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Dear Fellow Briarders:

Having passed the midway mark, I would again, like to share some of my observations with you.

The year is best described as a positive experience. The Board has operated with camaraderie. Issues have been addressed and differences of opinion expressed without anger or recriminations. Similarly, projects have been undertaken without fear of being second guessed by so-called Monday quarterbacks. The Briard Club appears to have grown up. Further, without singling out individuals but considering everyones effort as an intricate part of the whole, the Briard Club can be proud of its accomplishments.

The Rassemblement Book was timely prepared, published and distributed. An excellent specialty weekend was held which was informative, entertaining and exciting, the Dew Claw is on track, committees are working and information is being disseminated to the membership and a Gazette column has appeared. Although I cannot prognosticate, I can say that the pieces are in place for a stimulating future.

Finally, with reluctance, I must comment on the serious matter of someone insidiously running around the country mailing scurrilous material. I have no continence for such tactics which are blatantly divisive. In my opinion stealth and anonymity are the first cousins to ignorance.

"He who steals my purse steals trash - - -
But he that filches from me my good name
Robbs me of that which not enriches him
And makes me poor indeed"

I wish to thank each Officer, Director, and member of the Briard Club of America for affording me the opportunity to serve as your President. It has been a memorable experience.

Very truly yours,

Robert Weihrauch
Dear Readers,

Spring is here. I have crocus and daffodils blooming (though cover with ice today.) The winter was so mild, that I am sure the fleas are going to be a major concern this summer unless all the rain we have had this past week drowns them.

This issue is a little show oriented. I thought with the winter just ending and shows just starting again, the dog show addicts (like myself) might need a fix. Westminster is a wonderful place to begin. There are several light-hearted articles concerning the Garden. We even have the judge's comments. If anyone else was there, but failed to get their name mentioned in Barbe Lynch's article, please forgive her. It seemed like everyone was at the Garden. (Particularly if you tried to move around the benching area.) Maybe next year we will see you there.

Springtime is puppy time. Mary Lou Tingley shares a Breeder's Diary with us, and Marsha Clamp writes of puppy mischief. Don't forget to check out the Other Ring and read Mimi Long's advice on training, and Ann Roger's comments about young puppy training.

If you have any interesting experiences that you would care to share with the rest of us, please write them down and mail them to me. I need articles for upcoming Dew Claws. Pictures are also needed. I have nothing to offer except the thanks and gratitude of the readers.

The following letter is signed by a "Frustrated Newcomer". Normally I would not publish a letter without a signature, but this person asked that I not use her name because "I know it sounds silly but I do not want to upset people I need to help me. Even so I feel that I must give my views."

Dear Mimi,

You may be the only voice speaking out but you are not alone. I am relatively new to the Briard (3 yrs.) and when I started grooming I noticed that my dogs were not as groomed as others. I read all the literature and the standard and couldn't find anything to support this grooming procedure. To the contrary, they said that a Briard is a soft coated dog. Specials are in the ring some of them look related to an Afghan. Peer pressure and politics being what they are I have yielded to grooming differently depending on who is coming to the particular Show and the Judge involved. When I groom for a show my heart is not in it but there is no other way at this point. I am too small to make a stand by myself.

I know there are others. We talk at gatherings but it is the Big showers and handlers that have to change. If the people who can afford to be the most visible are overgrooming, what are the newer judges going to learn? The small Briarder who needs to go into the ring with their only dog can't afford to take a stand. I am not signing my name for many reasons. Not the least of which is I am trying to finish my dog and I have enough trouble with politics as it is. Maybe at the next Specialty we should put a goaft on display so that there will be no doubt as to what our dogs' coat should resemble.

Sign me,
Frustrated Newcomer

Another viewpoint:

I am writing the following "Letter To The Editor" in hopes of continuing a dialogue on grooming started in the Winter issue by Mimi Long. Hopefully, some Briarders will agree with some or all of what one of us has expressed; hopefully, some Briarders will disagree with some or all. It should be fun, interesting, and instructive to learn how others react, and perhaps even stimulate an an (please) new (old) ideas.

Now, I am probably the classic overgroomer... and I expect I'll always be that way. I bathe rather frequently (always the night before a show, whether conformation, obedience, or demonstration), blow dry, use a conditioner, and comb - yes COMB, everyday. I brush (which is a minimum of 4 times per week per dog). My dogs are always clean, flea and mat free, and good smelling. They have never had any kind of skin problem. Why do I groom so much? For all the obvious reasons, and more. Although my dogs are herders by heritage, they are not working sheepdogs. Nor are they kennel dogs. They are house pets. They live with the family, sharing space and furniture. A smelly, dirty, matted Briard is more likely to be banished to his crate or outdoor run while his nicely groomed counterpart is welcomed with hugs and pets.

Each grooming session is quality hands-on time devoted exclusively to that dog. It's forced time for that retired champion, or that boisterous pup, or that perfect companion (who may be so good that he's too often ignored). For two reasons, in particular. I am a big fan of blow drying. Ninety-nine per cent of the time, my dogs are bathed indoors. My younger Briard is 9 years old, my older is 11. For their health and my house, I don't want them to stay wet any longer than is necessary. Using the blower, I can get my dogs dry in 30 to 45 minutes, plus there more quality, hands-on time. An extra bonus is that blow drying parts the coat, thereby allowing me to inspect every inch of their skin. I can immediately pick up and evaluate any blemishes, lumps, or changes in appearance. Since I always blow dry, I don't know whether my dog's coats are more aesthetically pleasing than they would be if left to air dry, but I do know that my dogs receive many compliments on their shiny, neat coats. I am not committing myself to lots of grooming. My dogs exercise daily by running free in fields and woods (note: I am always with them and they are always under control.) They track weekly. They swim in fresh and salt water. They play in snow and slop through murky puddles. Even though I may cringe when they come home with a collection of leaves, and twigs, and briars . . . . or with muddy feet, or tangled coats . . . within a short time, they'll be neat and clean, ready for obedience class, visiting company, or sharing a warm bed. I comb because that's the only way I can be sure of getting out all foreign debris and dead hair close to the skin. I do pull out the matting as a last resort because too far I don't like to see a matted ball and a pair of mittens thanks to contributions from Whooki and Tribble). Again, early on. I decided that wanting points and majors (and, yes, even championships) would not restrict my dog's activities or change my...
grooming practices. I condition because it makes that combing less destructive, and because it cuts down on static electricity.

I understand why some Briarders object to the look of the current show Briard. Maintenance is a lot of work, and the coat really is not much like that of the original sheepdog, but then, neither is his lifestyle. I groom the way I do because my dogs are an integral part of my life. I am proud of their handsome appearance. I know they are more comfortable and healthy because they are clean and mat free. If the standard changed tomorrow and disqualified for overgrooming, it wouldn't change my practices. I know what's right for my dogs and myself, and that is what determines my grooming habits.

Yours truly,
Julie Treinis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Stephanie Katz

At the BCA annual meeting in August, concern was expressed by several members, that exposure in the AKC Gazette may popularize the Briard. My address has now been published in three issues of the Gazette as education coordinator. I thought that you, the membership should have a report of all correspondence I've had to date. I have received only three letters. 1) From the New Mexico Herding Dog Association announcing a herding instinct test on March 25, 1989 and requesting information about the BCA's "official HIC test." For further information contact: Joyce Geier, Star Route 518, Placitas, New Mexico 87043.

2) An advertisement for a new publication reporting the results of a questionnaire answered by 483 breed and obedience judges discussing "The process used in making a judging decision."

3) A letter from a Ms. Carmilejwols (Beardies) requesting that we urge our membership to read the proposal presented at December, 1988 AKC Delegates Meeting regarding "Limited Registration". (January, 1989 Gazette pages 154-155 full proposal to be printed in the Gazette prior to the March vote at the Delegates Meeting.

A copy of this letter was sent to the BCA board for discussion. I encourage you all to carefully consider the proposal for Limited Registration and express your views to the board immediately.

To date, I have received no requests for information about Briards. I will continue to report all correspondence.

The results of the questionnaire regarding seminars at the time of the Specialty weekend are as follows:

1) All respondents were interested in scheduling an extra day for seminars.

2) All respondents stated they would be willing to pay a fee of $5 - $10 to cover costs of speakers (if such costs were necessary to bring in specialists).

   The choices of the topics/speakers were ranked ordered. The results are: 1) Specialist on BLOAT, 2) OFA - Dr. Corely, 3) Dr. Quentin LaHam (Structure and Movement) and Dr. Carmen Battaglia (Breeding Better Dogs), 4) Dr. Cronfield (Nutrition), 5) Canine Cancers, 6) Skin Problems, 7) Thyroid Problems, 8) Handling, 9) Grooming. 10) These topics were listed by members as additional suggestions Herding, Obedience, Eyes, Behavior, Tracking, Agility and problems of the kidneys, pancreas and liver.

   Several people took the time to say that they were very pleased that the BCA will begin providing educational opportunities. I look forward to hearing from those of you who have not yet sent in your questionnaires. Education will be an ongoing process.

Liver Cookie Recipe

One of our friends with Basset Hounds delighted our dogs with this treat. Evidently the recipe has been circulating in hound circles.

1 - 1 1/4 pounds of raw liver (the blood provides the liquid)
1 small box Jiffy Corn Muffin mix ($0.25 variety)
1 Tablespoon garlic powder (not garlic salt)
Place liver in blender and pulverize! Add corn muffin mix and garlic - blend. Spread on cookie sheet 1/3 to 1/2 thick and bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Freezes well - Bon Appetite!

EYE COMMITTEE REPORT

Meg Weitz

“BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INHERITED EYE DISEASES:” When an ophthalmologist examines a patient and finds a problem with the eye, the big question that arises between the owner and the examiner is whether or not the problem seen is inherited. As noted, many diseases of the eye have not had the necessary in-depth genetic study to conclusively demonstrated that they are, indeed, heritable disorders. However, even in the absence of detailed breeding studies there are certain guidelines that can be followed. An eye disease is considered to be inherited if: a. a breed of dogs or cats has a given disease with greater frequency than any other breed. Breed related eye problems suggest, although they do not prove, that the disorders are inherited. b. a sub-population of the breed, particularly one in which the individuals are interrelated, has an eye problem with a greater frequency than in other unrelated dogs. c. there is an increase of the eye problem through inbreeding (mother x son, father x daughter, brother x sister). This suggest that the eye problem is inherited as a recessive or polygenic trait. d. the eye disease has a characteristic age of onset, the clinically visible abnormalities are distinct, and the disease has a very predictable time course. e. the disease is known to be inherited in another breed and shares the same clinical sign, age of onset and progression. The main function of the breeder/owner of purebred dogs or cats is to produce animals who are superb examples of the breed. Inherited disorders, whether they affect the eyes or other organ system, can detract from the animal. It is the role of the informed breeder to exercise great care to minimize the incidence of inherited disorders. When specific information is available, eradication or control of inherited disorders is possible. However, when definitive information concerning inherited traits are not available, the guidelines listed above will be of value.

The above is a quote from the Newsletter of Inherited Eye Disease Studies Unit. Fall 1987/Winter 1988.

CERF List Update

(A quick review on how to read the CERF’s Number Example. BR-211/88-110 BR means Briard. 211 is the number that CERF assigns and 88 is the year of the most recent examination. 110 is the age in months at the time of the examination)

BR-211/88-109 Panthere Del Pastre, Ch (f)
BR-149/88-109 The Bailwick’s Renoir (f)
BR-199/88-51 Bailwick’s Uji (m)
BR-168/88-88 Mon Jovis Kataara (f)
BR-168/88-88 Mon Jovis Karbel Brandy (f)
BR-225/88-16 Mon Jovis Karbel Brandy (f)
BR-225/88-16 Deja Vu Woodbine Celebration, Ch (f)
BR-240/88-18 Mon Jovis Katrina V Mon Ami (f)
BR-240/88-18 Suzettes Tribute to Meiko (f)
BR-241/88-13 Mon Jovis Brownie de la Plaisance (f)
BR-242/88-17 Mielleux U Know Up-C Daisy (f)
BR-243/88-40 Beardsanbrow V D’Occasion, Ch (m)
BR-243/88-40 Ace Decooeur Synderella (f)
BR-244/88-35 Lindeaux Alouette De Lutele (f)
BR-245/88-13 Mielleux Chance de Vie (f)
BR-246/88-16 Chien Velu’s Canelle TOrdre, CH. (f)
BR-246/88-16 Mon Jovis Chanson De Mon Ami, Ch. (m)
BR-247/88-16 Chien Velu’s Ca;eb. Ch (m)
BR-248/88-16 Beardsanbrow’s Thriller, Ch. (m)
BR-248/88-16 Chien Velu’s Meileaux Beaaaute Noire (f)
BR-249/88-71 Bet-Cha Star Velu D’Strathcona, Ch (f)
BR-249/88-71 Faux Paws Caprice, Ch. (f)
BR-250/88-30 Cutsie Du Moulin D’Eau (f)
BR-250/88-30 Suzettes Brandy Alexander (f)
BR-251/88-21 Mon Jovis Karbel Brandy (f)
BR-251/88-21 Chardon Aimee La Charmeuse (f)
BR-252/88-13 Deja Vu Apple of My Eye, Ch. TT (f)
BR-253/88-33 Beardsanbrow’s Beaanute Noire (f)
BR-253/88-33 Chardon Aimee La Charmeuse (f)
BR-254/88-50 Valerienne D’Occasion (f)
BR-255/88-45 Faux Paws Caprice, Ch. (f)
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OFA COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue McCormick

“Genetics. The pattern of inheritance suggest that more than one gene is involved, but the number is unknown. The practical implication is that breeding dogs for desirable traits, such as good temperament or large size, may result in the inadvertent selection of animals that are susceptible to hip dysplasia. Many offspring of dogs with hip dysplasia also become dysplastic. Sound dogs are more likely to be born to parents with normal hips. However, all to often, parents with “normal” hips have dysplastic offspring. The occurrence of hip dysplasia can be reduced by selecting for breeding only animals that have disease-free hips as shown on radiographic examination. A further reduction can be achieved by breeding dogs based on family performance and progeny testing. Selectively breeding only normal dogs (x-ray) apparently has lowered the occurrence of hip dysplasia in some populations of dogs, but the disease has not been eliminated. One problem is that the cause of hip dysplasia is unknown.”

The above is a quote from George Lust, Ph.D. in a paper presented to the Morris Animal Foundation, 40th Annual Meeting June 11, 1988.
Orthopedic Foundation for Animals * Dysplasia Control Registry

Breed List for - French Briard

Assigned OFA Numbers from July 1, 1988 through December 31, 1988.

FB-363G45F Virage Vif Argente (D-247778) Joyce C. Smith
FB-364G34F A Vos Marques De Lutece (D-380345) Karen Adams
FB-365G52F Beardsanbrows Victoire, CH. (D-220272) Steve & Lee Davidson
FB-366G25F Beardsanbrow's Beaute Noire (D-478120) A. Morin/D. Dobe/ J. Charbonneu
FB-367G52F Big Trees Votre Amie (D-678364) Peter Vanderfleet
FB-368G28F L'Ourson Bien Aime Bebe (D-466742) Mary A. & Robert Bloom
FB-369G32M Deja Vu All The Tea In China, CH. (D-402952) Terry Miller
FB-370G32F Deju Vu Absolutely (D-402952) Kathryn Lanam & Terry Miller
FB-371G63F Chien Velu's Unique (D-078927) Alan Zsido
FB-372G24M-T Bazil Du Moulin D'Eau (D-546005) Cindy Markle
FB-373G31F Suzette's Brandy Alexander (D-427585) Joyce & Bill Pye
FB-374G26M Bambocheur De Strathcona, CH. (D-482108) T.L. Moczulska/M. Fronczak
FB-375G62M Roman's Urge (D-165556) Manny D. Littin

WHO'S CHEATING WHOM?  

Sue McCormick

In December, I received a letter from Dr. Corley of O.F.A. explaining their efforts to investigate people who are cheating themselves, their respective breeds, along with puppy buyers by altering their O.F.A. certificates or by substituting x-rays. I felt this letter was important to our members and readers and called Dr. Corley for permission to reprint the letter to better educate ourselves. Of the 22 breeds who have been caught cheating, I am very sad to report that our breed is involved.

Let's wake up people, and start '89 off with a new resolution that winning isn't worth it if it becomes a "Win At All Cost" hobby.

Please read the following letter and be aware... Most people work long and hard over the years to build a sound line. All breeders are not honest.

Just because a few have been caught cheating, don't let this stop you from having your dogs x-rayed and O.F.A. certified. By using the system properly, we can hope to breed a healthier, happier Briard and create a file from which we can learn which lines are producing sound hips.

If I can be of any help regarding the listing of O.F.A. numbers, please feel free to contact me.

Sue McCormick  
OFA Chairperson

TO: O.F.A. Breed Club Representatives

FROM: E.A. Corley, Project Director

The Dysplasia Control Registry of the OFA was formed with the primary objective of providing individual dog owners with a standardized evaluation of the hip joint status. A spin off from the individual evaluation, listing of dogs receiving OFA numbers, provides breeders with information on large numbers of dogs to enhance the selective breeding process necessary to control hip dysplasia.

Consumers have become aware that purchasing a puppy from a breeder using only normal breeding stock, while not guaranteeing a normal dog, does increase the probability of obtaining a dog with normal hips. Thus, economic advantages of being a responsible breeder are obvious.

The vast majority of breeders and veterinarians are honest and attempt to do their best for the dog. Unfortunately, there are some whose desire for economic gain or personal recognition choose to be dishonest. Some may choose to misrepresent their dogs in a variety of ways; i.e. substitute one dog for another to obtain a normal radiograph, forge OFA certificates, alter CFA certificates to falsely present a better phenotypic rating, advise potential buyers that all of their dogs have OFA clearance when they know otherwise, misrepresent the pedigrees, etc. Pressures of the dog game do not make people dishonest, they choose to be dishonest.

The OFA identified 67 dogs involved in substitution attempts out of 52,000 submissions (0.1%) between 1986 and August, 1988. These dogs represented 22 breeds, with approximately 50% coming from 1 breed, and involved 41 breeders. The advent of the computer now makes it possible to identify more of the dogs in this category. Other problems, such as forged certificates, require information from outside the OFA that some people are reluctant to provide.

The OFA is not a police organization, but when data or misrepresentation of OFA reports have come to our attention we have made efforts to correct the situation. We have revoked OFA numbers and notified the involved Club. We have denied OFA privileges to a number of breeders. We have provided assistance to Breed Clubs and AKC in prosecution of their
members. We have provided assistance to individuals involved in legal cases concerning misrepresentation. We also have provided assistance to the Postal Service in preparation of a criminal charge to be brought against a breeder. These are but a few examples of our actions on issues that concern all of us.

The entire canine fancy is based on the honor system; however, we can only control what we do, not what others may choose to do. Dishonest people have always been among us, but we can’t allow them to go unchallenged. A dishonest person can do much harm to all of us; therefore, it behooves each of us to assume the responsibility for correcting the situation. It is unrealistic to assume that your Club, AKC, or OFA will be able to do the job for you. Your help is needed to prevent damage to our dogs and damage to the innocent people that purchase dogs.

The following are some suggestions to assist in protecting yourself, your breeding program, and the innocent, trusting person new to the dog game.

1.) Do your homework before purchase or breeding of any dog. Do not accept information from anyone at face value.

2.) Never take a person’s word or a photocopy copy of an OFA certificate as a true representation of the hip status. Verify the information by calling the OFA office (provide us with the registration number or OFA number) or study the OFA listings provided to the affiliated breed club for publication.

3.) Do not allow anyone to have access to your dog for purpose of radiography without you personally accompanying the dog to the veterinarian.

4.) Prior to purchase of an adult dog, particularly from overseas, obtain a radiograph of the hips and elbows. After you have the dog in your possession, re-radiograph the dog and have the 2 studies compared by an expert before completing the payment.

5.) Obtain, in writing, a specific, concise contract outlining the conditions of sale and expectations that are satisfactory to both buyer and seller.

6.) Be willing to report and provide documentation of a dishonest act to the appropriate organization, Breed Club, AKC, OFA, etc.

HERDING COMMITTEE

WHAT CAN HERDING DO FOR BRIARDS?

"Some means of testing the mental of temperamental stability of pure-bred dogs is increasingly important. An owner is far better off with a physically imperfect dog with a stable temperament than with a gorgeous canine neurotic.

Unfortunately, much of what a dog does to gain its C.D. or CH does little to test its mental qualities. Conformation showing requires mostly that the dog patiently tolerate hours of grooming, handling and crating. Basic obedience is a matter of the dog’s following orders. The dog has no problem solving that requires its mental participation. There simply is too little room for independent thought.

As a result a Briard can reach breeding age with all the right titles hung before and after its name, OFA and CERF clear and still be totally unsuitable for breeding because of an unstable or atypical temperament. Masked by intensive training, the dog’s unsuitability is not apparent until its mentally unsound progeny go into the world. Show quality pups may have similar careers, in which THEIR faulty temperaments are masked by intensive training. Sadly, the pets are likely to go to less sophisticated owners who may find the dogs disappointing or even dangerous.

Obviously, some means of assessing mental and temperamental quality is needed.”

(Condensed and revised from April ‘87 AKC Gazette - Dr. Catherine H. Robins)

HOW ARE WE DOING WITH OUR INDEPENDENT THINKING BRIARDS?

The news is good and encouraging. In France at the traditional Cirque d’Aneoou herding trial, sponsored by the French Pyrenean Shepherd Club, Briards took 1st, 2nd, 7th and 10th places. American Briards have not (yet) reached that level of competition, but interest IS mounting. Julie Reconnu suggested starting a Herding Club in Texas. The suggestion met with very negative response, but she went ahead, found a farmer willing to share his sheep, got out the herding books since no one really had much herding experience and the club took off. They have had to limit membership and have a waiting list to join the club!

Linda Pitzing reports that there is great interest in herding on the West Coast and offered assistance. An East Coast Briarder writes, "Hooray! At last someone feels Briards are not ONLY show dogs. It would be a crime to let the breed become only blow-dried, crate kept parodies of proud working breed." Another East Coast Briarder writes, "This is opening up a whole new world for our Briards. We should encourage our members and readers to participate." And I have had three people lately tell me that testers testing Briards for herding instinct tests have commented that they are the best (in one case, second best) herding dogs they have tested!”
Tests and certify those Briards who pass. If anyone (club or individual) would like to sponsor a test, please contact the BCA Herding Chairperson. We are now able to sanction Herding Instinct Tests and certify those Briards who pass. If anyone (club or individual) would like to sponsor a test, please contact the BCA Herding Chairperson.

Barbara Lynch is recording HIC records on her computer. We would also like copies of HIC certificates and copies of test forms. The list we have will be published. If you have a HIC title or a Herding title and are not listed please contact Barbara, so we can complete the record to date.

Retroactive certifications have been sent out to those Briards who passed BCA’s 87 Herding Instinct Test. Barbara Lynch is recording HIC records on her computer. We would also like copies of HIC certificates and copies of test forms. The list we have will be published. If you have a HIC title or a Herding title and are not listed please contact Barbara, so we can complete the record to date.

Plants are underway for a Herding Instinct test at the Specialty this August. Future articles will explain exactly what the test is and offer suggestions to prepare for it.

THE NEW AEC HERDING PROGRAM

The program is being developed for owners of dogs in the Herding Group who are interested in preserving and expanding the abilities inherent in their breeds. It begins with basic introduction to livestock for dog and handler and progresses through gradual steps to advanced trial work.

The program has two parts: non-competitive herding capability tests and competitive trials. The essentially educational capability tests offer two titles. The first requires a dog to demonstrate in three tests that it is trainable as a Herding dog. The second recognizes that after passing three tests requiring controlled movement of livestock, the dog is ready to begin training for trial competition.

The trials program, taking into account the different skills of the dogs in the Herding breeds, will offer three different types of trial courses. For each course, there is a started, intermediate and advanced level.

Breed clubs may continue to award their own HC/HIC titles to those dogs who pass the basic Herding Instinct Test which is the first of the three tests leading to the intitial capability title.

There is a considerable amount of literature regarding the new AKC program, but since it is all subject to revision, anyone with questions or comments of a specific nature should contact the BCA Herding Chairperson. All comments and questions received from the membership so far, have been forwarded to the committee.

The wrap up meeting will be held March 11 in San Francisco.

HERDING BRIARDS

"Reggie", owned by Barbara Lynch was 100% effective everytime when herding a small, wild breed of chickens. One day, he figured it out by himself. Every fall, the birds had to be confined to the coup. Reggie was the only one that could get near them. He would walk up to them, put one large black paw on the birds' back until a person came to retrieve the bird, continuing the process untill all the birds were captured. He never “stepped” on a bird in the summer, just when it was time to coup them in the fall.

"Abby" was the Beahans best untaught herder. When she was young, at times, we had 100 pigs. Every morning before my first cup of coffee to open my eyes, the little pigs would be out ravaging lawns. One morning, I just opened the gate and gave the good herding command. "Abby, put them back". She did and it was her job from that day on.

I would like to hear from any Briarders with real working (herding) Briards that would be willing to share their experiences with readers.

HERDING INSTINCT CERTIFIED BRIARDS

(1987)

Belle Petitte Genevieve, CD (4/23/87)
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Bellespririt Meriah, CD/TT (10/1/88)
Ch. Bigtree's Tequilla Sunrise (9/26/87 & 10/1/88)
Ch Cloud Cap Voice in the Dark (6/13/87)
Ch. Cloud Caps Charisma (3/21/87)
Cloud Caps Hidden Assets (3/21/87)
Comfy of Chef-Doeuvre (10/9/88)
Ch. John's Pashtu De Strathcona, TT
La Tres Belle Chienne Brianna 7/88
Mielleux U Know Up-C Daisy, TT (10/23/88)
Ch. Bardsanbow's N'Est Pas, UDT (9/9/86)
St. Onge Cassie Sauvage (10/1/88)
Suzette's Tanzer New Edition (4/12/86)

CERTIFICATION PENDING ON BRIARDS PASSING HIC TEST AT '87 SPECIALTY

Beardsanbow Brocade D'Ocasion A/C TD
Ch. C'est Bonheur Woodbine Tinsel
Ch. Dromore's Perrier, A/C CDX. TD
Ch. Honeycreek's Auimee Alexie
La Voyageur Amanda De Lindeau, TD
Mon Ami U Know 'E'S Abner
Ch. Velleite De Bejaune

OTHER RING

How often have you heard the warning from "Breed people that you should not work your potential Champion in Obedience at the same time as you are showing in breed -- because you will break his spirit and thus ruin him for the breed ring?! And if you have not actually been told this then it has at least been implied in everything you've read or been told. NONSENSE.

Of course there are obedience dogs who slink around the ring, lagging at every step with a hang-dog attitude, you must analyze why that dog is behaving in such a manner and don't automatically
condes all obedience as a result. If you have worked with your pup all along as described in past articles, if you use positive incentives and frequent play times in your training, and if your dog has any show "sparks" in the first place, you will not only have an excellent obedience dog, but also a very "up" and responsive breed dog. Many people in Briards have done both simultaneously with great success. So the next time you are at a show, check out those Briards who are also listed as being in obedience and go watch them work -- you will be amazed and hopefully inspired.

SCORES & OBEDIENCE NOTES

Mon Ami U Know E's Abner, trained and bred by Jane Benhan, got a Novice leg at the Duluth Kennel Club Show on Nov. 13, 1988, with a 190 1/2 -- nice score!

Big Tree's Black Magic, owned by Alice Bixler Clark and Dan Lynch, received a qualifying score at a recent show in Ohio for the first leg of his American CD, in spite of the fact that he was placed next to a Chihuahua during the stays.

Had an interesting note from Julie Treinin telling about her and "Tribble's" (Ch. U-UD Brie-Zee Princess Tribble UDT Can. UDTX S-CD TT) WOW! It seems that there is a newly formed States Kennel Club which is now offering trials and degrees. She mentioned that the jump height requirement for the Open tests are set at once the dog's height, which is interesting in light of the recent AKC change to one and one fourth the height of the dog. "Tribble's" scores and placings toward her CD were 197 - 2nd, 194 1/2 - 3rd, and 191 1/2 - great for any dog but fantastic for a nine year old!!! "Tribble" is also one of the few dogs, of any breed, to have earned three different Utility titles. Congratulations, Julie.

And last, but not least as you will see, news about Debbie Morrow's "Kali". (Who just happens to be litter-sister to my untrained-how can that be for an obedience columnist?! pup "Dede") Kali took 6th place in Sub-novice at a Match, with 29 in the class. Debbie writes, regarding sits and downs "I think a bomb could go off and she would stay there. Strangers kick her and she barely looks up. Now if I could only get her to heel."

I included the last two sentences to illustrate some basic premises of dog training: use distraction training when your dog is ready for it and persevere through the problem spots. Remember the three "Ps": Practice, Patience and Perseverance.

Let me hear from you. Mimi Long, 63 First Avenue N., Duluth, MN. 55803

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT OBEDIENCE by Ann Rogers

As an obedience instructor for the past 10 years or so, I would like to add to Mimi Long's article in "Other Ring", Winter 1988.

Fewer and fewer obedience classes are being geared towards pups 6 months and older, thank goodness. More and more puppy classes are concerned with teaching good manners, control and basic commands while waiting for second or third levels to get into obedience for the show ring. The brainwaves of a seven week old pup are the same as an adult dog: the problem is the attention span. That is where, as Mimi suggests, a little research is called for.

Although most people don't think about it, you're teaching your dog from the moment he enters your home. You're training him in areas such as house rules: "MY couch, My bed, your spot on the floor." You're training him to lie still while he's being groomed. To sit still to have his feet wiped when he comes in covered with mud. To stand and stay in the conformation ring and to come to you every time he's called, not just when he feels like it.

The advantages of teaching all of these things in the structured environment of an obedience class while your pup is around three months old are many.

First and foremost is the socialization he'll receive with other people and other breeds of dogs. Our breed and many others as well need alot of pleasant new experiences if they are to grow up to be the happy, self-confident, fearless individuals we know and love.

If you enroll in a course you'll do your homework and your dog's mind will learn how to work. Everyone worries about how well the dog's body looks and works. but that's only half of the picture. Don't underestimate or patronize dogs. They don't dread working, if they're taught correctly: they love it. You can pick out my clients who hate their jobs because they expect their dogs to hate working as well!

Dogs thrive on routine and knowing what is expected of them.

How unfair to keep a puppy guessing for the first six months! A ten minute workout of happy recalls, affectionate downs and a few retrieving exercises are a great way to start bonding that puppy to you. It's alot more productive than running through the house yelling at him because he has stolen the dirty laundry again.

At around six months of age your pup goes through a fear stage and will not be nearly as accepting of new ideas as he is at three months.

One of the classes that I enjoy the most is set up for pups 7 - 13 weeks of age. It runs for 1/2 hour per week and is always full of area breeders who know the advantage of starting their show dogs out early. By the end of eight weeks those little guys are doing beautiful stand stays, coming when called even while playing with their buddies, holding still to have their nails trimmed and a host of other things. It eliminates most of the problems areas that I see in dogs who don't start training until they reach six months.

What I strongly suggest is that you seek out a trainer who is interested in puppies who enjoy what they are doing. Realize that a three month old pup isn't going to behave (nor should he) like a six or seven month old. Stay away from trainers who use harsh methods on pups (or any dogs besides biters for that matter). But for pete's sake get that three month old into a training course now.

Incidently, my bitch, Corey has been my "demo dog" since she was six months old. She hasn't always been perfect, but she sure has her three months old. On the days when she is acting up she has shown my clients that we trainers have the same problems they have and that with a bit of work and sense of humor most things can be overcome.

WOW!

**TAMBY - BRIARD OF THE NORTH - Part 2** by, Bob Klein

(1972's Editor's note: If you missed reading "Tamby of the North, Part 1" in the December 1972 *DewClaw*, it was the true story of how Tamby, Ch. Phydeaux Tambourine, went North to Alaska with his owners, Bob and Elaine Klein, and captured the first—and to date only—AKC Briard, Best in Show. In this issue, we ask the question. "Can Tamby, a French sheep dog, ARC Champion and Best in Show, Briard meet the challenge of the northern sled dog?")

**PROBLEM:** What do you do when the Briard, who for hundreds of years has been bred with the strength, stamina, cunning and quickness necessary to herd sheep, is taken to sheepless Alaska? Can Tamby—French sheep dog, ARC Champion and top dog verbal commands as they go. (Note: Traditional commands are: "GHEE" for right; "HAW" for left; "WOHA" for whoma.)

**SOLUTION:** Show the Northern breeds what a true working dog is all about!

**THE STORY:** It really makes more cocktail party conversation than good sense when I let myself be talked into entering Tamby in a sled race. The point I had been making, to a group of Siberian Husky and Alaskan Malamute owners, was that in all the breeding for speed and pulling strengths they had bred out the brains and temperament of their northern breeds. The Briard, on the other hand, has not only the strength and speed needed for his work, but a great deal of "smarts" and the true working temperament.

"O.K., smart-ass. (These frontier people tend to tell it like it is) you're just going to have to prove it at the Pulkarace at Willow!"

Now, pulka is a long low basket-like sled with two poles extending out the front. The dog is harnessed between the poles, and for racing, a fixed weight in sand bags or the equivalent is loaded in the sled. Unlike normal sled races, the handler does not ride in the sled, but is behind the sled, giving the dog verbal commands as they go. (Note: Traditional commands are "GHEE" for right; "HAW" for left; "WOHA" for whoma.)

We inserted a few necessary additions to our own race vocabulary. (i.e."HEY TAMBY, WAIT-UP" and "DO YOU HAVE TO PIDDLE ON EVERY SNOW BANK?")

**PROBLEM 1:** Tamby had never even seen a sled, much less been hitched to one. (The first time I brought the sled out, he got in it!)

**PROBLEM 2:** The race was two miles long and given my present condition. I couldn't ski 200 yards without going into cardiac arrest.

**PROBLEM 3:** The race was only 10 days away!

One day I'm going to write a behavioral study on training a French sheepdog for work in the Alaskan Bush. It won't sell too well, but it's a story that must be told.

For now though, I will tell you that Tamby surprised us all. He loves to pull! We started with the empty sled and he soon became accustomed to it following him everywhere. For the next training session we put 50 pounds of dog food in the sled, but he was hardly slowed and I, running alongside, had a tough time keeping up. By the fourth day he was pulling Elaine and the kids all over the neighborhood (with me still running alongside). Now it was time to put the whole act together. With more than a few misgivings and visions of being dragged for blocks, I donned my skis and we moved out of the driveway. It worked! We soon had a rhythm going and with me shouting, "Pull Tamby," and "Good Boy, Tamby," we tore through the local streets.

We thus established the training regimen. Tamby, pulling the sled, now loaded with 125 pounds of assorted dog food, rocks, and sand—and me shouting and struggling to keep up. It was obvious: He was ready—I'd never make it! But we kept at it up to race-day eve.

(There was some grumbling in the neighborhood about lowering of property values, but most of the local people, once they got used to the spectacle, tended to just shrug as we went by.)

Now, Willow is a little town 60 miles north of Anchorage. The area's population lives mostly on homesteads. They are tough breed of people who spend most of their time fighting the elements, hunting, fishing, trapping—and preparing for their winter carnival.

The carnival is an annual event which includes sled-dog races, snow machine races, wood chopping contests, snow shoe races and more. The Pulka Race is not, of course, one of the premier events, but does fit well, since the pulka is used by local people to haul groceries, children, school books and what have you.

The one to beat this year, I was told, was a 12 year old girl who lived on a homestead 7 miles off the road. She skied and her dog pulled for 14 miles, everytime she went to the store.

The assembled Amazons and Goliaths and fervently wished that I was somewhere else.

The race was once around the lake for the two miles. The teams, dog and handler, were started at 2 minute intervals. Tamby and I drew number 2. The 14 mile wizard-child drew number 1.

The race marshal started her on her way and we moved into the starting chute. I glanced up and there, disappearing from sight, her arms a blur, a rooster tail flying, was my competition. I had a strange longing for the New York Subway! "30 seconds," called the marshal. I wished I was in New York. "10 seconds." I wished I was in Brooklyn even. "5...4...3...2...1...GO!" I wished I were dead!

We got off pretty well—together at least—and once on the trail opened to settle into a good steady pace. Not 500 yards out, Tamby had to relieve himself. I had a few choice words for him, but mostly hoped we were far enough from the start so the crowd wouldn't see.

When the pulka thing is done properly, man and dog move in the same rhythm, at the same speed and it's quite pleasant. And now, we achieved that rhythm. Moving at a brisk pace—the sound of the wind matched by the soft padding of the dog's feet, the gently steady scraping of the sled, the whoosh-whoosh of the skis—and the terrible wide-eyed gasping for breath of the skier.

But we maintained it, all the way. Wow, the final stretch. Now we could see the crowd. We could hear the cheers—(laughter?). No words now, just Tamby and I working, pushing,
struggling harder than we thought we could. And suddenly it was over. The time was yelled - but it meant nothing... then cheers. WE had beaten the Amazon-child!! The remainder was anticlimactic. The others came across the finish-line. The final times were tabulated. We had won.

And so, Champion Phyeaux Tambourine WB534413 now has a sled dog trophy amongst his many ring awards. He's a local celebrity and there is even less talk of lowered property values.

Where do we go from here? Well. I was talking to an old Alaskan musher the other day and he said his sled team could sure use a good lead dog....

Excerpts from a Breeder’s Diary Mary Lou Tingley

Feb 17 - Wow! Found a great stud dog for Gwendolyn. Only problem - we’re in NJ - he’s in California. Art will have a hissy about sending her - guess I’ll have to take a week off from work and take her out myself.

Mar 12 - Gwendolyn in season. Called stud owner - and make airline reservations for me and Gwendolyn. Also had DHL booster and brucellosis test for Gwendolyn.

Mar 22 - Something very wrong here - not much interest shown by either party. Off to Vet this p.m. for slide of Gwendolyn and sperm check for stud dog.

Mar 24 - Vet says today’s the day - and both dogs are healthy and normal. Dogs couldn’t care less. Will see breeding expert this afternoon.

Mar 25 - Back to breeding expert this evening. Not very impressed. Got 2 breedings - but no real tie. Left to themselves Gwendolyn and stud dog have a wonderful time running around the pool - then come in and sleep side by side on the kitchen floor.


May 15 - No puppies - X-ray confirmed. Gwendolyn having her usual false pregnancy. Will have to try again.

Sept 30 - Gwendolyn in season again! Called stud owner and airline. Had another brucellosis test. Took more time off from work.

Oct 5 - Back to sunny California - Came early this time so Gwendolyn could get over any jet lag(?)

Oct 10 - DEJA VU!! I wonder if it’s possible for dogs to have platonic relationships? Old super stud just sired his 3rd litter of babies - but only smiles at Gwendolyn. No sex appeal old girl?

Your last fella didn’t think so.

Oct 11 - Back to breeding expert.

Oct 12 - Back to breeding expert.

Oct 13 - Back to breeding expert - Super stud give half hearted effort.

Nov 20 - Glory hallelujah! Vet confirms Gwendolyn is pregnant.

Dec 9 - Gwendolyn’s temperature has dropped and she’s nesting all over the house. Have alerted the Vet.

Dec 10 - 6 a.m. Nothing going here but a lot of dramatics on Gwendolyn’s part. Have 8 a.m. appointment with Vet.

Dec 10 - 8:30 a.m. Vet has given Gwendolyn 2 pit shots. If nothing happens by 9 a.m. he’ll have to do a section. Poor Gwendolyn!

8:40 a.m. Gwendolyn having contractions. One tiny paw presented itself and immediately withdrew. Sack is broken and hopes are going fast.

8:45 a.m. Vet and Gwendolyn together produced one large puppy - a female tawny - 1 1/2 lbs. She is the entire litter. Hope she’s good!

The story above is true. The puppy named “Solo” cost upwards of $2,000 to produce and was given into a pet home at the age of 11 months. It’s not as easy as you think!
Tentative plans for the 1989 Specialty are being made a little bit more definite. The Specialty headquarters will be at the Yale Motor Inn, in Wallingford, Connecticut (a site familiar to those attending the 1983 Specialty). A block of rooms is being held for the BCA, and you can make early reservations by calling (203) 269-1491. Rates are between $37 and $51, and reservations will be served strictly on a first-come-first-served basis. Recreational vehicles are welcome and will be charged $20.00 per night. An overflow hotel is also holding a block of rooms for the BCA, and reservations can be made by calling the Yale Inn (soon to become Days Inn) at (203) 238-1211. When calling either place, make sure to mention the BCA.

Pending final approval by AKC, Sweepstakes will be judged on Friday, Obedience and regular classes will be judged on Saturday, and specials will be judged on Sunday. In order to encourage new people to enter their puppies (the future of the Breed), we will be offering reduced fees for Sweepstakes. Also, in order to encourage young Briard owners (the future of the Club) to enter their dogs, we will be offering free entry fees for Junior Showmanship (as the second entry of a dog). The parade of titleholders (with reduced fees) will be videotaped as in the past few years, and, this year again, it will be narrated by Steve Davidson.

Other events will include an eye clinic, and we are very fortunate to have been able to invite Dr. Gustavo Aguire to officiate this year at our Specialty. It is a chance that none of us should pass up, and it will be a time when all of our dogs should be examined by an expert with a very special interest in Briards. Seminars and educational events will probably include a lecture on bloat by a local specialist.

A herding clinic and a herding instinct test will occupy the beginning of the week. Plans have been made to hold a one day clinic in a nearby farm and to have a herding instinct test there the next day. Since AKC might establish a herding program in the meantime, we may be able to have our first Briards to be certified at an AKC event in conjunction with the 1989 Specialty. Let some of these Briards be yours. At this point, we still have the option of running the test over one or two days to accommodate 25 or 50 Briards. If you are thinking about participating in this event you may want to let me, or Jane Beahan (Herding Chair), or Marsha Clamp (local organizer) know of your plans.

Of course, most of our free time will be occupied by the fun fair...

More details on the upcoming specialty and on special events will appear in the April-May Secretary's Newsletter, where you will also find instructions and special forms for the specialty catalog advertising and for the award dinner.

We would like to make your stay comfortable, and if you have special requirements, we will try to accommodate your needs. For air-travellers, we will have a pickup service in place for New-Haven and for Hartford-Springfield (Bradley) airports. If you wish, you can plan your vacation around the Specialty and come earlier or stay longer to visit Cape Cod, Newport, or the Islands.

Looking forward to seeing you all in New England this August,
Dear Alfie,

I know I'm not too smart but my mom loves me. And we have a problem. Maybe you can help. Please use small words so I can understand. Mom said she'd read me your letter.

It's about the word "stay". Mom tells me to "stay" and then walks away. I know she doesn't want me to go far from her so I stay and follow her. She puts me back, tells me to "stay" and again I follow. Is this a new game? I can't figure it out. Even my wags and kisses don't make her happy. Do you know what's wrong? Is my mom sick? What should I do?

Desperate!

Dear Desperate!

Oh what a naughty, spoiled puppy you have so quickly become. Don't try to convince me you disobey out of love and loyalty -- it won't wash with me. The repetitive lack of reinforcement in any training exercise only encourages incorrect response. Your frustrated owner needs to learn about proper corrections and distraction training (it is often referred to as "proofing" by hard core obedience aficionados). She is trying to get you to "stay" when you haven't actually learned the full meaning of the command.

Now as for keeping my response to short words. "stay" is short and you do not understand that. Do you comprehend the other short (possibly four letter words) which your owner may curse at you when you disobey her? You can not teach your human to understand more than a few Briard words, so you must endeavor to become fully bi-lingual in your owner's native tongue. If my words are difficult for you, look them up in your owner's dictionary the next time she leaves you home alone. But be sure to replace the volume on the shelf before she returns. Last she scold you for using her "toys" in her absence.

THE GREAT ESCAPE - Part II

by Marsha Clamp

One night in October I received a hysterical (as in laughter) phone call at work from my housemate, Gail. She was calling to inform me that she was greeted as she walked in the door from work by the 10 little Indians - my litter of Briard pups (6 weeks old). It seems as though "Grandma" (me) had forgotten to latch one of the doors on the puppy pen. Well, I came home from work and cleaned up the Mississippi River, a few of its tributaries, and a few odd mountain ranges, and that was that, right? Wrong!

It seems a few weeks later, yours truly, did it again! This time it was I who came home first. As I was unlocking the inside door I could hear the four adults barking in the background, and a few little "woofs" from right on the other side of the door.

Since the puppy pen is in the back room, I was more than a little afraid to open the door.

If you haven't experienced this firsthand, you're leading a charmed life. One simply cannot imagine what 6 pups (thank goodness 4 were already gone!) about 11 weeks old can do in 2 hours! There wasn't a plant unscheted - the dirt from the plants mixed with the water from Mom's dish in the kitchen, created the best paw prints I could ever have hoped for. The kitchen floor looked like it had been retiled in early canine pattern - the blue and white tiles were now a dull shade of tan with zillions of paw prints (I counted them!) all throughout. The dining room looked like an Indian raid on a wagon train - with the dining room table being the wagons circled by more zillions of paw prints (with a few pieces of spider plants and leaves added for cooler!) The front room looked like a mine-field from WWII! We had lakes intermingled with piles all over the place. In order to call work to explain to my manager (who luckily is Gail, my house mate) why I might be a little late getting back from lunch, I first had to clean all this smelly, sticky brown stuff off of the telephone - you guessed it - doggy doo all over Ma Bell! (seems quite fitting) I'm sure the phone company would be pleased to know that phones are quite washable as long as you don't submerge them.

A few buckets of Spic and Span and Clorox for the kitchen, and Murphy's oil for the wood floors (glad there was no wall to wall involved!) and 2 hours later the house was livable again. I even took pictures of the disaster area so I could share this happening with others, although it was certainly one of those "you had to be there" situations to truly appreciate it!

The End (I hope!)
Probably the best part about winning is that you get to brag in front of your friends! Unfortunately, sometimes the judge can be wrong, and you may lose. If you are like me, and if you hate it when you have to tell your dad use time after time (I guess I must not have always been winning). Of course, there is the usual "the judge does not know anything about Briards." Along the same line, you have "they had to win, it is their judge" or "I have never done anything under that judge." I guess it is always safe to blame it on the judge, but I don't understand why my dad is spending his money entering me under these judges (or maybe he does not read the premium lists). At least, even if I don't understand these excuses, I like them better than something like "my dog was not showing well today." Hey! What about his handling? Does he really think he is so much better than me? And, what about "my dog was acting crazy; she was jumping all over the place?" Yes, what about it? What's wrong with having a good joke. My favorite excuse for losing is "I wanted the other dog to win, she needed to get her first point," or "the other dog needed a major." In front of your friends, it makes you feel as if you deserved to win, but, being so generous, you give it up for that second class dog that could not have done it without you. Of course, probably the most clever way to announce your defeat is to present only part of the facts, and, that way, you can even brag about it. You can say something like "Yesterday, I went Reserve." If you use that line, make sure nobody knows there were only two dogs entered. You can make an even more impressive statement like "I won my class!" This is certainly an advantage that we Briards have over dogs like German Shepherds, Goldens, or Afghans. (I am sure my Afghan friend is still trying to find a clever way of announcing the fourth place he got in the novice class at his specialty last year. Actually, I think he is still trying to understand what it means, first.)

I am leaving very early tomorrow morning (I should really say in the middle of the night), so I will have to go to bed right now. I don't know the competition yet (there is one other bitch against me), but I know I am pretty, and I am sure I should win. My dad should have nothing to worry about; I'll have everything under control. I am going to beg for my last cookie of the day, and then I will start my dreams about tomorrow.

Very Briardly Yours,

Coco

P.S.: My dad gave me a paw to type this. I think it is because he does not want me to get the typewriter dirty. But what do you want me to do? I am still bleeding from his cutting my nails.

P.P.S.: I am very proud to announce that I did it! This past Monday, I was awarded Reserve Winners Bitch at the prestigious 1989 Westminster Kennel Club show! I will accept congratulations and flowers!

WE WENT TO A GARDEN PARTY

Barbe Lynch

The Garden is not just another dog show. It's a social event that tends to span 4 - 7 days, depending on one's physical and financial condition. This year seemed even more social than preceding years for me. There was the hotel room my Briard, McCall, shared with a Beardie person and 2 Bouvier folks, which tended to liven things up considerably. Jeanne Zahniser, her handler, Julie Seconvie, and her Briard, Crackers were in the same hotel, (along with 2 Italian Greyhounds) giving McCall some canine companionship outside the dog show. McCall, an 8 month old country boy, wasn't exactly impressed with New York City. He did learn one new game--herding the pigeons on the sidewalks and in Central Park. McCall never quite got the hang of "curbing your dog" until the day we left, so we found ourselves walking the 3 1/2 blocks to Central Park a lot, including a MIDNIGHT trip which certainly heightened the excitement of the NYC experience! Jeanne was lucky--Crackers was a great city girl and never needed to get much further than 50 feet from the hotel to take care of the necessities. Crackers & McCall enjoyed a long walk together Tuesday afternoon which brought out the smiles and stares from passersby, while McCall bounced around Crackers, tripping up Jeanne, as he renewed his acquaintance with his Maryland friend.

Sunday, I met up with Lynn & Gordy McMillen, Briarders from Columbus, Ohio. As we walked up 57th St., there came a holler from behind "hey, Barbara!" This was pretty funny for someone who gets to NYC 2-3 times a year and knows only a handful of residents. It turned out to be Stuart Eichner, who lived nearby and spotted us because we had McCall along (returning from yet another trip to the park.) Stuart chatted a few minutes, planning to see everyone the next day at the show. That evening while my roommates went to New York, the McMillens, the eastside to visit Barbara Anson and her Briard, Mandy. Over wine we discussed our favorite topic while Gordie and Mandy invented games on the floor. Mandy, normally a typical suspicious of strangers dog, found Gordie a great playmate and was sorry to see us leave the following day. What a thrill it was to walk into a WOW! ticket (somehow we ended up with dozen of them amongst us all - the attempt to sell one to a scalper was an amusing incident.)

Some people and dogs just like to make grand entrances and exits! Since the eventual B.O.B. winner was amongst this group, it was appropriate. We left Barbara Waite & her two awesome Bouviers, Terry Miller, along with their dogs Carrie, Pepper and Tinsel arrived Monday at the Garden in a stretch limo. Ben said once Carrie was convinced she didn't need to ride shotgun in the front passenger seat, the ride in was relaxing. They had the limo return at 11:15 p.m. I saw it when we came out. With all the trouble we had getting a cab in the large crowd, I was definitely envious. But once we got one, the ride to the hotel was something else. We lucked onto one of NY's kamikaze jockeys. With Jeanne, McCall and me in the back seat, our Bouvier friend, Jeanette was up front next to the driver (that's applying the term loosely). After he nearly put us all through the windshield several times with his dramatic braking maneuvers. Jeanette patted his arm assuring him he was a great driver while Jeanne & I convulsed with laughter in the back. McCall just plain convulsed! He thinks NY cabbies are lower forms of life. Just slightly below...
NYC "attack" squirrels (creatures similar to Jimmy Carter's attack rabbits.)

Monday gave us the whole day to converse with the large number of Briarders present. The entry was 20. Besides those already mentioned, were the Keiter family, the Klawitters, Gerard Baudet, Karen Farkus, David Calvert, Rodger & Marsha Jones from Ohio. Peggy Ravndal -- who got the long distance award coming next to her. I understood why. From Vermont came Wesley Ram and Linda Willson was in from nearby NJ. Later on, Dr. Andrea Fochias visited us. Also, Ken and Val Fox from N. Y., and the Aillo family was in from Texas. Unfortunately, Jan Charbonneau wasn't able to make it down from Canada, though "Jonathan" was entered.

Also on Monday, my social card was filled with my other breed. Those of you who've met my "short Briard", Quincy should know he is actually a Norwich Terrier, even though he remains convinced he's a Briard. Norwichterries were on at the unreasonable hour of 9 a.m. I watched them with the '86 BCA Specialty judge, Dr. Richard Greathouse and the 2 Californians who co-bred Quincey. They too had an entry of 20 which gave me even more folks to see. After that it was back to Briards while we all groomed enthusiastically before heading for the ring. No matter how many times you "do" the Garden, it always gives rise to butterflies once you reach ringside. You joke with each other to ease the tenseness, but the sense of awe is always there. Once in the fully carpeted ring (roped off with purple velvet rope) you're too busy to think about where you are and you automatically fall into the mechanics of exhibiting, but those few overwhelming moments always hit you at ringside.

The socializing continued throughout the day. We are benched from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. We answer numerous questions put to us by the large spectator crowd who pet, pat and come over our dogs all day long. At suppertime, the McMullens, Gerard Baudet, Jacki, our Beardie friend and myself set off for Dino's, a favorite Garden hangout, for dinner. Well, Dino's is no longer a secret and we could not get in the place. We left reservations for Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Garden is like a specialty week compacted into 12 hours at the Briard bench. It's a hassle getting in and out of NYC and the Garden. Several people say, "Never again!", but it's strange how they seem to keep coming back year after year. The Garden is a little bit of Magic that only comes once a year. No matter what your feelings are about NYC or the Garden, it should be experienced at least once in a lifetime. But be forewarned—it could become addictive.

Special Note: If you are interested in seeing Dr. Mark Santa Maria and Bellatrix pick up the March 20th issue of US Magazine. I understand the magazine is doing an article on the Briard, and are using one of the many pictures taken of Mark sleeping with his beautiful Briard.

The Editor

Given the size of the entry at Westminster, I contacted the Judge, Mr. Robert S. Forsyth prior to his trip to New York and asked if he would comment on our Breed. After judging I provided him with several issues of the Dew Claw. He graciously wrote the following:

The Editor

It was a wonderful experience to be given the opportunity to evaluate the fine entry of Briards at Westminster this past February. Although I realize this, the show of shows, has become more of a stage on which only the best are presented. I was rather disappointed in the number of class animals, specials however more than made up for it and made for a very interesting hour.

Winners Dog and eventually Best of Winners was Sagi Dann National Debates. Quite a handsome youngster that may, with time come along. Good coat for his age, head, eye and ears were very acceptable. Top line must improve and he seemed somewhat unsure of himself as he moved.

Phydeaux African Queen Sagi was Winners Bitch. Would like to see more body and perhaps a bit higher on the let. Top line is fine, fair condition. Must improve on movement particularly extension behind.

Specials were a sight to see. Most were in great coat, expertly put down and well presented. Perhaps the ring size, being somewhat small, bothered some in regard to movement, but then again everyone was at the same disadvantage.

I chose Ch. C'Est Bonheur Woodbine Tinsel for the breed. In my opinion she was outstanding. With her fine head, expression, body tone, free easy way of going and an attitude that was unsurpassed.

Best of Opposit Sex was Ch. Aigner Vandermint, who gave Tinsel a good run. A strong bodied, excellent headed dog, of proper length, whom I felt would do better with a little more running room.

There were of course several other fine specimens present that are a credit to the breed and are going to do well in the future. A few were a bit young for this high grade competition but they still have time to prove themselves, as I'm sure they will.

I believe Briard breeders deserve a great deal of credit for being able to present such a top group of dogs, with the excellent type, temperament, fine condition and over all quality that I found.

Sincerely,
Robert S. Forsyth

The Seven Stages of Exhibitors
Alice Bixler
(Reprinted with permission from Dogs in Canada, July 1986)

Look around you at the next show. Can you pick out the Novices, the Instant Experts or the Enlightened Exhibitors? They're all part of the dog show show mosaic. Thousands of newcomers join the sport each year and statistics tell us that most will leave it again in three to five years. The Age of
Disillusionment gets a lot of them. Others stay with the sport for the rest of their lives. Unlike the Ages of Man, dog show exhibitors can skip ages, jump backward or stay happily entrenched in one age for eons. It's all a game, you set your own goals and any number can play. You can probably place your fellow exhibitors in one of the categories below, but where do you fit in?

1. The Age of Innocence

We all start out as novices. That's life. You've got to start somewhere so the beginning is as good a place as any to begin.

Of course, novices come in all sizes and ages. There's a bunch of competent kids running around the rings now who teethed on Nylabones and took maps in the empty Varikennel while mom and Rover were running laps around the show ring. By the time they learned to talk, the dog lingo was part of their vocabulary and, if asked to identify a pink ribbon, they'd readily tell you "it's another darn reserve!" All show juniors quickly learn how to count to 10 (U.S. juniors learn to count to 15 and that three, four, or five constitutes a major, which gives them a mathematical edge over Canadian counterparts). These youngster are lucky. Usually, they've had some sort of adult guidance and assistance and they've made their novice mistakes at an age when people are expected to make mistakes as part of growing up. The main problem with those who experience their novicehood as kid is that they get to be competent very quickly and embarrass adult novices.

A lot of novices take up dog showing as adults and that can be a bit more traumatic. If you look around at a dog show, you can often spot an adult novice. It'll probably be that young lady over there in three-inch spike heels about to take her German Shepherd into the ring, obviously for the first (and possibly last) time. Or it could be that woman at ringside whose dog just shook and is now enveloped in a white cloud. Someone probably suggested that she should chalk up the dog but forgot to tell her that the stuff's supposed to be brushed out too. And she's showing under a judge in a natty navy suit.

A novice exhibitor is one who:

- Regards all judges as wise, knowing, and steeped in the deepest secrets of canine lore.
- Saves and pins up all ribbons, even fourth place ones!
- Thinks his or her dog is absolutely perfect.
- Usually asks "what did I win?" on leaving the ring.
- Always has at least one good win (it's a little like giving a snap to the fishing line when the fish bites, to set the hook).

2. The Age of Enlightenment

Unless a novice has been cursed with an overabundance of ego, there finally dawns a day when that person realizes how much he or she doesn't know about dogs and the sport of showing. The novice who sets out to learn is entering the Age of Enlightenment. It's one of the nicest ages of all and unlike other ages (like childhood) that you only visit once, you can return to the age of enlightenment again and again.

The enlightened exhibitor is one who:

- Signs up for ring handling course.
- Buys all the books about his breed and reads them - twice.
- Gets the latest copy of Dog Show Rules from the CKC and does his darnest to understand it (mind you, it's not always possible).
- Begins to do a little research on judges and their background (for helpful information, not blackmail).
- Starts to realize that his dog has some good points - and some bad ones.
- Uses fourth place ribbons as bookmarks.

3. The Age of Instant Expertise

Someone who once said "a little learning can be a dangerous thing" was probably talking about the exhibitor who, having learned a little, now thinks he knows it all.

The Instant Expert is one who:

- Immediately points out your handling errors and everyone else's
- Has read only one book and uses that as the basis for all discussions. (Why clutter up the mind with divergent opinions?)
- Thinks that the majority of judges have never read his breed standard and those who did have, didn't understand a word of it.
- Thinks his dog is absolutely perfect.
- Thinks your dog is all wrong and is happy (delighted, even) to point out the faults.

4. The Age of Hope and Glory

It's called the Age of Hope and Glory because it's a time of glory for some and hope for the others. More than anything, it's a transitional stage because of its very nature. Those who've been fortunate with their first dog have had a taste of glory, but glory is fleeting, or as the Romans used to say "Sic transit Gloria" (which means something about Gloria getting carsick) Now what? Buy another dog and get back into the game? Breed better dogs to show? Go all out for Bigger and better wins? Or quit while they're ahead of the game? Those doing the hoping are looking at the same questions but from the other side of the door. What now? Put the dog out with a handler? Buy a better dog? Give it all up and take up macrame? Switch Breeds? Breed a better dog?

Beware that last question. It's like trying to remove a burr on a bit of sticky tape. You'll get stuck every time. The rational is that Suzi is a nice dog but doesn't win because she's a bit small and has bad tail carriage. If you breed her to a larger male with superb tail carriage, you're bound to have a perfect pup to show. Only the pup you keep turns out to be too short in body, but if you breed her to a long-bodied male, you'll get the perfect dog. Only this one turns out to be too light in the eye. Six generations later, you're still at it.

Unintentionally, you've become a breeder as well as exhibitor.

Hope and Glory exhibitors are people who:

- Get very analytical about their own dogs and others in the breed, often studying them from ringside with a critical eye (and a closed mouth) and making copious notes.
- Plan advertising to coincide with certain shows.
- Buy another dog and get back into the game? Breed a better dog?

- Have switched dog food brands at least four times and tried no less than six brands of dog shampoo (on the dog, of course - exhibitors usually buy whatever's on special for their own
5. The Age of Disillusionment

This is the age that makes or breaks the exhibitor (or breeder/exhibitor). It’s the time when the Hopers count up the time and money they’ve invested and wonder if they’ll ever have a big winner. And the Gloryers sate about hollow victories and grip that no one even remembers the name of their big winner two years after his retirement. Breeder brood about inherited problems, genetic defects, promising dogs that never quite turned out or that incredibly gorgeous dog ...who despised shows. A Disillusioned Exhibitor is one who:

- Asks herself “Why am I doing this?” and can’t come up with an answer.
- Regards an impending litter with pessimism.
- Believes all judges are incompetent, illiterate, political, crooked or all of the above.
- Thinks the only way to get the breed to conform to the standard is to rewrite the standard to conform to the breed.
- Is convinced there’s no way out of the genetic jungle of troubles found in the breed, so why try?
- Decides to skip the national specialty and paint the basement floor instead.

6. The Age of Rage

Remember that famous football coach’s line, “Winning isn’t everything. It’s the only thing!”? Some exhibitors get so hooked on winning that they enter the Age of Rage. It becomes their driving force. They WILL win by fair means or foul. Like a drug, a victory only increases the demand for more winis. When they lose, they storm out of the ring or stay to berate the judge. When they win, they look upon the victory as their just and logical due. Frankly, they’re sick and suffering from an advanced case of winagolic disease. The pity of it is that they don’t enjoy the sport, nor their dog and they make it less pleasant (if not downright unpleasant) for those about them.

A Raging Exhibitor is one who:

- Has to be first into the ring, even if it means body-checking that dear, silverhaired, 80 year old into the ropes.
- Thinks his dog is absolutely perfect and the rest are trash, or worse.
- Believes that the only judges who know the standard are the ones who put up his dog and says so loudly.
- Throws fourth place ribbons on the floor and stomps on them.

Also third, second and reserves. Advanced cases even stomp on Best of Opposite Sex ribbons.

7. The Age of Acceptance

Long term exhibitors often enter The Age of Acceptance. So the world’s not perfect but then, what is? They enjoy the sport and the fun of competing. They love winning but they know they’ll lose sometime and can appreciate seeing the victory go to a worthwhile dog, even if it’s not ofe of theirs. They congratulate their friends (and others as well) and rejoice with them over triumphs. They like the camaraderie and the pleasant feeling of having friends all over the continent (and maybe even the world.) They relish being able to sit around and hash over the status of the breed and points of the standard. The dog show world is a pleasant place for them although they realize that like the bigger world we know, there’s good and bad. They’re willing to work to
WANNA SEE MY TATTOO?

Barbe Lynch

At the '86 BCA Annual Meeting the subject of dog tattooing was discussed. This article is meant to inform our readership on what tattoo registries are available and the services each offers.

The major U.S. registries are the Canadian Kennel Club, the National Dog Registry and Tattoo-A-Pet. If your Briard was born in Canada, it probably sports a tattoo registered with the Canadian Kennel Club. The CKC requires all dogs registered with it to be either tattooed or nose printed. The CKC assigns each breeder a 3-digit/letter combination which is combined with the year of birth, thus when the number is run through CKC records, a dog's origins can be determined. If a breeder fails to use an assigned combination for 5 years, the combination is reassigned to another breeder, due to the finite limitation of 3 digit combinations.

Of the 3 major registries in the U.S., all offer the same basic services. These are tattoo number registration, 24 hour toll free (800) phone hotlines and information of where to get your dog tattooed.

There are some differences in each registry, so we will take a short look at each -- in alphabetical order.

First is I.D. Pet. They employ their own numbering system which is a trademarked system, whereby each number begins with the letter "x". They will register other numbers as well. This registry was opened in 1978. The registration fee is $10 for a single dog and $25 for OWNER'S lifetime of multiple animals (3 or more). They will also register any kind of animal you wish to tattoo, not just your cat or dog.

Second is the National Dog Registry, which is the oldest entry in this business, having been established in 1966. The NDR will register any number sequence as well as issuing (on request) number sequences for breeders (or shelters). They charge a onetime fee of $35 which covers an unlimited number of pets, again for one owner's lifetime.

Tattoo-A-Pet is the third registry. They too use a system that is a separate letter, in this instance "T". That is followed with a 2 letter state code, another letter, then a number. They too will register any number already on your pet. Their charge is $20 for one PET's lifetime. There is a kennel rate for 3 or more animals. They also issue each animal a Hotline tag.

I.D. Pet and Tattoo-A-Pet both operate a network of "franchised" tattooers. NDR will provide a list of tattooers. In most areas of the U.S. anyone can tattoo a pet, it isn't a regulated trade. The main thing is legibility of the tattoo. All of my dogs have been done by an independent tattooer working out of a booth at show circuits. Often times kennel clubs will sponsor tattoo clinics as a fund raiser, sometime in conjunction with eye or blood clinics in one location.

There has been some recommendation against using social security numbers for the tattoo. The reasoning is that the Social Security Administration can NOT give out who this number belongs to according to federal law. Also it has been argued that it is only a number, not an individual animal that is registered -- although all animals descriptions can be registered with the number. The advantages of using the SS# is that it is one charge and it can be registered with local dog pounds, humane societies and police departments -- just the same as engraving SS# on TV's.

We make no recommendation on which registry to use, however you should be aware that there is obviously competitiveness in this small field for your registration dollars. I would suggest contacting all major registries and see which one you will probably get much the same information as I, although I identified myself as one about to write an article on the subject, so I was sent some letters as well. I found the first two registries' packets to be thorough and straight forward, with NDR giving a comparison chart of their services to the others. However, I found the third packet -- by far the largest, to be incredibly biased and strongly attempting to influence exactly what I wrote. A sample article was included to show me what a "good" story looked like. I guess the fact the sample was a thinly disguised advertisement for Tattoo-A-Pet was only a coincidence. I found reading the packet to be much the same as listening to a kennel blind dog owner outside a show ring where he has just lost to another animal. His was the absolute best and everyone should be able to see that and the competition was so flawed that no one should even look at it. It made the material as difficult to take seriously as listening to such a self-serving dog owner.

I would like to include two bits of information from personal experience to illustrate the effectiveness (and nonexistent) of tattooing. Several years ago I worked in the clinic of a very large humane society. In my three years there not once did any other staff worker ever check any dog or cat for a tattoo -- not on strays or dropoffs -- none. Be realistic -- you'd try to flip over a large, unfamiliar dog to see if his belly has been tattooed, to remove social security numbers for the tattoo and volunteer labor force to tend to the animals. None were dedicated enough -- even if they were aware of tattoos to face down a stray dog in search of a tattoo. However, if a stray or dropoff was wearing a license or ID tag it was immediately checked even if the license was a few years old. Those of us who tend to not collar our show dogs may find this bit of information alarming, but this is fact of life in the real world.

My second story occurred 4-5 years back when a motorcyle gang was in the dognapping business (a sideline industry to finance their drug trade). Hundreds of stolen dogs (including a working GSD city police dog). Only one was recovered -- a pregnant Golden Retriever who was tattooed. The stolen dogs had been drugged with laced meat then carried into a van with "Dog Warden" on its side. This Golden was discovered to be marked and was texted into a roadside ditch. Luckily, she was quickly found and returned to her owner. (where she whelped inside of a week -- even uneventfully). After DEA broke up the drug ring, the dogs disappearances were solved as well. They were sold to labs or dog dealers and some to "guard dog" training kennels. These places wouldn't accept tattooed dogs -- stolen dogs were fine, as long as they couldn't be traced.

Tattoos are a good investment, only $8-$15 for the tattooing plus the registration fee. It can be viewed as one type of inexpensive insurance for your Briard. (And a sign on your kennel or door stating that your dog(s) is tattooed/registered backs up
that insurance policy a little more.) Like any insurance policy, you hope you never need it, but feel more secure having it. These are the addresses and phone numbers of the three national registries so you may contact each for more information. All will answer any questions you may have regarding tattooing.

I.D. Pet, 74 Hoyt St., Darien, Ct. 06820, 203-327-3157 or 800-243-9147

National Dog Registry, Box 116, Woodstock, NY 12498, 914-679-BELL or 800-NDR-DOGS

Tattoo-A-Pet, 1625 Emmons Ave., Suite 1H, Brooklyn, NY 11235, 718-646-8200 or 802-368-9147, 800-TAT-TOOS.

NEWS & VIEWS from all over
(This column is a combination of information gathered by the regional editors and edited by Jeanne Zahniser)

Congratulations to Bazil Du Moulin D’Eau who finished his championship at the Skokie Valley Show in Chicago on December 17th. Unfortunately, Bazil’s best friend and exclusive handler Amie Melton could not make to the show and he was finished by his #1 fan and companion, owner Cindy Markle.

Others that were in for the Garden were Michelle Cleavinger from California and Margaret Fronczak from the mid-west. The Briard video was on display, and met with mixed reviews. (More regarding the video in a later issue of the Dew Claw).

On the bright side, additions to Briarders’ family include a baby boy for Lisa and Lanny Kann, and a baby girl for Carol and David Van Duzer. Congratulations to both families.

On the darker side, condolences to David Behrens on the death of his mother, and also to Domingue Duba on the death of her Father. You both have our deepest sympathy.

A speedy recovery is wished for Janis Charbonneau’s father. He was hospitalized in February, but is now home.

Sounds a though Meg Weitz had a great time at Crufts. Ask her about all the wonderful Briards she saw on the other side of the Great Pond.

Have you spotted the Briards on TV commercial lately? One popular commercial star is the Keiter’s “Devon”, Purina being one of his appearances.

David Behrens will judge Briards and Belgian Tervs at the Progressive Dog Club show, April 25th in Detroit. Good luck to David and may he draw a large entry!

Great reviews on the Briard column in the AKC Gazette. Alice Bixler-Clark did a wonderful job of making Briard owners even more special because of our wonderful breed. Keep up the good work. Alice! Did not hear a negative word regarding the column.

If you have a bit of information, please contact your regional editor. Susan Alexander, Jackson Creek Road, Box 713, Clancy, Mt. 59634, Mary Lopez in California, Terry Miller in Ohio. Still need someone for North-east and South. Contact me, if you are interested in helping.
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**GOSSIP:** When you hear something you like about someone you don't.

Earl Wilson

The game of life is a game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later with astounding accuracy.

Florence Scovel Shinn

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**BELLESPRIT MERIAH , CD / TT / HC**

August 9, 1978 - January 14, 1989

"Meriah"

She never left a flower unsniffed nor a kitten unnuzzled.
She never left a ball unretrieved nor her owners unvisited—not even for a day.
She has left us though and nothing will be quite the same without her.
But she can never leave our hearts and memories, where we often visit her.

Dan & Barbe Lynch
Champion Chien Velu's Cannelle Tordre

Owners: Matt & Marlene Weyuker
Bob & Mary Lopez

Breeder: Nancy Lewis & Barbara Ruby

Sire: Ch. Mon Jovis O’Webster V Jazz
Dam: Chien Velu's Unforgettable
Whelped: April 7, 1987

Champion Mon Jovis Chanson De Mon Ami

Owners: Matt & Marlene Weyuker

Breeder: Mary Lopez

Sire: Ch. De Beaumesjous Mon Ami
Dam: Ch. Mon Jovis Icarus La Brie
Whelped: February 19, 1987
NEW CHAMPION

Champion Mielleix U Know Up-C-Daisy TT, HC
Owner: Jane Beahan
Breeders: Diane Royce & Jane Beahan
Sire: Ch. Sun Valley's New Attitude
Dam: Ch. U Know Mielleux De Bonheur
Whelped: June 27, 1987

NEW COMPANION DOG

Mon Ami U Know 'E's Abner CD, HC
Owner: Jane Beahan
Breeders: Phyllis S. Ferraro & Harold Webb
Sire: Ch. Mon Jovis Dreamweaver
Dam: Ch. Mon Ami Behold V Goldern Brie
Whelped: January 31, 1987
Champion Bigtree's Cara Mia

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Barbara Lynch

Sire: Ch. Bigtree's Tequilla Sunrice, HC
Dam: Bigtree's Angelique du Pres
Whelped: November 4, 1987

Ch. U-UD Brie-Zee Princess Tribble UDT Can.UDTX S-CD TT

Owner: Julie Treinis

Sire: Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth CD
Dam: Am/Can Ch Beardsanbrow's N'est Pas Am/Can UDT, Sch I, AD, Std D, HIC
Whelped: November 2, 1979
News from

Tinsel
and her daughter
Cheap Thrills

* Cheap Thrills is expecting babies out of Ch. Deja Vu All the Tea in China

* Tinsel wins Best of Breed at Westminster for the 3rd year in a row and places in the group!

DEJA VU BRIARDS
2967 MEADOWBROOK BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO 44118

A VOS MARQUES DE LUTECE, CD*
(OFA - Good - #364: eyes - clear - 89)

Sire: Ch. Lindeaux Trademark
(OFA - Excellent; ERG - Clear; '87 Rassamblement Select)

Dam: Ch. Tosca De L'Eminence, CD
(OFA - Good; '87 Rassamblement Select)

Rosanna has 10 pts with one Major.

Thank you Kay, Gerard, Linda and Rob for Rosanne

PUPPIES DUE EARLY SPRING BY
Ch. Bazil Du Moulin Deau
(OFA - Good; ERG - Clear - 89)

Inquires welcome:
Karen Adams
3060 Bristol Road
Bensalem, Pa. 19020
(215) 757-0604

*Rosanna’s litter brother, Auguste De Lutecu, selected at ‘87 Rassamblement.
*Rosanna’s litter sister, Alouette De Lutece, selected at ‘87 Rassamblement.
Attention, patrons of the arts... and Briards. The Briart Gallery needs YOU!

Ways you can support the Briart Gallery:

1. **CREATE** something artistic depicting a Briard and donate it to the Gallery.
2. **PAY** someone to create something artistic depicting a Briard and donate it to the Gallery.
3. **BUY** something artistic depicting a Briard and donate it to the Gallery.
4. **SEND** a cash donation to the Briart Gallery so we can purchase and commission quality art for the Gallery. (Make checks payable to the BCA).

**Thank you!**

CINDY MARKLE
22735 Cottage Grove
Chicago Hts., IL 60411
(312) 758-7539

SUSAN SMITH
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(531) 848-4206

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**BREEDERS WHO HAVE OR ARE EXPECTING PUPPIES AS OF MARCH, 1989**

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**CALIFORNIA**

Mary Lopez, 8872 Dyer Road, Salinas, Ca 92907   black & tawnies (2-89) 408-663-3200

**MARYLAND**

Fran Davis, 915 Buttonwood Trail, Crownsville, Md 21032   black & tawnies (3-89) 301-987-4565

**MICHIGAN**

Linda Wells & Rob Ferber, 6175 West M 36, Pinckney, Mi 48169   black & tawnies (11-88) 313-498-2509

**OHIO**

Manny & Jean Littin, 10625 Monclova Road, Monclova, Oh 43542   black & tawnies (2-89) 419-877-5750

**WISCONSIN**

Diane Royce, 1916 North Douglas St., Appleton, Wi 54914   tawnies (11-88) 414-733-1921

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