRIARD SO VERY SPECIAL.

FOR OUR THIRD RASSEMBLEMENT, OUR DISTINGUISHED JUDGE WILL
BE MONSIEUR LIN MONTENDOT OF VILLETAUNEUSE, FRANCE. THIS HIGHLY
RESPECTED BRIARD SPECIALIST JUDGE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE
COMMITTEE OF JUDGES FOR THE FRENCH CLUB DES AMIS DU BRIARD AND
HAS EVALUATED THE FRENCH BRIARDS AT A NUMBER OF THEIR NATIONAL
RASSEMBLEMENTS.

THE RASSEMBLEMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN TOLEDO,
in the same courtyard site planned for our specialty, primarily
on SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. IF OUR ENTRY IS TOO LARGE FOR THE
EVALUATIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN THAT TIME, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE
MADE FOR SOME DOGS TO BE EVALUATED EARLIER IN THE WEEKEND.

A RASSEMBLEMENT IS NOT LIKE A REGULAR DOG SHOW WHERE DOGS
COMPETE FOR RIBBONS, POINTS OR PLACEMENTS. INSTEAD, EACH DOG
IS GIVEN AN EVALUATION FOR CONFORMITY WITH EACH POINT OF THE
STANDARD AND THEN IS GIVEN AN 'OVERALL' EVALUATION. EACH DOG IS
TAKEN BEFORE THE JUDGE ALONE AND THERE IS NO COMPETITION OF
ANY KIND. AT FIRST THE DOG IS ON LEAD AND THEN, THE DOG MAY
BE ALLOWED TO RUN FREELY IN THE RING TO BETTER ASSESS HIS
NATURAL QUALITIES AND MOVEMENT.

ALL TOO OFTEN, WE TEND TO JUDGE A DOG ON ITS FAULTS, BUT
THAT IS NOT THE CASE WITH A RASSEMBLEMENT. THE EVALUATION IS
A SEARCH FOR QUALITIES, THOSE TO BE PRESERVED AND PROPAGATED
SO THE BREED WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. EACH OWNER IS GIVEN A
WRITTEN EVALUATION OF HIS DOG AND THE JUDGE WILL ALSO DISCUSS
YOUR POTENTIAL BREEDING PLANS WITH YOU IF YOU WISH.

ALL BRIARD OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR DOGS FOR
EVALUATION. THE EVENT IS NOT JUST FOR SHOW DOGS, BUT FOR AS
MANY DOGS OF EACH LINE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A MORE
COMPLETE CROSS SECTION OF WHAT WE ARE PRODUCING. THE ATMOS-
PERE IS RELAXED AND INFORMAL AND YOUR DOG DOES NOT NEED ANY
SPECIAL SHOW TRAINING. MORE THAN ONE HANDLER CAN EVEN GO IN-
TO THE RING AND IF YOUR DOG RESPONDS TO WHISTLES, WHISTLE ALL
YOU LIKE.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING RASSEMBLEMENT AND
SPECIALTY WEEKEND. WE'VE WAITED FOUR LONG YEARS FOR THIS
AUGUST 5, 6, 7 AND 8. WHAT A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
BRIARD YOUNGSTERS AND OLD TIMERS ALIKE - NOT TO MENTION THE
PEOPLE WHO ACCOMPANY THE BRIARDS! IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,
CONTACT STEPHANIE KATZ, CHAIRMAN BUT DON'T MISS IT!
BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA - RASSEMBLEMENT '82
REGISTRATION FORM
REGISTRATION FEE: $12.00 per dog
ENTRIES DUE BY JULY 21, 1982. Entries may be accepted at the Rassemblement if the judge has time for any additional dogs.

NAME OF DOG: ____________________________________________
REG. NO. __________________ BIRTH DATE: _________________________
OFA# __________________ DATE, LAST EYE EXAM: __________
COLOR: __________________ SEX: __________________
____ SHOW QUALITY or ______ PET ONLY
SIRE: ___________________________________________
DAM: ___________________________________________
BREEDER: ________________________________
OWNER(S): ________________________________
" ADDRESS: __________________________________________
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _______________________________________

I understand that each dog entered will be offered a free eye exam; that the owner(s) will receive an individual, written evaluation of the above entered dog. I agree to permit the Club to print the evaluation of this entry in a final, report catalog to be published after the Rassemblement. I understand that dogs entered as "peds" will be designated as "Pet Only" in the overall evaluation.

I further agree to be bound by the agreement on the reverse side of this form. I certify and represent that the dog registered here is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This form is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

OWNER/AGENT'S SIGNATURE: ________________________________
PHONE NO.: ____________________________ (area code)

Please enclose your check payable to: THE BRIARD CLUB (U.S. Funds Only) and mail to:
STEPHANIE KATZ, CHAIRMAN
1701 STRATHCNA
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48203
313/368-3123

"GUESSTIMATE"
In order to make the Rassemblement/Specialty weekend a pleasant one for all, it is necessary for us to make plans as far in advance as possible. Would you please take the time to help us by filling out the following "guesstimate" of your plans. DO NOT hold up your Rassemblement entry for this information, but fill in as much as you can.

Thanks for your help.

We expect to arrive: ________________________ Approx. time: __________
(date) __________________________________________

We expect to leave: ________________________ Approx. time: __________
(date) __________________________________________

Will you attend (circle) Rassemblement Only - Specialty Only - Both

Eye Examinations will be available to unentered dogs for $10 per dog. Please indicate the number of unentered dogs you will bring for an eye exam: ________ (It is extremely important to check our veteran Briards)
(Circle) I will be - Will not be staying at the Holiday Inn show site.

Do you have special requirements? Please list below.

AGREEMENT
I (we) agree to hold this Club, its members, officers, directors, agents, and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog, while near or upon the Rassemblement grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless for any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48203
313/368-3123

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BCA ANNUAL EYE CLINIC
RASSEMBLEMENT/SPECIALTY WEEKEND

B.C.A. will hold its annual eye clinic during the 1982 RASSEMBLEMENT/SPECIALTY WEEKEND. Dr. Aguirre will be on hand to examine your dogs and talk with us about the progress in Briard eye research. The exam only takes a few minutes and will help assure you that your dog is free of eye disease.

Now that C.E.R.F. is back, this will be a perfect chance to have your dog's certification brought up to date and if your dog has never been issued a C.E.R.F. number, that can be done with this exam. (B.C.A. will no longer print "Eyes Clear" on any dog without a current C.E.R.F. number.)

A free eye exam will be offered to every dog entered in the RASSEMBLEMENT. Other dogs can also be examined for a fee, payable at the door.

Fee for dogs not entered in the RASSEMBLEMENT is $10.00.

Even a $10 fee is reasonable, compared to the price you must pay when having a dog examined, individually, by an ophthalmologist in the office. Don't miss this chance - bring any dogs you can for the eye exam, especially the older ones, and help to fight eye disease in Briards!

SPECIALTY CATALOG ADVERTISING

Time is running out. If you have not placed your full page ad in the '82 Specialty Catalog, it may be too late. If it is in the planning stages and you have not contacted Sue McCormick, do so immediately.

Susan McCormick
25743 Culver
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
313/772-3857

There is still time to include your two line ads for the honor roll (name of dog, titles and owner) ------- $5.00
Memorial page (for special friends of the past) ------- 5.00
Booster page (to include your good wishes) ----------- 5.00
These special feature ads are limited to 2 lines with about 50 characters and spaces per line.

Deadline: June 15, 1982

What a nice way to help support our National Specialty and RASSEMBLEMENT - a $5 ad to pay tribute to your Briards, past and present, and also show your good wishes for the Club and its work.

Don't miss out - send your ad and show how proud you are of your Briard. Do it today!

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NEWS BRIEZINGS

THE DAYS ARE FLYING BY AND THE RASSEMBLEMENT/SPECIALTY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING. DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS! ANYONE INTERESTED IN LENDING A HAND SHOULD CONTACT MANNY LITTIN FOR THE SPECIALTY AND STEPHANIE KATZ FOR THE RASSEMBLE- MENT. PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THE WAY OF DONATIONS, AND ADVERTISING IS A GOOD WAY TO HELP OUT. YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE A SHOW DOG TO ADVERTISE AND IF YOU ARE PROUD OF YOUR SHAGGY FRIEND, PUT IN AN AD TO SAY SO! THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS OFFERED THIS YEAR. YOU CAN JUST SAY HELLO OR YOU MAY WISH EVERYONE GOOD LUCK; OR YOU CAN DO IT UP BIG WITH ONE OR MORE PAGES. ALL HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED, WHETHER IT BE A $5 GREETING OR A FULL PAGE.

TEAM OBEDIENCE

DAVID BEHRENS IS PLANNING AN OBEDIENCE TEAM DEMONSTRATION FOR THE B.C.A. AUGUST WEEKEND. ANYONE INTERESTED IN BRINGING A TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE. HIS PHONE NUMBER IS (312) 620-5036.

PRIZES FOR YOUNGSTERS


OBEDIENCE TITLES

MATISSE DE CAPRICE, C.D. MATISSE, OWNED AND TRAINEED BY MIKE AND CHERYL FOOTE, FINISHED HIS COMPANION DOG DEGREE IN FOUR SHOWS LAST SEPTEMBER. HIS FINAL LEG WAS AT GENESSEE COUNTY KC.

O'MOLLY O'MALLEY CHIEN DE SEL, C.D. MOLLY, OWNED, BRED AND TRAINED BY SUE ERICKSON, FINISHED HER COMPANION DOG DEGREE, ALSO LAST SEPTEMBER.

DROMORE'S POPPYCOCK, C.D. POPPY, OWNED AND TRAINED BY KAM PELHAM AND BOB RUSSELL, FINISHED HER COMPANION DOG DEGREE ON DECEMBER 28TH AT THE SPORTSMAN TRIAL.

CH. PRIZ WEASELL D'OCCASION, C.D. WEASELL, OWNED AND TRAINED BY AMY ZARETZKE, FINISHED HIS COMPANION DOG DEGREE AT THE SPORTSMAN'S TRIAL IN FEBRUARY. HE WAS ALSO HIGHEST SCORING BRIARD IN TRIAL.

OBEDIENCE NEWS

JULIE TREINIS SENTS US MORE NEWS ON WHODKI. ON JANUARY 23, WHODKI WAS SHOWN IN THE ADVANCED CLASSES FOR THE FIRST TIME. SINCE COMPLETING HIS U.D., HE WAS ONE OF FOUR DOGS TO QUALIFY IN BOTH CLASSES, SCORING 186 IN UTILITY (HE LOST 5 POINTS FOR TAKING A 2 MINUTE NAP OVER THE METAL SCENT ARTICLE, BEFORE HE DECIDED TO BRING IT IN). HE SCORED A 192-1/2 IN OPEN B AT THE NORTH SHORE K.C.'S WINTER TRIAL.

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NEWS BRIEFS

1/24/82 - WISCONSIN K.C. J. MRS. BOSOLD E 30/48/25
- BOB - CH. PHYEVAUX POLLY POULET (FRAN TAYLOR
  WD/BW/BOS 3 PTS. STONEHILL'S 1'M HECTOR (G. ADOLPHUS & REV.
  T. MONAHAN)
  WB 3 PTS. ENCHANTING INDEE J (DONNA FINK)

2/14/82 - MACOMB KC J. MR. PATTERSON E 3/5/1
- BOB - CH. JOHN'S PASHTU DE STRATHCONA (JOHN KELLY)
  WD 2 PTS. BET-CHA SAMSON DE STRATHCONA (M. & S. ROSEN)
  WB/BW 3 PTS. BET-CHA STAR VELU D'STRATHCONA (B. RUBY)

2/28/82 - PONTIAC KC J. MR. MAY E 4/4/3
- BOB - CH. DROMORE'S PROMISES-PROMISES (S. MCCORMICK)
  BOS - CH. REMY-MARTIN DE STRATHCONA (R. & B. MERZ)
  WD - 3 PTS. CHUCKLIN'S SHERLOCK (LINDA HYSELL)
  WB/BW 3 PTS. DROMORE'S POPPET SYNDERBEAR (PHELHAM & RUSSELL)

SHORT, SHORT STORY

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOUR BRIARD IS IN THE COMING WARM
MONTHS, CHECK YOUR SHOWER STALL! I LEARNED EARLY LAST SUMMER
THAT HOME IS WHERE THE TUB IS FOR SOME CANINES.
I WOKE UP ONE MORNING TO GO TO WORK AND LET THE DOGS OUT
SO MIKE COULD SLEEP UNDISTURBED. TIGGER, WHO USUALLY SLEEPS
BESIDE THE BED WAS NO WHERE TO BE SEEN. I KNEW I HAD NOT LET
HIM OUT - AND MIKE MUMBLED, IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, THAT
HE CERTAINLY HAD NOT LET HIM OUT - BUT NO TIGGER. WE WERE
LIVING IN A RATHER SMALL HOUSE, AND I THOUGHT I WAS LOSING MY
MIND WHEN I HAD LOOKED ALL OVER, EVEN IN THE BATHROOM AND OUT
IN FRONT AND BACK, AND COULD NOT FIND YEE OLD FURRY DOG! I
FINALLY WENT BACK TO THE BATHROOM, PULLED BACK THE SHOWER
CURTAIN, AND THERE HE WAS, HAPPY AS A LARK!
SINCE THEN, WHENEVER TIGGER TURNS UP MISSING, I CHECK
BEHIND THE SHOWER CURTAIN FIRST - AND INEVITABLY, I FIND HIM
WITH MUCH LESS FUSS AND CONFUSION!

MEG WEITZ

Ch. Rejoui Turquoise de Capucine

BEST IN SHOW, MULTIPLE GROUP
AND 1980 NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINNER

No. I BRIARD ALL SYSTEMS IN 1981
RETAINING
No. I STATUS IN 1982

BREEDERS/OWNERS
ROBERT & SHIRLEE KESSLER
815 BRONZE LANE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90049
“TURQ”

TURQ is pictured here being awarded Working Group I at the Sun Maid K.C. of Fresno by Haworth Hoch. TURQ is handled by Bruce Schultz.

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MALINE DE LA PLAINE ST. JUST (Imported to Ireland 1965, bred to MUSSO)

Woogly de Montlignon—Urlos du Grand Coudray
    (Eric de Sutter)
    Ayeate—Hutine de la Noe Rocard
Sire: Jito du Val de Multien
    Espe II des Hirsutes—Berger II des Hirsutes
    (Gentille des Hirsutes
    Elue [Elus] des Hirsutes
    Fram du Nid d’Aigel—Yolla des Hirsutes
    (Joick du Vieux Mesnil
    Fanchon du Vieux Mesnil—Yoik du Pon d’Attila
    Dam: Katia du Val de Multien
    Air des Hirsutes—Amour de Vasouy
    (Bergere II des Hirsutes
    Yolla Sirene d’Emjay—[Emy]
    [Url?s du Grand Coudray
    [Berge de la Grand Coudray
    [Berge des Hirsutes
    [Vieux de la Tour St. Genin
    [Yeuse de Bor—[Emy]

MUSSO DES RUES (Bred to Maline before her importation to Ireland, 1965)

Atlas des Hirsutes—[Emy]
    (Gogoz des Hirsutes
    Alsa de Bor—Utzano de Rouge Aubepin
Sire: Igor de Maugrevent—[Emy]
    Yasthi
    (Gaza des Hirsutes
    Yolla Serene d’Emjay—[Emy]
    Yousto de Maugrevent—[Emy]
    (Castor—[Emy]
    Doris des Hirsutes—[Emy]
    [Berge de la Grand Coudray
    [Berge des Vieux Amis—[Emy]
    [Berge de la Grand Coudray
    [Berge des Vieux Amis—[Emy]

ORIAN DE LA CHEVRERIE (Imported to Ireland 1965)

Voik du Pont d’Attila—[Emy]
    (Dourak de Blez Moor
    Wakouwa de Blez Moor—[Emy]
Sire: Iamos II de Bor
    Utzano du Rouge Aubepin—[Emy]
    (Dora de la Tour St. Genin
    Yeuse de Bor—[Emy]

Ward—[Emy]
    (Fould de la Chevrerie
    Babiche des Vieux Amis—[Emy]
    [Fould de la Chevrerie
    [Berge des Vieux Amis—[Emy]

?Name? = Unestablished Information / [Common misspellings]
Brought to May under the kennel Shaggy stock from highly bred by Leon of Ballinaboy, first Briaro, Leon Hubert, on litter, whelped each but her project, he branched out to other breed, buying his foundation stock from highly respected breeders, with noted bloodlines in each given breed.

From France, Mr. Nicholas imported the first two Briards to Ireland in 1965; a black, male puppy named Orkan de la Cheyrerie and a two-year-old bitch, Maline de la Plaine St. Just. Maline had been bred to Musso des Rues, before leaving France and her litter, whelped in quarantine on December 1, 1965 was the first for Briards in the British Isles. Records indicate that Maline may have produced three more litters, two sired by Orkan and a third sired by Leon of Ballinaboy, a male from her first litter.

Some of the puppies from the Orkan and Maline litters were brought to the United States by Mr. Nicolas, where he bred them under the kennel name, "Berry Brow".

From Ireland to England

In 1966, during a trip to Ireland, Nancy and Mike Tomlin were looking for a Wolfhound puppy. On the road, Nancy saw a small car, which she says was absolutely stuffed by a strange, shaggy black dog, of a breed she had never seen before. Upon her arrival at Shannon Farms, she found, not only Wolfhounds, but more of these bear-like dogs. She and Mike bought their first Briard, Leon Hubert, on the spot and he went home with them to become the first Briard in England.

Hubert sparked considerable interest in the breed and soon, others began to import Briards from Ireland. The British have strict quarantine laws, which made it impractical to bring in dogs from other countries but this was not required for dogs brought from Ireland. Among the early fanciers were Mrs. Ann Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Trueman, Joan and Leslie Vernon, Mrs. Janet Wighton, Miss Margaret Osborne and Mrs. Ruth Bumshead. The Tomlins then brought in Mitzi Moffet from Ireland and she grew up to be the first British Briard Champion.

The first litter of Briards to be born in England was whelped on March 3, 1969 sired by Orkan and out of Karen of Ballinaboy, both having been bought by the Truemans. About the end of 1968, Shannon Farms had gone out of business, a good number of the dogs were taken by Mrs. Phoebe Bennett of Dublin.
BRIARDS IN BRITAIN

WHO KEPT THREE OF THE DOGS AND PLACED THE OTHERS IN NEW HOMES.

THE BRITISH BRIARDERS BEGAN TO IMPORT NEW BLOODLINES FROM FRANCE, AN EXPENSE DUE TO THE QUARANTINE, NOT TO MENTION THE DIFFICULTIES OF RAISING BRIARDS IN QUARANTINE. THE BREEDERS WERE THEREFORE RESTRICTED IN THE NUMBER OF NEW DOGS THEY COULD BRING IN. MISS OSBORNE MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO BRING A BITCH IN WHELP INTO QUARANTINE, SINCE THE PUPPYS BORN IN ENGLAND, COULD BE TAKEN OUT OF QUARANTINE AFTER A SHORT TIME AWAY FROM THEIR MOTHER. BY ABOUT 1980, A TOTAL OF ONLY 11 BRIARDS HAD BEEN IMPORTED FOR BREEDING (PLUS TWO OTHERS WHO WERE NOT BRED). FROM THIS FOUNDATION STOCK, THE BRITISH HAVE ESTABLISHED THE BRIARD IN ENGLAND, EARNING IT RECOGNITION BY THE BRITISH KENNEL CLUB AND HAVE PRODUCED MANY BEAUTIFUL NEW CHAMPIONS.

THE TOMLINS WERE THE FIRST TO IMPORT FRENCH DOGS TO ADD TO THE ORIGINAL IRISH LINES. SOLANGE AND SERAPHINE DE VASOY WERE LITTERMATES BRED BY MADEMOISELLE TURGIS AND THEN THE TOMLINS IMPORTED TRIPOT AND TOUPILE DE VASOY, ALSO LITTERMATES. NEXT, MARGARET OSBORNE IMPORTED THOR DE LA TOUR ST. GENIN AND THEN VIR D'EL PASTRE WAS IMPORTED BY RUTH BUMSTEAD. MISS OSBORNE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN IMPORTING ROSKA DES SOURCES DU PEYROUX FROM BELGIUM, IN WHELP, AND SHE HAD A LITTER Sired BY TARO DES POTTERIES WHILE IN QUARANTINE, ADDING MORE FRESH BLOODLINES.

THE NEXT IMPORT WAS USSI OE'T'T WIEJERSNUS FROM HOLLAND. VENI DU VAL DE REUIL WAS ALSO IN ENGLAND TEMPORARILY, BUT LONG ENOUGH TO PRODUCE ONE LITTER OF PUPS, WHICH INTRODUCED YET ANOTHER BLOODLINE TO BRITAIN. THEN, DUTCH CH. VALENTIN

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DE LA PETIT SUISSE DU NORD was imported by the Tomlins. These Briards and their offspring have established the breed for the British and were also the beginnings of the breed for a good number of other countries as well.
BPIARDS IN BRITAIN

British Briards have been exported around the world. You will find them in Australia, New Zealand (countries which can only import dogs directly from the British Isles), the U.S. and Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Italy, France, the Netherlands, and even in Malaysia, New Caledonia and South Africa.

CH. VIR D'EL PASTRE OF BALDSLOW

British Briarders have two active clubs for fanciers, the Briard Association and the British Briard Club, both working for the betterment of the breed in England. They hold club matches and other activities to bring Briard owners together and this summer, the Briard Association is holding an event, similar to a rassemblement, with three judges to evaluate each dog.

SHE HAS BUT SHE WASH

For similar to each matches an o Briaro association and this summer, the Briards in Britain and finally she came out of my son's bedroom. I didn't think this was particularly strange, because that is where she sleeps.

When Manny came in, I told him and he commented that she hadn't greeted him either. So, I went in to check her out. She was on my son's bed, she was trying to vomit and all she could bring up was froth. She had ripped up my son's bedspread - she has never destroyed anything before - and she just looked sick.

I called for Manny. Her eyes said everything; she was really hurting. Her stomach was hard and if you touched her, she would groan. Manny let her outside. When he went out, Lottie, who has never gone out of the yard, was walking down the middle of the road!

In the meantime, I called the veterinarian. He told us to bring her in immediately, and Manny left with Lottie about 10:15 p.m.

There were many anxious hours and Manny did not return until 2:45 a.m. I prayed he would not open the side door to the van, because if he didn't, I knew Lottie was still alive. Thank God, he didn't. He came in and told me Lottie's stomach had turned over and she had to do surgery to correct it. It was not easy surgery and at that hour, Manny had to assist. Then more waiting, since we did not know if she would make it or not.

Each day brought news that Lottie was holding her own and we were able to bring her home on December 23rd - but she was a very sick mama dog.

Our vet told us they do not know why this happens. It could be she jumped, rolled over the wrong way, ate too fast, or many other reasons. Research has not been able to tell us.

We are happy to report that Lottie is doing fine. Our vet couldn't believe how well she is doing for 8-1/2 years old. She acts like a young dog again.

Needless to say, we all had a Merry Christmas at the Little household and we thank the Good Lord for giving us enough warning to save her!

Jean Heft

BLOT IS A KILLER!

Be Alert for Bloat; Gastric torsion; Gastric dilatation; untreated, it is fatal and immediate action is needed in every case. Do not hesitate to call your vet if your dog shows any symptoms - treatment can't wait till morning!
DOES FOOD CAUSE BLOAT?

(AN APRIL 1982 RELEASE FROM THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION.)

The composition of dry cereal-based dog food may play a role in gastric problems of dogs, including bloat. Dry cereal-type foods may stay in the dog’s stomach longer than other types of food. This may allow bacteria time to manufacture gas in dogs susceptible to gastric problems and cause nausea, gastric disturbances and prevent the stomach from emptying normally.

A team of investigators, headed by Colin F. Burrows, B. Vet. Med., Ph.D., M.R.C.V.S., University of Florida, hopes to learn more about the role of cereal-type foods and diet in bloat. The study is sponsored by Morris Animal Foundation with contributions to a special Bloat Fund.

The exact cause of bloat remains unknown, and a combination of factors may be linked to the disease. Some suggest bloat may result when dogs swallow large amounts of air with their food. Others believe that diet may be a factor.

Bloat is a life-threatening disease that can strike suddenly with little warning. Deep chested, larger breed dogs appear to be affected most often.

A noticeably swelling stomach, rapid breathing, retching, distress or restlessness are symptoms of bloat.

Bloat is also known as gastric dilatation or torsion, which indicates expansion or twisting of the stomach. Bloat results when gas builds up quickly in the stomach because the dog’s mechanism for normal emptying of the stomach fails. Why the mechanism fails is unknown.

Gastric torsion, however, involves twisting of the stomach, with the stomach’s contents trapped within. The rapidly enlarging stomach puts increasing pressure on the lungs and abdomen, causing respiratory and circulatory problems. This leads to severe shock and immediate veterinary attention is needed to save the dog’s life.

Even with immediate veterinary attention, in dramatic and severe cases, dogs may still die from bloat. Bloat may strike repeatedly and the time from the beginning of symptoms to death can be less than eight hours.

The investigators believe if more can be learned about the role of diet in bloat, important information about the disease and its treatment may surface.

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NEW EARLY TEST FOR HEARTWORM

YOU LIVE IN MOSQUITO HAVEN; YOU KNOW MOSQUITOES TRANSMIT HEARTWORM INFECTION TO YOUR DOG; DAILY ADMINISTRATION OF CARACIDE OFFERS SOME PEACE OF MIND - BUT YOU WORRY ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS; AND YOU KNOW THAT IF YOUR DOG IS INFECTED BY HEARTWORM, THAT IT WILL BE MONTHS BEFORE IT CAN BE DIAGNOSED.

THIS PAST WINTER, A NEW, EARLY TEST; THE "DIT" OR "SCHERR" TEST, CAME INTO THE MARKET. IT IS EASILY PERFORMED BY DOG OWNER OR VETERINARIAN AND IF ALL THE CLAIMS ABOUT IT PROVE TO BE TRUE, IT OFFERS NEW HOPE FOR DOG OWNERS.

UP UNTIL NOW, THE METHODS OF DETECTING DOG HEARTWORM HAVE HAD TO DEPEND UPON MICROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARASITE IN THE BLOOD OF THE ANIMAL (THE KNOTT TEST). BUT, MICROSCOPIC DETECTION OF THE PARASITE (MICROFILARIA) IS NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL AT LEAST 24 TO 30 WEEKS AFTER THE DOG IS INFECTED. THIS IS THE TIME IT TAKES FOR THE PARASITE TO MATURATE AND PRODUCE THE MICROFILARIA IN THE BLOODSTREAM.


THE DIT TEST, HOWEVER, IS BASED ON THE IMMUNOLOGICAL DETECTION OF THE PARASITE BY INDICATING AN ANTIBODY ALWAYS PRESENT IN HEARTWORM INFECTION, IS IN THE BLOODSTREAM. BY THIS METHOD, DR. GEORGE H. SCHERR, WHO DEVELOPED THE TEST, REPORTS THAT DIAGNOSIS OF HEARTWORM INFECTION CAN BE MADE AS EARLY AS THREE WEEKS AFTER THE DOG HAS BEEN INFECTED BY THE MOSQUITO. THE ANTIBODY IS PRESENT, AND CAN BE DETECTED BY THE DIT TEST, EVEN WHEN A DOG IS ON CARACIDE PREVENTATIVE.

DETECTION OF HEARTWORM DISEASE AT AN EARLY STAGE HAS A VERY IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE, IN THAT THE REQUIRED TREATMENT DOES NOT INVOLVE THE TOXIC ARSENIC COMPOUNDS WHICH MUST BE USED AT MORE ADVANCED STAGES OF THE DISEASE. THE DOG IS IN A BETTER STATE OF HEALTH WHEN TREATED, BECAUSE IT HAS NOT BEEN NECESSARY TO WAIT FOR DIAGNOSIS, DURING WHICH TIME THE INFECTION IS DEBILITATING.

RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE KNOTT, MICROSCOPIC TEST FAILS TO DETECT HEARTWORM INFECTION AT LEAST 30% OF THE TIME, WHILE THE DIT TEST DETECTS THESE FALSE NEGATIVES. ON THE PRACTICAL SIDE, THE DIT TEST IF FAR LESS EXPENSIVE AND REQUIRES NO SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. IT CAN BE RUN FREQUENTLY, GIVING ADDED ASSURANCE, AND THE DIT TEST HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACCURATE IN ALL THE RESEARCH STUDIES.

THE FACTS IN THIS ARTICLE HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED WITH DR. SCHERR HIMSELF, OR IN HIS RECENT SCIENTIFIC PAPER, WHICH APPEARED IN THE JOURNAL OF HUMAN AND VETERINARY TOXICOLOGY.
EARLY TEST FOR HEARTWORM

There is no question that the early detection of heartworm is very important. There is also the consideration of the many reports from dog breeders, who believe that the heartworm preventative may cause health and breeding problems for their dogs. Is it possible that with an accurate, early test, the dog would not require the preventative, but could be treated for heartworm infection as we do for other parasitic infestations? Or, is it more practical to keep the dog on the heartworm preventative and use the DIT test to check for any infection? There are many such questions.

Heartworm has spread rapidly throughout the country in recent years and there are now very few areas which are not affected. Your careful consideration of how you will protect your Briard is very important, and this is no longer a matter which can be ignored. We must also consider the life-threatening prospect of putting our dog onto caricide, if the results of the microscopic test are false, and the dog has heartworm, aside from the months which pass before testing.

There is one other aspect which must be considered. Both male and female heartworms must be present for the microfilaria to be present in the bloodstream. This means that there is the possibility of a dog being infected only by the male heartworm — therefore, no microfilaria can be found by the Knotts (microscopic) test — and the result is misdiagnosis. The DIT test, however, is based on the dog’s own immunological system, and the antibody, always present in heartworm infection, can be detected within 3 weeks after the dog is infected.

It is not the intention of this article to recommend, only to present new information for your consideration. You may want to discuss the potential of the DIT test with your own veterinarian and you can obtain more information by writing to the American Drug Research Institute, Inc., 2405 Bond Street, Park Forest South, IL 60466.

We wish to thank Dr. Scherr for providing B.C.A. with the information on this newly developed test and for consulting with us on this subject. We also wish to thank Linda Knoll for investigating it for us. It is certainly worth considering by even the most conservative and appears to present a much needed progress against heartworm disease.

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IN MEMORIUM
DEMOISELLE RABOTHEUSE
Sept. 6, 1968  Feb. 20, 1982

ROBBIE
Still a presence in our house
Carson and Mary Thomson
Abbie, Leighton, Joel, Bruce, Jim, and "Summer"

STANDARD OF THE BREEDER-OWNER-HANDLER

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS: The ideal breeder-owner-handler is an energetic, far-sighted creature, with the courage and personal serverance of a hound and natural antipathy for losing. He or she should appear neither clumsy or awkward, as a certain amount of speed and agility are essential while doing his/her thing. Usually found in packs at dog shows.

HEAD: The width between the ears varies with the wins and losses. Surmounted by a topknot of long or short hair, either flat, wavy or rather curly; on occasion may be thinning at the top or completely bald, but the latter variety is rare. The male specimen is sometimes bearded.

NOSE: A pinkish tinge during the summer months should not penalize an otherwise first-class specimen.

EARS: In proportion to the head. Ability to listen while in the company of elder and wiser breeders is to be greatly desired.

MOUTH: Large enough to put foot into. A slight bulge in the jaw area denotes a liver bait.

BODY: Short-coupled variety - usually plump and well-padded in hounders, flabbiness to be penalized. Long-coupled variety - lean and sinewy; extra size being no disadvantage in either variety provided it does not interfere with freedom of action.

SHOULDERS: Never drooping. Broad enough for slapping or for crying upon.

BACK: Muscular and strong - however, occasional stiffness due to leaning over large dogs or crouching behind small dogs is permissible.

CHEST: Plenty of heart room!

FOREARMS: Flexible and well-muscled caused by lifting crates, putting up tents, carrying dogs and much grooming.

HANDS: Attached to leads, brushes and spray bottles, may be colored from being wrong over losses & applauded over wins.

NAILS: A working specimen will have short, chewed nails - signs of length or loss shall be penalized accordingly.

LEGS AND FEET: Very muscular and flexible. Endurance is not of great importance. Knees well bent and pitted by small stones from kneeling outdoors.

COLOR: IMATERIAL. Green color denoting envy or red color denoting rage is a disqualification.

TEMPERAMENT: Aloof and dignified, even elegant while working. A cheerful, spirited and tractable disposition desired when in the company of the Pack. Shyness among strangers is not considered a fault. However, rumour-mongering and viciousness in any degree is a disqualification.

GENERAL FAULTS: Over-grooming, (or under-groomed such as cut-offs or jeans), tardiness in arriving for class, bad sportsmanship and backbiting.

THANKS TO SUZETTE WEINBERGER FOR SHARING THIS "STANDARD" WITH US!
TROUPEAUX PARFAIT DE CARMEL, C.D.

Owner: Chris Legowski  Breeders: Bob & Marie Herd

C.D. Title: September 13, 1981
Whelped: September 14, 1979

Sire: Pa'Chick's Man O War
Dam: Ch. Bellesprit Licol Mon Bonheur

(Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux
Ch. Chateaubriard Votre Sante
(Ch. Pa'Chick's Jezebel
(Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, CD
Trained & handled by owner

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NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION

CANADIAN CHAMPION POOKA TATIANA DE SOULIEADO (bitch)

Owner: Suzette Weinberger  Breeder: Jim Stewart

Canadian CH: October 24, 1981
Whelped: September 15, 1979

Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Windfall, CD
Dam: Beardsanbrow's Natanya

(Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre
(Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers
(Ch. Phydeaux Windfall, CD
Ch. Uther Bijou de Strathcona

Judge: Larry House  Handled by owner

BCA
HALF TRUTHS
BY TED KRYSOTOSEK
AS TOLD TO JANE BEAHAN

After ten months of Briard ownership, Ted Krystosek had learned that a number of claims, included in the literature and other information he received when looking for a puppy, were only half true. His list originally appeared in the FRENCH CONNECTION, newsletter of the North Central Briarders, and we could not resist passing it along to you!

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| Are alert | **When you are near a can opener,**
| Are gentle | **only breaks half the things she knocks over.** |
| Are interesting looking | **Learn to say, "It's a Briard"**
| Like to sleep near owners | **Buy a bigger bed.**
| Like to travel | **Buy a bigger car.**
| Like to stay by your side | **Buy a bigger couch.**
| Like to be with you | **Constantly build a bigger bathroom.**
| Are very educational pets | **Learn the true meaning of the word 'bigger'.**
| Aren't timid | **She's begging from the neighbors again!**
| Have strong teeth | **Let me show you my scars.**
| They worked for the government during the war | **She chewed up the mail again.**
| Have a thick coat | **Pick the broken brush teeth out of the carpet.**
| Will keep their toys in one place | **Where are my shoes?**
| Look cute with a retrieving toy in their mouth | **Where is the cat?**
| Will eat most food | **Kitty litter is a delicacy.**
| Are good watch dogs | **Make as much noise at 3 AM if there's a prowler or squirrel in the yard.**
| Are constant companions | **Get out of here, I'm busy!**
| Won't stray | **Kalie, get lost!**
| Are fearless | **The skunk got her again!**
| Are powerful | **I'm going to get some Ben Gay.**
| Are obedient | **Will eat & sleep on first command.**
| Are good herding dogs | **She's got the cat in the closet again.**
| Have an excellent memory | **When it's convenient.**
| Will give you humility | **Reserve winners -- again!**
| Work well with verbal commands | **Doctor, I think it's laryngitis.**
| Have good hearing | **That's right, I'm talking to you!**
| Enable you to meet new people | **Honest, lady, it was the dog's nose, not me!**
| Are easy to housebreak | **Brown spots give the lawn contrast.**
| Heart wrapped in fur | **100% true!**
LOOKING FOR PUPPIES?

CONNECTICUT
Cece Collins, 75 Inwood Road, Darien, CT 06820 203/644-8886
Tawnies due in June

ILLINOIS
Dave Behrens, 1309 S. Lloyd, Lombard, IL 60148 312/620-5036
Tawnies whelped early May
Mike & Sue Gresko, 917 Stonehedge Lane, Palatine, IL 60067 312/358-7858
Tawnies planned early Summer

NEW YORK
Carol Steiner, 1007 Cedar Dr. North, Manhasset Hills, NY 11040 516/248-9508
Tawnies due early June

OHIO
Sue Smith, 2226 S. Linda Dr., Bellbrook, OH 45305 513/848-4206
Tawny litter planned for late Summer

VIRGINIA
Ellen Walton/Richard McDearmon, Rt. 1, Box 95A, Callaway, VA 24067 703/334-2120
Tawnies whelped early April
Ron & Sheri Daniel, P.O. Box 503, Blacksburg, VA 24060 703/951-8355
Tawnies expected late June

WASHINGTON
Bill & Doreen Wylie, 16103 268th S.E. Issaquah, WA 98027 206/392-5899
Tawny show male (pointed) whelped October

WISCONSIN
Linda Carpenter, 1160 23rd St. N., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 715/421-0733
Tawnies due early June

INTERESTED IN
SHARING A RIDE TO THE SPECIALTY?

IF YOU HAVE ROOM FOR ANOTHER BRIARDER IN YOUR CAR OR ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING A RIDE TO THE 1982 RASSEMBLEMENT/SPECIALTY WEEKEND, CONTACT SUE SMITH. SUE HAS OFFERED TO BE TRAVEL COORDINATOR FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN SHARING EXPENSES TO, FROM, AND IN TOLEDO. JUST GIVE HER A CALL (MORNINGS FROM 7AM TO 10AM OR ON WEEKENDS).

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