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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Murphy's Law ("If anything can go wrong, it will.") and many corollaries govern the life of an editor, especially editors of dog club publications! e.g:

1. Nothing is as easy as it looks.
2. Things get worse before they get better.
3. Whenever you set out to do something, something else must be done first.
4. O'Toole's Commentary; "Murphy was an optimist."
5. Gumperson's Law; "The probability of anything happening is in inverse ratio to its desirability."

A number of things beyond my control have delayed the publication schedule of The Dew Claw and like Chrisholm's Law ("When things just can't get any worse, they do"), to top it off, your normally very healthy editor, unexpectedly and unwillingly ended up in the hospital! This unfortunately has delayed the Dew Claw schedule in direct ratio to the time it has taken me to recover.

By the time you read this, not only have I recovered but (barring Murphy's Law) our publication schedule is on the mend. In the next few weeks we hope to send out two more issues, with the Rassemblement Report to follow shortly after that. This should put us back on schedule.

Thank you for any patience you can spare and remember, "It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious."

This brings me to a very important point - one that I have mentioned from time to time, and which has been punctuated by this recent incident. B.C.A. should constantly have someone learning our economical methods of printing, in addition to the regular Dew Claw editor. There would then be more than one person trained to do this work; someone who could take over in an emergency; more people to share the work; and the realistic possibility of new editors from time to time.

The printing system we have been using since 1964 is very frugal, enabling B.C.A. to publish The Dew Claw and other items for only about 35% to 40% of normal printing costs. In this day of inflation, when many clubs have had to cut back to 2 or 3 bulletins per year, B.C.A. has been able to afford 5 or 6 issues per year.

Unless we have someone trained in this work, who is willing to donate the time to do it, we would need a professional printer who would not charge the Club to set the type, plan and lay out each issue, be willing to accept late copy, plan copy for individuals' ads, and paste up each issue, in order to achieve the same results. How many professionals do you know who would donate that month after month, and year to year? The only answer is to train volunteers in these professional skills.
This work isn't something the non-professional can learn in a week, there are many little tricks which save the Club money. It takes time; and people who will commit to a long term job.

The method was set up for B.C.A. by Harold Marley, a professional printer who donated his time to do this work. He turned a mimeographed newsletter into the magazine we have today and taught the necessary skills to me so that the work could continue. This legacy can continue to benefit the Club and the Briard, but only if interested members, who have the time, are willing to learn the methods devised from Harold’s system.

If you would be interested in learning how B.C.A. does it, and are willing to commit yourself to the time it takes, please let us know. You would find that pitching in on the Club's work in this way is a demanding job, one that takes enormous dedication (and perhaps borderline insanity) but it brings a proportionate satisfaction and gratifying sense of accomplishment to compensate you for the effort you must give.

Diane McLeroth

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has come to my attention that there is a large number of unsold Briard puppies. This is an extremely unfortunate situation and hopefully by the time you read this the situation will no longer exist.

I would like to remind breeders, particularly those new to the Breed, of the responsibility inherent in creating new Briards.

The Briard Club of America can neither promote the Breed nor sell puppies for any individual breeder. The Club can and does educate and inform people about the Breed. Should inquiries about the availability of puppies arise, the B.C.A. directs the inquirer to all known breeders with puppies across the country.

What this means is that breeders have both tremendous responsibility and risk.

People planning a Briard breeding should consider the following:

1. Survey other breeders about their plans and timetables.
2. Be aware of the economy and its affect on people's ability to buy.
3. Pre-sell as many puppies as possible - before breeding.
4. Let other breeders and Briard owners know about the expected litter to ensure referrals.
5. Inform the B.C.A. of expected litters and the arrival of puppies.
6. Plan to advertise.
7. Be prepared to support a number of growing puppies for a longer time than desired (both physically and financially).

The B.C.A. Board is considering running regular ads, offering information about the Breed, in dog publications. The Education Committee is planning on creating materials which will be of value to people curious about the breed, and through breeders, information for the new puppy owner.

Of course, this will take time. But please, plan breedings carefully with an eye on the puppy buying market.

At this writing, the response to our survey has been very heartening, although the amount of returns has slowed a bit. Currently about 15% of the membership has responded - most with very thoughtful opinions and a number of excellent suggestions.
Your Board is considering a number of issues and recently received a petition related to the length of service for B.C.A. officers and directors. I promise you a very busy business season after the first of the year, a period that is traditionally very quiet.

I mentioned my intentions to be present at shows in both the East and West during the year. Unfortunately my plans to make Atlantic City went awry. Despite the help of Mary Bloom, there were no rooms available.

My alternate plan is to be at the Westminster show in New York City around Valentine's Day. Thanks to Mary, I do have room reservations at the Statler Hilton.

I'd be delighted to receive suggestions from members in the West as to the most popular shows (hopefully, while the weather is miserable in Wisconsin) so I can attend and visit with B.C.A. members.

Sincerely,
Bob Boelter

1984 MARKS A.K.C.'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Years of planning will culminate in November 1984, when the American Kennel Club opens its Centennial Dog Show and Obedience Trial. The location will be Philadelphia, chosen not only for its huge Civic Center, but because that city was the site of the A.K.C.'s first meeting in 1884. It was also the location of the only other dog show ever held by A.K.C. which was in 1926 for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the United States.

The Centennial Show will be a two-day bench show, November 17-18, and is expected to be the largest dog show ever held in the Western Hemisphere. Numerous specialty shows will be held at the Civic Center on Friday, Nov. 16 and dozens of clubs are on a waiting list for space, in case there are any cancellations. Other specialties are also planned at other locations just preceding and following this historic event.

The National Breed Clubs, as A.K.C. Member Clubs, have been included in the planning. Each Parent Club was asked for a suggested list of judges and has been invited to provide some of the medalion trophies especially designed for the event. Although there may still be some changes in the list of over 100 judges, at the present time Dr. William Kendrick is slated to judge Best in Show; Mr. Langdon Skarda for Herding Group; and Mr. Robert Wills for Briards.

This very special event will be one of a kind. Don't miss it, if you can attend!

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Patricia Long, Treasurer

A complete financial report of the Rass./Spec. weekend will be published when all accounts are complete.

**DUES ARE DUE**
SURVEY ON CLUB BUSINESS

As you all know, due to an unfortunate situation at our Annual Meeting in August, the voting was invalid. A number of non-members were voting and making motions. This was startling for the Club and steps will be taken to prevent the problem from occurring again. Up until now, BCA has never had this experience, but circumstances change as the Club grows.

The Board would like all Members to know that even though the voting was out of order, the BCA Board has proceeded to investigate the subjects discussed, in the same manner it would have used had the voting been in order. The motions in question were advisories, asking the Board to consider two matters and since this indicated an interest in both matters, both are under consideration.

The motions and voting at the meeting, whether valid or not, could not be used to side-step the requirements of the BCA By-laws. Apparently a few people have not understood this type of voting and have asked for it to be clarified.

First, amendments to the By-laws, Constitution or the Standard can only be made by written vote of the entire membership. The Board can be asked to consider amendments and if they seem advisable, a secret ballot is sent to the membership. Members can also draw up amendments and submit them to the Board by written petition. These are then sent out for a vote of the entire membership by secret ballot. To be approved, the proposed amendment must receive approval by a 2/3rds majority. A vote at a BCA meeting asks the Board to consider a question, but can not serve as a written petition.

In every case, an amendment must be approved by the A.K.C. before it can go into effect.

It is the President's responsibility to be sure the business of the Club is in accord with the Constitution and By-laws. When improper voting takes place it is his obligation to nullify it in fairness to the membership. According to the advice of A.K.C. on this matter, if a minor mistake is made and no one complains, it is acceptable to let it stand; but if the problem could have altered the outcome of a vote, or when protests are raised, the mistake must be rectified.

The case of non-member voting at our meeting was only discovered after the meeting was adjourned and a strong protest was raised. To rectify the situation, the President decided that the items of business should be sent out for consideration and comment by the entire membership. This has been done, giving each and every member a chance to be heard. The response will determine the direction the Board will take. Survey results will be published as soon as they are available.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to the following new members:

MARSHA CLAMP, Londonderry, NH, owner of Am/Can. Ch. Ombre du Cateau d'Antigo and Ch. Suzon du Cateau d'Avranches.

EDITH PHAM, Oxnard, CA, owner of Rufus de la Petite Suisse du Nord.

PENNY WILLIAMS, St. Catharines, Ont.

BCA CALENDAR - Due to rising costs the Club will not be printing its annual Briard calendar for 1983. However there are plans for a photography contest during the year and if enough members indicate interest in a calendar for '84, it may be possible to print one.

Business

Trophies for the AKC Centennial Dog Show

The Board discussed trophies for Briards at the AKC Centennial show to be held in Nov. 1984. It was voted that BCA will provide for Best of Opposite Sex (Best of Breed being offered by AKC), Winners dog, Winners Bitch, and Highest Scoring Briard in Obedience. These will be medallions which AKC has designed to commemorate this important event. They will not be offered for sale at any time and to have one, you must win one.

BCA Advertising

The President has asked the Board to discuss the advisability of expanding Club advertising. There is considerable concern about the number of non-member litters being produced across the country and new owners with no contact with the national club. Club ads were suggested to inform new owners about the Club.

Board meetings

The President suggested that a meeting of the Board in the Spring, in addition to the annual meeting of the Board, could facilitate the work, enabling more to be accomplished.

Secretary's work

The Secretary asked the Board to consider ways in which the regular work of the Club could be divided among more people. She proposed that the Office of Secretary could be divided into two jobs (perhaps Corresponding and Recording Secretary) which a number of Clubs have done. The new positions would not be as demanding on the person's time and perhaps more people would be willing to serve in the new offices. This division would require an amendment of the By-laws. An alternate or interim possibility would be to permit the Secretary to appoint assistants to help with the work.

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Petitions on Amending the By-laws

The Board received a petition from Philip McNelis on Nov. 12, 1982, regarding proposed time limits in office for Board Members. Due to duplicate signatures and signatures of non-members, additional signatures were needed to meet the requirements of the By-laws. The additional signatures were received by the Club, completing the petition on December 9, 1982.

This petition differs from the proposal made by Jerry Cohen at the Annual Meeting, which is also under consideration by the Club.

In addition, copies of another petition are being received by the Club. These three different proposals are transcribed below:

1. Jerry Cohen's Proposal:
   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 can serve again.

2. McNelis Petition to Amend By-laws:
   Article III, Section 4, Duration in Office. The following shall represent the maximum term any member shall serve in a given office:
   - President - 3 Years
   - Vice-President - 3 Years
   - Secretary - 4 Years
   - Treasurer - 4 Years
   - Director - 2 Years

   No member shall serve more than eight (8) successive years as an Officer and/or Director.

3. Additional Petition:
   OPPOSING ANY RESTRICTION OF THE B.C.A. MEMBERS' RIGHT TO VOTE
   The undersigned OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENT TO the By-laws of the Briard Club of America which would PREVENT, RESTRICT or ABRIDGE in any way whatsoever the MEMBERS' RIGHT TO VOTE for or against any member in good standing to serve as Officer or Director; or which would PREVENT, RESTRICT or ABRIDGE any member in good standing's right to be nominated for or to serve as Officer or Director; or which would PREVENT, RESTRICT or ABRIDGE the MEMBERS' RIGHT TO CHOOSE as set forth in the By-laws currently in force, and established November 30, 1977.

Membership Survey
A complete report of the Membership Survey will be published in the next issue of the Dew Claw.

DUES ARE DUE

PRESENTING
THE 1982 NATIONAL BRIARD SPECIALTY
BEST OF BREED

CH. DROMORE'S PROMISES-PROMISES

"Heather, Ch. Dromore's Promises-Promises, breeder/owner handled by Sue McCormick (center) kept her promise and won the coveted BEST OF BREED at B.C.A.'s 47th National Specialty. She is pictured with our Specialty judge, Mr. Lee Reasin (left) and Patricia Long (right) after her exciting win.

Our '82 Specialty drew an entry of 173 Briards, including 26 in Obedience, 1 in Jr. Showmanship, 34 in Sweepstakes, 31 dogs and 1 veteran dog, 35 bitches and 2 veteran bitches, and 31 in Best of Breed. There were also 3 in Stud Dog, 6 in Brood Bitch, and 3 bracings entered.

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COMMENTS OF OUR '82 SPECIALTY JUDGE

MR. LEE REASIN

The Briard Club of America doesn't orchestrate a specialty; it's an EVENT!

My early anxieties about procedures for managing such a sizable entry were quickly dispelled, as the results of efforts by Show Co-chairpersons, Manny Littin and Jean Heft and the Show Committee to attend to all details became evident. The facilities were more than ample and my stewards more than competent, so that I could give my full attention to the exhibits.

I will not critique the individual dogs I judged, as such an effort would be helpful to no one. However, these are a few generalities which I hope will give breeders pause to reflect and think about when pursuing that next breeding.

First and foremost, the Briard Standard calls for males of top height of 27" and bitches of 25½". While minimum heights are disqualifying for those under them, there is NO disqualification for oversized. However, bigger does not necessarily mean better. There were a number of dogs shown that were well over the standard allowed heights and my feeling is that this should be discouraged by all exhibitors and breeders.

In the total entry, I did not find one over or undershot mouth, however, there were several with uneven teeth and one with spaces between them. There were tails which did not reach the hock joint. Possibly a half dozen could have darker eyes and be better shaped to fit the Standard.

A number of coats were soft and fluffy. I felt that this type would never stand up in a day in the rain. All of that fluff would become so water-logg'd the dog would not be able to move!

Those are the bad parts - now for the good ones!

The Best of Breed bitch was absolutely outstanding in every way. Pure feminine with loads of elegance, correct type, gorgeous color, and she never put a foot wrong at any time.

And I cannot close without mention of the Veteran bitch who was another outstanding one. She let me know she was in the ring every minute and she was in there competing 'til the very end.

My sincerest thanks to everyone - to the winners and to the losers. My day with the Briard Club of America will be one that I will remember all the days of my life. My heartfelt gratitude to you all.

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BEST OF WINNERS - WINNERS BITCH

OWNED BY DAVID AND JEAN BUSHMAN WAS MR. REASIN'S CHOICE FOR WINNER'S BITCH FROM THE OPEN CLASS, AND BEST OF WINNERS.

OPEN BITCHES


WINNER'S DOG

BET-CHA SAMSON DE STRATHCONA
WAS HANDLED TO WINNER'S DOG FROM THE OPEN CLASS BY STEPHANIE KATZ. HE IS OWNED BY MARC AND SHERRY ROSEN.

B.C.A. '82 NATIONAL OBEDIENCE TRAIL
Judge: MRS. RUTH FOSTER

OBEDIENCE - OPEN CLASS

1st - CH. PRIX WEASELLE D'OCCASION CDX. Breeder: Dave Behrens. Sired by Ch. Chateauubriand Vermouth CD out of Ch. Beardsanbrow's N'Est Pas UDT. Owned by Amy Zaretzke. (Score: 193)

2nd - CH. BEARDSANBROW'S N'EST PAS UDT. Breeder: Janis Charbonneau. Sired by Ch. Phydeaux Windfall CD out of Ch. Uther Bijou de Strathcona. Owner: David Behrens. (Score: 188)

OBEDIENCE NOVICE A

1st - KALIETOO DE PAOLETT. Breeder: Janice Millis. Sired by Ch. Nestor de L'Eminence out of Ch. Tigresse de Patrice. Owner: Ted Krystosek. (Score: 190)

2nd - CHAPARRAL'S SKEETER. Breeder: Pat Morale. Sired by Ch. Le Beauchien's Rye Chaparral CD out of Ch. Dromore's Petit Chaparral CD. Owner: Avis Pool. (Score: 189)


OBEDIENCE VETERANS CLASS


2nd - CH. JABOT LE BONHEUR D'HTE COUTURE. Breeder: Bob Boelter. Sired by Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha out of Vicki Chien de Grand Coeur. Owner: Frances Taylor. (Score: 186)

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER IN SHOW

MISS JULIE ANN ZIOZIOS
OBEEDIENCE - HIGH IN TRIAL

CH. PERRIER D'OCCASION TDX
BRED, OWNED AND TRAINED BY DAVE BEHRENS WAS HIGHEST SCORING
IN TRIAL, WITH A SCORE OF 197½. SHE IS PICTURED WITH DAVE
AND OBEEDIENCE TRIAL JUDGE, MRS. RUTH FOSTER.

OBEEDIENCE NOVICE B

1st - CH. PERRIER D'OCCASION TDX. Breeder: Owner. Sired by
Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, CD out of Ch. Bear'sanbrow's
N'Est Pas UDT. Owner: Dave Behrens. (Score: 197½)

2nd - VIRAGE SEA SPARKS. Breeder: Karen Farkas. Sired by Ch.
Chateaubriard Vermouth CD out of Ch. Phydeaux Oh
Susannah CDX, TD. Owners: William & Carla Boisseree.
(Score: 193)

3rd - LA TRES BELLE CHIEN BRIANNA. Breeder: Jill Carruthers.
Sired by Ch. Sirhan Courvoisier out of Ch. La Tres
Belle Chien Brandy. Owners: Daniel & Pamela Hottols.
(Score: 190)

Sired by Marcus Samuel de Lindeau out of Desamiee Sashaw-
Wan Bear. Owner: Cinthia Dvorsky. (Score: 182)

RESERVE WINNERS DOG

CHATEAUBRIARD SUPPLY SIDER
OWNED AND HANDLED BY JERRY COHEN, WAS AWARDED RESERVE WINNERS
FROM THE 6 TO 9 MONTH PUPPY CLASS.

PUPPY DOGS - 6 to 9 Months

1st - CHATEAUBRIARD SUPPLY SIDER - Breeders: Cece Collins &
Jane Mathews. Sired by Ch. John's Pashtu de Strathcona
out of Ch. Chateaubriard Joyride. Owner: Benjamin J.
Cohen.

2nd - BOLONDON'S SHANDY D'ARGYL. Breeders: Owners. Sired by
Chateaubriard Made-to-Order out of Manny's Billee

3rd - LINDEAUX TRADEMARK. Breeders: Owners. Sired by Ch. Stone-
hill's I'm Bogie out of Ch. Nori Noir de Lindeau.
Owners: Rob Ferber & Linda Wells.

4th - BIGTREE'S SPENCER TRACY. Breeder: Barbara Lynch. Sired
by Sirhan Componac out of Bellesprit Meriah, CO. Owners:
Barbara Lynch and Suzanne Plank.
RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

RICHLEN SCARLET O'HARA
OWNED BY FAYE SLOAN, WAS HANDLED TO RESERVE FROM THE AMERICAN BRED CLASS, BY FRAN DAVIS.

AMERICAN BRED BITCHES


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CLASS WINNERS

PUPPY DOG - 9 TO 12 MONTHS
DROMORE'S SCOOTER'S MS-BE-HAVEN
OWNED BY LOUANN AND JANET SCHALK, WAS HANDLED BY LOUANN.

PUPPY DOGS - 9 TO 12 MONTHS

CLASS WINNERS

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS

BRYLIN'S SYDNEY

OWNED AND BRED BY LYNN AND BRIAN LOWELL

WAS HANDLED BY LYNN.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS


RASSEMBLEMENT/SPECIALTY 1982

CLASS WINNERS

AMERICAN BRED DOGS

SUGARCREEK LANCELOT

OWNED BY JOHN AND JUDITH DONAHUE

IS HANDLED BY JOHN.

AMERICAN BRED DOGS


VETERAN DOG
CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERY RARE
WHelped January 12, 1972, is owned and handled by Jerry Cohen

VETERAN DOG

PUPPY BITCHES - 6 TO 9 MONTHS
KNOLLWOOD'S TOUCHÉ-A-TOUT
IS OWNED AND HANDLED BY GARY CONLEY

PUPPY BITCHES - 6 to 9 Months
NOVICE BITCHES


BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES


CLASS WINNERS

VETERAN BITCH

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VICHYSSEOISE
Whelped October 28, 1972 is owned, bred and handled by Ken and Cece Collins.

VETERAN BITCH


NON-REGULAR CLASSES

STUD DOG

CH. JOHN'S PASHTU DE STRATHCONA

With Get: BET-CHA SAMSON DE STRATHCONA AND CHATEAUBRIARD SUPPLY SIDER. POSH IS OWNED BY JERRY AND STEPHANIE KATZ.

BROOD BITCH

CH. UZIZ AKSHANIT DE STRATHCONA

With Produce: CH. PASHTU DE STRATHCONA AND CH. NOTRE RIGOLO DE STRATHCONA. ZIZI IS OWNED BY JERRY AND STEPHANIE KATZ.
BEST IN SWEETSTAKE
AND BEST PUPPY

CHATEAUBRIARD SUPPLY SIDER
WAS BEST IN SWEETSTAKE AND BEST PUPPY IN SWEETSTAKES FROM THE 6 TO 9 MONTH PUPPY DOG CLASS. HE IS PICTURED WITH HIS OWNER, JERRY COHEN AND SWEETSTAKE JUDGE, JANIS CHARBONNEAU

BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA SWEETSTAKE
Judge: Miss Janis Charbonneau

Sweethstakes - Puppy Dogs 6 to 9 Months
1st - CHATEAUBRIARD SUPPLY SIDER owned by Benjamin J. Cohen.
2nd - BIGTREE'S SPENCER TRACY owned by Barb Lynch & Suzanne Plank.
3rd - BOLONOON'S SHANDY D'ARGYL owned by Jan London & Lynn Bohanan.
4th - LINDAUX TRADEMARK owned by Rob Ferber & Linda Wells.

Sweethstakes - Puppy Dogs 9 to 12 Months
1st - DROMORE'S SCOOTER'S MS-BE-HAVEN owned by Louann & Janet Schalk.

SWEETSTAKE '82

BEST ADULT IN SWEETSTAKE - RICHLEN STEPPENWOLF
OWNED AND BRED BY RICHARD McDEARMON AND ELLEN WALTON WAS BEST ADULT IN SWEETSTAKE FROM THE 12 TO 18 MONTH DOG CLASS. HE IS PICTURED WITH JUDGE, JAN CHARBONNEAU. RICHARD IS HANDLING.

Sweethstakes - Dogs 12 to 18 Months
1st - RICHLEN STEPPENWOLF owned by Richard McDearmon & Ellen Walton.
2nd - BET-CHA SAMSON DE STRATHCONA owned by Marc & Sherry Rosen
3rd - SAGE DU COELEU D'AVRANCHES owned by Susan Wahr.
4th - RICHLEN SAVOIR FAIRE owned by Pan & Sandy Norman.

Sweethstakes - Puppy Bitches 6 to 9 Months
1st - CHATEAUBRIARD SERENDIPITY owned by Cece Collins.
2nd - BOLONOON'S SISSY ROSE D'ARGYL owned by Mary Fisher.
3rd - LINDAUX TOUT DE SUITE owned by Rob Ferber & Linda Wells.

Sweethstakes - Bitches 12 to 18 Months
1st - BET-CHA I AM SADIE DE STRATHCONA owned by Bruce & Barb McQuillan.
2nd - BET-CHA SASSY P.C. DE STRATHCONA owned by Thomas Wade

RASSEMBLEMENT/SPECIALTY 1982
THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the work and all who attended the B.C.A. Rassemblement, Specialty Weekend. You all helped to make it a big success.

Special thanks to our judges: Lee Reasin, our conformation judge; Ruth Foster our Obedience and Jr. Showmanship judge; and Janis Charbonneau, our Sweepstakes judge; for making our Specialty the greatest.

Thank you to M. Lin Montenot. We were honored to have his skilled evaluation of our dogs and are so pleased that he and his charming wife could be with us this year.

Thanks to the Specialty and Rassemblement workers: Midge Fish Emerson, a great Show Secretary; Stephanie Katz and Barb Ruby for Co-Chairing the Rassemblement; Diane McLeroth for printing the Premium List and Show Catalog and doing all those behind-the-scenes-jobs; John Cassaubon for printing the Weekend Program and making all our signs; Nancy McLeroth for serving as interpreter; the Banquet, Bar-B-Q, Hospitality, Special Events chairmen; those in charge of flowers, raffles, and the very important "clean-up"; our Ring Stewards; John Cramer and Sheldon Rennert for their distinguished company and lending hands; the B.C.A. Officers and Directors, especially Pat Long for her bookkeeping and check-writing; and the multitude of un-named people who donated their time and money to help make this marvelous weekend possible.

We had only compliments from the motel management and an invitation to come again. That is thanks to the very special people we have in this Club. Thank you to you all.

We would also like to thank Mary Ann & Bob Bloom for helping out with the weather!

Manny Littin and Jean Heft
1982 Weekend Chairmen

SPECIAL THANKS TO MANNY AND JEAN

B.C.A. owes a vote of thanks to Manny Littin and Jean Heft who worked, worried and then worked harder to make the B.C.A.'s 1982 National Weekend a very special one to remember! Everyone who was privileged to attend has many memories of a wonderful, pleasurable weekend with Briards.

M. MONTENOT's warm sense of good humor clearly showed as he posed for a photo in a western hat, complete with a briard-hair hat band.

RASSEMBLEMENT '82
COMMENTS OF M. LIN MONTENOT

I thank the Briard Club of America for giving me the pleasure and honor of judging your third Briard Rassemblement held on August 5, 7 and 8, 1982 in Toledo, Ohio.

There was a marvelous reception, which my spouse and I will never forget. We thank, most sincerely, the President, Bob Boelter; your dynamic Secretary, Diane McLeroth; Stephanie and Jerry Katz; Mary Ann and Bob Bloom; Lynn Behrens; Barbara Ruby; and Barbara and Bradly Fitch, for the generous hospitality and kindness; and especially to be sure, our interpreter-secretary - the smile and sweetness as well, Nancy McLeroth.

Thank you as well to the exhibitors who came in great numbers to the Rassemblement; the dogs examined were on the whole of very good quality, excellent homogeneity and balanced character.

Thirteen males and 12 females were Selected and this holds good promise for the future.

There are, however, still efforts to be made and I have noted the principal faults you should be aware of, below.

- The hair: a drier, goat's coat is preferable;
- The color: sometimes too light;
- The tail: lacking a little in length;
- The neck: more length is preferable;
- The croup: drawn under (fleeting) on some;
- The head: some are a little short;
- The dentition: some premolars were missing, some undershot or overshot;
- The dewclaws: some were floating (unattached bone) or were missing the bone.

A precision is to be given in the color: if the color is too light it is disqualifying. The color chestnut-mahogany, that is to say reddened chestnut, is equally undesirable. Be careful, therefore, not to fall into one extreme or the other.
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Results: I have chosen as the Best Male, the black, numbered 131, [Ch. Montargis de Lindeau owned by Linda Wells] and the Best Female, the tawny, numbered 224, [Ch. Dromore's Promises-Promises owned by Sue McCormick]. The first, "Prix Robert Montenot" I awarded, definitively, to the tawny female [Ch. Dromore's Promises-Promises].

Again, thank you to one and all. We have excellent memories of the third Briard Rassemblement in Toledo, 1982.

**Lin Montenot**  
Vice-President of C.A.B.  
S.C.C. Judge

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**RASSEMBLEMENT '82**

**COMPOSITE EVALUATION**  
OF MALE BRIARDS  
(DIVIDED BY COLOR)

by Monsieur Lin Montenot  
French Briard Specialist Judge

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| 10 of the 21 black males were rated "Excellent" | 12 of the 45 tawny males were rated "Excellent" |
| 7 were also "Select" | 6 were also "Select" |

Evaluation terms: **EX**= Excellent; **TB**=Trés Bon (Very Good); **B**=Bon (Good); **AB**=Assez Bon (Fair); **INS**=Insufficient.
### COMPOSITE EVALUATION OF FEMALE BRIARDS (DIVIDED BY COLOR)

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(*1 tawny unrated on gait due to injury)

15 of the 32 black females were rated "Excellent" and 7 were also "Select"

14 of the 54 tawny females were rated "Excellent" and 5 were also "Select"

### OVERALL EVALUATIONS

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This was the greatest number of Briards ever examined at one BCA Rassemblement site.

**RASSEMBLEMENT/SPECIALTY 1982**
THE FRENCH CONNECTION - CANINE STYLE
by John M. Cramer

On the morning of August 6th, many of the commuters driving to their respective salt-mines along Toledo's South Reynolds Road may have idly speculated as to why the tri-color of La Belle France shared the flag-pole of the Holiday Inn, with the more familiar Old Glory. More than 200 Briards gathered together in the court of the motel could have informed them that this display was a tribute to the Briard in general and a very distinguished visitor from the Breed's homeland. Accompanied by his charming wife, Monsieur Lin Montenot had arrived to judge the third National Rassemblement to be held by the Briard Club of America.

What is a Rassemblement? Literally translated, it means "gathering"; in this context, a gathering together of Briards whose owners seek to have them thoroughly scrutinized and examined by a highly qualified authority, and to have the main features of the animal graded. The emphasis is on individual, rather than group examination and the process is lengthier and more painstaking. The Rassemblement is a very demanding experience for the judge and only a comparative handful of people are deemed qualified as Breed Specialists, to judge such an event.

M. Montenot's international reputation as the Dean of French Briard Judges had preceded him; he has been the Chairman of the French Briard Specialist Judges' Committee, a body set up by the the French parent club, and he serves as Vice-President of that organization. Considering the eminence of his position in Briard circles, many may have been surprised to find a comparatively young man conducting the three-day series of evaluations. The fact is that our guest had much more than a mere head-start in the lore and judging of the Briard. His distinguished father, Monsieur Robert Montenot, was the master teacher of French Briard Specialist Judges, and was until his death in 1980, a long-time officer of aptly-titled French, "Club des Amis du Briard".

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The Rassemblement is probably the purest method of checking the qualities and short-comings of the dog and it's individual components. While the conformation show is certainly a valuable tool, the fancier in his selection of breeding stock still retains many of the attributes of a sporting contest and in fact is regarded by many as just that. The Rassemblement is more in the nature of a scientific evaluation, with no competition of the dogs. The dog is evaluated only against the Standard for the Breed. It is no surprise to learn that this system of meticulous checking both separate features and the dog as a whole, originated in Germany, a country noted for precision and research.

The first French Rassemblement for Briards was held in 1970. The American events have only one arbiter. The French version has a "jury" or panel of judges for each sex. Each jury consists of a judge who is an accredited Briard Specialist Judge - a high rating - together with a judge who judges Briards but is a specialist in another working breed; the third member of the team is usually an apprentice who is studying for the coveted specialist rating. After the evaluations, for the final "selection" of the most outstanding specimens of the Breed, the two juries combine forces and the top honors are judged by the Specialists.

The machinery of a Rassemblement calls for considerable paperwork and much effort on the part of the judge's assistants - or stewards. The fact that neither our judge, nor his gracious wife spoke English fluently; he has slowed his pace appreciably. The fact that it did not do so was entirely due to the linguistic ability of Nancy McLeruth, who performed the multiple duties of judge's assistant and interpreter, as she had done so well in 1978. In 1978 events, many may have been surprised to find a comparatively young man conducting the three-day series of evaluations. The fact is that our guest had much more than a mere head-start in the lore and judging of the Briard. His distinguished father, Monsieur Robert Montenot, was the master teacher of French Briard Specialist Judges, and was until his death in 1980, a long-time officer of aptly-titled French, "Club des Amis du Briard".

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In order that as many owners could take advantage of an all-too-rare visit by an international authority on the Briard, Rassemblement entries were accepted during the event and indeed up to the time of the final evaluation. Awareness that many participants were faced with an impending work-week, there was some concern among the organizers that the eleventh-hour entries might cause the event to last well into Sunday afternoon or even beyond. But, our M. Montenot’s abundant energy matches his athletic build and gave no indication that he was well into his third day of vigorous examinations, with only one day off during the Friday National Specialty. The grading of all Briards was concluded on Sunday morning; and following a break for lunch, the final phase of the Rassemblement commenced.

All dogs with an Overall Rating of “Excellent” were brought back into the ring. From their number, the judge would pick out what he felt were truly outstanding specimens. These dogs were graded “Select”, the highest of all possible ratings. Unlike the conformation dog show format, the number of dogs chosen for this top honor is not limited. There can be any number of “Excellent” dogs rated as “Select” – or, presumably in the final phase of the event, the sexes are brought into the ring separately, first the “excellent” dogs, then the “Excellent” bitches. Another departure from the normal format of evaluations is that all dogs are brought into the ring together, a situation which can be the cause of an expansion of the ring of only a few feet, often to the gratifyingly large number of qualified Briards.

Of the total Rassemblement entry of 152 Briards, 22 males were awarded “Excellent”. Unfortunately not all could stay for the final round of judging and M. Montenot excused some older dogs. This left him with 18 males to review. After running them around the ring at a trot for several minutes (but which probably seemed longer to some of the perspiring handlers!) he slowed them to a walk, his instructions being conveyed by the ever-constant Nancy McLeroth. Nancy also passed along the whispered warning that M. Montenot does not approve of setting up a Briard in a stretched stance, as is routinely done at KC shows; and he would automatically eliminate any Briard so “stacked.” After another trot-walk session to generous applause from the spectators, elimination commenced as they circled. The signal of dismissal was the handing over of the signed evaluation sheet to the handler, usually accompanied by a friendly smile. Finally, our interpreter was asked to announce that the 13 remaining males were all “Select”. 19.7% of the males had achieved the honored rating.
A similar procedure was used in the evaluation of 27 bitches (29 had been rated "Excellent"). Of these, after the trot-walk routine and ensuing dismissals, 12 bitches received the coveted "Select", a percentage of 13.95%. It was generally agreed by both M. Montenot and BCA officials, that while there should be no question of laurels being rested upon, the Briard in America is doing quite nicely.

With congratulations to the owners of the "Select" Briards and the inevitable few words with the judge (either by means of Nancy's services or the hasty brushing-off of almost-forgotten high school French) the normal Rassemblement would have ended. But this was a unique Rassemblement and high drama was just around the corner.

In a charming Gallic gesture, M. Montenot had brought with him a handsome trophy in memory of his esteemed father, and announced he planned to present it to what he considered to be the best quality Briard entered. The black dog, Ch. Montargis de Lindeau owned by his breeder, Linda Wells and her parents and the tawny bitch, Am. & Can. Ch. Dromore's Promises—Promises owned by her breeder, Susan McCormick were called back to the ring.

The judge, Mr. Lee Reason, when he learned that his B.C.A. National Specialty judge, Mr. Lee Reason, when he learned that his judgement had been confirmed by the French expert.

Thus, the 1982 B.C.A. Rassemblement ended on a dramatic note. The Parent Club is to be congratulated on many things. The retaining of one of France's top Briard Specialists almost insured success, but this was backed up by superb organization and stage-management which was well up to professional superintending standards. The location was almost perfect, providing a fairly central location in this huge land; and the secluded area on the motel grounds provided a private enclave, both unique and delightful, for Briarders and their dogs. It would be almost impossible to praise those responsible for the machinery of the events and the impressive printing layout work, too much; and the delicious banquet to which I was graciously invited was delightful.

The B.C.A. can be proud of its members and their handsome dogs. There is an added quality of which the Briard Fancy may well boast. It is a quality which the many Cassandras of the dog-world would have us believe is a thing of the past, the death of which is so often pronounced. That is something called integrity, and I believe that the bemoaning of it's demise is a little premature. My observations at Toledo confirmed this belief. In order that the complete trend of a given bloodline might the better be evaluated, some dogs were entered with the notation, "Evaluated as Pet Only". This notation was made in the catalog and read-out to ringside, in the announcement of the ratings. Furthermore, some spayed or neutered Briards were entered for evaluation, the owners volunteering this information in an admission which naturally affected their dog's rating. Again, such information was made public knowledge. Found it most refreshing that in these days of exaggerated sensitivities, people can freely admit serious short-comings in their dogs.

One final word: while the Rassemblement is probably the purest method yet devised of evaluating a dog and all it's vital features, it will never replace the dog show as we know it. Considerations of time and sheer economics would pose insurmountable difficulties. It can, however, be a fascinating accompaniment to a show, such as a large specialty and presents that opportunity for a second opinion from a different angle, that is so valuable in other fields of endeavor.

The Rassemblement, whether or not referred to by that title, need not be confined to the Briard, nor to French breeds, nor to a particular type of dog. The Briard Club of America has found this format to be beneficial, educational, exciting, and what all dog events should be - fun. If any other breed fancy would like to try this format, the good people of the Briard Club of America would be happy to furnish the details.

John M. Cramer

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The B.C.A. would like to extend a very special thank you to John Cramer. It is not often that a national specialty judge attends the breed's national specialty held at the B.C.A. National Specialty! It seemed that a stunned Ms. McCormick took several seconds to realize that her bitch had not just received a tremendous honor. While feeling joy for the recipient, as a judge, I also thought about the great satisfaction which would be felt by the Specialty judge, Mr. Lee Reason, when he learned that his judgement had been confirmed by the French expert.

BRIARD VASES

Susan Smith has a limited number of the Briard Logo Vases she designed for the centerpieces at the '82 BCA Banquet. They are 6½ inches tall with the head of a Briard imprinted on stoneware pottery. Susan is selling these for $15.00, but hurry while supplies last.

Susan Smith
2226 S. Linda
Bellbrook, OH 45305
BABY RABBITS AT

CHATEAUBRIARD

"Bunny"

Sire: CH. NESTOR DE L'EMINENCE
National Specialty Winner and
Multiple Group Winner

Dam: CH. CHATEAUBRIARD ONDERWOMAN
"BUNNY"
25 B.O.B.s in 1981 in
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CHATEAUBRIARD

THE PRODUCER OF
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BRIARD NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CHAMPIONS!

CH. KNOLLWOOD'S STAR OF THE SHOW
Cricket, owned by Linda Knoll, finished her championship at the Ann Arbor K.C. show with her third major; being WB, BW and BOS over a special. It was quite a finish for this young bitch and Linda sends her thanks to Jan Millis, Cricket's breeder. She also thanks Cheri Schmitz and Pat Long for their expert handling. Cricket was sired by Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence and her dam is Ch. Tigresse de Patriche. Her first show as a champion, Cricket went Best of Breed over two specials.

CH. ENCHANTING INDY J.
Indy, owned by Donna Fink, finished her championship at the Wheaton K.C. show at the age of 16 months. Her sire is Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence and her dam is Ch. Tigresse de Patriche. Beside the fact that she is now a champion, Indy is also somewhat of a celebrity along with the Fink's collie, Coke. Donna & Nick's two dogs tarred on a local TV station's April Fool's Day skit on the 5:00 p.m. news. Indy was an absent minded professor and Coke was a housewife. The hardest part of the filming was to make the dogs appear like they were talking. A dab of peanut butter on the roof of their mouths solved the problem!

CH. THE BAILYWICK'S RODIN
Gus, owned by Meg Weit & Mike Greenberg, finished his championship in June under Mr. Boobbaum. His sire is Ch. Just Tigger de Charlemagne and his dam is La Fraise Briard d'Orleans. After the Specialty, Gus traveled to Canada and took a Group 2 at his first show with no breed competition. This win gave him 4 points toward his Canadian title.

CH. BET-CHA SAMSON DE STRATHCONA
Sammy, owned by Mike & Sheri Rosen and handled by Stephanie Katz, finished his championship on August 6th at the B.C.A. Specialty under Mr. Reasin. His sire is Ch. John's Pashtu de Strathcona and his dam is Ch. Michelle Belle de Strathcona, CD.

CH. DROMORE'S PREFERRED STOCK
Panda, owned by Karen Pawlaczyk and handled by Sue McCormick, finished his championship at Ann Arbor on October 3 under Herman Cox. His sire is Am/Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover and his dam is Ch. Pa'Chick's Ms-Be-Haven, Am./Can. C.D.

OBEDIENCE NEWS

DROMORE'S POPPY COCK, AM/CAN. C.D.
Poppy, owned and trained by Kam Pelham, finished her Canadian C.D. on October 3 at the Sarnia K.C. under Barbara Goodman. She scored a 194½ for first place. Her sire is Am/Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover and her dam is Ch. Pa'Chick's Ms-Be-Haven, Am/Can. C.D.

DROMORE'S SCOOTER'S MS-BE-HAVEN, CAN. C.D.
Scooter, owned and trained by Louann Schalk, finished his Canadian C.D. at the age of 11 months. His scores were 182, 186 and 188. Scooter's sire is Am/Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's My LeBeauchien and his dam is Ch. Pa'Chick's Ms-Be-Haven, Am/Can. C.D.
Briards D’Occasion

TANZY D’OCCASION IS PICTURED MAKING HER BREED DEBUT BY GOING BEST IN MATCH AT THE STONE CITY K.C. MATCH.

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Olivia la Voyageur du Lhut, CD (Livi), trained by Sarah Long, qualified for her first leg toward her C.D.X. at the iron Range Dog Training Club's annual trial in July. Her score was 183.

GROUP PLACEMENT
Ch. Silvermoon Marquis de Lindeau, owned by Janice & Phil McNellis took a Group 3 at the New Castle K.C. show in September, under David Parker.

OFA NEWS
FB-133 Pride & Joy de Soulieado (D. Buttry)
FB-144 Ch. Silvermoon Beau Belle Tanya (R. Bell)
FB-145 M & M's Angelique (R. Pain)
FB-146 Ch. Pa'Chick's Limited Edition (K. Pawlaczyk)
FB-147 Ch. Troupeaux Pretzel Orielle (S. Gresko)
FB-148 Ch. Piquante d'Occasion (J. Charbonneau)
FB-149 Ch. Dromore's Parfaite (C. & G. Marcotte)
FB-150 Polisson Polli d'Occasion (L. Connor)
FB-151 Le Beauchien's La Raissa (R. Melugin)
FB-152 Grousemoor Autumn Lass (P. Breen)
FB-153 M & M's Chateaubriard Ruby (W. Waskow)
FB-154 Ch. Pleine Vitesse de Strathcona, CD, TD (C. Duval)
FB-152-T Ch. Dromore's Perrier, CD, TD (L. Beall)

4 POINT MAJOR - DROMORE'S PREFERRED STOCK, owned by Karen Pawlaczyk and handled by his breeder, Susan McCormick, took a 4 Point Major and Best of Winners at Newcastle K.C. under judge, Mr. Lou Harris.

SHOW NEWS
Phyllis Bond sends news from Washington State way. She reports that "Shandy" took his first points on his return from the Specialty after watching how the big boys show. He took WD, BW, BOB for 2 points on August 29th at the Sammanish K.C. show. Shandy's official name is Bolondon's Shandy d'Argyl and he is owned by Jan London and Lynn Bohanan and handled by Phyllis.

Meg Weitz reports that Gus' sister, Patty, received her first points by going B.O.B. over a special, which made it a major. Her full name is The Bailywick's Rendezvous and she is owned by Ellen Wertheimer & Mark Rahdert and shown by Meg and Mike.

Linda Pitzing sends us news that on August 21st at the Olympic K.C. show, Mon Jovis Dreamweaver V.M.A. received Best of Breed and 2 points. He is owned by Linda Pitzing and Philip Johnson. "Deacon" now has 10 points and needs one major to finish. They have also been busy showing two of their other Briards; Bigtree's Rapunzel, who has 9 points with both majors; and Mon jovis Cassandra Von Mon Ami has 7 points and both majors. Linda comments that there seems to be a lot more interest in the breed in the area, for what they are, instead of what people wish to make them.

Sue McCormick
News Editor

Match Win - CHATEAUBRIARD SERENDIPITY (Hazel) won the Group at her first match, at age 4 months under judge, Bob Tongren. Her breeder/owner/handler is Cece Collins. "Hazel" then went Best in Match at her 2nd match, a week later.
Bloat - a true emergency!

I recently talked with Dr. Richard Walshaw, Senior Gastrointestinal Surgeon at M.S.U., regarding suggestions he had if a dog goes into "bloat". Dr. Walshaw stressed that immediate decompression of the stomach is imperative to a successful outcome. The immediate decompression can be done by any veterinarian, while you are in the process of tracking down a specialist in bloat surgery. He stated that, "The chances for a successful outcome are increased 50% if decompression of the stomach is done within the first hour of bloat." The surgery can then be done. He said that too many clients look for decompression and surgery at the same time when decompression is the most important, then go on from there regarding surgery.

Tip on Flea Control

Consider buying an inexpensive flea collar or flea powder and add it to your vacuum cleaner bag. If any fleas are swept into the vacuum, they will be killed. There is no unpleasant odor released. Before inserting the collar into the vacuum bag, gently stretch it to activate the flea medication impregnated in the flea collar. Try it, it works, and saves our Briards the agony of fleas and resulting dermatitis.

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NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CH. SOUTHPONT'S REDBIRD (bitch)

Owners: Jack & Peggy Ravndal
Breeders: Owners

Championship: April 25, 1982
Whelped: March 18, 1980

Sire: Beau Cheval's Dr. Zhivago
Ch. Beau Cheval's Chocolate Mousse

Dam: Ch. Beau Cheval's Mississippi
Ch. Beau Cheval's Grenadine

Handled by owner
NEW CANADIAN C.D.X.

CH. BRIE-ZEE PRINCESS TRIBBLE AM/CAN CDX, TD

Owner: Julie Treinis  Breeder: David Behrens
Can. C.D.X: April 25, 1982
Whelped: Nov. 2, 1979

Sire: Ch. Phythias Chez Phydeau
      Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, C.D.
      Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara

Dam: Am/Can. Ch. Beardsanbrows N'est Pas, A/C UDT, ShI, AD
     Ch. Uther Bijou de Strathcona

Trained & handled by owner

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NEW CANADIAN C.D.

DROMORE'S SCOOTER'S MS-BE-HAVEN, CAN. CD

Owner: Luann & Janet Schalk   Breeder: Susan McCormick
Can. C.D: July 1982
Whelped: Aug. 12, 1981

Sire: AM/Can Ch. Pa'Chick's My le Beauchien AM/Can Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer
     Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, CD

Dam: Ch. Pa'Chick's Ms-Be-Haven, AM/Can, CD
     Am/Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Jezebel

Pictured at Trumbull Co. K.C. winning a 4 Point Major

Handled by owner
CH. MANNY'S MAGNIFICANT RUBY (bitch)

Owner: Marcia (Stacy) Pearson  Breeder: Manny Littin
C.D. Degree: Aug. 6, 1982
Whelped: Oct. 26, 1980
Sire: Ch. Chateau-Briard Jokerswild,
   Ch. Manny's Pal of Jack
   Ch. Lorraine de la Croix
Dam: Ch. Chateau-Briard Vermouth, CD
   Ch. Ilote du Lac de Bethmale
Judge: Mrs. Ruth Foster  Tained & handled by owner

CH. KALIETOO DE PAOLETT, CD (bitch)

Owner: Ted Krystosek  Breeder: Janice Millis
C.D. Title: Aug. 6, 1982
Championship: Oct. 17, 1982
Sire: Ch. Janus de la Ville Jumeaux
   Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence
   Ch. Tracy des Elies de Malouse
   Misty mountain Brieberber
Dam: Ch. Tigresse de Patriche
   AM/Can Ch. Vixen de Patriche
Judge: Mrs. Ruth Foster  Trained & handled by owner
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CH. SAMSON DU COTEAU D’AVRANCHES (dog)

Owner: Elaine Hashem
Breeder: Marguerite Provencher

Championship: Aug. 15, 1982
Whelped: Oct. 25, 1981

Sire: Ch. Nestor de l’Eminence
| Ch. Janus de la Ville Jumeaux
| Ch. Tracy des Elfes de Malouse

Dam: Mousse du Coteau d’Avranches
| Ch. Joie de Vivre de Charlemagne

Judge: Mr. Don Bradley
Handled by owner

PUPPY TRAINING

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 a very early age. They list these "manners" as sit, come, down, stay, and in the case of a herding dog, go right and go left.

This training can and should begin when the pup is from 7 to 8 weeks old and must be taught before the pup is four months old. The puppy learns quickly, and once he understands what you expect, he tries very hard to please you.

Most breeders recommend taking your Briard 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 is a 7-week-old puppy or 7-years-of-age. If your Briard does not do what you ask, it is because he doesn’t understand what you want – or you have been inconsistent. Try again, using the following methods and you will be surprised how quickly your dog can learn!

BASIC METHODS

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 pup’s center of ATTENTION.

3. TRAIN FOR EVERY DAY – You will want to have your puppy obey in everyday situations. Use the training methods EVERY TIME you want your pup to obey a command. That is what training is all about!

4. PRACTICE – You should practice your "static" exercises, such as 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 that the attention span of a puppy is very short, so keep the training fun and productive.

"NO/YES" – "BAD/GOOD" CONCEPT FOR CORRECTIONS:

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. To avoid confusion, teach only one lesson at a time, and ALWAYS end on a note of PRAISE.
PART II

Puppy Training

(If you missed Part I of this feature, please drop us a note and we will be happy to send a copy to you.)

The Third Week

HEELING

Be sure to call your pup's name, then give the command to "Heel"! Remember, it is important to keep a loose lead - if you pull on your pup, he will resist this exercise. Use your voice, with lots of bubbles, to keep him in the heel position. Always walk briskly. Praise when the puppy is in the heel position. Continue to use all the heeling techniques from the previous lessons (about turns, halt/automatic sits, side step and circles). Also incorporate a change of pace into your heeling sessions. Remember that a "Fast" is a trot, and "Slow" is a toe to heel pace. Encourage your pup to stay in the heel position.

SIT/STAY

Gradually release any tension on the lead. By the end of the week, you should be able to go out to the end of the lead, count to 30, return and praise. If your puppy breaks, bring the lead to a point directly above the pup's head and repeat, "Stay". Praise when (and only when) the pup has remained in position.

SIT FOR EXAM

Place your puppy at a sit/stay at your left side. Have a member of your family approach slowly (but without hesitation) from the front, and slightly to the side, of the dog; to a position by the dog's side. The examiner's left hand should be in front of the dog with the back of the hand offered for the pup to sniff. Have the examiner gradually turn his hand so that the dog may sniff the palm; followed by the examiner slowly caressing the dog's head. The examiner should then relax the hand back to his side, take a step backwards, turn and walk away. You should praise immediately as the examiner starts to leave the dog. By the end of the week, you should have some friends, who are familiar to the pup, follow this same procedure.

DOWN

You should be down on your right knee with your puppy sitting in front of you, facing to your right. Place your left leg over the back of the pup for control. With your left hand, reach over the puppy's shoulder to the left foreleg. Pick it up and wiggle it until it is floppy - your pup is then relaxed. With your right hand behind the right foreleg, extend both forelegs simultaneously and with the command, "Down". Place your left hand between the pup's shoulders and scratch. Hold this position to the count of 5 and then release.

RELEASE

This is your signal to the pup that the exercise is finished. He may thus get up. It is executed by an excited, "OK!" with perhaps a clap of the hands and a quick movement of your body. PRAISE.

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LOOKING FOR PUPPIES?

CALIFORNIA:
Gwen Shook, 1416 Griffiths St., Valinda, CA 91744
Tawny pups expected late January. 213/918-5743

CONNECTICUT:
Cece Collins, 75 Inwood Road, Darlen, CT 06820
Tawny pups expected late January. 203/655-8886
June Shew, P.O. Box 288, East Hartland, CT 06027
Tawny whelped early September. 203/655-6330
Mary Shery, 36 Norman Dr., Gales Ferry, CT 06335
Tawny pups expected early February. 203/464-6518

ILLINOIS:
Frances Taylor, 2612 Starkweather Rd., Rockford, IL 61107
Tawny and blacks whelped late December. 216/325-9081

MASSACHUSETTS:
Margaret Provencher, 105 Lake St., Haverhill, MA 01830
Tawny whelped in December. 617/374-8767

MICHIGAN:
Susan McCormick, 25743 Culver, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
Tawny puppies expected in March. 313/772-3897

MONTANA:
Peggy Ravndal, P.O. Box 465, Anaconda, MT 59711
Tawny whelped in July. 406/563-7785

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

OREGON:
Linda Pitzing, 6614 S.E. Charles, Milwaukie, OR 97222
Tawny & blacks whelped in November. 503/653-1195

Pennsylvania:
Janis Charbonneau, R.R.1, Box 404, Barto, PA 19504
Tawny and blacks whelped in January. 215/845-7746
Regina Kerler, Oakwood Acres, Birchwood Dr., Tannersville, PA 18372
Tawny whelped early September. 717/334-2120
Janice McNeil & Linda Beall, 119 Highland Dr., McMurray, PA 15317
Blacks & tawny expected in March. 412/941-6621

Virginia:
Ron & Sheri Daniel, P.O. Box 503, Blacksburg, VA 24060
Tawny, show male, whelped in June. 703/951-8355

BCA maintains a current list of all members who notify the Secretary that they have litters. This list is sent out to anyone who requests information from the Club and is included in each issue of the Dew Claw.

The Club has received unconfirmed reports of at least six more member litters due between now and Spring. BE SURE you have a number of reservations for puppies before you breed.