Dear Fellow Briarders,

A new year is starting for the Briard Club of America. Your vote of last July put in place a new Board, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the trust you put in us. I also want to thank Bob Weihrauch, our past President, who made it very easy for the new Board, and who paved the way to a very fruitful future for the Club. Thank-you all, and thank-you Bob.

We have already spent long hours, last month in Connecticut, preparing for the new year, and we are looking forward to putting in place new projects for the years to come. Your Board is more than willing to hear from you and to listen to your suggestions. This is your Club, and we need your input. Do not hesitate to contact one of us.

I am truly yours,

Gérard Baudet
Dear Readers,

The year passed quickly. It was just yesterday that I became editor of the Dew Claw. Or so it seems. I have learned that I do not know how to proof read, that computers are wonderful if you know how to use them, and that without help of all you wonderful Briard owners, there would be no publication.

This issue is the SPECIALTY issue. For those of you who were unable to attend the activities you will get a glimpse of the fun we had. For those of you who were there, I hope your memories are fond ones. All the excitement of the Herding is carried into this issue. In addition to what went on at the Specialty, a new member has written an article on her working Briard. Also included are suggestions from H. J. Van Kruiningen that may reduce the incidence of Bloat. (This gentleman spoke at the Specialty).

Pictures, Pictures, and More Pictures were entered in the Photo Contest. The winning picture is on the cover. Rather neat for this time of the year, I thought. Unfortunately, I do not know who posted the winning picture. Please give me a call so proper credit can be given. Thanks to all those who participated. Watch for your picture in future issues. The pictures will be used as room permits.

The Greetings issue of the Dew Claw is a wonderful way to send your holiday greetings to all Briarders. It is also a perfect way for show and pet owners to introduce their Briards to other Briarders!

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REMEMBER DEADLINE November 28, 1989
Speaking of deadlines: The ideal publishing schedule for the Dew Claw is December 20, March 20, June 20, and September 20. The September issue is always pushed into October due to Specialty pictures and articles written by the judges. Therefore the Fall and Winter issues come out rather close together. In order to make the whole thing work, all advertising, committee reports, photo of new champions and articles must be received by the 15th of the month preceding publication. In case of the Winter issue, I have allowed a little more time because of the lateness of the Fall issue. Deadline for the Spring of 1990 issue is February 15, 1990. Deadline for the Summer of 1990 issue is May 15, 1990.

As Editor, I will do my best to mail the Dew Claw as close to the dates mentioned above as I can. Please continue to send your articles, pictures, and comments. Without them, there would be no Dew Claw!

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These were my innermost thoughts as I judged the Sweeps. It gave me a true sense of communication with our breed. It showed me how dedicated you are toward your responsibility of improving the Briard. Let me tell you, it is a unique position to be in... standing before the product of years of work and accomplishment...

Now, to become more retrospective, I was generally thrilled with the overall quality of dogs and bitches alike, both sexes had many outstanding individuals, Temperaments were very steady, especially considering the fact that this was a show-ring "first" for the majority, and that many entries were being shown by unfamiliar hands. Virtually everyone stood up to be counted, and those who were uncertain soon came around. There was not one entry that would not accept my hands...

Sound movement was in plentiful supply. This showed me entries whose structure was sound, adequately angulated and symmetrical front and rear. Those entries who were more angulated could cover ground more easily than those who had less.

Along with the laurels there are always areas which must be watched and taken into consideration when planning future generations; I noted short muzzles, more than I had expected to see; some coats were fine and tended to be wooly, and some coat color had to much contrast. By and large bone and substance was good, but there were enough entries that were borderline that I would be remiss if I did not remind you that the Briard is a rugged outdoor dog (at least in appearance), and we must not diminish this important aspect of type.

I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to pass judgement on your beautiful Briards, the future looks promising for our breed. The ultimate joy of judging is finding an entry that you would like to take home... Best-In-Sweeps was my kind of dog!!

'89 Sweeps - REFLECTIONS

June Shew

The 1989 Specialty is now part of our past, and it is leaving us with good memories to share for the year to come. The following pages and the pictures in this Dew Claw will bring some of these memories back to our mind.

This past Specialty has been unique in many ways, and, it is almost certainly the first time that we had an opening night with a show of the planets. It was a unique sight to observe the lunar eclipse on Wednesday, and it gave a very special touch to a very special week.

Many of us discovered our dogs' talents at herding sheep, and I am sure that there are a few Briards that have already gone back to work with the sheep and that are enjoying every seconds of it. This is great!

We knew before we came to the Specialty that Briards are born clowns. Now we have proofs that they are (and proofs, also, that Briard people tend to act a bit crazy when in good company). Did you know before the Specialty that a Briard can eat a large cookie bone in only 28 seconds... without leaving a crumb? Did you know that it can take several long minutes to button up only one button on a shirt worn by a Briard? It certainly was very unusual to see a ring full of Briards groomed for a costume party. We all enjoyed it, and we have rolls of film to remember some good laughs.

We all were very busy during these few days, but it was a good opportunity to do these things that we would not have the chance to do otherwise and to meet these people that we only see once a year at specialties. It was well worth it.

Oh! Our dogs did not do too bad in the show ring either (although they could have done slightly better in the obedience ring). Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you to all of you who contributed to this successful week, and let's start thinking about next August in Maryland.

We'll see you there.

Gérard Baudet
John H. Honig

72 Hogg Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01602
617-391-3326

August 22, 1989

TO: Briard Club of America
Re: 1989 National Specialty

Thank you for having allowed me to first hand, hands on, see and examine the finest Briards in this and neighboring countries.

Quality and type went deeply in almost every class and your puppies foreshadow a great future.

Excellence carried through entire families of dogs thus proving your ability as breeders.

I tried to make certain that you saw each individual and were able to evaluate for yourself which way you wish to proceed in the breed.

I will not mention any individual dog. You know the outcome of the show.

The quality was such that several different placements would also have been correct.

In generalities, not with any particular Briards in mind, you should consider improving the following, which, I am certain, you are even more aware of than I am:

1. Rear movement.
2. Shoulder angulation.
3. Top lines.
4. Temperament. A number of the exhibits could have shown more socialization.
5. Tail placement and carriage.

I left your show deeply impressed and confident that having seen the best I will have gained a better understanding of the Briard Breed.

Evelyn Honig

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August 22, 1989

TO: Briard Club of America
RE: 1989 National Specialty

It was a privilege, pleasure and great educational experience to have been a part of the Briard National Specialty Show.

I enjoyed very much doing Junior Showmanship. I found the juniors to be conscientious, sincere and eager to learn throughout the entire class. Those who placed at the top were the most self-confident, giving appropriate attention to the dog as well as keeping an eye on the judge - without over-doing it.

Everyone did well - though some could use more work with the individual dog. With experience, both handler and dog will perform more smoothly and with more self-confidence.
Dear Jeanne,

Here are a few thoughts on the Briards I had the pleasure of judging at the Specialty. Sorry to be so late; things have been a bit hectic around here lately.

First, the "raison d'être" of Obedience is to have a dog which is easy to live with, which is under control and which is obviously enjoying being out with its owner. If a dog happens to be a "natural" and gets scores in the high 190's, —great!! The nice solid workers are still, to my mind, what Obedience is all about.

Your Briards were just that—solid workers. Even those, mostly in the advanced classes, who non-qualified, did so with a certain distinction; what they did they did well, but nq'd on a particular exercise.

It was obvious to me that a great deal of effort has gone training these fine animals. They aren't especially interested, for the most part, in heeling around a ring, or retrieving a dumb-bell, but they do it because of the rapport that has been established between dog and trainer/handler.

I notice, too, that your Briards are independent thinkers. They are certainly not robots which will perform the same way every time they are in the ring; rather, they seem to have developed interesting variations on the exercises. Makes for very interesting judging. I guess what I'm trying to say is that the twinkle in the eye should be a warning that the dogs are here to have a good time just as much as the handler.

To summarize—nice solid working dogs, well trained, with minds of their own, who are doing these routines with a willingness that is great to see. I had a fine time judging; I hope the exhibitors had as fine a time showing. Best of luck to all in future competition.

Very truly yours,

George H. Davis
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX 1989
CH. C'EST BONHEUR WOODBINE TINSEL
FRANCES TAYLOR - BREEDER
TERRY MILLER, J. ODEM, & K. MCCANN - OWNERS

PUPPY DOGS 6-9 MONTHS
1ST PLACE
DEJA VU EASY MONEY
TERRY MILLER

PUPPY DOGS 9-12 MONTHS
1ST PLACE
DEJA VU DOUBLE OR NOTHING
DANIEL J. & ARLENE R. PISANO, JR.

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER 1989
CH. LOVE'S VOYAGEUR TRAVIS CD
ELIZABETH PEARSON

PUPPY DOGS 12-18 MONTHS
DONISSON DE BEJAUNE
1ST PLACE & WINNER'S DOG
MEG W. WEITS & MICHAEL GREENBERG

BEST BRACE 1989
CH. SNOAIRE'S DOUBLYOU E B E
MARSHA CLAMP - OWNER

BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR DOGS
BEARSANBROW'S BUDWEISER
1ST PLACE
JANIS CHARBONNEAU
PUPPY BITCHES 6 - 9 Months
1st MIELLEUX'S ORANGEUX DE CEMBRE
William & Rebecca Weber
2nd MOK JOVIS ENCORE V WINO
Mary Lopez & Donovan Thompson
3rd DUSTBUNNY UN PEU DE MIELLEUX
Toni Ward & Diane Royce
4th MANNY'S LA FLEUR-DE-LIS DISIREE
John Cassaubon

PUPPY BITCHES 12 Months
1st DEJA VU DAYS OF WINE & ROSES
Mary & Robert Lopez & Terry Miller
2nd DEJA VU DIVA
Richard Baye
3rd DYANA JENI BEAR
Drs. M. L. Sheer & J. P. Jenson
4th DONIA OF ASKHAVEN
L. A. Facciolo, N. M. Moore & M. L. Sheer

American Bred Bitches
1st. DANSEUSE DE LINDEAU
John & Wanda Gland
2nd DANSEUSE DU NORD DE BEJAUNE
Florence Wise & Meg Weitz & Michael Greenberg
3rd HILLSICE'S MLLE. GITU
Betty Jo & Arthur Kass
4th DABRA KA ABRA DE LINDEAU
Linda Bullard & Linda Wells & Robert Ferber

Open Black Bitches
1st LABELLE CHIEN AFTON
Manny D. Littin
2nd FAUX PAWS VIRAGE CORNICH CD
Leah Schulman & Karen Farkas
3rd A VOS MARQUES DE LUTECE CD
Karen L. Adams
4th PHYDEAUX AFRICAN QUEEN SAGI
Robin G. Sheetz & Jenny Klawitter

Open Tawny Bitches
1st BEARDSANBROW'S CAREBEAR
Andre Morin & Janis Charbonneau
2nd C DU COTEAU D'AVRANCHES
Anna Mae Forsbert
3rd GLENDOVERS DOLLIE
Sharon Wise
4th NIGHTWIND ULOOK MAHVLOUS CD
Gail O'Neal

WINNERS BITCH
RESERVE WINNER BITCH
BEARDSANBROW'S CAREBEAR
CYBELLE DU COTEAU D'AVRANCHES
AMERICAN BRED BITCHES
DANSEUSE DE LINDEAU
1ST PLACE
JOHN L. & WANDA GLAND

OPEN BLACK BITCHES
LABELLE CHIEN AFTON
1ST PLACE
MANNY D. LITTIN

OPEN TAWNY BITCHES
BEARDSANBROW'S CAREBEAR
1ST PLACE
WINNER'S BITCH
BEST OF WINNERS
ANDRE MORIN & JANIS CARBONNEAU

VETERAN BITCHES
CH. TANZY D'OCCASION
1ST PLACE
DAVID BEHRENS

HIGH IN TRIAL
CH. DANSEUSE D'OCCASION
DAVID BEHRENS - BREEDER
DONNA MATEY & DAVE BEHRENS, OWNERS
Veteran Bitches
1st CH. TANZY D'OCCASION
2nd CH. MANNY'S MAGNIFICANT RUBY CD
3rd CH. QUE SERA SERA DU LE LOUP D'OR CD
4th CHATEAUBRIARD ODETTE

1st CH. TANZY D'OCCASION
2nd CH. MANNY'S MAGNIFICANT RUBY CD
3rd CH. QUE SERA SERA DU LE LOUP D'OR CD
4th CHATEAUBRIARD ODETTE

David Behrens
Marcia A. Pearson
Peggy & Theresa A. Lee

Stud Dogs
1st CH. BEARDSANBROW'S UTOPIA
2nd CH. JOHN'S PASHTU DE STRATHCONA
3rd CH. AIGNER VERBATIAM
4th CH. BEARDSANBROW V D'OCCASION CD

Janice Charbonneau
Jerome & Stephanie Katz
Robin Shhertz & R. Keiter
Donna Matey, Dave Behrens

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Donna Matey, Dave Behrens

Janice Charbonneau, David
Behrens
Dr. & Mrs. Albert Wahba &
Meg Weitz & Michael
Greenberg
Terry Miller, J. Odem &
K. McCann

3rd CH. C'EST BONHEUR WOODBINE-TINSEL
4th CH. TAY D'OCCASION CDX TD

Robin Shhertz & R. Keiter
Terry Miller, J. Odem &
K. McCann

Janis Charbonneau, David
Behrens
Dr. & Mrs. Albert Wahba &
Meg Weitz & Michael
Greenberg

Janis Charbonneau, David
Behrens
Dr. & Mrs. Albert Wahba &
Meg Weitz & Michael
Greenberg

4th CH. TAY D'OCCASION CDX TD

Janis Charbonneau, David
Behrens
Dr. & Mrs. Albert Wahba &
Meg Weitz & Michael
Greenberg

3rd CH. C'EST BONHEUR WOODBINE-TINSEL
4th CH. TAY D'OCCASION CDX TD

OBEDIENCE TRAIL AWARDS

Novice Class A Awards
1st CH. CHARBREEZ CALAIS CHAPARREL
2nd CH. U KNOW MIELLEUX DE BONHEUR
3rd CH. BAMBOCHEUR DE STRATHCONA

1st CH. CHARBREEZ CALAIS CHAPARREL
2nd CH. U KNOW MIELLEUX DE BONHEUR
3rd CH. BAMBOCHEUR DE STRATHCONA

Kathy Chiarella
Diane Royce
Margaret Pronczak
& Thomas Moczulski

Novice Class B Awards
1st CH. DANSEUSE D'OCCASION
2nd NIGHTWIND FOR PETE'S SAKE
3rd CH. PHYDEAUX BLUE CHIP STOCK
4th CH. SUZON DU COTEAU D'AVRANCHES

1st CH. DANSEUSE D'OCCASION
2nd NIGHTWIND FOR PETE'S SAKE
3rd CH. PHYDEAUX BLUE CHIP STOCK
4th CH. SUZON DU COTEAU D'AVRANCHES

Donna Matey & Dave
Behrens
Gail Oneal
Regina Keiter &
Diane Latorre
Marsha Clamp

Veteran Novice Class Awards
1st CH. QUE SERA SERA DU LE LOUP D'OR CD
2nd CH. DROMORE'S PERRIER CDX TD
3rd LA TRES BELLE CHIEN BRIANNA CD

Veteran Novice Class Awards
1st CH. QUE SERA SERA DU LE LOUP D'OR CD
2nd CH. DROMORE'S PERRIER CDX TD
3rd LA TRES BELLE CHIEN BRIANNA CD

Theresa A. Lee
Linda Beall
Pamela Smith Hottois &
D. Hottois

Veteran Open Class Awards
1st CH. U-UD BRIE-ZEE PRINCESS TRIBBLE UDT
Veteran Utility Class Awards
1st CH. U-UD BRIE-ZEE PRINCESS TRIBBLE UDT

Julie J. Treinis
Julie J. Treinis

HIGH IN TRIAL

CH. DANSEUSE D'OCCASION
BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES 1989

DEPUTE DES BETES POILUES

ANNE E. WAHR - BREEDER

ANNE E. & DAVID J. WAHR - OWNERS

1989 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Puppy 6 - 9 Months
1st DANSR DIPLOMAT MIELLEUX
2nd DEJA VU EASY MONEY
3rd RADIEUX'S EASY DOES IT
4th MANNY'S DOCTOR J

Sweepstakes Winners

Sheri Daniel
Terry Miller
Tom & Sophia Arrington
Manny D. Littin

Puppy 9 - 12 Months
1st DEJA VU DOUBLE OR NOTHING
2nd SNOAIRE'S DASTARDLY DEED
3rd DEJA VU DANCING IN THE DARK
4th BAILWICK'S WOOFI

Daniel & Arlene Pisano
Michele Detour & Marsha Clamp
Wendy & Robert Larose & Terry Miller
Drs. M. L. Sheer & J.P. Jesson

Dogs 12 - 15 Months
1st DEPUTE DES BETES POILUES
2nd DIJON DE LINDEAU
3rd ST. ONGE DENIS
4th SAGI DEEP DARK

Anne & David Wahr
Linda Wells & Robert Ferber
Patricia & Robert Gross
Dianna McNew & Robin Sheetz

Dogs 15 - 18 Months
1st BRADIR FOX LAIR DANGERFIELD
2nd LE TRES BEAU CHIEN DISTINGUE

Kenneth & Valerie Fox
Aija I. M. Keiss
Puppy Bitches 6 – 9 Months
1st MIELLEUX’S ORANGEUX DE CEMBRE William & Rebecca Weber
2nd REVE DOUX DE MIELLEUX Diane Royce
3rd DUSTBUNNY UN PEU DE MIELLEUX Toni Ward & Diane Royce
4th RICHLEN ERIN GO BRACH Kathy Fitzpatrick & Ellen Walton

Puppy Bitches 9 – 12 Months
1st DE DIVA Richard Baye
2nd DEJA VU DAYS OF WINE & ROSES Mary & Robert Lopez & Terry Miller
3rd CH. SNOAIRE’S DOUBLEYOU E B E Tracy & Martha Rash & Marsha Clamp
4th DYANA JENI BEAR Drs. M. L. Sheer & J. P. Jesson

Puppy Bitches 12 – 15 Months
1st PHYDEAUX DELTA DE BEJAUNE Meg Weitz & Michael Greenberg
2nd BIGTREE’S DO YOU WANNA DANCE Lynn McMillen & Barbara Lynch
3rd DESILIU DE LINDEAU Linda Wells & Robert Ferber
4th DANSEUSE DU NORD DE BEJAUNE Florence Wise & Meg Weitz & Michael Greenberg

Bitches 15 – 18 Months
1st U KNOW DEDE LA VOYAGEUR DE LHUT Mimi Long & Linda Wells
2nd U KNOW DARIN’ TO BE KALI PHI Debra Morrow & Jane Beahan

Novice Views
Leah Schulman & Paws

Here I am, off to my first National Specialty with my first Briard. We begin by washing, drying and beautifying the dog with extra time added to do the job just right. Then it's pack the car and check all the lists. And then fall into bed, exhausted. Until 2AM when the dog awakens because she doesn't feel well and thank goodness she did that outside and not in her crate all over her beautiful coat. Back to bed only to be awaken an hour later for a repeat performance. Again to bed with the robe still on but no more rude awakenings until the alarm. Now we're on our way, family and dog. Arrive with no mishap and lots of road construction to the Yale Motor Inn only to discover they deny our existance. Family and dog complaining, seven hours of car are too many for all, with Briard especially tired of child. But the Yale finds us another hotel and this one happily welcomes us. Only family is grumbling due to lack of pool and sauna and dog spies small green stream behind hotel and attempts escape. Finally all are settled, dog in crate (her choice), family in front of TV and me in hot bath. All is well and morning comes too soon and we are off to the herding clinic. Very surprised to see so many Briards here and working ones at that. My dog's sheep earn their HIC for Briards. Oh well, so she's a city girl. Next day comes the CERF test and we manage to pass that but I almost lose her at the swimming pool. Show judges frown at wet Briards I tell her. She doesn't believe me. Back to the hotel where dog rests and family sightsees. Then it's show day and child show in juniors and dog behaves for her earning second place with child very happy and proud. Then it's the real thing and the dog is beautiful. Absolutely the best in the class but the judge doesn't notice and we get second again. Oh well, she tried and she behaved and what more could you ask. Okay, so she wanted a few extra dog goodies, she deserved them. So ended the Specialty but next year we will return minus husband and child. It's too exhausting keeping everyone happy.
The following measures are suggestions from H. J. Van Kruiningen, a recognized expert on Bloat, that may reduce the incidences of acute gastric dilation (AGD).

1. Large dogs of the susceptible breeds should be fed twice or thrice daily, rather than once a day.
2. Feeding should be done at times when someone will be at home or at the kennel to observe after-feeding behavior.
3. Owners of susceptible breeds should be aware of prodromal signs, i.e., actions from the pet that signal abdominal discomfort. These include evidence of abdominal fullness after meals, whining, pacing, getting up and lying down, stretching, looking at the abdomen, anxiety, and unproductive attempts to vomit. Animals showing such features should be examined by a veterinarian.
4. Owners of susceptible breeds should establish a good working relationship with a local veterinarian and should discuss emergency measures in the event of AGD, including administration of Digel or Mylanta, passing a length of tube, or piercing the abdomen with a needle to relieve bloat.
5. Water should be available to dogs at all times, and should be limited immediately after feeding if the dog appears to over-consume.
6. Vigorous exercise should be avoided one hour before and two hours after meals, however, walking is permissible, as it stimulates gastric secretion and gastrointestinal motility.
7. There have been isolated instances of AGD following a change from one brand of cereal-based food to another, therefore, abrupt changes in diet should be avoided.
8. In recognition of the fact that AGD sometimes occurs after animals return home from being at the veterinary hospital or boarded at a kennel, this is a time when feeding and watering should be given special care.
9. Dogs that have survived AGD are at increased risk for future bloat episodes, therefore, prophylaxis, in the form of preventive surgery or medical management should be discussed with your veterinarian.
VERSATILITY TITLE - 1989

With the awarding of the new BCA Versatility Titles at the 1989 Specialty, sixteen of our Briards have become the first of what, hopefully, will be many to be recognized as that "unique Briard which possesses correct conformation and ... is a willing worker in partnership with his owner(s)." The following is a list of Versatility Title holders and their owners:

Ch. Dromore’s Perrier A/C CDX, TD, TT, HIC
Ch. Chef Doeuvre Ami Chaparral CD, TT, HIC
Ch. Atlas De Lutece CD, HIC, TT
A/C Ch. Dromore’s Promises-Promises A/C CD, TT, HIC
A/C Ch. Dromore’s Up ‘N Adam A/C CDX & TDX, TT
Ch. HoneyCreeks Auimee Alexie CD, HIC, TT
Ch. Olivia la Voyageur du Lhut CDX, TDX, HIC
Ch. Kalietoo De Paollett CDX, AD, TT
A/C Ch. Silvermoon La Joie de Vivre A/C UD, SchH I, VP, TT
A/C Ch. Beardsanbrow’s N’Est Pas A/C UD<T<SchH I,
Ch. Perrier D’Occasion CD, TDX, Can CD & TD
Ch. Tansy D’Occasion CDX, TD, HIC
Ch I Charlemagne Chez Ciel CDX, TD, Can. CDX, AD
Ch. Prix Weaselle D’Occasion UDT

HERDING REPORT

From The Herding Development Committee Press release dated July 12, 1989

Good News! As you have probably heard by now, the Board of Directors of the AKC approved our Regulations for Herding Tests and Trials, and the program is now fully functional. As of January 1, 1990, AKC will license Herding Tests and Trials conducted by recognized clubs which means that following that date dogs may start earning test and trial titles.

In the meantime, clubs may hold AKC sanctioned tests and trials. In fact, all clubs will be required to hold at least one sanctioned event before being eligible to hold a licensed event so that organizers have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new Regulations and procedures that are somewhat more formal than those with which most people have become familiar.

At this point I would like to introduce to you Mrs. Roberta L. Campbell, AKC Performance Events Coordinator, who will be administering the Herding Program. We are so fortunate to have Roberta at the AKC helm for us, since as you can see from the attached biography, she is a person of many talents and she also shares our enthusiasm for the herding program.

One Herding Test and one Herding Trial have already been sanctioned, and will be held under the new Regulations.

It's been a bit of a scurry getting all the paperwork prepared, but we thought it would be best to have a complete package of the required forms, including Test Evaluation forms with attached NCR carbon copies, and Trial score sheets also with attached NCR carbon copies available for organizers. It should ease their clerical burden and also standardize things. A sample packet will be sent you as soon as the material returns from the printer.

Nancy Vollmer has done a superlative job preparing Guidelines for Organizers, and Linda is hard at work on the Guidelines for Testers and Judges as well as the application procedures and forms for them. You should receive copies of these documents soon.

We owe Bob McKowen and John Carroll an enormous thank you for making our Herding Program a reality. They have been unstinting in their efforts on our behalf, and have guided the program safely through the complicated process to final acceptance by the Board of Directors. The remarkable thing is that, as you will see, the program we wrote in Burlingame is still intact and basically unchanged. The computer did tilt on the tentative titles we were using for the test and trials, but it finally accepted the following which seem quite satisfactory:

HT - Herding Tested Dog - for the 1st of two instinct/trainability test titles. Those two tests will be called the Preliminary and Primary tests.
PT - Pre-trial Tested Dog - for the second test title.
HS - Herding Started Dog for the dog earning a title from the Started Classes.
HI - Herding Intermediate Dog for the dog earning a title from the Intermediate Classes.

HX - Herding Excellent Dog for the earning a title from the Advanced Classes.

H. CH. - Herding Champion for the Championship.

H. X. - Herding Excellent for the dog earning the title from the Intermediate Classes.

H. CH. - Herding Champion for the dog earning the title from the Championship.

HI - Herding Intermediate Dog for the dog earning a title from the Intermediate Classes.

H. X. - Herding Excellent Dog for the dog earning a title from the Advanced Classes.

H. CH. - Herding Champion for the dog earning the title from the Championship.

Lynette is in Germany, watch for that in the next issue.

Herding Continued

John has prepared the way for stockdog clubs to become recognized by AKC so that they may hold sanctioned and licensed herding events, and enclosed are the proposed requirements.

As you know, AKC is encouraging the breed clubs to continue to award HC's (HIC's) to dogs passing the first of the two required AKC Herding Instinct Tests. It would appear wise for breed clubs to award HC's (HIC's) for qualifying at either AKC sanctioned or licensed tests. That incentive will encourage people to enter the sanctioned events which organizers are required to put on. Sanctioned events should also probably have lower entry fees which will increase their attractiveness.

It is assumed that events that are sanctioned or licensed by AKC will be acceptable to the breed clubs, so that organizers will no longer have to seek sanctioning from each of us as well. AKC is informing organizers who wish to include non-AKC breeds in tests and/or trials that they must separate the participation of those dogs from the AKC dogs, and seek AHBA sanction for a separate event to begin immediately following the testing or judging of the AKC dogs.

Thus, the AKC event might run from 9:00 to 1:30 and the AHBA event run from 1:45 to 6:00. There will have to be a clearly audible announcement at the end of the AKC event, such as "This concludes the (Name of Club) Herding Test (Trial). We thank you for your participation." or some similar announcement to provide a clear demarcation between the two events, especially if there are spectators. Separate forms will have to be used for evaluation and score sheets for AHBA events.

Do you wish owners of dogs that qualify for HC's (HIC's) to send copies of their evaluation sheets directly to the appropriate member of your herding committee including the necessary filing fee, if any, in order to receive certification? Or do you wish some other procedure?

Anyone in good standing with the AKC who is either an AHBA approved Tester/Judge, an approved Apprentice of about-to-be Apprentice may officiate at a sanctioned test or trial. The new list of Testers and Judges will not be compiled by AKC until the end of this year in order to allow time for the Testers and Judges to submit their applications for AKC approval. Breed clubs that maintain their own lists of approved testers should send copies of those lists to Roberta Campbell as soon as possible; so that she may advise organizers should they seek AKC sanction for an all-breed event and plan to engage a Tester of Judge not approved for one or more of the breeds.

Once again, congratulations and thank you for your contribution to this great effort!!

Cheers,
Lois Russell

Jane Beahan

I was hoping to have the testers' evaluations of our BCA Specialty Herding events for this issue. Due to the fact that Lynette is in Germany, watch for that in the next issue.

One of the thing that was suggested for the AKC testing forms, was a place for the participants comments. That never happened, but your thought would be useful to BCA. I am asking all of you who attended the herding clinic or the test to drop me a note with your opinions. Let me know what YOUR dog(s) did, how they reacted and what you thought about it. Please note if you attended the clinic, the test, or both.

A couple of things on the BCA Herding Program: if you are entering a herding event. PLEASE completely fill out all the form legibly. Some forms have been coming in missing crucial information (such as owners' names) making it difficult to issue the HC certificate.

Also, Briards are being tested and not being certified through the BCA Program. When entering, please mention to the sponsor that BCA has a herding program and request to be certified by the Briard Club. Briards that are not going through BCA are being certified through the American Herding Breed Association. There is nothing wrong with an AHBA certificate, but if I were a Briard I would rather be certified on a Briard certificate then a "generic" one. The fees Briard owners are paying for certification are going to AHBA when our Briard program is in need of them.

Following is a paragraph from a letter I would like to share with you. It was written by Julie Reconnu after the Specialty Herding event.

"Comfy has been working regularly in a Border Collie style. She tends to ignore boundaries. She is not a good example of boundry instinct primarily because she has been training Border Collie style. However, she is an excellent example of why boundary work should be encouraged with Briards. When Comfy works Border Collie style, she tends to gallop, stick close to the sheep and grip, as do many Briards trained in Border Collie fashion. By the end of our second private lesson, during which Comfy spent 45 minutes working the sheep in and around a boundary, Comfy settled into a lovely trot as her working pace, started to stay well off the sheep and quit gripping. She was working that effortless trot, truly the "quicksilver" of the standard's description, should convince almost anyone."

The support of our BCA Specialty Herding was great, as was our qualifying ratio - considerably higher than the all herding breed average. Thanks to all the participants and spectators keep up the good work!
Contrary to weather reports, the morning of August 16, 1989, dawned bright and clear - a little warm perhaps, but no rain! The first (of many, I hope!) BCA Herding Clinic & Herding Instinct Test was on its way. Never having done this before, nor ever having been to one, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Our 2 instructors, testers, mentors soon put me at ease. Dogs and people started arriving and checking in. Suzette Weinberger was a great help - she spent the entire day helping in the "ring". Julie Reconnu from Texas and her brother spent 2 entite days filming different dogs. My housemate and new BCA member Gale Zamarchi was invaluable with all her help; between her computer knowledge for entries, test forms, etc., and her running around for 2 days helping me keep things straight.

On Wednesday, we had an entry of 26 dogs in our 9 AM clinic and 14 dogs in our mini-clinic at 1:00. The enthusiasm was overwhelming - both the dogs and the handlers were eager to get started. After a very interesting talk about herding in general and some very detailed facts about the Briard herding style by Lynette (she had obviously put a lot of time and effort on her own to learn a lot about our particular breed!) we got down to business. The clinic started off by us pairing up and going into the sheep pen - one person was to be the dog and one the handler. It was a way of both seeing in slow motion what transpires when a dog herds sheep as well as, so to speak, being in their paw prints. It was fun as well as educational. Some of us were better "dogs" than others - it was interesting how the sheep could pick up on who was more in control, them or us! (I even went so far as to bark and growl at them - it worked!) After each pair had their turn at both jobs, the dogs had a chance. Each dog was brought into the pen on lead with a few sheep (usually 6-7). He was then introduced to the sheep, which gave the trainer a good idea of what type of response to expect from the dog. After a little bit "Phydeaux" was let loose to do his thing - and much to our surprise - most acted as though they knew what they were doing! Some needed a little coaxing to get them going, others some taming down, and a few others were out for a stroll in the park, not the slightest bit interested in what was going on! The camaraderi between all on the outside towards the ones in the pen was heartwarming - all were rooting for the same goal - to see these dogs do their natural thing. It did not matter who you were, where you or your dog were from who the breeder was, what color the dog was, etc., the common goal was to herd sheep; and our furry friends did not let us down. After a good nights sleep, Thursday dawned clear and sunny and cool. The dogs were spaced about 15 minutes apart for the herding instinct test - the maximum time allowed. If a dog didn't qualify, the tester would allow it to come back at the end of the testing to try again. It was beautiful watching dogs that had been at the clinic on Wednesday that had showed real *sealous* instinct in the sheep (they were lovingly dubbed by us as the "killer dogs" because they were so rowdy) go into the ring on Thursday looking like they actually knew what they were doing. We did not have a single dog try to injure the sheep - some were exhuberant like my Larry who knocked one over (he was quite confused - he thought he "Broke"it!), or Diane Hanson's Bogart from Canada, who chased all his sheep over the fence into the other pen (he was tired and heard that counting sheep was a good way to fall asleep.) Out of the 56 dogs tested on Thursday, we had an amazingly high percentage (nearly 2/3 - 37 dogs) passed. I have listed them in the order in which they were tested.

200 Ch. Virage Vice Versa Mary Lou Tingley (NJ)
201 Ch. Bigtree's Acapulco Gold Lynn McMillen & Dan Lynch (Oh)
203 A/C Ch. Dromore's Up'N Adam A/CCDX, TD, TT --Jane Gritter & Susan McCorrnick (Mi)
210 A Bos Marque de Lutece CD Karen Adams (Pa.)
211 Ch. Dansanse D'Ocassion Donna Mote & Dave Behrens (Mi)
214 Comfy of Chef-D'Oeuvre Julie Reconnu (Txl)
216 Ch. Virage Sea Sparks Carla Boisserrre (Va)
217 A/C Ch. Love's Voyager Travis A/C CD, TT Marcia Pearson(Pa)
218 Love Manny Desiree Delight Marcia Pearson (Pa)
222 Ch. Dromore's Scooter's Ms-Be-Haven CD,TT Marie Kokin & Eileen Jardon (NJ)
224 Nanny's La Fleur Delis Desiree- John Cassaubon (Mi)
227 Deja Vu Double or Nothing Dan & Arleen Pisano (Ct)
228 Bigtree's Different Drummer Janice West (Mn)
229 Ch. Phydeaux Best of Times Jan Fryland & Mary Lou Tingley (NJ)
231 Lindeaux Dr. J James Adams & Linda Tafapolsky (NY)
233 Nightwind U Look Mahvelous CD Gall O'Neal (Va)
234 Ch. Faux Paws Citroen Doug Fowler & Carol & David Van Duser (D.C.)
235 Ch. Faux Paws Cavalier Rybug Rd. Carol & David Van Duser (D.C.)
236 Ch. Deja Vu All the Tea in China Terry Miller, K.T. McCann & Regina Keiter (OH)
238 Ch. Vous Et Nul Autre De Bejaune CD E.J. & W. Balely & M. Weitz & M. Greenberg (Pa)
239 DebonnaireDavey De Bejaune E.J. & W. Bailey (pa)
242 Bogart De Bejaune Diane Hanson (B.C., Can)
244 Ch. Deja Vu Cassandra Lee Davidson & T. Miller (Oh)
246 Ch Phyeaux Velvet Cowboy Kathy Fitzpatrick & Mary Lou Tingley (NJ)
247 Ch. Tiffany De L'Eminence June Shew & Gerard Baudet (RI)
250 Radnor's Bergerac Chavaler Sherry Boyce (Co)
254 Virage D Lover Boy Weslie & Mike Ram (Vt)
255 Mle. Wonder Wookie CD Honey & Jeff Kandell (NY)
256 Mielieux's Orangeux De Cembre William & Rebecca Weber (Wi)
257 L' tres Beau Chien Distine Aija Keiss (CT)
259 St. Onge Dirty Dancin' Gerald Hicks & Polly Schick (Va)
265 Ch. Deja Vu Woodbine Celtic Pride TT Marsha Clamp & Terry Miller (Ma)
268 Cybele Du Coteau D'Avranches Anne Mae Forsberg (Ma)
Karen Trueman contributed the following article from *Scientific America* dated May 7, 1898 titled "Competition of Shepherds' Dogs at Angerville."

The question of the improvement of the French shepherd's dog was raised TWO years ago, and, thanks to the initiative of M. Emmanuel, founder and president of the French Shepherd's Dog Club, was made the order of the day. M. Bonlet saw himself at once seconded by the sympathy of the minister of agriculture and supported by the entire agriculture press.

The club now has numerous adherents, and it is with pride that the shepherds and drovers say to you, "We are members of the club."

The dogs that are so useful for guarding and driving flocks were soon submitted to competition, not only from the standpoint of breed and beauty, but also on the grounds in the form of special tests.

The first races, if we may so express ourselves, took place with success in the vicinity of Chartres, last year. The result obtained led the club to organize the Angerville races, which were run on Sunday, May 30. In the land of Beauce, with its immense plains, shepherd's dogs are numerous, and the drover also have their contingent of very stylish animals.

The train took us at ten minutes to nine to the Angerville station, where the Orphioc Society of the place came with great pomp to meet M. Menault, inspector general of agriculture and mayor of Angerville, surrounded by the organizers of the contest, Messrs. Boulet, Tisserand, Sevrette, Bodmer, Masson and others.

In front of the mayor's office there was a drawing of numbers by lot, and the number of each dog was carried by the shepherd upon an armlet.

The animals present were judged from the view point of beauty of breed, and then everyone went to breakfast. At half-past twelve a start was made from the mayor's office for the field of tests, two gendarmes, on horseback, heading the procession, followed by music with a banner at the head. Behind came the spectators and the contestants and their dogs, held by a leash by their owners. The plan of the track will give the aspect of the competition better than words.

The path to be taken by sheep was indicated upon the plain only by two furrows made with a plow and staked out by small poles here and there, provided with a tricolored pendant. A strong, cool breeze was blowing that made all the flags and the canvas of the tribunes flap. The weather was splendid and the sun hot.

The competition began. In the stock fold there was a large flock of sheep to be used for the occasion. Each shepherd was to drive a flock of 15 sheep from point 1 to point 6 without the dogs allowing the animals to stray from the road between the two furrows. The flock had to surmount obstacles, ascend embankments, descend into ditches and pass between hedges that formed a narrow passage, and all this in close groups without any of them separating.

Incidents were not wanting. Out of the 32 dogs registered very few led their sheep from one fold to the other without a
hitch. Gallops in disorder across the field and between the legs of spectators made the public merry. More than one shepherd, tired of the obstinate resistance of the sheep to obstacles, seized the leader of the flock from the lot, and holding him firmly by the nape, dragged him over the embankment and thus made himself followed by the band of imbeciles.

We more than once saw the history of Panurge renewed during the course of these tests.

The good dogs were the ones which, not becoming enervated, led their animals judiciously. They took a little more time for the operation, but prevented disorder in the ranks.

The good shepherd's dog should not seize the sheep by the rump, where a wound by his fangs might spoil a leg of mutton, the essential part in butchery, but rather by the nape.

After the tests in driving, the sheep were placed in hurdles, for the completion in placing and separation of lots.

The Briard as a Livestock Guardian Dog

Whenever approached about the effectiveness of my flock guardian dog, I am always pleased to announce confidently, that my property is free of coyotes and wolves. This statement, of course, does not take into account that coyotes and wolves have never been seen on my property and I'm not even sure that they are indigenous to my area. So why have I invested a significant sum of money and time in acquiring and training a flock guardian dog to stay with my sheep and goats? Did I really expect to see my large, furry sentry in paw-to-paw combat with a bear or other wild beast that might haunt the Georgia Piedmont area? Hardly, I live in sedate, semi-suburban Covington, Georgia. This is the heart of the problem. There have been too many nervous days away from the farm, and late evenings at the office and sleepless nights when all my mind could think of is "Could a neighborhood dog or pack of strays get in and maim my beautiful and helpless animals?" Several people I knew have had such a horrifying experience and the pictures they paint are not pretty. Sitting out in the pasture with a shotgun and guarding the goats and sheep myself would not work well on my cash flow situation as I do have to show up to work sometime. The logical recourse for me was to get a guardian dog.

The term guardian dog must be differentiated from the guard dog. The guardian breeds are not bred for aggressive behavior like police-type guard dogs. They also are very different from the herding breed of dogs. The herd dog instinctually stalks and chases being full of the energy very necessary to help the shepherd move his livestock from grazing area to grazing area. The guardian dogs are reasonably low key. After all how many hyper sheep do you know thus why would you have a hyper dog watching them? Their passive presence with the sheep has been depicted by many early 18th and 19th century pastoral artists. Many people observing my flock guardian have commented that I should put a mirror to her nose to see if she's still breathing. Being low key is only one of the characteristics of a guardian dog. In addition, they are very strongly bonded to the flock that they guard, with the large muzzle, strong jaws, and set of "dew-claws" on their feet, they are physically constructed to handle any predator interested in causing harm to their wooly charges. An interesting fact which surfaced in my studies of flock guardian dogs is that there have been very few examples of a guardian dog ever doing any physical harm to a predator. Many reports have indicated that the predatory animal is made to see the error of his ways and sent on his merry way by a few well-toned growls of the guardian dog or it has been cornered to be dealt with when the shepherd returned.

There are a number of different breeds of guardian dogs. The most popular appears to be the Great Pyrenees and Merina with the Komondor, Kuvas, and Akbash also being found guarding flocks in the United States. You might reasonably ask "What kind of guardian dog did you get?" After doing some research on the subject, my quest was over when I saw an ad in a Goat magazine
for a Briard, a rare French breed of sheep dog, advertised as a flock guardian dog. I fell in love with the face and ordered one of the puppies. To this day, I don't know what it was about the face that got me hooked, the only feature you can see is a large pink tongue hanging out. However, it was logical for me to choose an unusual breed of dog, or so I rationalized to myself, because I do raise unusual sheep and goats. Black Merino's and Jacob sheep, noisy Nubians and Angora goats are normally seen because I raise unusual sheep and goats. Black Merino's and

There has been very little information accumulated about the Briard as a flock guardian dog on the modern ranch or farm. Almost all of the records are on early 18th and 19th century Briard flock dogs in France. However, in the United States reports as early as the 18th century in the form of correspondence by Thomas Jefferson indicate the value of this breed as flock guardians in this country. Jefferson, was very active in importing Briards from France to be used to protect his Merion flock in Virginia. He extols the excellent temperament and intelligence of these animals as well as their dedication to the flock in many of his letters.

It is interesting to note that this very old, and as yet, not overbred canine breed is capable of performing several tasks. In France they provided a dual service to the shepherd as they had the intelligence to perform well as both guardian and herding dogs when the job required. Modern Briards are given the opportunity to be tested for the herding instinct and have placed very well in herding geese. I don't know how my dog would perform at that task as I do not have flock of geese for her to herd but she is good at shooing chickens out of the paddock. I don't know if that counts.

Being a pedigree French dog it seemed fitting to provide her with an inspiring French name reminiscent of her impressive ancestry which probably included a great uncle named "Phydeaux" so I named this bundle of fur and paws "Duvete Sentinelle" which means, loosely translated, fuzzy guardian in French which I thought was a fitting name for a sheepdog. The Briard puppy was a novelty at the farm and all of my friends who had never seen a Briard before would arrive curiously requesting to see the new "guard puppy". Unfortunately, that name stuck.

Guard puppy or GP finished her puppy stage unceremoniously. She was trained in the same manner as other guardian dogs. As a 10 pound, month old puppy she was placed in the kid and lamb pen in the spring to be with things her own size. I tried to introduce her to my Milkers, but she got pushed, prodded, pounded and nipped by some of my more irate ladies. The lamb and kid pen seemed safer, for her that is. Her teething stage cost me half of a Nubian ear, made some LaMancha looking (earless) lambs, thank goodness they were destined for the freezer, and nearly cost me dearly when she almost made a whether out of my very expensive new buck kid! She was immediately graduated to the ram pen. Her adolescent stage came with one previously anticipated problem. She wanted to "play" with her buddies and could not understand why they did not like to run around. The 'dangle stick' is the common solution to this problem. To train adolescent guardian dogs, a large stick is dangled from their collar tripping them and banging their shins when they try to run thus preventing them from chasing the sheep. It works. GP wore an old plow blade for 6 months to curb that habit. She is now getting out of her adolescent stage and the results are exciting. Yes, she does think that she is a sheep. She has developed a taste for sheep food and grazes with her friends. She is very reluctant to leave them. I do have to separate them to feed her as the goats get piggish and proceed to eat her dog food. On the few occasions that I have taken her to the house or into the truck, she has appeared distraught wanting to return to her sheep. Any new additions to the barnyard get checked over very carefully and she will not let them get near any of her animals until she is sure that they are ok. She takes the same approach with people. The big thrill came when a stray dog approached the pasture. She stood up, and without moving from her spot near the sheep looked in his direction with ears back and neck hairs bristling. She let out one barely audible growl, which would frighten the Baskerville hound. That stray dog did not hang around. Generally she appears to be happy-go-lucky big dog but I know that she is serious about her work. She still takes great joy in shooing the chickens out of the paddock to generate some excitement on those quiet and lazy summer afternoons. I can now see why Thomas Jefferson was enthusiastic about guardian ability of the big fuzzy Briards. Peace of mind.

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I had a marvelous letter and photos from Susan von Suhrke: she and her husband who live in Augsburg, West Germany and got their first Briard last spring from the DeVries in Holland.

Susan writes; "I was dismayed to see last year's figures on obedience titles for Briards in one of the recent "Front & Finish" issues. It seems that we were outdone by Pulik, for Pete's sake!! As an obedience instructor I was quite disappointed; as a new Briard owner, I was horrified! While I hardly expect our Briards to be able to out-OTCH B.C.'s and Goldens, I think many folk may be underestimating their Briards." Right-on Susan!

She also wrote briefly about Yvonne DeVries' obedience classes in Holland. Almost all of the dogs in Yvonne's PKT, "A" and "B" level classes are Briards! What fun it would be to be in a class with just Briards - AND - with an instructor who understood them too! The obedience in Holland is quite similar in many respects to that in England and the U.S.; one difference is in the dog's healing position. As you can see in the photos, the desired position is a "wrap" which would earn many points off for crowding in a U.S. Trial.

Thanks much to Susan for sharing this news and photos with us!

Julie Treinis and "Tribble" keeps adding new laurels to their record - Julie wrote "On June 24 she was High In Trial at the Minuteman KC trial ... Her first place score from the Open class was 197. This was Tribbles fourth, all-breed HIT, and the first leg on her SKC-CDX. The next day she added another leg with a second place, 196.

Thanks to all of you who have sent in news this past year and I hope that the new Obedience Chm. will hear from many more in the coming year.

Lest any of you wish to do time for endangering the welfare of your children or corrupting the morals of a minor, I would like to make a correction in the article entitled VIDEO DOGS in the last (Summer '89) issue of the Dew Claw. Remove the movie "A Boy & His Dog" from the family viewing list. It is an R rated flic that more appropriately belongs in the "kinky" category with the likes of "Cheech & Chong's Corsican Brothers." Now I know of you may just run right out to rent this movie, just don't expect it to be acceptable viewing for kids. As a clue, the "Boy" is played by Don Johnson - does that say anything to you?!

1990 SPECIALTY INFORMATION!!

No, it is not to early to plan for the 1990 Specialty. The Specialty will be held at the Sheraton Inn - Frederick, Maryland the weekend of August 10, 11, & 12, 1990. Pending AKC and Board approval, Sweeps will be held Friday afternoon, Obedience, Saturday morning and the Classes, Saturday afternoon. Breed competition will be on Sunday morning. Thursday evening will offer a buffet and a guest speaker from OFA. Either Dr. Corley or Dr. Keller will make the presentation. These are the plans currently set. Being worked on are plans for a herding clinic and agility clinic. More information will follow as arrangements are made.

Room Reservation should be made directly with the motel (301-694-7500). Please identify yourself as being with the BCA and indicate the number of dogs in your party. If you are wishing to be located near to someone else, please make the reservations together and let the motel know your wishes. Please allow those with numerous dogs to have the first floor rooms. The motel is only two stories, but those stairs get long when trying to exercise three or more dogs. The deposit will be refunded or put towards the final bill as long as there is no damage to the room. This motel has hosted numerous dog functions and is gratitious enough to allow us to use their facility. Please, let us not ruin it for future dog activities. The rates are $58.00 for a single and $65.00 for a double + 5% State Sales Tax. Credit Cards are accepted.

Motor Homes are permitted (with a limited number of electrical hookups) for $30 per night. There is an RV overnight park close to the motel. If anyone is interested call Jeanne Zahniser for information (301-829-9625).

This is a lovely indoor's site for the Specialty! More information to follow in upcoming issues of the Dew Claw.
Ch. Olivia la Voyageur duLhut CDX, TDX, HC

Breeder/Owner/ Handlers: Sarah & Mimi Long

Sire: Ch. Montargis de Lindeau
Dam: Ch. Jolie de la Rivette CDX
Whelped: October 22, 1978

NEW TITLE: STATES KENNEL CLUB CDX

Ch U-UD Brie-Zee Princess Tribble UDT CanUDTX S-CDX TT VT
Owner: Julie Treinis

Sire: C. Chateaubriard Vermouth CD
Dam: Am/Can Ch. Beardsanbrow's N'est Pas Am/Can UDT Sch I, AD, Std D, HIC, VT
Whelped: November 2, 1979
Ch. Deja Vu Dogstoyevsky
Owner: Marianne Paveglio & Terry Miller
Breeder: Terry Miller & R. Keiter
Sire: Ch. Deja Vu Woodbine Cryin Out Loud
Dam: Ch. Aigner Teatotaller
Whelped: June 3, 1988

Ch. Deja Vu Deck The Halls
Owner: Lois & Bruce Rosenblum & Terry Miller
Breeder: Terry Miller
Sire: Ch. Deja Vu California Cooler
Dam: Ch. C'est Bonheur Woodbine Tinsel HIC
Whelped: October 10, 1988
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