UPDATE ON NIGHT BLINDNESS

We regret to report that four more night blind Briard puppies have been reported to B.C.A. This makes a total of at least 7, possibly 8, affected American-bred Briards reported in the past year. We know of three more in France.

The recent reports, as with the past reports, again come from different breeders and varied bloodlines. There is insufficient evidence as yet, to determine whether or not this is genetic in the various bloodlines.

To assist breeders who are concerned about this problem, we will describe simple methods of testing pups (as early as 6 weeks of age) for night blindness, in the next Dew Claw. The vision appears normal in good light, but is inadequate in dim light.

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Thanks to Grace Gilmore for sharing this cartoon.

“Best damn sheep dog I ever had.”
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WANTED: Willing, cooperative, diplomatic, self-starting, well-organized, Briarder, with dog show committee experience, to chair the 1984 Briard Club National Specialty.

Must reside on, or near, the West Coast.

Must be able to enlist help, coordinate activities, generate ideas to draw Briard entries from all across the U.S. and Canada.

Must be sensitive to members' needs, responsible to B.C.A., to the Board, and to A.K.C.; be thick-skinned, with a good sense of humor; and able to turn a profit.

COMPENSATION: Satisfaction for making a major contribution to the Breed, to the B.C.A. and to fellow Briarders...while having a lot of fun.

In March, I accepted the resignation of the original volunteer for the '84 Specialty, who will be unable to do it. We therefore need one (or two) members to chair (or co-chair) the '84 Specialty.

It should be pointed out that the West Coast is long overdue for the National Specialty and Annual Meeting. The Club amended the By-Laws (reducing the quorum) in order to make this possible. Prior to this change, it was necessary to hold the Annual Meeting elsewhere in order to meet the quorum.

The Board has voted that the '84 Specialty will be the classes of an all-breed show, NOT an independent specialty. This will make the work for the West Coast Show Committee much easier, leaving many of the show details to the all-breed club and the technicalities of the A.K.C. Rules & Regulations to a professional superintendent. It will also eliminate the financial risk from the Specialty.

I am personally committed, as is the B.C.A. Board, to holding the '84 Specialty in the West. I plan to attend the 1983 Santa Barbara K.C. show at the end of July, to meet Western Briarders and be of help.

If a satisfactory committee can't be organized and initial plans made quickly, the B.C.A.'s choices will be to either run the West Coast Specialty from the Midwest, or to move it to another part of the country. Neither are acceptable options from my point of view. The success of a western specialty does not hinge upon an entry the size we achieve in more populated parts of the country, but instead on a well-run, enjoyable event, which enables the interested Briarders in the West to attend a National Specialty and Annual Meeting. The B.C.A. Board and our past specialty chairmen will be available to give you any help you wish - so, come on, Westerners, this is a great opportunity. Let us hear from you!

Bob Boelter
President

RESPONSES TO THE AMENDMENT QUESTION

Should BCA impose limits on the time people are permitted to serve the Club?

This question was first discussed at the BCA Annual Meeting last August (the Cohen Proposal) and as a result, the President surveyed the entire Membership last fall. (Dew Claw: Summer '82 issue, pgs. 16 & 28; Rass/Spec. '82 issue, pgs. 9 & 11). The results of this poll were not conclusive, and are reported in the Winter Dew Claw (pgs. 5 & 6).

In December, a petition to Amend the By-Laws to restrict duration in office was received by the Board (McNelis Petition, pg. 11, Rass/Spec. '82 Dew Claw).

Shortly thereafter, a second petition, opposing any restriction of the members' right to vote (pg. 11, Rass/Spec. '82 Dew Claw) was received.

The McNelis Petition will require a vote by the Membership in June. Therefore, the President asked members (Winter '82 Dew Claw, pg. 4) to send their opinions for publication in this Dew Claw. Following are the comments received.

To Whom it May Concern;

In the past 10 years, I have been involved in 3 organizations, which put service restriction clauses in their By-laws. As a result, all 3 organizations have deteriorated. I wish it were true that everyone is willing to work, but when the chips are down, excuses are made. By the time this is realized, the good workers are lost.

I also know that many jobs take time to learn and require certain qualifications. Not everyone can do them well. For several years we had an Education Chairman for both our Humane Society and our Dog Training Club. Since she left, because of the new restrictions, both education programs are nil.

We also had a go-getter in charge of donation containers and collected from $400 to $500 per month. Now, they are lucky to collect $150 per month.

If someone is willing to work for BCA, let them. The Briard Club of America will be better for it.

C.

John Neff served as a Director and Officer of AKC for 40 years! Why should BCA be restricted in how long a member can serve our Club, when the body which governs all dog clubs, sees fit to secure the life-long expertise of an individual? Willing workers are hard to find and should serve as many times as the Membership wants to elect them.

M.

Why eliminate our skilled people? If the law required that I change my secretary every four years, I'd move my company to Canada!

J.

Bob Boelter
President
SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year, I have decided to retire as Secretary, and by now you have received the '83 Nominating Committee's excellent slate. I would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement over the years, for the pleasure of serving the Club, and for the many wonderful friends which have resulted. I have derived great satisfaction from all the work I have been able to do.

I have offered to continue as Dew Claw Editor, to ease the burden on the new Secretary. I will always work for the well-being of the Briard and Club in any capacity where I am needed.

Welcome to the following new members:

LEANDRO & THEODORA ARNUCO, Yelm, WA - owners of Nathasia Bernardette.

DAVID & KATHY BELLETT, Akron, OH - owners of Le Trés Beau Chien Garcon, CD & La Trés Belle Chienne Fille.

DONA BLAIR, Creede, CO - owner of Mon Jovis Erica le Papillon & Mon Jovis Irma la Paquerette.

JAMES & DIAN EDLUND-BRUSH, Hudson, FL - owners of Aigner's Trendsetter.

PHYLLIS FERRARO, San Diego, CA - owner of Mon Jovis Golden Brie VMA.

DAVID & WANDA GLENN, Baltimore, MD - owners of Richlen Ticker Tape Bingo.

DR. HARRY GRIFFITHS, Fairport, NY - owner of Hector of Fairport & Victoria of Fairport.

RONNA HARRIS, Granada Hills, CA - owner of Ch. Landlyn's Francis Louis & Baisldson Donna.

ESTHER KADASH, Dayton, OH - owner of Souhaite Moi Un Arc en Ciel.

JENNIE LOU KRAFT, Malibu, CA - owner of Truffe du Coteau d'Avranches.

KATHY & JIM MARSH, Port Huron, MI - owners of Toujour Mon Amie.

CRAIG & PATI LEE NOWINSKI, Uniondale, NY - owners of Chiropractors Liberty.

WILLIAM & JOYCE PEY, Wheeling, IL - owners of Suzette's Tribute to Meiko.

ADRIENNE RIDEY, Cincinnati, OH - owner of Ch. Sugarcreek's Buckley.

JOEL & THELMA SIM, Tacoma, WA - owners of Daichi's Sam Spade & Daichi's Selene.

DAVID & SUSAN WAHR, Andover, MA - owners of Jus d'Orange de Chesapeake & Ch. Sage du Coteau d'Avranches.

ROBERT & KELLY WALTER, Cleveland, OH - owners of Suzette's Toulouse Barbue.

Secretarial Assistants

The following have been asked to assist with the secretarial work: Gloria Merder, Brochures; Susan Smith, Calendars; Mary Bloom, telephone inquires; Sonia Collander, Membership Directory.

Thanks to the many people who have sent get-well wishes. I am now fully recovered and my work is almost completely back on schedule. Once this double work-load is completed, I should again have enough time to be available to you all via phone. Thanks for your patience. Briarders are great people to work for.

BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA

STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE REGARDING CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

The Briard Club of America Code of Ethics states, "This Code establishes a standard of conduct to be followed by all members of the Briard Club of America in the normal course of owning, breeding, exhibiting, selling and judging Briards. We recognize the impossibility of covering all situations so that any failure to comply with the intent of this Code is to be dealt with in the same manner as if it were a specific violation."

Any person, whether a Member of the Club or not, may file a complaint with the Board of Directors against any Member of the Club for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club, the Briard, the sport of pure-bred dogs or dog shows.

The Board of Directors shall give the complaint first priority and first must determine whether the charge, if proven, would constitute prejudicial conduct. If not, the matter can be quickly adjudicated and a report of the incident and the Board's decision be filed with the Secretary as a permanent record. However, should the nature of the charge be such that demands disciplinary action, if proven, the Board of Directors must be prepared to carry out its responsibility.

The Board of Directors carries the powers and the corresponding duty to deal with any misconduct which may occur within the jurisdiction of the Briard Club of America. The well-being of the Briard and the Club rests upon how well the Board fulfills this obligation. This in turn, affects the entire sport of dogs.

If after investigation of a complaint, the Board of Directors believes sufficient evidence exists that the member or members who reported or filed the complaint did so from malicious or untruthful motives, the Board acting in accord with the Code of Ethics and the By-laws of the Briard Club of America, shall prefer charges for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club, against that person or persons.

We always hope that prejudicial conduct will not arise in connection with the Club or Briards, but the essential thing is that the Board shall be prepared to deal with any such incident in a creditable manner, should it occur. No person should agree to serve on the Board unless he or she is prepared to carry out these duties and exercise these powers fairly, firmly and impartially.

SPRING 1983
BCA POLICY STATEMENT

A good test of whether an incident is prejudicial is, whether a person encountering a Briard Club Member for the first time, would be likely to decide, after witnessing such an incident, that this was not the Club; or the Breed; or the sport for them. While the number of people witnessing the conduct should be taken into consideration, conduct which is known to only one or two people can also be prejudicial to the best interests to the Club or the Breed.

INVESTIGATION: When an incident arises, it is the duty of the Board to investigate immediately - not to wait for someone to make a formal complaint. The Board must seek out the alleged offenders and any witnesses, and record their essential testimony.

WITNESSES: Unpleasant as the duty may be, each participant is expected to do his part to keep up the standards of the sport and to testify fully and truthfully to what he knows or has seen or heard. Refusal to do so can be interpreted as prejudicial conduct in itself.

ADJUDICATION: It is the responsibility of the Board in investigating conduct prejudicial to the Club or the Breed may have occurred, the Board of Directors shall direct the Secretary to notify the defendant promptly, in writing by certified mail, of the nature of the charges against him, describing specifically his conduct which is alleged to be prejudicial, and to advise him of his right to present his response, and the testimony of witnesses in his own behalf. If the alleged offender refuses to answer, in writing, within 30 days, the Board shall proceed without his response.

PROCEDURE: It is essential that the adjudication be carried out in a fair, orderly, and impartial manner. Any member of the Board who has any close connection with the defendant, or who is needed as a witness, should not participate in the questioning or in the decision.

It is the responsibility of the Board in investigating a charge of misconduct, to obtain as much pertinent testimony, in writing, as possible.

FINDINGS AND DECISION: After all testimony of the defendant and witnesses has been received and forwarded to each Board Member, the Board shall decide by majority vote whether or not the conduct of the defendant was prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Briard. If it is not, the case is dismissed and all parties involved informed of the decision.

DISCIPLINE: If the Board votes that the conduct was prejudicial, discipline under the Briard Club of America Code of Ethics shall be based upon the degree of misconduct. For minor infractions, a letter of warning may be all that is imposed and such a letter shall be mailed promptly by the Secretary to the party or parties involved. For more serious misconduct, especially when it has reached wide-spread concern in the Club, a letter of reprimand, or a fine, or a combination of these penalties shall be imposed and notice of the penalty shall be mailed to the party or parties involved and shall be published in the Secretary's Report in the Dew Claw.

This shall in no way preclude the Board or individual members from taking stronger action as provided in Article VI of the By-Laws, and such discipline shall be recommended by the Board in cases of repeated or flagrant misconduct.

APOLOGIES: In the opinion of the American Kennel Club and the Briard Club of America, when a person conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the sport, the Club or the Breed, and his conduct is known to a number of other participants, the damage which has been done by his conduct cannot be undone by a later apology, even though such an apology may be acceptable to the individuals directly affected. When the conduct occurred the damage was done to the Club and the Breed in general and the interests of everyone enjoying the sport are affected. Neither the Board nor an individual who might have been the subject of abuse has any right to accept a later apology on behalf of all the others whose interests have been prejudiced by the conduct.

It would be pretty serious for the Club and the Briard if it became known that anyone could be unsportsmanlike, or insult or malign the Club, another person or another's Briard to or in the presence of witnesses and get away with it, by apologizing at some later time. If one good Briarder should be turned away from the Club or discouraged in the sport as a result of witnessing such an incident, the reputation of the Club and the Breed would be irreparably damaged, in spite of subsequent apologies.

It is not the purpose of this Policy Statement to over-emphasize the occasional unpleasant aspects of being part of a wonderful Breed, Club or sport. We would all prefer to prevent such incidents from happening rather than to have to deal with them after they have occurred, but there is no sure guarantee of prevention than the certainty that any misconduct will be swiftly and firmly dealt with. The Board of Directors of the Briard Club of America is the custodian of the future of the Club and the Breed. The Club and its reputation depend upon the strength of its policies and the sincerity of each Member of the Board in the faithful execution of these duties.
TREASURER’S REPORT
1/1/83 through 4/30/83

EXPENSES

Dew Claw Print (3 issues) $2,392.11
Postage (2 issues) 895.40
Refund, ad 33-00
Supplies 44.35
Other printing 497.12
A.K.C. dues 25.00
Dog World ad 168.00
Book shipment 45.70
Brochure postage 1.05
Secretary's postage 127.62
Secretary’s supplies 81.17
Eye Clinic, Dr. Aguirre’s expenses 370.54
'82 Spec. Weekend show Sec. expenses 122.00
'Specialty entries 1,638.25
Rassemb Iement entries 1,943.74
Banquet ($12.50 ea.) 1,875.00
Bar-B-Q ($10 ea.) 1,484.00
Eye exams 50.00
Unused banquet tickets 75.00

$5,056.06

INCOME

Dues $2,247.00
Dew Claw Subscriptions 348.00
Ads 261.00
Calendar postage refund 7.61
Brochures 8.00
Donation - to Rescue 100.00
'83 Specialty Donations 19.35
Bank interest 87.66

$3,076.62

$5,664.39

3,076.62

8,763.01

5,056.06

$3,706.95

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THANK YOU TO PATRICIA LONG
FOR HER DEVOTED AND DEPENDABLE SERVICE
AS B.C.A. TREASURER

This year, Pat long announced that she is retiring as Treasurer at the end of the Club Year. We will miss her.

When Pat took over as Treasurer, a new bookkeeping system was needed for our growing club and there were many problems which faced her. Not only were precise and accurate figures required, but a strong individual in the Office, as well. Pat provided all that was needed and more, establishing the new bookkeeping system, securing a bond for Treasurer, and she stood firmly behind the accurate records she kept. B.C.A. owes a great deal to Pat for the stability she has provided, as well as the deep concern she has shown for the Breed and the Club.

Too often today, we tend to forget to say thank you for a job well done. Here we could follow the example set by our Briards who show us in so many little ways how much they appreciate what we do for them. Pat, we may not have told you as often as we should, how much we appreciate all the hard work and attention to the many details you have given, but it is sincerely appreciated. The Club is grateful to you for your long contribution to its well being.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
THE '82 RASSEMBLEMENT/SPECIALTY WEEKEND

INCOME

Donations $413.00
Obed. prize donation 30.00
Catalog ads 1,203.00
Catalog sales 262.50
Rass. Cat. sale .50
Sweepstake prize unused 3.00
Raffle 531.00
T. Shirts 264.00
Hospitality room income 5.64
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Rassemb Iement entries 1,943.74
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Bar-B-Q ($10 ea.) 1,484.00
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(Expenses do not include $882.00 for eye exams.)

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Long, Treasurer

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WISE SAYING: Author Unknown

"One reason dog is man's best friend is because he wags his tail, not his tongue."
ALL IN THE FAMILY

Her strong level topline, correct coat, easy movement and stable, outgoing temperament make her a natural showman - Watch her sparkle!

BRIARDS D'OCCASION IS PROUD TO PRESENT (WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM BRIARDS DE STRATHCONA) NESS' KIDS IN THEIR 1983 SHOW DEBUT. TOUR AND TANZY ARE SHOWN HERE, AFTER BEING AWARDED 5 POINT WINS UNDER JUDGE HAWORTH HOCH AT THE DETROIT KENNEL CLUB SHOW (ENTRY 9-8-4). NESS WILL BE BRED AGAIN IN SPRING, 1984.

Briards D'Occasion

CH. PERRIER D'OCCASION CD TDX Can. CD TD

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Briards D'Occasion

David Behrens
1309 s. Lloyd
Lombard, IL 60148
312-620-5036
NEWS & VIEWS

Spring has sprung with the craziest weather we’ve had in years. We were just putting ourselves on the back for having such a mild winter, when old Mother Nature dropped 6 inches of snow on us on the first day of spring!!! Hopefully we can get back to warmer weather and start thinking about Specialty ’83 in Connecticut in August. Anyone interested in working should contact Mary Bloom in New York (212/224-5275). She would be very appreciative of any helping hands.

NEW CHAMPIONS

CH. ABBAYES PAULETTE DE BONHEUR, CD
Pauli, owned by Jane Beahan and Fran Taylor; and bred & handled by Jane finished her championship under Connie Bosold at the Lake Minnetonka show on 2/19/83. This black bitch was sired by Ch. Jabot le Bonheur d’Hte Couture CD and her dam is Ch. Fille d’Abbaye CD.

CH. AIGNER RARIN’ TO GO
This tawny male, owned by A. Oakley, Regina Keiter and Fran Davis, and bred by Regina, finished his championship on 1/23/83. He was sired by Stonehill’s I’m Hector out of Ch. Phydeaux Linda Lovelace.

CH. AIGNER SPECIAL EDITION
This tawny male, owned by Rafael de Santiago & Roberto Velez, and bred by Regina Keiter, finished his championship on 12/5/82. He was sired by Ch. Phydeaux Whats Happenin out of Ch. Phydeaux Linda Lovelace.

CH. AIMEE DE JULEE
Aimee, owned and bred by Jill Carruthers, finished her championship on 11/13/82. She was sired by Ch. Sirhan Courvoisier out of Chateaubriard O’Cherie Amour.

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD RAGGEDY ANN
Ann Diaz and Dallas Meggitt own this new champion, a tawny bitch bred by Cece & Ken Collins. She finished on 1/29/83. Her sire is Ch. Nestor de l’Eminence and her dam is Ch. Chateaubriard Vichysoisse.

CH. M & M SKYBEAR
This tawny bitch, owned by Nancy McManigal and bred by Janice Millis, finished her championship at Skokie Valley K.C. on 12/18/82 under Edna Travinek. Her sire is Ch. Nestor de l’Eminence and her dam is Chateaubriard Papillon.

CH. OBERON LE VOYAGEUR DULHUT
Obie, a black male owned by Ellen Shea and bred by Mimi Long, finished his championship, with his fourth major, on 12/12/82 at the Indianhead K.C. show, under Mr. Charles Mulock. His sire is Ch. Montargis de Lindeau and his dam is Ch. Jolie de la Rivette, CDX.

CH. OLIVIA LA VOYAGEUR DULHUT, CD
Livi, owned by Mimi & Sarah Long, and bred by Mimi, finished her championship at the Land O’Lakes K.C. show on 1/8/83, under Glenn Somner. This black bitch was sired by Ch. Montargis de Lindeau and her dam is Ch. Jolie de la Rivette, CDX.

CH. RICHLLEN SHENANDOAH, owned by Leila & Bill Rittmaster finished her championship on 12/11/82 under John Stanek in Boston. This tawny bitch, bred by Ellen Walton and Richard McDearmon, was sired by Ch. Rejoui Turquoise de Capucine, out of Ch. Chatelaurdriard Nouvelle Nova CD.

CH. ECAR SECOND CHAPTER, CD
Chappie, owned, and trained by Carol & David Van Duzer, finished his Companion Dog degree on 11/28/82. This black dog, bred by Carol & Eugene Steiner was sired by Ch. Phydeaux Whats Happenin’ our of Ch. Desamee Belle Bear.

GROUP PLACEMENTS

Ch. M.C. Plaisant de Jean ("J.J.") owned by Ron & Judy Schramm and handled by Jim Rathbun, keeps adding those Group placements to his record. He had a Group 4 at Pittsburgh, and a Group 2 at Fort Wayne; then over the third May weekend, he went to Tennessee and took a Group 2 under Mrs. Evers, a Group 3 under Mrs. Bosold, and a Group 4 under Mr. Mueller.

Ch. Phydeaux Polly Poulet, owned by Fran Taylor came out after a letter of puppies to take a Group I at Mattoon on April 23, under Denny Kodner.

Ch. Panthere del Pastre, owned by Mary Lou Tingley & Jan Standish won the Herding Group at K.C. of Norther New Jersey in early March. She was also given a Group 3 by Kenneth Peterson at Wilmington K.C. and a Group 4 at Penn Treaty K.C. by J. Council Parker.

Ch. Richlen Shenandoah, owned by Bill & Leila Rittmaster went to Bermuda in March for some exciting shows. She took Group 1 under Dr. Quentin La Ham at the Bermuda K.K. and another Group I under Fred Fraser, a Canadian Judge.

GROUP III BRACE

QUE SERA SERA DU LOUP D’OR and SERENE DU LOUP D’OR owned by Ginny Schaef er and Teresa Lee, were handled to a Working Group Brace II by Teresa at I.C.K.C. on 12/12/82 under Mr. Esporite.

OBEDIENCE NEWS

Que Sera Sera du Loup d’Or, owned by Theresa Lee & Ginny Schaef er, and trained by Theresa, qualified with a 187½ in Novice B under Mr. Ron Kaiser at Livingston K.C. At Pontiac K.C., Sera scored a 192½ under Mrs. Linda Scanlon, for her second leg.

Ch. Fille d’Abbeye, CD (Abby) owned and trained by Jane Beahan, earned her first leg toward her C.D.X. at
Brian Beveridge writes that Nancy Tomlin returned to England after a couple of hectic weeks visiting him in Australia. She judged Briards and Puli in Melbourne the end of January, but was not at all happy with the bush fires. One started while she was still in the country.

Brian reports that they were lucky this year in that they only had a few spot-fires, caused by falling ashes, but that it was quite hectic for a time. Needless to say, Brian sat up all night with his boots on, ready to make a move if anything happened. He is not sure how he could have moved 26 dogs in a hurry, though.

We are glad to hear you stayed safe, Brian.

FROM THE EAST

Meg Weitz has volunteered to be the East Coast News Reporter. Do give her a hand and send your news to her. She reports:

Two of our favorite gals on the east coast are recovering from recent bouts with bloat. Ch. Jennie del Pastre, owned by the Tingleys, and Ch. Chateaubriard Nouvelle Nova, CD owned by Ellen Walton and Richard McDearmon. Both are doing fine now, thanks to excellent medical care. The sad news is that the Tingleys lost their lovely black bitch, Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Berger (Sheba) at age twelve, to bloat. Many knew and loved Sheba, but even more know her as a fine brood bitch who produced Ch. Phydeaux What's Happenin' and Ch. Phydeaux Windfall, CD, both multiple Best in Show winners. She won the Brood Bitch Class at Specialties and is behind a number of fine dogs and bitches. Our sympathy to Mary Lou and Art for the loss of their loved friend.

A footnote to Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence's unfortunate stroke at the Garden - he is doing very well and does not seem to have suffered any extreme after effects. We all wish him continued improvement.

Our thanks to Meg for giving a hand. With enough news and support from Briarders in the eastern part of the country, it may be possible to again have separate column for the Eastern News. Meg would welcome any news you wish to share. She suggests that the news need not be limited to show reports (which can only be printed as space permits), and she would like to receive anecdotes and anything else of interest. Meg's address and phone are:

2654 Marsh Road
Wilmington, DE 19810
302 - 475-4370.

FROM FLORIDA

Plans are being made to start a new regional club, the Florida Peninsula Briard Club. Anyone who would like more information should contact:

Beverly Herscher
2348 S.E. 14th St.
Pompano Beach, FL 33062
305 - 781-1510

Dian Edlund-Brush
139 Oak Lane
Hudson, FL 33562
813 - 856-0122

CANADA

There is renewed interest in forming a Canadian Briard Club. Penny Williams has asked anyone interested to contact her. She also asks for breeders to send her names of any puppy buyers in Canada. Contact her at:

Penny Williams
178 Riverview Blvd.
St. Catharines, Ontario L2T 3M7

NORTH CENTRAL BRIARDERS

The N.C.B. monthly newsletter is The French Connection and is available for $4 per year; Editor, Jane Beahan, 29965 Innsbrook, Stacy, MN 55079. Dues - $7.50 single; $10 family. For more information contact:

Sue Erickson, Pres.
Rt. 4, Box 269
Mankato, MN 56001

Linda Carpenter, Sec.
1160 23rd St. N.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

B.C.A. encourages the formation of regional clubs and will give Association to all groups which subscribe to the principles of BCA and AKC. If Briarders in your area would like to form a club, space will be provided in the Dew Claw to help give you a start.

CHAIN LETTER

Dear Dog Owner:

This chain letter is meant to bring you relief and happiness. Unlike most chain letters, this does not cost money.

Simply send this letter to six other dog owners who are dissatisfied with the way their dog is showing and working. Then bundle up your own dog and send him to the dog owner at the top of the list, and add your name to the bottom of the list.

In one week's time, you will receive 16,436 dogs, and one of them should be a dandy!

Have faith in this letter and don't break the chain. One owner broke the chain and got his old dog back --- Nancy Wilbur, Lenape GRC
SPECIALTY WEEKEND '83

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, Aug. 25th:
Afternoon & Evening - Registration (Lobby); Introduction, Introductions, Hospitality, Displays, Informal Q/A Forum on Club Affairs, etc. (Nutmeg Room)

FRIDAY, Aug. 26th:
Morning - Buffet Breakfast* (Cyprus Room)
Evaluation Clinic & Herding Tests (Front Field).
Afternoon - Cook-out Lunch; Evaluation Clinic (Front Field).
Evening - Slide Presentation & Q/A session with Mrs. Rompelman of Holland; '82 Rass. Videotapes.

SATURDAY, Aug. 27th:
Morning - Continental Breakfast* (Nutmeg Room)
Newtown K.C. All-Breed Show with B.C.A. Supported Entry. Breed Judge, Lynette Saltzman; Group Judge, J.D. Jones; Obedience Novice A, Susan King; Novice B, Roger Gagnon; Open A & Utility, Joan Bartlett; Open B, Joyce Leach. The Newton K.C. show is about 1/2 hour from the Yale Motor Inn.
Evening - BCA Annual Meeting, Cocktails & Awards Banquet*

SUNDAY, Aug. 28th:
Morning - Buffet Breakfast* (Cyprus Room).
1983 B.C.A. National Specialty and Obedience Trail on the Front Field of the Yale Motor Inn.
Afternoon - Bagged Lunch* - Specialty continues.

*NOTE: Reservations are required for Breakfasts, Sunday lunch and the B.C.A. Awards Banquet.

SPECIALTY FUND DONATIONS - should be sent to Barbara Lynch, 7480 Big Tree Road, Livonia, NY 14487.

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AKC GAZETTE FEATURE - Pat Beresford of the AKC Gazette will be attending B.C.A.'s Specialty Weekend and Evaluation Clinic with a photographer and others on her staff. She plans to run a feature on the BCA Evaluation Clinic and herding event for the Gazette's Continuing Education section. Put on your best bib and tucker and be sure to bring those beautiful Briards!

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EVALUATION CLINIC 1983

Your 1983 National Specialty Committee has planned an exciting new event for Briards on Friday, August 26th - an Evaluation Clinic. This will be an educational event in a relaxed atmosphere, right on the grounds of the Yale Motor Inn.

The Briards will be divided by classes for the Clinic. These will be: Puppies 6 to 9 months; Puppies 9 to 12 months; Novice; Open; and Champions. Classes will be divided by sex if the entry is large.

There will be three judges, Mr. Donald Booxbaum, and A.K.C. judge; Mrs. M.C. Rompleman, a foreign breeder-judge; and Mr. Fred Olson, a professional handler judge. Each of the three judges will independently evaluate every class. After examining and gaiting each entry, the judge will make a written critique. After examining the entire class they will make placements (1 through 4) for every class; then give an oral explanation as to why said placements were made.

In addition, the Committee has contacted the Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association and plans to hold herding demonstrations (hopefully with Briards participating). Plans are being made for exhibitors to test their Briards’ herding abilities under controlled conditions.

By the end of the Clinic, each entry will have been examined by three different judges.

The ultimate goal of this event is to expand our knowledge of the Briard through a new experience. We hope you will plan to attend and enjoy.

Pat Beresford, Editor-in-Chief of the AKC Gazette is especially interested in our B.C.A. Evaluation Clinic and Herding Seminar, for its continuing education aspect. She will be on hand with some of her staff to obtain a Gazette feature on this BCA event.

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"GENERAL APPEARANCE - A strong and substantially built dog, fitted for field work, lithe, muscular, and well-proportioned, alert and active." This was the opening sentence of the Briard Standard, in effect from 1928 until 1975, when the clarified Standard for Briards went into effect.

Work on the clarification of the Standard took five years, and at no time, was there ever any intention of changing the meaning of the Standard. All efforts were directed toward making it clearer, more explicit, and to rectify any errors in the original translation from French. It was only after painstaking work, on the part of the Standard Committee, review and discussion by the B.C.A. Membership; and finally a two-thirds vote of the B.C.A.; and approval by the A.K.C., that the clarification was put into effect. It was carefully done.

The wording of "GENERAL APPEARANCE" was clarified to read: "Vigorous and alert, powerful without coarseness, strong in bone and muscle, exhibiting the strength and agility required of the herding dog. Dogs lacking these qualities, however concealed by the coat, are to be penalized."

The Standard Committee believed the new wording emphasized the powerful build, strong bone & muscle, and agility which have been carefully preserved in our handsome Briard from the beginning, and which is so outstandingly impressive in our Breed. It was not, in any way intended to lessen the importance of these fundamental Briard qualities. But, could it be that not all Briard fanciers, breeders and judges fully realize how important this is? Are some sacrificing these outstanding qualities, only to produce more coat, or ring showmanship?

At a show not long ago, one breeder commented to another, "Well, you can either breed to the Standard, or breed what will win. I prefer to win!" Although that viewpoint is not commonplace, it is a pity to hear it expressed by a Briarder. It also makes us wonder if a double standard actually threatens to develop for our breed? We do see more and more dogs today, with narrow, flat-sided bodies, soft musculature, small or effeminate heads with not only narrow, pointed muzzles, but narrow skulls; and too many lacking the remarkable amount of bone, which has been prized in the Briard for centuries. Certainly this is not what we truly want for the Briard of the future!

It was not long ago that you could put your hands on almost any Briard and feel the "powerhouse" under the coat. That is one pleasure today, with narrow, flat-sided bodies, soft musculature, small or effeminate heads, so much hair on the head that it completely conceals the eyes. Ears flattened against the cheeks. Curly hair.

By 1925 the Standard had been modified by a group of users, breeders, and teachers; and that Standard is the one currently in effect. Let it be pointed out that some refinements and very important changes were made, notably in the consistency of the hair and on cropping of the ears. On the other hand, the people who established the Standard were all breeders, users and teachers and they were in full agreement.

"First and always, respect the Standard."
THE FRENCH NAMING SYSTEM

In the mid-1920s the French started a system of naming pure-bred animals according to the alphabet; the letter with which a name begins indicates the year of birth. For almost 50 years, all letters of the alphabet were used, and the system did not seem too difficult to follow.

There were problems, however, mostly because some of the letters were difficult to use. So, in the early 1970s a new plan was devised, using only 20 letters of the alphabet, and eliminating the six least useful letters. The letters eliminated were: "K", "Q", "W", "X", "Y" and "Z", these being the most difficult to use in French.

In 1972 the naming letter was "V", and in 1973, the new naming sequence went into effect - with the letter "I". Now, at first glance, there does not seem to be any logic to the choice of "I", (why didn't they start over with "A"?) but when the letters which have been used in the past are charted out with the names to be used from then on, the choice of "I" for '73 is explained.

The naming system began in 1925 with the letter "A". Remembering that a 26 letter alphabet was used into the 70s, you can see that a 20 year cycle - from 1925 - has now been established. For example, the letter "A" was used in 1925, and by counting in 20 year intervals, it will be used again in 1985 and again in 2005, 2025, etc. (The French plan way ahead.)

Following is a chart which explains it:

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NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION SUGARCREEK BUCKLEY (dog)

Owners: Adrienne Ridey & Ron Jackson
Breeder: Susan Smith

Championship: October 3, 1982
Whelped: June 28, 1981

Sire: Ch. Unique Noe de Vieille Ville, CD (Ch. Unique Magie du Nord
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Dam: Ch. M & M Sugarcreek Janivan (Ch. Tigress de Patrice

Handled by Susan Smith

SPRING 1983
CHAMPION OBERON LE VOYAGEUR DULHUT (dog)
Owner: Ellen Shea
Breeders: Richard & Mimi Long
Championship: December 12, 1982
Whelped: October 22, 1982
(Sire: Ch. Montargis de Lindeau
(Ch. laime Widgette de Lindeau
(Ch. Quassus del Pastre
Dam: Ch. Jolie de la Rivette, CDX
(Vaillante des Elfes de Malouse
Judge: Charles Mullock
Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION OLIVIA LA VOYAGEUR DULHUT, C.D. (bitch)
Owners: Sarah & Mimi Long
Breeders: Richard & Mimi Long
Championship: January 8, 1983
Whelped: October 22, 1978
(Sire: Ch. Montargis de Lindeau
(Ch. laime Widgette de Lindeau
(Ch. Quassus d'el Pastre
Dam: Ch. Jolie de la Rivette, CDX
(Vaillante des Elfes de Malouse
Judge: Glen Sommers
Handled by Mimi Long

SPRING 1983
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION SAGE DU COTEAU D'AVRANCHES (bitch)
Owner: Susan Wahr
Breeder: Marguerite Provencher
Championship: February 6, 1983
Whelped: June 16, 1981
[Sire: Ch. Janus de la Ville Jumeaux
Dam: Ch. Perine du Coteau d'Avranches
Judge: Dr. Bernard Esporite
Handled by David Wahr and Marsha Clamp

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION ABBAYES PAULETTE DE BONHEUR, CD (bitch)
Owners: Jane Beahan & Fran Taylor
Breeder: Jane Beahan
Championship: February 19, 1983
Whelped: June 2, 1979
[Sire: Ch. Jabot le Bonheur de l'He Couture, CD
Dam: Ch. Fille d'Abbaye, CD
Judge: Mrs. Connie Bosold
Handled by owner

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NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION PHYDEAUX TAKE THE MONEY N RUN (dog)

Owners: Terry Miller & Katie McCann
Breeder: Mary Lou Tingley

Championship: April 16, 1983
Whelped: July 11, 1982

(Ch. Rejoui Turquoise de Capucine
Sire: Ch. Richlen Steppenwolf
(Ch. Chateaubriard Nouvelle Nova
(Pantin de Bor
Dam: Ch. Jennie d'el Pastre
(Ulla d'el Pastre
Judge: Henry Stoecker
Handled by Terry Miller

CHAMPION ENCHANTING INDEE J. (bitch)

Owner: Donna Fink
Breeder: Janice Millis

Championship: June 13, 1982
Whelped: February 22, 1981

(Ch. Janus de la Ville Jumeaux
Sire: Ch. Nestor de l'Eminence
(Ch. Tracy des Elfes de Malouse
(Misty Mountain Brieberber
Dam: Ch. Tigresse de Patriche
(Am/Can. Ch. Vixen de Patriche
Judge: Frank Dusek
Handled by owner

SPRING 1983
INTRODUCTION TO THE HERDING BRIARD

Barbe Lynch
B.C.A. Herding Chairman

Many Briarders have expressed an interest in stock training their dogs. I've had four years experience in working with my Briards on several types of animals. Some dogs are naturally good at it, and others, I won't let near my stock. Today, not all Briards can be effective herding dogs (all humans don't have IQs of 160 either).

The potential is present in most Briards, but this potential must be brought out and modified by a human trainer. Some people have the misconception that, "Well, my dog is a sheep dog, so turn him loose with the flock". The results of such an action are predictable; dead sheep.

Recently, another breeder related a story to me about a family, who five years earlier, had bought a pet Briard puppy from her. The dog had been a fine, friendly, loyal pet for five years. A few months ago, the family purchased a few lambs and ewes, then left the dog with them; alone, untrained, and they expected all to be fine. It wasn't. The dog chased, nipped and bit until several of the animals died of fright, exhaustion, and the lambs from neck wounds. The family was aghast at the actions of their "trusted" dog, and banished it to the local pound for destruction. The dog was only following its "herding" instincts to the fullest. Dogs drive stock by nipping at the neck and the butt (Briards may recognize this herding action from personal experience around their homes). A Briard will usually butt with its head, to push whatever it's trying to move. The trained Briard only uses its teeth when an animal is being stubborn about going in the right direction.

Around my place, we start pups and young dogs on chickens and ducks. A soft mouth is a must (I only have a small freezer!). Once the dogs successfully put the chickens back into the coop, they can have a go at a goose. This can keep the dog from becoming too sure of itself. Geese don't like being herded. My dogs can herd the turkeys too, but young dogs often fear the turkeys, because of both the size and the weird noise they make. They take time to learn how harmless the birds are.

The next step is sheep. My sheep are dog-wise. Sheep who have not been around dogs tend: A) to bolt, or B) to run away. With my own sheep, it's fairly simple to make a new pup comfortable around them; to learn when to move them and when to let them graze.

Quartering and penning are the fine points of herding. An obedience trained dog should be easier to train to do these things, since the dog already knows how to obey commands. Covering these complex aspects of herding more fully would take another column in themselves.

Basically, for someone just beginning to train a dog on stock, the dog should:
1. be obedience trained;
2. be as young as possible when introduced to the stock;
3. never be loose in the initial stages of training - the 40' tracking leash helps here.
4. be reprimanded for mouthing the stock. Biting is for stubborn animals, only.
5. learn to work quietly the bark is reserved for when it's needed.

For those who don't have the room, or inclination, to keep stock, but still would like to have their Briard do what it was bred to do, should be aware of Herding Trials. These have 3 levels of competition, just as A.K.C. obedience trials do. Trials are held mainly in the sheep ranching areas; the West, the Mid-South, New England and Canada. The trials held by trial associations, usually have programs which lead to Working Certificates for qualifying dogs. For more information on herding trials, write to: All Breed Trial Association, c/o Henry Trusler, P.O. Box 476, Roy, WA 98580.

For detailed information on herding and training stock dogs, try these two publications:
National Stock Dog Magazine, 312 Portland Road, Waterloo, WI 53594. This is a quarterly. Subscriptions are $5 in the U.S. and $7 for outside the U.S.
Sheep! from the same address as above. This is a monthly magazine. Subscriptions are $12 per year in the U.S. and $16 for outside the U.S. This magazine is mostly about sheep, but occasionally has sheep dog related material in it.

If you have questions on herding, write and I'll try to answer, based on my experience, and that of the ancient sheep farmer down the road from me! It might be nice if the B.C.A. began kicking around the idea of a Working Certificate for Briards.

BRIDLING and GROOMING

Yes, you love me, Heaven knows
I've got runners in my hose
See the dog hair on my clothes?
The wet spot where you rubbed your nose?

Observe that I have not one trace of make-up left upon my face
The wet spot where you rubbed your nose?

I can't reach well-groomed success
With muddy paw prints on my dress.
I could stand it, I confess
If you loved me somewhat LESS!

Doris Heard, D.O.T.C.
Several years ago, I found myself in a kind of sticky situation, which more and more people seem to be getting themselves into. I fell in love with a large, cuddly, shaggy, black dog named Brie.

When she had puppies, I decided that I had to have one. When I returned home from the Air Force with a Briard puppy, friends and family were sure I had lost my mind, and asked: "What are you going to do with a dog?"

As he grew larger and larger, I began to wonder myself. It wasn't that "Marshal" was a bad dog, it was just that he did not listen well. From here, I probably made all the mistakes possible. Hopefully, other new owners can be spared the problems if I tell my story.

My first mistake was enrolling Marshal in the first obedience class I found. Since I didn't plan to show him, it did not occur to me to research several classes. As a result, we later ended up in another class, well-schooling in our handler and dog errors.

These could easily have been avoided by learning the proper handling skills from a good school, in the beginning. Some of these problems, such as crooked sits, poor fronts, etc., can be corrected - but never eliminated completely. Only proper training from the start can prevent bad habits from forming.

After training all over again, Marshall was so bored with Novice work that he lagged his way to a C.D. As it seems for most Briards I've watched over the years, they seem to strongly dislike Novice work; maybe it is below their dignity.

Part of this problem can be eliminated by only training in Novice until the dog can qualify. Many handlers have dropped out of obedience, because they felt their Briard was not a happy worker. That does not have to be the case.

After talking with more and more Briard handlers, who have gone on to Open work, it seems that Briards do not "come alive" until Open training. Many do not readily accept the dumbbell at first, but grow to love it later. Often it can be used as a reward or motivator in later classes.

I strongly believe that if more handlers would try Open, they would find a different Briard at their side.

Briards are also one of the breeds which require little repeat practice. Once they have learned a skill, there is no need to practice daily to avoid forgetfulness. Once or twice a week will keep a Briard sharp, but not make him bored with the work. If your dog is slowing down, give him a vacation and you will find he'll pep up again.

These are only a small fraction of the common mistakes made in training Briards, but the main thing to remember is, Briards are unlike any other breed and need to be trained differently. Each individual dog has his own needs as well, so it is important to realize that there is no text book pattern to Briard training.

What we need to do as a Club, is to help our obedience people by providing a source of information, to help prevent the frustrations from starting, and hopefully to encourage members to go on past the Novice classes with their Briards. At the specialty shows, everyone seems impressed by our obedience Briards.

This is the first of a series of articles to give handler tips, information, and relate experiences with Briards. What is needed from you is your questions, opinions, and anything you feel needs to be brought up about Briard obedience; or any ideas you may have to help increase obedience participation by Briarders.

Please send your questions about training problems or suggestions to:

Dan Tolerton
448 E. Grant
Alliance, OH 44601
(or call, 216/821-8492).

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SORRY ATARI

I do not own a T.V. game
My Briards need my time,
Which I am rather stingy with
At slightly past my prime.

I covet not one joy-stick,
Nor do I set my dial,
For when I score 200 points,
Lord, I'll be "HIGH-IN-TRIAL"!

Perhaps I'll get a T.V. game
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Plan carefully if you are thinking about breeding. With the present economy, inquiries have dropped off considerably. Try to have reservations for at least half the puppies you may have, plan to advertise, and notify the Club as soon as your plans are definite.

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.

SPRING 1983