The Dew Claw
NEWS FLASH!

Ch. Dromore's Promises-Promises was Best of Breed at the B.C.A. National Specialty in Toledo, Ohio under judge, Mr. Lee Reasin.

At the Rassemblement, Monsieur Lin Montenot selected: Ch. Montargis de Lindeau as his Pick Male; and then Ch. Dromore's Promises-Promises as his Pick Bitch and recipient of the first Robert Montenot Award.

We will have a full report of this exciting weekend in the Fall issue of The Dew Claw.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A serious question has been raised by some B.C.A. Members. It seems that non-members were voting and making motions on club business at our Annual Meeting. Two motions were made, asking the Board to consider some major changes which could have long range effects on the Club and the Breed.

Because of the importance of these two motions, we will be polling the membership in the near future, in order to reaffirm a sense of direction for the Board of Directors.

The motions were: 1) to lower the jump height for Briards in obedience; and 2) to set longer terms of office but limit the time an individual could serve. Please read the discussion of these matters in the Minutes of the meeting. [Pages 9 through 17.]

In addition, I would appreciate knowing whether our Club Members feel that attendance at future annual meetings should be restricted to Members only.

Please consider these matters carefully. We will send out the poll for your response in the near future.

Bob Boelter, President

EXEMPLARY FROM THE BY-LAWS
OF THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA

Article I, Section 4, b: In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

Article IV, Section 2: Voting. At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting at the meeting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except the election of officers and directors, changes in membership dues, amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and the Standard for the Breed, which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution and by-laws and to the Standard for the breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty per cent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members, with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within six months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

Section 2. The constitution and by-laws and the Standard for the Breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member accompanied by a ballot on which he may indicate his choice for or against the action to be taken. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing whose ballots were returned within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

Section 3. No amendment shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

BRIDARDS IN BRASS!
A Collector's Item

We have available, a limited edition, hand cut and polished, 8 oz. solid brass, 6" X 6" Briard silhouette for collectors and Briard fanciers, alike. You can order yours in matt or shiny finish, on a brass chain for the home; or you can have one in chrome on brass (same size), with hardware to mount it on the grill of your car.

Priced at only $25.00 each

To order contact:
Mary Bloom
53-07 Douglaston Parkway
Douglaston, NY 11362
212 - 224-5275

When ordering, please specify whether you want matt, or shiny brass on a chain; or chrome on brass for your car. Please make checks payable to the Briard Club.

SUMMER 1982
### ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

**March 1, 1982 through June 30, 1982**

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**HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR BRIARD PLAQUE?**

The beautiful head of a Briard, sculptured and finished in bronze, is mounted on a 5" X 7" walnut plaque - a treasure for any Briarder to own. You can display it as it is, or use it to mount the award plates B.C.A. has presented to your Briard.

Through special arrangements with Claire Roberts, the artist who created the plaque, these plaques are now available to all Briarders who wish to order them. These are the plaques, which B.C.A. gave as awards for a number of years, until the Club could no longer afford to buy them. However, you can place an order directly with Claire, provided you mention the Briard Club of America.

These plaques also make very special trophies for the Briard classes at your all-breed club's show, or as gifts for someone special. Order yours today!

To order, write to: SCULPTURES BY CLAIRE, 81 Mt. Olive Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828. Enclose a check for $15.00 ($12 for the plaque, plus $3 for postage and handling). Mention that you would like the Walnut, Briard Head Study plaque, and be sure to mention the Briard Club of America.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

David & Marjorie Calvert, owners of Aigner Sneak Preview
Gary & Darlene Conley, owners of Knollwood's Touche-à-Tout
Ian & Kathy Kneer, owners of Lindeau Tenebres de l'Haleine
Theresa Lee, owner of Que Sera Sera du le Loup d'Or
Martha McDearmon, owner of Richlen Sergeant Pepper
Gwendolyn Hives-Moore, owner of Jacques de Beauxjolis
Avis Pool, owner of Chaparral's Skeeter, Fallburn's Bel Chimo
Gwen Shook, owner of Dromre's Pantomine
Carolyn Vallance, owner of Desameé Angel Bear of Westerfield
Roetta Walsh, owner of Tiffany de Knollwood
Carolyn & David Witherspoon, L'Ourson Solidage Dejavue.

REINSTATED:

Gerry Adolphus; Denise & Bob Kracht; Chris Legowski; Ellen Shea; Julie Normann

1982 ELECTION: (229 ballots were cast)

For President: 138 for BOB BOELTER
82 for Michael Greenberg
9 abstained

For Vice-President: 124 for MIKE FOOTE
99 for Robert Kessler
6 abstained

For Directors:
146 for JUNE SHEW
139 for JANIS CHARBONNEAU
132 for PHIL ZINGSHEIM
117 for Manny Littin
94 for Stan Guy
59 abstained

THE BOARD HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

A.K.C. Delegate - JUNE SHEW; Statistician - DAVID BEHRENS;
Historian - JOHN ALEXANDER; Aid & Rescue - HEATHER SCHROTT;
Eye Study Committee - JANIS CHARBONNEAU; Novelty Shop - SUE
GRESKO; Obedience Chairman - DAN TOLERTON

THE WORK OF THE B.C.A. IS DONE BY VOLUNTEERS
WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP!
IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS - IF YOU'D LIKE TO WORK,
LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION DESAMEE BELLE BEAR (bitch)

Owners: Eugene & Carol Steiner Breeders: M.F. & N.T. Tomlin
Championship: February 9, 1982
Whelped: October 24, 1974

Sire: English Ch. Desamee Tripot de Vasouy
[Neptune de Vasouy
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[Orkan de Chevrerie
Karen of Ballinaboy

Dam: English Ch. Desamee Mitzi Moffat

Judge: Louis Harris

Pictured with owner

SUMMER 1982
Louise Ottensman suggested that at future shows, it would be a good idea to publish the time schedule on one sheet. This could be done at the last minute, and perhaps it could be posted.

Pat Martin asked how those who do not attend the specialty can have their dog's eyes examined. Jan Charbonneau responded that the exam must be done by an eye specialist known as the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. These specialists have the equipment and training necessary to find the symptoms of Briard eye disease. It was noted that C.E.R.F. will issue certification only if the dog has been examined by indirect ophthalmoscope and slit lamp, with dilated pupils, and by a Diplomat or Board Certified Ophthalmologist. It was also pointed out that the eye exam at an eye clinic is much lower in cost than when it is done privately in a specialists office.

Statistician, David Behrens, announced that B.C.A. will give annual awards for titles or degrees published in the Gazette as of the June issue, or if David is notified of a new title or degree by the owner of the dog before the end of June. He again asked people to report information to him and thanked those few who had done so over the past year.

In addition, Dave announced that he is trying to compile more complete O.F.A. data. While he has the names and numbers of certified dogs, he would also like to include the O.F.A. hip ratings of each of the dogs. If people are willing to share this added information, David would appreciate receiving it with their permission to include it in the listings.

In the absence of Aid and Rescue Chairman, Heather Schrott, the Secretary announced that Heather has done an excellent job with this work over the past year and a report may be forthcoming in the next edition of The Dew Claw. She also asked that if you know of someone who would provide a good home for a Briard; or if you hear of a Briard in need of help, please contact Heather. Her phone is unlisted, but it is included in each issue of The Dew Claw.

Janet Zingsheim, founder of the Briard Specialty Shoppe, reported that this project was started in 1976 with what was left from the Racine Specialty that year. Since that time the Specialty Shoppe has provided B.C.A. with about $1,000 in profits, has paid its own expenses, and the B.C.A. owns the Shoppe's inventory. She then announced that she no longer has the time to devote to the work and that she will turn over the Specialty Shoppe to Sue Gresko of Palatine, Illinois as of Sept. first. She has some interesting new ideas, which should lead to the continued success of the project.

Cece Collins announced that the 1983 Specialty weekend will be in Connecticut, about an hour from New York City. It will be later in the month with the dates scheduled for August 26, 27, and 28. The weekend headquarters will be the Yale Motor Inn, which has huge grounds, ideal for our needs; campers will be permitted for a $10 charge for the weekend; there is lots of space, numerous meeting rooms and the management is very cooperative.

On Friday of the 1983 weekend, there will be a new type of event, a three judge clinic, similar to an assemblage. The judges will be Mrs. Rompelman from Holland as a breeder-judge; Donald Booxbaum as an all-rounder; and Fred Olson as a handler-judge. Each will evaluate the dog so you will have three different opinions.

On Saturday, there will be an all-breed show and Mrs. Lynette Saltzman is scheduled for Briards (pending AKC approval). On Sunday, there will be an independent Briard specialty and pending AKC approval, Mr. Joe Mellor has been invited to judge conformation and Mrs. Irene Feeley for obedience classes. The specialty will be on the grounds of the motel, as will the Friday event.

Bob Boelter announced that plans are being made for the 1983 National Specialty in California. It too will be a three show weekend in the northern part of the state, and there will not be any Briard Club supported entry show in any other part of the country to compete with it.

Stephanie Katz asked why there wouldn't be a supported entry show. Bob explained that this was in deference to our western members who have never been able to have an annual meeting in their area until the quorum was reduced.

Bob then announced that there are a number of committees in need of chairmen and asked that anyone interested contact him.

The results of the annual election were announced:

- President: Bob Boelter
- Vice-President: Mike Foose
- Secretary: Diane McLereth
- Treasurer: Patricia Long
- Directors, Class of 1983: Cece Collins; Sue McCormick; and Ron Schramm. Ed Konrath will serve on the Board as Past President.

Bob then thanked retiring Board Members, Jim Stewart and Manny Littin.

The new President addressed the assembly: "A while ago, I was talking with a friend of mine, who knows nothing about dogs at all. When I told him I was a candidate for President of a dog club, he said, 'Tell me Bob, why would anyone want to do that? Being an officer of a Club like that is rather like being elected fire hydrant on a street full of dogs.' My reception as I arrived here in Toledo only emphasized this; I was greeted by a pack of loose Briards and one of them bit me on the leg. It does give one pause for thought as to what the B.C.A. truly is.

"In fact, B.C.A. is an organization of amazing strength and vitality and during my fifteen years of involvement, I have observed significant improvement in the Club and the Breed, primarily through the dedicated efforts of our members. B.C.A. has a very active membership compared to other dog clubs; a greater percentage vote in the elections; a great number of people willingly devote time, effort and money to the organization as well as to the Breed. The Club has experienced a good growth, not so rapid as to be detrimental. Specialty meetings used to consist of one long table at a Holiday Inn with 20 people, and have grown to the well-attended and quality events we now have. The growth in breed popularity has been modest, as it should be for the sake of the Breed. Now, we are entering into a period of financial growth and stability, to which I assure you that I am committed.

"At the same time, dog clubs are unique compared to other clubs. We are all performing balancing acts if we are involved in breeding or showing, because we all have commitments in a certain direction, we love our own dogs, and we are operating in a competitive environment. Added to that is the fact our Club is national in scope, but is small in numbers, so communication
WHOO'S PERFECT?

The first page of these MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING is on page 36;
and the last page is on page 28.
-we tried a new layout system-

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slow-downs nationally and this affects our abilities to get out to shows. "On this point, AKC is sanctioning more shows, helping people to find more shows closer to home. This, however, is not necessarily an asset to people in a rare breed, since we must contact others to know where the competition will be. This distance between our Briarders leads to an increase of gossip in the club, and along with that comes a certain element of conflict which we in all deal with, especially our officers and directors. Conflict, if it is misdirected or comes from misinformation can have an entire group of people reacting in such a way as to cause harm or waste their efforts; efforts which could be directed in a more positive way.

"So, in terms of suggestions which I would like to make, I would like to refer to a letter which Sue Erickson wrote when she became President of the North Central Briarders. Basically, she was giving advice to newcomers, and what to do at a national specialty; how not to feel excluded, how to meet people, how to see other people's dogs. It was excellent advice. She also suggested, for those of you who have been around for a while, that you should make a special effort to include someone new, at least once during the weekend. In our efforts to catch up with friends we have not seen for a year or two, our circle can become closed. At other times, we band together with the same people we show with each weekend in our areas, creating the impression of a closed, regional clique. Certainly we should not shun our neighbors and old friends, but with a little effort we ought to be able to cross some boundaries of geography and experience.

I regard this as good advice and this weekend I have tried to meet new people and make new friends in the process. There are other things which we can do to help break down these communication gaps and the problems of geographic distance. I suggest you utilize The Dew Claw to let others know what you think, and use it as often as possible. It is our best communication tool. I also suggest letting your officers and the directors know what is on your mind. That is one of the reasons our annual meetings are so much fun; it is a chance for everyone to air their views. However, it is also good to keep in touch with the Board throughout the year and let your officers and directors know that there is a membership out there.

"For myself, I would like, in the next six months, to attend a show in each region of the country. I am open to your suggestions. I am willing to be your roving fire hydrant to learn what is going on. I realize that being President of an organization such as this is truly a job of serving the membership. I also know I can not please all of you, but I am looking forward to it and will do the best I can."

The President then pointed out a need for some dedicated people, who have time to devote and perhaps are also willing to pick up some of their own expenses as well, to chair some of the committees. He indicated openings for Medical Committee, the Education Committee, Junior Showmanship Committee and Obedience Committee. He asked anyone interested to contact the Club. Bob noted that this year, Susan Smith had initiated a new service, Ride-Sharing and Room-Sharing for the Specialty. This he said was a valuable idea and is worthy of continuing for our future specialties, perhaps helping more people to travel greater distances for these events.

The President encouraged people to subscribe to the Gazette, the excellent publication of AKC. He pointed out that a subscription is only $18, little more than the cost of a single entry at shows.

The President recognized Pat Morale, who proposed that the B.C.A. consider lowering the jump height for Briards in obedience. Thnader Bob noted that the prerogative of the parent breed club and a number of other parent clubs have lowered the jump heights from 1 1/2 times the height of the dog to 1 time the height of the dog.

Dan Tolerton commented that there have been studies which indicate dog jumping the extra height suffer from pinched nerves, joint damage, etc., especially at indoor shows where they must land on concrete.

Linda Beall noted that a Briard jumping 1 1/2 times its height comes down with great force, and she has seen pictures of the effects of this force on the dog. In some cases, especially when they slip on landing, the pasterns break down, flat on impact. She commented that this is especially true at indoor shows, when the mats are not placed properly.

Rob Ferber reported that Philippe, Floyd Stevenson's dog was an excellent obedience worker, but was unable to continue because of an injury. The jump heights aggravated the problem and surgery was necessary. He commented that the height of the jump is not the test, but whether the dog will jump on command.

Jan Zingsheim commented that the jump heights are high, and this could be observed in the specialty classes. These dogs are well trained and conditioned, yet most of them ticked the top of the jump.

David Behrens stated that he was fully aware of the real possibility of injury, as there is in any active sport. However, he believes that because a Briard is a working dog, with proper training and using common sense (not jumping your dog the maximum height each time or too often) that the dogs can do it. He stated that his is personally opposed to lowering the jump height. Christine Duval commented that she has owned several breeds of dogs, training them for obedience and other kinds of work. She believes that the exercise is totally different for a breed which jumps 1 1/2 time the height from one who jumps only 1 time its own height. She noted that it is not as important what the height is, but that the heights be consistent for all breeds. She said that the Dachshund must jump a different height in Canada than in the U.S. making the training very difficult. She stated that all dogs should have to do the same work and therefore the jump heights should be lowered for consistency.

Jerry Katz reported that there has been a great deal of discussion and study in various obedience publications. The result has been general agreement that the jump heights should not be lowered. He commented on a number of aspects of the problem. Dogs in obedience are in competition and by its nature a number of dogs would be excluded. For example the old dogs, dogs with certain physical structures, etc. Dogs in competition must be trained as an athlete, not jumping an excessive number of times or always at the maximum height. Another matter is the condition of the ring. At some trials they are not good and the handler should go to the trial committee to correct improper conditions. However, Jerry believes that obedience being competition that the jump heights should not be lowered.

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Dan Tolerton commented that ring conditions do cause a great many injuries and that complaints should be made when those conditions are not good.

Louise Ottensman reported that she has worked in obedience for a number of years and trained a number of breeds of dogs, some of which have been injured. She noted that the rules, as they stand, penalize the middle sized dogs and often they are the ones who are injured. She felt it was necessary to stop work with the C.D. on her Briard, because he is a rescue dog and she cannot be sure of his age. She does not feel it would be safe for him to go over the jumps. The jump should be a test of the dog's ability to retrieve over the jump, not a test of how high the dog can jump.

The President pointed out that not everyone is active in obedience. He said he would entertain a motion, as an advisory to the Board, to study the situation further and come up with a recommendation.

Fran Taylor moved: In the interest of our dogs, for their safety and in kindness to them, the Board should consider the possibility of lowering the jump height for Briards. She added that it is not necessary to be knowledgeable in obedience to be concerned about the dog's welfare. The motion was seconded.

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Sue Gresko asked if there was anyone present who could give an opinion from the west coast.

The Chair recognized Bob Kessler from California. Bob stated that Diane had stated the case rather clearly. He pointed out that two years ago his dog won the national specialty in the west. However, it was a win without impact, since there was a supported entry in another part of the country a short time later, with a much greater attendance. He noted that the specialty in California has been a "step-child" and that he would not like to see a supported entry in competition with the specialty in the west. He pointed out that he has flown with his dog to the east, and to the mid-west and invited others to bring their dogs to the show in California.

Cece Collins asked the assembly to give the chairmen of the events for the next two years (the specialties in eastern and western parts of the country, but smaller ones in the east and the west. The chairmen of these vents would like to have an opportunity to draw the larger entries, which would be very difficult with supported shows competing.

Manny Little pointed out that B.C.A. has a ready work force in the local and regional clubs, such as North Central Briarders and the Briard Booster Clubs. He suggested that B.C.A. could consider support for shows in the areas of these clubs, to encourage more regional participation. He pointed out that holding a supported show is a large financial responsibility as well, and it could prove to be a financial drain on the Club.

Sanford Norman moved to table the discussion until the next annual meeting.
Mike Greenberg suggested that the assembly consider extending the term of office for officers to a longer period of time. He pointed out that by the time the President gets started, it is time for another election. Rob Ferber pointed out that sometimes an officer does not wish to serve for more than one term, but when you get good people in office you want to do your best to hold on to them. However, it is a matter of how long they are willing to serve. Mike added that it is also a matter of how long it takes someone to become familiar with the work. If the term were extended for another two or three years, there would be more opportunity to meet with the membership.

The President commented that such a change would require an amendment to the Club's By-Laws, which then would require the approval of AKC before the changes would go into effect. He then added that a term of two or three years works well in other organizations he is in, because it takes the first year to get things going and to set up the ground work.

Rob Ferber observed that if the term of office is longer, someone who takes the office will feel obligated to see it through, even though they may have lost interest or were unable to do the work.

Lynn Lowell pointed out that if the term of office were longer, we could hope that a person would take that into consideration before accepting a nomination.

Linda Wells reported that when working with the Nominating Committee they found that situations change, that there are business commitments which come up, or personal situations, which make it difficult for someone to know if they can hold an office for an extended period of time.

Louise Ottenman commented that the one year term, as it is now is good, because a person who is willing to serve the Club for a longer period of time can indicate this. However, if someone is not doing a good job it is better to only have them for a year.

Bob Boelter pointed out that one of the tasks of the club's nominating committee is to study the qualifications of different people and to learn if they are interested in serving another year. He then commented that we are discussing, in generalities, a subject which would have to become very specific before anything could be done. He noted there are many things to be considered and that the AKC also would have a voice in the matter.

Bob Kessler announced that he would like to see the term of office for officers limited, perhaps to two or three years. He pointed out that this was the case in his local club. He said he had spoken to someone at the AKC, a "Mrs. Spears" [sic], and that they have no official policy on this. However, she personally did not care for the idea, possibly because she did not wish to change her address list.

Rob Ferber responded that if you have a good worker, you do not want to dump them automatically. Good workers are not easy to find. Dan Tolerton suggested that this is why we vote. If you do not like the job someone is doing, vote them out; if you do like the job they are doing, vote them back in; that is what the Democratic Process is all about.

Ken Behrendt commented that typically, in an organization such as this, 20% of the work is done by 20% of the people. You only have a few members to do most of the work. By regularly throwing them out, you may not find suitable replacements. You
A FACETIOUS GLOSSARY
OF DOG TERMS
PREPARED FOR THE EDIFICATION
OF THE NOVICE
by John M. Cramer

We who frequent the dog shows of America, whose feet have trampled the saw-dust of many an exercise ring, and whose stomachs have become inured to the ravages of barbecued beef sandwiches for many a long year, will readily admit that we have a jargon all our own; a strange outlandish patois filled with colorful phrases which mystify those laymen who have never known the joys of a four-hundred-mile journey for a white ribbon. It is, therefore, the intent of this humble scribe to bring enlightenment to those who are new to the delectable delights of the dog game, and to enrich their vocabularies with those exotic words which roll so smoothly from the lips of the old-timer, and which can be heard in every bar from Providence to Pebble Beach.

The following are a few of the doggy terms which we feel might be baffling to the newcomer, accompanied by tongue-in-cheek translations which we hope will serve to un-baffle them.

APPLE-HEAD: A nickname given to William Tell's son.

ARMBAND: An article which can be worn with confidence by anyone possessing 30" biceps.

AKC: A governing body which is expected to punish one's most hated enemy.

APPLAUSE: Approving noises made by spectators which indicate that a local dog is in the ring.

BITE: An injury which may be suffered by a judge - sometimes, but not always, inflicted by a dog.

FORE-FACES: A pair of two-faced people.

FIRE: That which your dog possesses when it does not stand still in the ring. (Also see RING MANNERS.)

EXERCISE RING: One of the few places at a show where one can see a dog being shown on a loose leash.

LOIN: What students do in Brooklyn.

MEASURING COMMITTEE: A group of people who confirm that your dog is within the required height limits.

**#!!*?!!: A measuring committee that does not fulfill its function as stated above.

LIVER: This, together with rubber matting, is one of the more commonly seen floor coverings for show rings.

STANDARD: A description of one's own dog.

DISQUALIFICATION: A description of the dog owned by one's worst enemy.

FLYERS: Dogs that one owns, breeds or sells.

PET STOCK: Dogs that one's worst enemy owns, breeds or sells.

RING MANNERS: That which your dog possesses when it does stand still in the ring. (Also see FIRE.)

STUD DOG: A male canine who earns money and enjoys his work.

WHelping: A wonderful, natural function which bitches usually perform successfully in spite of scissors, nylon thread, forceps, tweezers, surgical gowns and masks, hysteria, 469 telephone calls, audiences, camera flashbulbs and tape recorders.

CLEAN UP: One who is sometimes the best handler in the ring.

PRE-SHOW DINNER: A social function at which 98% of those present smile at the judge.

POST-SHOW DINNER: A social function at which 2% of those present smile at the judge.

[Our thanks to John Cramer for sharing this delightful view of ourselves with us. This Glossary originally appeared in POODLE PROFILE, August, 1969.]

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October 27, 1973 - April 12, 1982

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I really don't consider myself as Chairman of the Briard Aid and Rescue. I like to think of myself as a coordinator or match maker, finding the right dog for the right people, or vice-versa. The true Briard "Aid and Rescue" is all of you, devoted Briarders, reading this article. The members, breeders and just the wonderful people who care so much about the welfare of our Breed. You are the real Aid & Rescue, not me; I only play a small part.

To everyone who has pitched in and taken charge of finding a new home for a Briard in need of one; my personal thanks go out to you. With devotees to the Breed like you, my job wouldn't be so easy. Thank you!

Over the past year, many older puppies and adult Briards went into new homes. Many Briarders place the dogs before I hear about them as well. Sometimes I never find out who was placed there, so, as to the exact number of dogs going to new homes in the past, I can not be sure, but I can estimate that the number is over two dozen - not counting a list of fourteen.

I usually don't single people out to thank them for placing dogs and a job well-done, for fear of forgetting someone. But, at this time I would like to thank two gals in New York: Barb Lynch and Jill Carruthers. They rescued a litter of fourteen puppies, a few weeks old. Barb got in touch with me after they went to get the puppies. That shows true devotion to the breed, the pups were sold for $150, so neither made any money on the pups. The girls had the ears done, paid for all the vet care, feeding, plus all the care for the puppies and the phone calls to find new homes for them. Thanks to Jill and Barb, two terrific concerned Briarders.

Another person I would like to mention is a gal here in Pittsburgh, Linda Ricketts. She is not a member of the Club but does love the Briard. Linda lost her first placement Briard after a long time. Too bad! But, she did get another, and it has been a good match. I am glad to hear she is happy with this second placement. Thanks Linda.

At the time of this writing, there are three tawny bitches, 14-months-old available. I know there must be more dogs in need of new homes, but we can't find homes if we don't know about them. We also need to know who wants a placement dog. If you know of someone who will give a good home to a Briard, please write or call Diane McLeroth or me.

I have heard through the grapevine (sometimes the grapevine is helpful) there was a Briard found in Norfolk, VA. By the time I heard about it, it was too late to do anything to help. Briards do end up in shelters, occasionally. None of us like to think our breed will end up there, but it does happen. If you learn of a Briard in that situation, let us know immediately!

Another thing I must stress is that Aid & Rescue CAN NOT sell puppies or older dogs for breeders. If we know of someone who wants to buy a dog, we are fair and give out the entire list of puppies available for sale. That is the only fair thing we can do.

Two more things I will mention, while I have the soap box out. What about the breeder who has puppies left from one litter and still breeds again to have more puppies? Some are sold, some are placed. This is unfair to the dogs who really need a new home. Neither is it fair to the breeder who only has a litter once every couple of years; the Aid & Rescue receives calls or letters to find homes for the older pups - and then we find out that the breeder has bred again! I ask you, is this right? Does it show proper concern for our Breed? I don't think so, and many of you will agree, I'm sure.

The second and final thing I must tell you is about puppy farms, puppy wholesalers and pet shop owners. This seems like an appropriate time to bring this up, since it could involve placing Briards from these places one day. My fair state of Pennsylvania has puppy farms. The puppy farms are growing in numbers in the eastern part of the State, around the Lancaster area. I plead with you breeders, check out your puppy buyers before you sell! The wholesalers, pet shops & the puppy farmers are getting more and more devious every day, they are having third and fourth party people buy the dogs for them; nice family people are buying the puppies for them!

I can't caution breeders enough. We all hate the thought of Briards from puppy farms, but it is a rare breed and they do bring in big bucks! And, that's the name of the game, BIG BUCKS!

Here is some food for thought. If every one of you sold your pups for $250, wholesalers would think twice about trying to make money with Briards. The people who wanted a Briard could go to a good, quality breeder and buy a good pup for a reasonable amount of money. This would put the puppy farms out of business - they could not compete on such a market and there would be no profit in it for them. Because their prices start at near $1,000 for sick, dirty pups, they would lose out and the Briard could remain the quality dog we have now.

In closing, the number of Briards in need of new homes seems to be decreasing, which is a good sign that breeders are screening their buyers carefully. That is a MUST, and don't be fooled!

Again, thank you to everyone for helping do a job, that couldn't be done without your help and concern for our Breed.

Heather Schrott - 412/824-9318
587 Lucia Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15221

WITH LOVE .... FROM A LONELY DOG

I wish someone would tell me what I've done wrong.
Why do they keep me chained up so long?
They seemed so glad to see me when I came here as a pup.
there were so many things we'd do, while I was growing up
The master said he'd train me as a companion and a friend.
The mistress said she'd never fear to be alone again.
The children said they'd feed me and brush me every day.
They're play with me and walk me, if only I would stay.
But now the master "hasn't time", the mistress says I "shed".
She doesn't want me in the house, (not even to be fed).
The children never walk me, they always say, "not now".
I wish I could please them, won't someone tell me how!
All I wanted, you see, was Love. I wish they would explain,
Why they said they wanted me,
And then left it on a chain.

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FIRST AID KIT FOR YOUR DOG

Whether you travel with your Briard, or stay close to home, you should assemble a first aid kit for your dog. Be prepared for accident, injury or illness by having a general pet first aid kit handy. Your kit should include:
1. Steril cotton, gauze pads, a roll of gauze and tape for any bandaging. I find that Elastoplast is great.
2. Pain relieving spray, such as Nupercainal or Bactine.
3. Hydrogen peroxide, for wound cleansing or use as an emetic.
4. Antiseptic-antibiotic dressing ointment (such as Furacin).
5. Scissors.
6. Aromatic spirits of ammonia.
7. Kapectate or neobiotic to stop diarrhea.
8. Rubbing alcohol
9. Aspirin (for you or your dog).
10. Dramamine for motion sickness.
11. Tweezers.
12. Flea powder or spray.
14. Germicidal soap (Physohex is good).
15. Anti-vomiting medicine (check with your vet).
16. A belt, strong roll of gauze, or ace bandage to be used as an emergency muzzle.

The first aid items listed above should prepare you for the most common emergencies. If the animal is vomiting or has diarrhea you should consult a vet immediately. The list is only for first aid purposes and is not to be used to replace veterinary treatment.

It is also recommended that when you travel, take a large container of your own water, so your dog is not subjected to water change. You may also wish to take along a small supply of a general antibiotics and an antihistamine which your veterinarian has prescribed.

WORDS OF WISDOM ON AIR SHIPMENT OF PUPPIES

As a result of a near-disasterous experience with air shipment of a puppy, I learned something very important from an airline agent. Whenever you are shipping a puppy, always specify "DIRECT SHIP ONLY". This will prevent any trans-shipping arrangements, which could be made after the puppy is airborne. Unless you give this specification, once the airline accepts the pup, they agree to deliver that pup to the party designated. They therefore, are obliged to honor any trans-shipping arrangements which can be made without your knowledge.

If the breeder specifies "Direct Ship Only", and some trans-shipping arrangements are made, the airline will hold the pup and advise the breeder. There is no additional charge for this service.

This can happen to you, just as it happened to me. A sincere sounding southern gentleman bought a lovely show puppy from me. On the day of the shipping, he made alternate, trans-shipping arrangements without my knowledge. This would have involved the puppy being retained in the hot, southern climate for at least six hours! Only an astute airline agent, through a phone call, halted this process and gave me the "Direct Ship" recommendation. Needless to say, this lovely puppy was never shipped, and went to a better home later that week!
and retrieve the freshly laid egg. Since I'm used to having a Briard dog my every step, I scarcely noticed Tribble following me on each trip to the goose house.

One morning, before making my usual collection, I was watering the horse, when I felt a paw on the back of my leg. There sat Tribble with her tail wagging like crazy, holding something in her mouth. Well, my lovely little bitch has a real taste for horse manure and, assuming that was her mouthful, I rather disgustedly ordered her to "Drop it!" I recovered from my surprise just in time to catch the goose egg before it hit the ground.

Tribble was delighted with herself, and so was I. As second Briard, she's always lived in Whooki's shadow. Trib can perform every obedience exercise and every trick that her older roommate does, but she has always had to learn what Whook already knows and does well. Whook is the one who brings in the firewood, carries in the groceries, and collects the horse's grain and water buckets. Tribble can do these things too, but everyone (including Whook and Trib) knows that these are Whooki's jobs.

For the duration of the laying season, her first priority every morning was to stake out the nest until Elvira left and she could dash in to claim her prize. Then, without so much as scratching the surface, she would proudly bring the egg to me. Never once did she break one. Even when the goose relocated in an attempt to hide her nest Trib searched it out (as I never could have done) and continued her deliveries.

She had finally found a specialty of her own to shine at and she really did revel in her accomplishment. Since the laying season is now over, until next spring, I can't help but wonder what Tribble's next surprise will be!

NEW CHAMPIONS

CH. BET-CHA STAR VELU D'STRATHCONA - Star, owned and handled by Barbara Ruby, finished her championship at the Livonia K.C. show on April 11, 1982 under J. Donald Booxbaum. Her sire is Ch. John's Pashtu de Strathcona and her dam is Ch. Michele Belle de Strathcona.

CH. SOUTHPO I NT'S REDBIRD - Redbird, owned by Jack & Peggy Ravndal, finished her championship at the Lewis Clark K.C. on 4/25/82 under Thelma Von Thaden. Her sire is Beau Chevals Dr. Zhivago and her dam is Ch. Beau Cheval's Mississippi.

CH. MONSIEUR MEILLEUR D'CAPUCINE - Mazzic, owned by Jim & Doreen Wylie & Phyllis Bond, finished his championship at the Walla Walla K.C. show on 4/30/82 under Herman Felton. He is sired by Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri and his dam is Ch. Capucine de Beaujolais.

CH. PA'CHICK'S NOUVELLE NAISSANCE - Bronwyn, owned and handled by Earl Gates, finished her championship at the Yakima Valley K.C. show under Robert Forsyth. Her sire is Calumet's Jason J. and her dam is Am/Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer.


OBEIDENCE TITLES & NEWS

CH. DROMORE'S PERRIER, C.D., T.D. - Perri, owned and trained by Linda Beall, finished her Tracking Degree in April. Then, in June, she qualified for her Companion Dog Degree in three consecutive shows, with scores of 187½, 180 and 191. Her sire is Am/Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover and her dam is Ch. Pa'Chick's Ms-Be-Haven, Am/Can. C.D.

RAFALE DU COTEAU D'AVRANCHES, C.D. - Knickers, owned and trained by Elaine Hashem, finished her Companion Dog Degree in three trials, the final leg being earned at Merrimac Valley K.C. on May 29, 1982.


Mimi Long sends the news that Sarah and Olivia (Olivia la Voyageur Duluth, C.D.) had a score of 188 in Open A at Twin Ports Dog Training Club sanctioned match on April 4. They also scored 182 in Open B at the Duluth Kennel Club sanctioned match on April 12.

Julie Trein is sends us this news of Tribble. Tribble earned her Canadian C.D.X. the weekend of April 24. In the two St. John Trials, held on Saturday, she scored 197½ for third place (losing the run-off for second) and 193 for second place. The following day, at the shows sponsored by the Kennebecasis K.C., she placed fourth with a 193 and then added a bumper leg with a 197 for third place.

GROUP PLACEMENTS

Ch. Phydeaux Polly Poulet, owned by Fran Taylor, won the following Group placements: 3/21/82, a Group 4 at Burlington, IA under Mr. Mulock; 1/11/82, a Group 2 at Sandemac K.C. under Mr. Knoop.

Ch. John's Pashtu de Strathcona, owned by John Kelly and handled by Jerry Katz took a Group 3 at the Ann Arbor K.C. show on 5/2/82 under Mr. Bennett.

O.F.A. NEWS

FB-136 Abbayes Paulette de Bonheur, C.D. (Jane Beahan & Fran Taylor) - OFA Excellent

FB-155 Ch. Sugarcreek Strawberry Daniel (Susan Smith)

FB-156 Ch. M & M Sugarcreek Janivan (Susan Smith)
are forced to put people into a situation in which, a) they might not be comfortable; and b) they might not be adequate or suitable for the position, and you are running a risk of losing your more qualified people.

Bob Kessler commented that the Briard Club of America is part of the United States of America which has a law limiting the term of office of the President to two terms.

Jerry Cohen pointed out there there were actually three issues here: the length of each term; the length of time in office; and also the consideration of how long a person must remain out of office before serving again. Then you have a constant infusion of new people. Jerry added that in his opinion there is always a tendency for inertia to set in and people vote for those who are in office. He therefore favors setting a term of office, then setting a limit on the number of terms, and then a period of time before that person can hold office again. He then proposed that: each term for Officers and Directors be two years, with a limit of new people. Jerry added that in his opinion there is always a tendency for inertia to set in and people vote for those who are in office. He therefore favors setting a term of office, then setting a limit on the number of terms, and then a period of time before that person can hold office again. He then proposed that: each term for Officers and Directors be two years, with a limit of two terms, and then a period of two years before that person could serve again.

Lana Sheer so moved. The motion was seconded.

Cece Collins asked how such an amendment to the By-Laws is processed.

The President explained that this motion can only be advisory to the Board and would have to be drawn up carefully and then submitted to AKC for review. When it met with AKC requirements, it would go to the general membership for a vote. If it then received a two-thirds majority approval of those voting, it would go back to AKC for approval before going into effect.

Bob Boelter cautioned that it is important to consider the need for continuity. A dog club, unlike many other organizations does not have a paid staff. Therefore, there is a possibility that the requirements of such an amendment could cause the flow of club business to be interrupted; a factor which must be considered. The change-over of officers could be more difficult and mistakes could be made. He noted that it would be easier to implement this kind of an amendment if the Club could afford to hire someone to do the mundane work of the Club.

Sanford Norman called for the question. A point of order was made that the assembly should vote on his motion, but a vote was taken at the previous question instead.

Since the motel was waiting to set up dinner, the President entertained a motion to adjourn, which carried at 6:50 p.m.

[Present and voting were 91 Members. Also present were 2 Junior (non-voting) Members and 13 non-member guests. Since some of the guests were voting, making and seconding motions, the votes taken at this meeting were out of order. The President will poll the membership with regard to the business discussed and the Board will take the response under consideration.]

Attest:
Diane McLeroth, Secretary

WANTED: We would love to have copies of your candid photos taken at the Toledo Weekend!

Teddy du Lac de Bethmale, U.D.
May 4, 1970 - June 13, 1982
PUPPY TRAINING - Part I

FOR AT LEAST ONE-HUNDRED YEARS, FRENCH TRAINERS have advised us that even though formal training should begin when a Briard is about 6-months-old, that every puppy should be taught certain "manners" from an early age. They advise teaching sit, come, down, stay and in the case of the herding dog, right and left. This training can and should begin when the puppy is from 7 to 8 weeks old and must be taught before the puppy is four months old. The puppy learns quickly, and once it understands what you expect, they try very hard to please you.

Most breeders recommend taking a puppy to puppy kindergarten classes - but what do you do if you can't find such a class? You must not neglect this early training if you are to have a well-behaved adult Briard.

The following exercises, courtesy of Eagle Hill Dog Training Center in Westmoreland, NY, will help you to understand how the young puppy should be trained and practicing frequently with your puppy will greatly enhance the relationship between you.

Before you start, remember that patience, consistency and praise combined with frequent and brief training periods will bring the results you want—whether your Briard puppy is 7 weeks or 7 years of age. If your Briard does not do what you ask, it is because your dog does not understand what you want—or you have not been consistent. Try again, using the following methods and you will be surprised how quickly your dog can learn!

Remember:
1. Never repeat - Teach your puppy to respond to the first command. Don't get into the habit of nagging by repeating. If your puppy does not respond to the first command, show him what you want and then PRAISE.
2. Puppies are easily distracted - Practice in a quiet area so that you are the puppy's center of attraction.
3. Train for every day - You will want to have your puppy obey (using the training techniques you are learning) in your everyday situations. Use the training methods every time you want your puppy to obey a command. That is what training is all about!
4. Practice - You should practice your 'static' exercises, sit and sit/stay, frequently and informally throughout the day, every day. Work on 'controlled walking' twice per day, but in sessions no longer than 5 minutes each. This should be followed by a play time. Remember, the attention span of a puppy is very short. Therefore, to keep the training fun and productive, the sessions should be short, and followed by play.

"NO/YES" -- "BAD/GOOD" concept for correction:

Use the word "NO" or "BAD" to correct, but immediately give the puppy an acceptable alternative (distraction), simultaneously using the word "YES" or "GOOD" in a happy tone of voice.

(Because it is impossible to give this sequence in its entirety here, we are giving you the following simplified version of the first step. Please see the full sequence in the book. The following is an example only."

"SIT"

Use the following sequence. After a number of times with success with Step 1, go on to Step 2. If any problems develop, go back to Step 1 and work up again.

1. With the puppy standing on your left side, kneel down on your left knee, facing in the same direction as your puppy. Place your right hand on the puppy's chest and the left hand on his shoulders. Slide your left hand down your puppy's back over his rump to just above his hocks. Simultaneously, as you command, "SIT", apply pressure on the chest and fold the rump with your left hand. PRAISE at the same time the puppy sits.

2. Your puppy is once again on your left side. You should be in a semi-squat position. With your right hand on the chest, apply pressure while passing your left hand down your puppy's back. Say, "SIT"...then: With the right hand, give the signal to stay, together with the command, "STAY" (do not use the pup's name). Count to 5 and PRAISE.

(Repeat at frequent intervals during the day until your puppy understands what you expect of him/her)

"SIT/STAY"

1. After placing the puppy in a sit position, command, "STAY". Keep your hands on the pup to the count of 5. This step is just a matter of keeping your puppy still and in the sit position for a few seconds. You should remain down on the floor with your puppy. PRAISE.

With the puppy on lead and sitting at heel position, fold the lead, accordion style, in your left hand. The collar should be placed in a position so that the snap of the lead is between the ears of the dog. Slowly stand up. Hold this shortened lead above the head of the puppy, in not quite a taut position, but one that is ready to apply pressure if it is needed. With the right hand, give the signal to stay, together with the command, "STAY" (do not use the pup's name). Count to 5 and PRAISE.

3. Gradually, over a week, progress to the point where you can step to the side, count to 5 slowly, return and PRAISE.

CONTROLLED WALKING

With your puppy on lead, walk where the puppy goes. You stay with your puppy, but encourage him to stay with you. Whenever you and your puppy are walking together, he should be at your left side, and you should be using the command "HEEL". Gradually, he will come to associate the "HEEL" command with this position on your left side, with his shoulder by your left leg, even though you will not be enforcing it in a formal way.

HAPPY STATIC COME-FORWARD

Gather the lead accordion style in the right hand, but keep both hands below the waist. The lead should be kept straight throughout the entire exercise. Say the puppy's name and step backwards, together with the word, "COME". Institute a "CHASE"
by quickly backing up 5 or 6 steps. get down to your puppy's level and receive him with lots of bubbles and praise. if you didn't get a tail wag from your pup, you didn't have enough 'bubbles'.

second week
continue practicing your controlled walking (heeling) in a quiet place, without distractions. use the pup's name and say "heel" as you step out briskly. then, incorporate these new exercises.

about turns

turn away from your puppy, then proceed in the opposite direction from that in which you were walking. keep your feet together. repeat, "heel", and keep walking, praise.

halt/automatic sit

when you stop, place the puppy, immediately, into a sit at your left side, so that he is facing in the same direction as you are. this is heel position. praise.

side step

this is an excellent exercise to get that attention, for which you are working. while heeling, take a quick step to the side, away from your dog and to your right with your right foot. simultaneously use a tap on the collar, say the dog's name and command, "heel". bring your left foot over to your right foot and continue heeling briskly as before. praise.

circles (left and right)

the circle is a small one, 4 to 6 feet, 360 degree turn, followed by a continuation in the same direction you were going. your speed is constant. your puppy must learn to hold back when going to the left, since he is making the smaller circle. he must, likewise, quicken his pace when going to the right, because he is making the larger circle.

during your "controlled walking" practice, it is very important that you keep talking encouragingly to your puppy, using your voice and finesse to keep him eagerly in heel position at your left side. praise.

sit/stay

during the second week of practice, follow the progression outlined above for the first week. gradually increase your goals. continue with a semi-taut lead, step around in front of your puppy, count to 5, return and praise. continue to work until you can count 15 with success.

happy static come-fore

this week, begin with your puppy sitting in heel position. gather the lead accordion style in the right hand, keeping both hands below the waist on the lead. the lead should be kept short throughout the entire exercise. say the dog's name simultaneously with your first step forward. as soon as the pup is in motion, step backwards together with the word, "come". institute a chase by backing quickly 5 or 6 steps.

get down to your dog's level and receive him with lots of bubbles and praise. remember, you want the "come" to be the happiest experience of your pup's day!

> of course, you would never call a puppy to you to scold it!

> use the pup's name (to get his attention) when you want him to move (example: "dog, heel"). do not use the pup's name when you want him to stay.

> make sure you have a good play session with your pup after every training period.

puppy training - to be continued

puppy ed - a book review

a new book on early training

puppy ed is an excellent book for briarders. it is short, sweet and to the point. it follows the premise briard authorities have stressed for years - a briard puppy should be trained when very young - and with praise!

the book comes to the aid of the new puppy owner - and the puppy. the lessons progress, systematically and do not conflict with any future breed or obedience competition the dog may later enter. it offers a specific vocabulary which also would apply to "formal" training at a later date.

puppy ed, written by ann and paul brahms, and charmingly illustrated by their son, paul, evolved from the brahms experiences as dog breeders and trainers. the book is designed to teach the reader how to train a puppy as early as seven weeks of age. by following the methods outlined, good habits can be taught before the puppy develops bad ones of his own - or becomes too large to handle.

easy to read and implement, after reviewing it for yourself, breeders, you may just plan to provide each new puppy buyer with a copy of his own.

puppy ed can be ordered from brahms publishing co., p.o. box 773, portland, me 04104. the price is small: $4.95 for single copies; $3.50 for 5 copies or more.
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK....

CH. NESTOR DE L'EMINENCE
Ch. Janus de la Ville Jumeaux X Ch. Tracy des Elfes de Malouse
Owner/Breeder: JUNE SHEW

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JOYRIDE
Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau X Ch. Chateaubriard Vichysooise
Owners: CECE COLLINS & JANE de HART MATHEWS
Breeders: CECE & KEN COLLINS

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CH. CHATEAUBRIARD RISQUE
Shown taking BOW under Patricia Marcmann
owned and loved by:
Mary Ann & Robert Bloom
owner handled to all her wins.......

RISQUE'S DAUGHTER, Sired by CH. NESTOR DE L'EMINENCE

L'OURSON SHERRON DE BEJAUNE

Sherron made her debut at just a few days over six months of age, by going Best of Breed for her first point under judge, Mr. Langdon Skarda. She is owned by Meg Weitz, Michael Greenberg and Mary Ann Bloom. She and her beautiful littermates will be seen at shows all over the country.

L'OURSON BRIARDS
Mary Ann & Bob Bloom
53-07 Douglaston Parkway
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BRIARDS DE BEJAUNE
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MINUTES
1982 BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING
August 7, 1982 - Toledo, Ohio

The Annual Meeting of the Briard Club of America was called
to order at 5:15 p.m., on August 7, 1982, at the Holiday Inn -
West, Toledo, Ohio; the Vice-President, Bob Boelter, presiding.
The number of Members required for a quorum was exceeded. Roll
was taken with sign-in sheets.

Bob Boelter extended a welcome to all Briarders, and pointed
out the great success of the weekend. He expressed thanks, on
behalf of everyone, to Manny Littin and Jean Heft, Specialty Chair-
men; and to Stephanie Katz, Rassemblement Chairman and Barbara
Ruby, Rassemblement Co-Chairman, for the tremendous amount of
work they and their committees had done to make the weekend
such a success. He also thanked the Holiday Inn for their excel-
lent hospitality.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as they
were published in the weekend bulletin.

Noting that B.C.A. President, Ed Konrath, could not be at
the meeting, the Vice-President thanked Ed for his work for the
Club over the past year, with special mention of the excellent
meeting in 1981 at which Ed had presided. The assembly responded
with a round of applause.

The Treasurer’s Annual Report has also been published in
the weekend bulletin and Mr. Boelter asked if there were any
questions for the Treasurer, Patricia Long. He pointed out that
over the past year, the Club’s financial picture has improved
considerably as a result of the increase in dues and the income
from our Specialty weekends. He noted that last year, the National
Specialty in Racine, Wisconsin had brought a nice financial return
for B.C.A. and the same was anticipated from this year’s events.

The Secretary, Diane McLeroth, reported that B.C.A. has
grown, in spite of the loss of some members from the dues increase.
These were primarily changes from joint memberships to single
memberships, and with the new members, the Club now stands
at 426, an all time high. She reported that a good number of
puppies are expected by Fall and cautioned that anyone who has
plans to breed would be wise to have a number of buyers before
breeding. The Secretary noted that the election ballots were on
hand for inspection, as well as the mailing envelopes and the
official statement of the Notary Public who counted the returns.

The Vice-President recognized Manny Littin, Specialty Weekend Chairman. Manny reported that everything was going well
and he hoped that everyone was having fun.

Bob Boelter announced that 154 dogs had been examined at
the Eye Clinic and that no C.P.R.A. or P.R.A. was found. He
recognized Eye Committee Chairman, Janis Charbonneau, who said
that Dr. Aguirre was pleased, not only with the number of dogs
examined in this year’s survey, but also with the number of older
Briards examined. Bob added that Dr. Aguirre had complimented
the Committee for the very capably and smoothly run eye clinic.

Judi Ziozios asked why the eye clinic was only held over
such a limited period of time and why this hadn’t been announced
ahead of time. Diane McLeroth responded that Dr. Aguirre’s flight
had been changed by the airline after the printing was completed.
She noted that Dr. Aguirre was very sorry about this and the
Club apologized for any inconvenience it had caused.

NEW TRACKING DEGREE

CH. DROMORE’S PERRIER, T.D. (bitch)

Owner: Linda Beall
Breeders: Susan & Margaret McCormick

Tracking Degree: April 11, 1982
Whelped: August 17, 1979

Sire: Am/Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover
[ Safari de Murgis Akra
[ Sirhan Cadeau de Noel

Dam: Ch. Pa’Chick’s Ms-Be-Haven, Am/Can. C.D.
[ Ch. Pa’Chick’s Rebel Deux

Judges: William J. Hutchins
Corson Jones

Handled by owner
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION BET-CHA STAR VELU D'STRATHCONA (bitch)

Owner: Barbara Ruby

Championship: April 11, 1982
Whelped April 12, 1981

Sire: Ch. John's Pashtu de Strathcona
Ch. Uziz Akshanit de Strathcona
Ch. Uhey Chien de Grand Coeur

Dam: Ch. Michelle Belle de Strathcona, C.D.
Ch. Uziz Akshanit de Strathcona

Judge: Donald Booxbaum
Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION KNOLLWOOD'S STAR OF THE SHOW (bitch)

Owner: Linda Knoll
Breeder: Janis Millis

Championship: May 2, 1982
Whelped: February 22, 1981

[Ch. Janus de la Ville Jaimeaux
[Ch. Tracy des Elles de Malouse

Sire: Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence -------
[Ch. Janus de la Ville Jaimeaux

Dam: Ch. Tigresse de Patrice----------
[Misty Mountain Briebereber

[Am/Can. Ch. Vixen de Patrice

Judge: Johannah Kench Owen
Handled by Patricia Long

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**NEW BRIARD CHAMPION**

**AM/CAN. CHAMPION MONSIEUR MEILLEUR D'CAPUCINE (dog)**

Owners: James Wylie & Phyllis Bond  Breeders: Bob & Shirlee Kessler

Championship: April 30, 1982

Whelped: February 27, 1977

Sire: Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri

Dam: Ch. Capucine de Beauxjolais

Judge: Herman Felton

Handled by Doreen Wylie

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**NEW BRIARD CHAMPION**

**CHAMPION O. MOLLY O'MALLEY CHIEN DE SEL, C.D. (bitch)**

Owners: Sue Erickson & Bobby McGee  Breeder: Sue Erickson

Championship: May 8, 1982

Whelped: September 15, 1978

Sire: Ch. Uffin Berger du Nord

Dam: Ch. Les Blues du Chien de Sel, C.D.

Judge: R. William Taylor

Handled by Sue Erickson
LOOKING FOR PUPPIES?

CALIFORNIA:
Mary Lopez, 136 Meridian Rd., Salinas, CA 93907  
blacks-tawnies whelped in July  
(408) 663-4196
Jim Stewart, 2021 N. Serrano Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027  
blacks-tawnies planned for Fall  
(213) 466-4665

CONNECTICUT
June Shew, P.O. Box 288, East Hartford, CT 06027  
tawnies whelped early September  
(203) 653-6330

ILLINOIS:  
Sue Gresko, 917 Stonehedge Lane, Palatine, IL 60067  
tawnies whelped early September  
(312) 358-7858

MINNESOTA:  
Susan Erickson, Route 4, Box 209, Mankato, MN 56001  
blacks-tawnies due mid-October  
(507) 388-3282

MONTANA:  
Peggy Ravndal, P.O. Box 465, Anaconda, MT 59711  
tawny puppies whelped early July  
(406) 563-7785

NEW YORK:  
Barbara Lynch, 7480 Big Tree Rd., Livonia, NY 14487  
tawnies whelped early July  
(716) 367-2721
Carol Steiner, 1007 Cedar Dr. N., Manhasset Hills, NY 11040  
tawnies whelped in June  
(516) 248-9508

OHIO:  
Manny Littin, 10625 Monclova Rd., Monclova, OH 43542  
tawny puppies whelped mid-September  
(419) 877-5750

 PENNSYLVANIA:  
Regina Keiter, Oakwood Acres, Birchwood Dr., Tannersville, PA 18372  
tawny puppies whelped early September  
(717) 629-3315

VIRGINIA:  
Ellen Walton/Richard McDearmon, Rt. 1, Box 95A, Callaway, VA 24067  
tawny show puppies whelped in April  
(703) 334-2120
Ron & Sheri Daniel, P.O. Box 503, Blacksburg, VA 24060  
tawny puppies whelped late June  
(703) 951-8355

WISCONSIN:
Linda Carpenter, 1160 23rd St. N., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495  
tawny females whelped early June  
(715) 421-0733

CANADA:  
Christine Duval, 80 Hiliard Ave., Nepean, Ontario K2E 6C2  
blacks-tawnies whelped early September  
(613) 225-7762

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