NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1983 Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate for the 1983-1984 Club Year.

President: Bob Boel ter
Vice-President: Ken Behrendt
Secretary: Mary Ann Bloom
Treasurer: Bob Gross

Directors (Class of 1985):
Diane McLeroth
Pat Morale
Doreen Wylie

The Nominating Committee has made a sincere effort to present a slate which is well-balanced in regional representation, and which offers a blend of qualified new people and experienced Briarders.

This year the B.C.A. Board has voted to provide a resumé of each Nominee with the slate and ballot, to introduce voters to candidates they may not personally know.

Included in this booklet is your official ballot, and also the resumes of any additional nominations made by petition, in accord with the B.C.A. By-Laws.

After reviewing the resumes, MARK YOUR BALLOT AND SEAL IT IN THE PLAIN, UNMARKED ENVELOPE. THIS, IN TURN, SHOULD BE ENCLOSED IN THE RETURN ADDRESSED, BALLOTING ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER, AND BE MAILED TO P.O. BOX 12046, FORT WAYNE, IN 46862. This is a special P.O. Box reserved for B.C.A. voting.

VOTING DEADLINE IS AUGUST 16, 1983. To be valid, your ballot must be received on or before August 16, 1983. The outside mailing envelope MUST bear your name so returns can be checked against the current membership list. The outer return envelopes are then removed, before the inner, unmarked envelopes are opened and the vote tabulated by a Notary Public. Results of the election will be formally announced at the B.C.A. Annual Meeting on August 27, 1983 in Wallingford, CT.

Be sure your viewpoint is counted.
Return your ballot by August 16, 1983

DOREEN WYLIE - Nominee for Director
16103 268th S.E.
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Doreen has lived in the Northwest for about six years and before that she lived in Kansas City and Houston. Her active interest in dogs began with Great Danes fifteen years ago, and continued after the death of her first husband. Although she has bred only four Dane litters in that time, these have producing a good share of Champions and she has breeder/owner handled her own dogs to their titles. Doreen's children are now grown and her oldest son became a professional handler.

Doreen reports that her dedication to Briards began when she first met Bill Wylie's "Mazdic" at a dog show. She was completely taken by the many qualities and beauty of the Breed. That meeting precipitated more than Doreen's dedication to the Briard, however. As she puts it, "Mazdic and Bill followed me home and my boys said I could keep them". Doreen married Bill and Mazdic adopted Doreen. The Wylies finished Mazdic to his championship (not an easy task with so few Briards in the northwest) and they have had one Briard litter. One of the puppies has already finished and another is almost finished.

Doreen is trained as an Occupational Therapist and has worked in Geriatrics. Because she was an art major, It is no surprise that she paints and sculpts for a hobby.

Doreen has considerable experience in dog clubs. She is President of the Great Dane Club of Western Washington; Past President of the Great Dane Club of Houston; was a Charter Member of the Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City; Charter Member of Gig Harbor K.C.; and is a member of the Briard Club of the Northwest.

Doreen believes that B.C.A. should have as a primary goal the preservation and improvement of Briards. With this, there must also be an emphasis on consistent breed quality, since quantity is the downfall for any breed. She also supports the B.C.A. program to encourage the formation of regional clubs, which can help to provide more personal contacts for new owners, and increases communication for the ever-growing Parent Club.

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Ron Schramm - Additional Nominee for Vice-President

5803 Steubenville Pike - McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Nominated by petition signed by: Judy Schramm, Terry Miller, Peggy Pobiak, Robert & Marcia Pearson, Daniel & Heather Schrott, Janis Charbonneau, and Meg Weitz.

Ron and his wife, Judy, are residents of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, "The City of Champions", and upholding "The City of Champions" tradition, the Schramms have two champion Briards of their own, Ch. Manny’s O’Bree (Mandy) and Ch. M.C. Plaisant deJean (J.J.).

Upon joining the B.C.A. five years ago, both Ron and Judy have been active in club activities. Ron is a member of the Board of Directors, Class of 1983, and Judy, a very talented artist, has donated much of her time in doing drawings for the breed. Judy has done paintings, drawings and other artifacts that were given as gifts for judges and has donated others for raffles held for club activities.

Ron is Vice President of ROPET Incorporated and President of two of its divisions, Robinson Petroleum Co. and Robinson L.P. Gas Co. Ron is also active in other clubs and organizations of which some are: Western Penna. Kennel Club, Penna. Petroleum Association, Pittsburgh Petroleum Association, Ohio Petroleum Marketer’s Association, National L.P. Gas Association, Penna. L.P. Gas Association and Alumni Advisory Council, Salem College. Some past activities include: Student Government President at Salem College, Senior year; elected to the Board of Trustees, Salem College (youngest Trustee ever elected), elected to Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities, and member of the Governor’s Council for Colleges and Universities, State of West Virginia.

Hobbies include: golfing, fishing, sport cars and most important, Mandy and J.J.

Ron's goals and objectives for the B.C.A. if elected Vice-President, are to make the Vice-President's position a more active one by increasing the position's responsibilities by:

A. Outlining specific responsibilities for the Vice-President; e.g., overseeing a number of selected committee chairpersons to help them establish goals for their committee and see that they carry those goals out. Relieving the President of mediocre responsibilities allowing the President to dedicate his time to more important club matters.

B. To establish a budget for the B.C.A. By using my professional experience, I will work closely with a treasurer who has a financial background, and establish a much needed budget for the club. We need to know where we are and what we can do.

C. To have the officers and board review the election process as outlined in the B.C.A. Constitutions and By-Laws. I believe the new slate of officers should be elected a minimum of one month prior to the annual meeting. This would allow those who have been elected time to meet and organize prior to the annual meeting. They would have time to review past policies, actions and plans and allow time to establish new goals and objectives for the coming year. The new officers could then present to the members at the annual meeting the business at hand in a business-like fashion.

Directors (Class of 1984)
The following Directors were elected for a two-year term and will also be members of the Board for the Club Year of 1983-1984.

Janis Charbonneau, RD 1, Box 404, Barto, PA 19504
June Shew, P.O. Box 288, East Hartland, CT 06027
Phil Zingsheim, 5350 Co. Road 151, Mound, MN 55364
MEG WEITZ - Additional Nominee for Secretary
2654 Marsh Road - Wilmington, DE 19810

Nominated by petition signed by: Ellen Wertheimer, Michael Greenberg, Meg Weitz, Ron & Judy Schramm; and by letter, Janis Charbonneau.

Meg Weitz has been involved in the world of dogs since the age of 8, when she first started exhibiting Miniature Schnauzers. During her youth, Meg successfully exhibited several breeds in breed, obedience, and junior showmanship. After Meg's graduation from college and marriage to husband Michael Greenberg, they decided to seek out a breed of dog they both could enjoy. Their search led them to the Briard. Meg realized the "dog show bug" had not disappeared, and they purchased two show quality bitches to start with. Other Briards have been added to the roster over the years, and the current populations includes several old-timers and three young pups.

Meg has had experience with the Briard in several areas. She has handled dogs to titles in breed and obedience, has done tracking, and raised several litters. Meg has learned a great deal about Briard behavior from living with multiple dogs for almost seven years. She feels that those involved in the breed have a responsibility to point out not only the joys of owning the breed, but also the possible pitfalls, and should emphasize the fact that time and effort are needed to raise a dog well. Meg has always enjoyed meeting and corresponding with other Briard people, and believes it is important to share experiences.

Among Meg's dog activities are memberships in the North Central Briarders regional club, the Atlantic States Briard Club, and the B.C.A. She also belongs to two all-breed clubs. Meg has served the all-breed clubs in several capacities at point and match shows, from stewarding and catalogue sales, to being Obedience Chairperson of a point show. Meg's writing skills have been well-employed by all of the Briard organizations she belongs to. She has been a regular contributor to "Le Magazine", the Atlantic States Briard Club publication, since its inception in 1977. Meg also writes the Center Stage column in "B.C.A. Statistician" articles. She is currently co-feature Editor for "Le Magazine". She has also contributed articles to the "French Connection" and is presently East Coast News correspondent for the "Dew Claw". Meg contributed a bibliography to the puppy information pamphlet that the B.C.A. Education Committee has in the works, and assisted in gathering information for the B.C.A. Statistician. At last summer's National Specialty, Meg worked at the eye clinic.

Meg's other interests include antiques, art, and horses, of which she has owned two in the past. Meg worked in retail management for several years, as well as having managed a large boarding kennel, where she was also head groomer. She presently has her own canine-oriented antique business, and grooms for a local veterinarian one day a week.

Meg feels that due to the tremendous growth that the club has undergone in the last few years, we must all strive to keep up with the added demands that such growth puts on the club. We must try to keep our members, old and new alike, in touch with each other through club workings. She would like to see a return to the old format of publishing new member's addresses and sponsors, along with the names, and dog's owned, in the "Dew Claw", as a form of introduction to the membership. She feels that it is important to keep the membership informed about club doings, provide a feeling of belonging to all, and first and foremost, provide information and answers to questions anyone may have about the breed and the club. Meg also feels that while we may not always agree on various subjects, it is only through an interchange of ideas that the club can flourish, and achieve its stated goals.

MICHAEL GREENBERG - Additional Nominee for Treasurer
2654 Marsh Road, Wilmington, DE 19810

Nominated by petition signed by: Ron & Judy Schramm, Terry Miller, Peggy Pobiak, Robert & Marcia Pearson, Daniel & Heather Schrott, Janis Charbonneau, Lana Sheer, Ellen Wertheimer; and by letter, David Behrens.

Michael Greenberg and his wife, Meg Weitz, live in Delaware with a plethora of Briards. Active in both breed and obedience, Mike and Meg spend many pleasant weekends at dog shows throughout the East and Mid-West exhibiting their dogs. Mike also helps Meg with the more physical (loading and unloading) aspects of her antique business, in which she specializes in canine-related antiques, prints, and collectables.

Mike graduated from college in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in accounting, specializing in taxes. He then joined a major utility company, where he worked as an accountant specializing in cash forecasting and cash management. Several years later, Mike relocated to New England, where he was employed as comptroller of a chain of retail clothing stores. He was in charge of all phases of finance for the firm.

It was in New England that he and Meg met, and the following fall, they both met the Briard. An immediate love for the breed started from their initial introduction. Although they went to purchase one show quality black bitch, they came home with two! (Mike's idea.) Less than six months later, they had expanded their Briard population to six, taking on an additional young dog and three older dogs. Since that time in 1977, their Briard level has remained at six or more, and among their current population are five champions and two C.D.s, all of whom they finished themselves.

Mike is presently employed in a family-owned business, of which he is treasurer. He is already bonded. He has also been active in the income tax field for the last ten years. Among his other interests are several sports, among them bowling and baseball. He has participated in several leagues involving these two sports, and served as treasurer for them at various times. Mike enjoys antiquing with Meg and is expert at furniture refinishing.

Among Mike's other dog activities, apart from five years as a BCA member, are memberships in the Atlantic States Briard Club, the Wilmington Kennel Club, and the Windham County Kennel Club. Mike is a past board member of the Atlantic States Briard Club, and an auditor for the Windham County K.C. At all-breed events, Mike has participated in positions ranging from stewarding in breed and obedience to ring set-up and assisting the show chairman. At last year's B.C.A. Rassemblement/Specialty, Mike worked at the eye clinic. He has also had experience instructing basic obedience, and has judged with Bouviers, Dobes, and German Shepherds in guard work.

Mike background in production and financial management, coupled with his background and experience in accounting, should enable him to serve B.C.A. well as treasurer. He feels that the club should try to be cost efficient without sacrificing its goals of assisting and aiding those who are interested in the Briard.
DAVID BEHRENS - Additional Nominee for Director
1309 S. Lloyd - Lombard, IL 60148

Nominated by petition signed by: Ron & Judy Schramm, Terry Miller, Peggy Pobiak, Robert & Marcia Pearson, Daniel & Heather Schrott, Janis Charbonneau, Meg Weitz, Ted Krystosok; and by letter, Barbara Ruby and Stephanie Katz.

I first became interested in the breed around 1970 and owned my first one in 1972. Since that time I have owned and trained six Briards and have bred three litters under the kennel name D'Occasion. I've been greatly involved in the working aspects of the Briard including tracking, obedience, protection, herding, and carting, as well as conformation showing. My dogs have been the first Briards to earn a TD, a TDX, an AD a Schutzhund title, a UDT, among other breed records.

I have attended Briard specialties since 1974 in all parts of the country (California to New Jersey) including all three BCA Rassemblements and actively show throughout the Mid-West and Canada. I have been the Briard Club of America Statistician since 1978 and am a charter member of the North Central Briarders regional club, serving NCB as Treasurer, President and Board Member.

Other dog activities include memberships in the Otter Hound Club of America, American Dog Owners Association, International Sled Dog Racing Association, North American Working Dog Association, Glenbard All-Breed Obedience Club; and participation in the Gaines Classic Obedience Competition and the Detroit-Windsor World Series of Obedience. I am an AKC licensed tracking judge in the process of being approved for TDX. I have done obedience and conformation match judging and stewarding and served as Show Secretary for the 1982 American Belgian Tervuren Club, Tracking Test and Tracking Test Excellent Test Chairman and Secretary for the Glenbard All-Breed Obedience Club. I am tracking instructor for Glenbard, have instructed obedience classes privately and for the past three years run puppy kindergarten classes.

I have been a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools for fourteen years. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Psychology, a Master's Degree in Education and additional graduate work in Administration and Supervision. I feel that my familiarity with a wide range of dog activities and my educational background can serve the club. My goals for the BCA include: an increased communication and responsiveness within the club; better breed education for both members and judges such as seminars, matches and regional club activities; the encouragement of the preservation of the Briard's character and history.

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BOB BOELTER - Nominee for President
4383 Windsor Road
Windsor, WI 53598

Bob is a life-long resident of Wisconsin. He has owned Briards for 15 years, finished two of them to their championship, bred two litters, and owned a male who sired three other litters (top producing sire, two years in a row).

In the last few years, Bob has become less active in showing and breeding and more active in club work. He was Founding President of the North Central Briarders, regional club and helped write the N.C.B. Constitution and By-Laws. He has also served on the N.C.B.'s Board and various committees, and usually hosts the annual Fun Fair.

Bob has been a B.C.A. Board Member for several terms, served twice as B.C.A. Vice-President, and he is currently B.C.A. President. He has also served on Specialty Committees.

Bob is President of an Advertising Agency with offices in Madison and Milwaukee. He has been involved with both civic and professional organizations and is currently a Director of the Central Madison Council and chairs a committee. He is Past President of the area chapter of the American Marketing Association, and occasionally lectures for the University of Wisconsin Professional Program. He is in Who's Who in the Mid-West and the Who's Who of Finance and Industry.

Bob's other interests include, sports cars, photography, sailing and trains (both real and model).

Bob lists three major goals for B.C.A:
1) To continue to make B.C.A. a success;
2) To encourage B.C.A. to be a crucible for people to share their love of a special breed of dog;
3) To help B.C.A. continue to be a source of help, education and idea exchange for people to improve the Breed.

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KEN BEHRENDT - Nominee for Vice-President

19680 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331

Ken and Lynn Behrendt have lived in Deephaven for three years, having moved there from Chicago. Ken is Executive Vice-President of Saturn Systems, a computer software development company. Lynn is an analyst for Service Direction, Inc., a food service management company.

Ken and Lynn set about to find their ideal breed of dog. After investigating various breeds, they attended an N.C.B. Fun Fair in the Fall of 1978 and the Briards won them over completely. So much so, in fact, that when they left the Fun Fair, they took with them their new tawny Briard puppy, Ozzie. Phanie, a black, joined the family the following year. Ken and Lynn began showing both dogs and each is now a champion.

The Behrendts are familiar faces at B.C.A. events and have been active in North Central Briarders. Ken has served as Treasurer and he and Lynn chaired one of the Fun Fairs. Ken was Catalog Advertising Chairman for the 1981 B.C.A. Specialty in Racine. Ken is a jogger (frequently with the Briards) and is interested in a number of sports. Both he and Lynn took part in the Bi-Centennial Bikathon, biking entirely across the U.S. and he enjoys water skiing.

Ken believes that one of the most important qualifications of a candidate is his motivation for seeking office. This is an important indicator of the kind of work product that person would provide for the Club. He believes the strongest motive must be to promote and maintain the integrity of the Briard and the Club, with no self-serving interest. A worthy candidate must not only observe and discuss what should be done, but must then follow through to accomplish the work.

Ken is running for office with a sincere desire to work for the Briard and believes his experience in business and his extensive knowledge of the computer field, will be an asset to the Club. He is deeply concerned about the sudden upswing in breed population and feels that B.C.A. must expand its working foundation to better serve all matters within the Club's domain: education of judges, breeders, fanciers, and the general public; health studies and evaluation of problems of the Breed and the Club; continuing improvement of the Club's financial planning; stimulation of awareness and understanding, and to encourage a growing, constructive interchange among those involved with the Briard.

MARY ANN BLOOM - Nominee for Secretary

53-07 Douglaston Parkway
Douglaston, NY 11362

Both Mary and her husband, Bob, are native New Yorkers and have been residents of Douglaston for 10 years. They have three children, ages 6 to 10.

Mary was brought up in a family that liked to hunt, so all the dogs which shared her life were in the Sporting or Hound groups until she found the Briard. At the present time she has four Briards, Venu who is black and three tawnies, Risqué, Sam and Sandi. The Blooms lost their 10-year-old Weimaraner, Brandy, about a year ago.

In addition to her membership in B.C.A., Mary is a member of L.I.O.H.A. and Queens Obedience Training Club. At Q.O.T.C. she has served as Match Show Chairman and Contributing Editor.

Mary's search for her own breed started in 1977. Since she had always lived with short-haired breeds, she longed for a large, long-haired dog with an independent nature. In 1978, her search led her to Venu and then to B.C.A. Mary became hooked on the Briard, especially its history. As a result, in the past three years, she did extensive research for B.C.A. Statistician, Dave Behrens and B.C.A. Historian, John Alexander. She is presently doing research at the A.K.C. on pedigrees of past Briards for B.C.A. Mary is also International Editor for the Dew Claw and 1983 National B.C.A. Specialty Chairman. Both Mary and Bob show in Breed and Obedience, but her main Interest is in the Briard itself.

Bob is a legal consultant, with one of his offices in their home, and Mary has been in personnel for 16 years. At the present time, she assists Bob, part time, at home. She also tutors reading for the local school. She enjoys working with her hands so her hobby interests range from needlepoint to construction. (Bob and Mary have an old house and have done most of the work on it themselves.)

Mary is fully aware of the sincere dedication and objectivity demanded by the Office of Secretary, as well as the great demands the Office will make upon her time. She also has the necessary secretarial skills and office equipment required for the job; and notes that she really enjoys being a worker. She believes that the Office of Secretary should continue to be a liaison between the Membership and the Board, and that it should continue to treat all members and breeders objectively and fairly.

Mary believes that the Club, the Breed, and what is good for the Breed, must always come first, before any personal ambitions. She feels that B.C.A. has always put the Breed welfare first and must continue to do so. She would like to see more member involvement in the Club and a strengthening of cohesiveness and rapport.
BOB GROSS - Nominee for Treasurer

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Bloomington, IN 47401

Bob and his wife, Pat, have lived in southern Indiana for the past 25 years. They have raised their family on and about the campus of Indiana University where Bob is Professor of American Literature.

They currently share their lives with two Briards, Ory and Simon, plus a Tibetan Terrier and a Lhasa Apso. Both Bob and Pat show their dogs in conformation, but Bob's greatest love is obedience.

When Ory first joined the family in 1978, Bob realized the puppy needed training and socialization. Because there were no AKC training classes in his area he took Ory to a neighborhood, all-dog training class. The training was not geared to AKC obedience competition, but Ory was so responsive that a friend suggested that Bob enter him in an AKC obedience trial. Bob reports that neither he nor Ory knew the rules, but Ory scored 186 in spite of it. Realizing the dog's potential, Bob set about learning as much as he could about obedience from the only source available to him, books. Ory went on to earn, not only his Companion Dog degree, but also his Companion Dog Excellent. Although he never attended a formal training class, Ory received the Angel Memorial Trophy for highest combined score. Ory and Bob are now working on Utility; yes, from books! Simon is also in training at the Utility level.

Bob's other interests include music (opera, classical & jazz), and reading about dogs. Bob notes that he has read every book available on training methods and obedience. Both he and Pat are involved in politics, and Pat has served as City Comptroller in Bloomington. Bob also claims classical Greek as a hobby.

Bob states that B.C.A. gave him excellent help when he was looking for his first Briard and that he received much friendly help and support from B.C.A. Members when he was a newcomer. He would like to see this aspect of B.C.A. hospitality continue to grow so that all new Briarders can benefit from association with the Club. For the Breed, Bob believes that obedience competition for Briards should be encouraged, emphasizing inductive training by a kind, authority figure. Bob believes that it is also important to encourage breeders to retain in Briards, all the ancient working qualities and temperament, including that which is complex.

DIANE McLEROTH - Nominee for Director

10130 Isle Pine Dr.
 Ft. Wayne, IN 46885

Diane and her husband, John, have lived in Fort Wayne for 21 years, where John is a corporation attorney and Consultant in the U.S. Attorney's Office. They have three grown children who, for the most part, grew up with Briards, dog shows and the B.C.A.

The McLeroth's love affair with the Briard began in 1954 when a friend introduced them to the Breed. Because Briards were scarce then, it was a number of years before they found "Dudley", who taught them what it means to love the Briard. He was the first of 16 Briards (including 2 litters) to grace their lives.

Dudley's championship precipitated some interesting questions about the A.K.C. Standard, in force at that time, and this drew Diane into B.C.A. work. Since then, Diane: compiled a report (1969) comparing the French and American Briard Standards; published her study of Briard coat color genetics in 1970 (since published in French & Dutch); obtained the Approved Translation and Elaboration of the French Standard from the French, which is the basis for the the current A.K.C. Standard; attended the French Rassemblements; and is author of the book, The Briard.

Diane served on the B.C.A. Standard Committee (1969 - 74); as Dew Claw Editor ('72 to date); and as Secretary ('73 to date). She also has prepared all B.C.A. printing since '76 including 3 Rassemblement Report books, the Golden Anniversary Show Catalog ('78) and the '82 Show Catalog.


Diane's community activities include Girl Scout Troop Organizer & Leader Trainer (7 yrs.); Boy Scouts (badge counsellor); Crippled Children's Services; Youth for Understanding; and wildlife preservation. Her hobbies include gardening, miniature furniture, and antique dolls.

In addition to B.C.A.'s standard goals, Diane believes that with the Club's rapid growth, extra effort is needed to stimulate at least equal growth in:
- Member awareness; Better communication & understanding;
- and even more important, equal growth in those remarkable Briarder qualities of friendliness, assistance and courtesy to each other and newcomers alike. These qualities have always put Briarders head & shoulders above the rest, and must not be sacrificed to increased competition, personal ambitions, indifference, or club growth. B.C.A. must strive to remain fair and objective, and never used to serve personal interest groups.

For breed well-being, the Club should develop more educational & guidance programs to assist breeders & owners and to protect the Briard from commercialism, exploitation, or mediocrity. Our marvelous Breed has been entrusted to our care - and we owe it at least that much.

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Pat has lived in Texas since she was 5 years old, but reports that although she feels like a Texan, that still does not make her an authentic one, according to the natives. Her husband, Matt, however is a native-born Texan. They have two children, with the youngest graduating from high school this year.

Pat formerly had Saint Bernards (a total of three) and was very interested in obedience competition, as well as conformation. However, hip dysplasia was a problem with the Saint Bernards. Pat wanted a sound breed and set about finding a large, sound dog with the help of the A.K.C. Complete Dog Book. She was drawn to Briards because of their many fine qualities as working dogs. In addition, they were not a common, over-bred breed, which gave more assurance of soundness. When Pat contacted B.O.A. for more information, she was further reassured by the Club's Code of Ethics.

"Daisy", a tawny Briard, came into Pat's life in 1974. Since then, she has added two blacks, Lilly and Raggs, has had one litter of pups (and co-owns one of the puppies). Pat has finished her three Briards to their championships, and also has one Utility Dog and one Companion Dog Excellent. At the present time she is working with her dogs in Open and Utility work. She has been a member of B.C.A. since 1974 and served a term on the Board as Director.

Pat has been an Obedience Instructor at the Dallas Obedience Training Club for 8 years and a member of that club for 11 years. She has also been a member of North Texas Briard Club (1971-1976) and worked with that club from B Matches to AKC Sanction. For fun, she is a member of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airdale Terrier Club, which is currently working toward AKC sanction.

By occupation, Pat is a Registered Nurse. Matt is in advanced business communication. Pat's hobby interests, apart from dogs, are needlework and crocheting (appropriate for a Briard).

Pat hopes to work with Lilly and Raggs as therapy dogs. Another of her personal goals is to teach an obedience class for handicapped people, so they can train their own dogs. At the present time, she is strongly committed to working on lowering the jump heights in obedience.

Pat is a willing traveler for Briards and great distances don't appear to deter her. Those who attend the B.C.A. Specialties can usually be assured of seeing her, even if she has had to travel across the country to be there.

Pat proposes that the Club develop some new fund raising methods to help counter rising costs, and she has some good ideas for methods that would be both fun and successful. She feels the Club should develop educational programs to discourage over-population or indiscriminate breeding. She would like to see more Briards certified with O.F.A. and C.E.R.F. She also hopes that breeders will work for more consistent soundness in Briards, both in body and in mind.

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