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Dear Fellow Briarders,

Another year is starting for the Briard Club of America, and the beginning of a new year sees the departure of many good and dedicated people. In particular, I can say with no hesitations that the Club could not have functioned as smoothly as it did without the work and the dedication of Sue Erickson. She has accomplished a formidable job as our Club's Secretary, and she has been instrumental in keeping communication always opened within the Board over the past two years. Thankyou Sue!

Barbe Lynch and Art Tingley, Directors, as well as Bob Weihrauch, our past President, are also leaving the Board. They have put hard work in shaping the future of the Club, and their effort is sincerely appreciated. Thankyou!

I also would like to give a very special thankyou to someone who contributed much time and energy for all of us. Jeanne Zahniser is now retired as the Dew Claw Editor. We all had great pleasure reading the many issues of the Dew Claw she put out for us. Thankyou for a great contribution!

I know these people will still be very actively involved with the Club, and it is good to know that we can count on such very good workers. We always need many volunteers to fill the positions required by a growing Club. Thankyou to all volunteers for taking new responsibilities and for helping the Club. Thankyou in particular to Gail Zamarchi who has accepted to be our new Dew Claw Editor. Welcome aboard!

Next year's Specialty and Rassemblement week will be in Toledo, Ohio. It is already filled with many exciting events and activities. We still need your input, however, and we are hoping to hear from you. Do not hesitate to contact one of us.

I am truly yours,

Gérard Baudet

FROM THE EDITOR...

To quote Jeanne Zahniser from her first editorial letter in the Fall 1988 issue, "I don't believe I am sitting here writing to the readers of the Dew Claw. Many of you will be as surprised as I was to find myself in this position. I hope I won't disappoint you."

I don't think Jeanne has disappointed anyone and I hope that I can continue to provide as broad a range of informative and entertaining material as she did. It is my intention to maintain the Dew Claw as a publication balanced for all members, new and old, beginner and veteran.

Changes will be more in the area of appearance and layout rather than content. This is, however, your magazine. My job is primarily to centralize and compile the information. Let me know what you would like to see on your pages. I welcome and encourage submission of articles by any member. I will recognize all authors and contributors unless you request anonymity. If you think that you are not a good writer, send something anyway and let me know that you would like it "cleaned up." That's another function of the editor. Any of you who are planning to produce your articles on a computer, please contact me for some suggestions on formatting.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have voiced your support and confidence to me in this new position. Especially, I would like to thank Jeanne for her help and advice. And to Sue Erickson, I'll remember the 99-1 rule!

COVER: Be sure to give laundering instructions with your puppies or this could happen to you!
VERSATILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Julie Treinis

Thanks to the efforts of BCA member Mary Thomson of Playa del Rey, California, the Club now has a beautiful scroll upon which are recorded the names of versatility title (VT) holders and their owners. It will be updated annually and displayed at each year's National Specialty.

The scroll is "based on 11th century French manuscripts and 'Book of Hours,' plus the Anne of Brittany unicorn tapestries." Mary Thompson has been a member of Women Artists of the American West since 1975, a member of Women Painters West since 1978, and an Exhibiting Member of the Pacific Art Guild since 1972. She served as that organization's president in 1973 and again 1980. She has placed a value of $500 on the scroll. As Versatility Chair and the owner of two VT holders, I would again like to express my appreciation for Mary's contribution of time and talent. The Club has a lovely work of art to enjoy and treasure.

A new criterion for the VT has been approved by the Board. The Canine Good Citizen Test is now acceptable as an alternative to the Temperament Test. Either one title or the other may be used; both may not. Neither is required.

This is the last report from the Versatility Committee which, as such, has been dissolved. Now that the title is in place, it is to be part of the Awards Committee's responsibility. Please send VT criteria to the Awards Chair [see Committee listings].

The following is a list of new VT holders (owners) for 1990:

AKC/CKC CH. BIGTREE'S BE BOP-A-LUBA AKC/CKC, HIC, TT (Linda R. King)

AKC CH. ENCHANTING INDEE J AKC CDX, AD, B (Donna Matey)
AKC CH. DANSEUSE D'OCCASION AKC CD, HIC, B (Donna Matey & David Behrens)
AKC/CKC CH. LOVE'S VOYAGEUR TRAVIS AKC/CKC CD, HIC, TT (Marcia Pearson)
AKC/CKC CH. MANNY'S MAGNIFICENT RUBY AKC CD, HIC, TT (Marcia Pearson)
AKC CH. CHANEL DE LUTECE ET L'EMINENCE AKC CD, HIC, TT (Gérard M. Baudet & June W. Shew)
AKC CH. BELLATRIX DE STRATHCONA (Marilyn & Mike Johnson)
AKC CH. KALIPHI U KNOW MIELLEUX DEUX AKC CD, HIC, TT (Debra A. Morrow & Jane E. Beahan)

HERDING COMMITTEE

Jane Beahan

The AKC needs our encouragement and support for their efforts in herding. If ALL members would take a little time to drop a note of appreciation to AKC for their efforts we can keep AKC interested.

When you earn a herding title, please send copies of the test forms, all information from the entry to either me or Barbara Lynch. If at all possible, we would like a three generation pedigree and a copy of the AKC title certificate. It is not necessary to submit this information for HCs earned through BCA as we already have that information.

There is a correction to be made from the Summer 1990 column "And From the West Coast." Lauri Brown's "Brie" was reported as being the second Briard reported to the BCA as earning the STD-S title. Actually, Brie is the FIRST known to the BCA to earn that title. That's the kind of correction it's a pleasure to make!
# NEW HERDING BRIARDS

## NEW HC BRIARDS

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## BCA 8/9/90 HERDING MATCH (BCA HC)

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"Yo! Davey! They're over here!"
A NOTE FROM YOUR SPECIALTY CHAIRPERSON......

Michael and I would like to take one more opportunity to express our thanks to all of our members and fellow Briarders who helped make the 1990 National a success. Without a doubt, all committee chairs and committee members put forth supreme efforts on the club's behalf, and we hope that, in turn, the results are that each of you have gone home with special memories.

New events such as agility, Canine Good Citizen, and obedience and handling seminars, which were all well received, were interspersed with the familiar, such as herding and costume classes. Each brought a closer bond between our Briards and their owners, and enabled everyone to find a level at which they could participate.

Our beautiful show site was well cared for by responsible dog owners. Positive attitudes and good sportsmanship pervaded the atmosphere and we all look forward to such good times again.
**BEST SENIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES**
DEJA VU EVERY LITTLE BREEZE  
Breeder: Terry Miller  
Owner: Lee Davidson & Terry Miller

**BEST OF OPPOSITE SENIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES**
DEJA VU EASY MONEY  
Breeder: KT McCann & Terry Miller & R Keiter  
Owner: Carol Chamberlain & Theodore Ozsvath

**BEST JUNIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES**
EFREM DE BEJAUNE  
Breeder: Meg W. Weitz & Michael Greenberg  
Owner: Karen A. Fedi

**BEST OF OPPOSITE JUNIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES**
DEJA VU FOUR LEAF CLOVER  
Breeder: Terry Miller & K. McCann & J. Odom  
Owner: Terry Miller
PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES - 1990

Cece Collins Megrue

Judging sweepstakes at the BCA Specialty was a great thrill for me, and I want to thank the Club, the Board of Directors, and Show Chairmen Meg Weitz and Michael Greenberg for giving me the opportunity. The depth of quality I was presented with bodes well for the future of the breed.

My overall impression was that type has become more consistent in recent years - a real tribute to the breeders. Heads have improved, and I found very few that were too short. Some were, however, too narrow. Bites were excellent, with only one undershot bite and a few level. Eye color was generally good and rich, though on some narrow heads the eyes tended to be more almond-shaped because of their positioning - a fault to watch for. I like a wide open, level, very dark eye with an inquisitive, confident expression so typical of the ideal Briard. It is a goal worth breeding for. Eye expression is the second thing a judge sees and says worlds about how the dog is feeling. But there is too much hair over those eyes! Give 'em a break, owners, and learn how to thin and scissor the eye area properly so that the dog can see where he is going. A dog with adequate vision tends to gait with higher head carriage, conveying a much more elegant appearance.

The most serious structural fault I observed was shoulders that were generally much too steep. This fault seemed to run right through the older class dogs and Specials as well. A shoulder with less than 90° angulation leads to all sorts of other problems, such as toplines which sag or roach, and stiff gait lacking in reach. Even if the dog's angulation is balanced front and rear, he cannot possibly have the effortless, flowing movement of the ideal Briard.

Size is the other obvious problem currently in the breed. The Briard has not been well served by the tendency of some breeders to breed for what they believe will do better in the Group ring. The Briard rapidly loses his elegance and style when he, or she, gets over the Standard maximum. I have always been of a mind that over maximum dogs should be as severely penalized as under minimum dogs are. The appearance of strength and elegance can be better achieved by striving to preserve some of the wonderful long necks and handsome heads I observed, set on dogs who measure within the Standard at the withers. Give those same dogs properly angulated shoulders, and the toplines will decline slightly toward the hips, creating an outline of power and beauty.

There have been improvements since my active breeding days in length of croups and tails. Rears are still a problem in the breed. I don’t mind a slight toeing-out provided the hocks are positioned in movement so that there is plenty of air between them and they have enough length. Don’t blame the problems with rears on dewclaws; they are irrelevant unless you forget to cut the nails for months, as was the case with a few puppies I examined. We are a small breed which has not had the luxury of ruling out for breeding any dog which is not truly sound. Progress is being made, however, for now you rarely see a very cow-hocked dog.

Before I move on to a few specific comments about the classes I judged, I want to focus on temperament. My puppies in general displayed excellent attitude and a good deal of poise for their age. There was one exception, but the more serious incident the next day in the classes, when a dog turned and attacked his handler, gave me food for thought, as it should any lover of this noble breed. I am firmly of the school that believes temperament to be inherited. I have watched the personalities emerge on two-to-four week old puppies though fourteen litters, and in following them into adulthood, found a correlation so strong in the personalities of the mature animals that it cannot be ignored. Now that I have a perspective on this breed of 24 years, I believe you have nothing if you do not have a sound temperament. Please, breeders, make that your most important criterion when selecting brood bitches and stud dogs. There is nothing
more heart-breaking for a breeder than to receive a phone call two years after selling a puppy informing him that the dog has gone after someone. Do not make the mistake of blaming the owner for not properly socializing the dog. Genes are much more likely to be the cause. Do not mean to underestimate the importance of exposing and training any and every Briard, but a dog which attacks a person when stressed, frightened, or excited is a loaded gun and is likely to have in his pedigree one or more fearful or aggressive dogs.

I would like to use the classes I judged to illustrate some of the points just covered. In my six to nine puppy dog class was my Junior Sweepstakes winner, a handsome black male [Efrem de Bejaune] who is sound, has beautiful type, and presents himself with a dignified manner. My second place puppy [Sagi A Rock' n And A Roll' n], while a baby at just six months, shows lots of promise and possessed a delightful joie de vivre that I love to see in a Briard of any age. My nine to twelve month old dog class winner is a pretty dog with a nice gait [Ch. Mon Jovis Egads de l'Etat d'Or], and, I learned later, is already a Champion! In the six to nine month old bitch class I fell in love. The puppy bitches I placed first [Deja Vu Four Leaf Clover] and second [Deja Vu Fractured Fairytales] are littermates, I learned later, and have exceptional quality with sound, effortless movement. The winner has great presence, gorgeous color, and the best rear I saw all day. I wanted to take her home. The nine to twelve month bitch class produced the clown of the day [Virage Emerald Isle], a very pretty bitch who had a marvelous time. Handlers, don't be too quick to knock that back. They get bored soon enough, so keep it fun as long as possible. I gave this large, strong class to a lovely black bitch [French Lix Elvira de Lindeau] with elegant type and reserved dignity.

In the senior puppy classes I had some very large males. I gave the twelve to fifteen month dog class to [Aigner Eye of the Tiger] and the fifteen to eighteen month class to [Deja Vu Easy Money]. Both, while handsome, were larger than I like to see. The twelve to fifteen month bitch class had only one entry, but she is one of the nicest young bitches I have seen in a long time [Aigner Educating Rita]. She has a beautiful head, elegant high ear set, is very sound, and conveys an air of alert dignity and natural showmanship. The fifteen to eighteen month bitch class produced my Senior Sweeps winner [Deja Vu Every Little Breeze], an exceptionally beautiful bitch who floats over the ground and carries her head high; I couldn't take my eyes off her. She has gorgeous type and is very sound. The choice for Best Senior Puppy came down to the two bitches [Aigner Educating Rita and Deja Vu Every Little Breeze], and was the hardest choice I faced all day. I expect these two will have a lot of fun bashing heads in the ring for some time to come. I think they both have an exciting future.

Congratulations to the breeders and owners of all the winners, and best of luck to all the participants. Judging your efforts was a pleasure, and I commend every handler for the courtesy, ring decorum, and good sportsmanship with which each entrant, without exception, was presented. I shall follow your progress with interest.
HIGH IN TRIAL
FIRST OPEN A CLASS
CH. DANSEUSE D'OCCASION CD
Breeder: David T. Behrens
Owner: Donna Matey & David Behrens

FIRST PLACE BRACE CLASS
CH. QUE SERA SERA DU LE LOUP D'OR CD HC
Breeder: Virginia Schaefer
CH. BASINER GARCON DE L'HEUREUX CDX
Breeder/Owner: Theresa A. Lee

FIRST PLACE VETERANS NOVICE
CH. QUE SERA SERA DU LE LOUP D'OR CD HC
Breeder: Virginia Schaefer
Owner: Theresa A. Lee
TAKE A BOW

Edward F. Gillespie
Specialty Obedience Judge

I was pleased and honored to be invited to be a part of the National Specialty Show & Obedience Trial of the Briard Club of America. I was impressed with the soundness of both body and temperament of the dogs in general. Your breeders and trainers should take a large bow.

I cannot pass up this opportunity to commend the Show Chairmen and the Committee on the outstanding job they did. Now it’s your turn to take a bow.

The sportsmanship of the exhibitors was always evident and made my job a real pleasure. It’s always fun to judge a happy working dog but when the handlers are as pleasant as these were, it’s just great. Exhibitors please take a bow.

And who ever heard of the High In Trial coming from the Open A class? Ch. Danseuse D’Occasion CD, that’s who. Take a well earned bow.

Thank you for having me and for the great set of stewards that made me look good all day. Will the stewards please stand up and take a bow.
BRIARDS

The following prizes are offered by the Briard Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of its members and friends unless otherwise specified.

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Cecily Collins Megruie

Prize Money

After $3.00 is retained for expenses, the remaining entry fee in each class will be divided as follows:

First ...................................................... $12.00
Second .................................................. $9.00
Third .................................................... $6.00
Fourth .................................................. $3.00

Any prize money unclaimed will be retained by the Briard Club of America, Inc.

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

The Briard Club of America, Inc. offers Rosettes for Best Junior in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex to Best Junior in Sweepstakes, Best Senior in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex to Best Senior in Sweepstakes.


Best of Opposite Sex to Best Junior in Sweepstakes. Porcelain Cameo Plaque of Briard Motif.

Best Senior in Sweepstakes. Porcelain Cameo Plaque of Briard Motif.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best Senior in Sweepstakes. Porcelain Cameo Plaque of Briard Motif.

First in Each Sweepstakes Class. Rosette & Briard Wooden Pull Toy.

Second through Fourth in Each Sweepstakes Class. Rosette.

BRIARDS. Sweepstakes, Junior, 6 to 9 Months Dogs.

1 (23) Aigner Eye Of The Tiger. Owner: James S Albrecht Jr & James S Albrecht Sr.
2 (15) Grinzling's Fantaisie De Chagal. Owner: Cristine Duval.
3 (143) Mes Ami Ewe-Chaser. Owner: Gerald H & Mary C Hicks.

BRIARDS. Sweepstakes, Junior, 9 to 12 Months Dogs.

1 (17) Bigtree's En Fin De Lutece. Owner: Barbara M Lynch.

BRIARDS. Sweepstakes, Senior, 15 to 18 Months Dogs.

1 (22) Aigner Educating Rita. Owner: Regina Kelter.
2 (56) Deja Vu Every Little Breeze. Owner: Lee Davidson & Terry Miller.

BEST JUNIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES

1

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST JUNIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES

2

BEST SENIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES

5

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST SENIOR IN SWEEPSTAKES

59
REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Mrs. James Edward Clark

BREED PRIZES

The Briard Club of America, Inc. offers Rosettes for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch.

Best of Breed:
The B.C.A. Challenge Trophy, a 10" Diameter SP Bowl Mounted on a Wooden Base. For permanent possession to be won three times by the same breeder, not necessarily the same dog. (Ownership of the three wins must be identical.) Until then possession will remain with the Briard Club of America, Inc. and will be offered at all Specialty Shows of the Club. The winner’s name will be engraved on the Challenge Trophy.

8' Briard Medallion.

Framed “Performance Art Series Print” offered by Hill’s Science Diet.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Mounted Briard Medallion.

Best of Winners. Framed Briard Cross-stitch.


Veteran Dogs. First, “Science Diet Senior Award” (Medallion) & $50.00 Cash offered by Hill’s Science Diet.

Veteran Bitches. First, “Science Diet Senior Award” (Medallion) & $50.00 Cash offered by Hill’s Science Diet.

First in Each Regular & Non-Regular Class. Mounted Briard Head & Rosette. Second through Fifth in Each Regular & Non-Regular Class. Briard Magnet.

BRIARDS. Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Dogs.


BRIARDS. Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Dogs.


BRIARDS. 10 to 18 Months Dogs.


23 Aigner Eye Of The Tiger, D 882076. 06-30-89. Breeder: Regina Keiter & Linda Lorraine. By Ch Aigner Deja Vu Double G Seven - Ch Phydeaux Blue Chip Stock. (Junior Showmanship No. 5). Owner: James S Albrecht Sr & James S Albrecht Jr.

25 Deja Vu Easy Street, D 865903. 03-12-89. Breeder: Terry Miller. By Ch Deja Vu All The Tea In China - Ch Deja Vu Woodboom Cheap Thrills. Owner: Lloyd Blacker & Mary Blacker.


BRIARDS. Bred by Exhibitor Dogs.


BRIARDS. American-Bred Dogs.


BRIARDS. Open, Black Dogs.


BRIARDS. Open, Gray Dogs.


BRIARDS. Open, Tanwy Dogs.


2.19 Nightwind's Effervescence, D 930626. 12-20-89. Breeder: Gail O'Neal. By Ch Nightwind For Pete's Sake's Ch - Nightwind Uckow Velucious CD. Owner: Gail O'Neal.


BRIARDS. Puppy, 3 to 6 Months Bitches.


64 U Know Em Kali De Crayencour, D 977890. 08-13-89. Breeder: Jane E. Beahan. By U Know He Did It - Ch Mieulex U Know Up-C-Daisy. Owner: Monsieur Pierre Duquette.

BRIARDS. 12 to 18 Months Bitches.


2.56 Deja Vu Every Little Breeze, D 892643. 03-12-89. Breeder: Terry Miller. By Ch Deja Vu All The Tea In China - Ch Deja Vu Wooddon Cheap Thrills. Owner: Lee Davidson & Terry Miller.


BRIARDS. Bred by Exhibitor Bitches.


BRIARDS. American-Bred Bitches.


BRIARDS. Open, Black Bitches.

1.54 U Know Darin' To Bea Kaliphii, D 721093. 03-05-88. Breeder: Jane E. Beahan & Ellen M. Shea. By Ch Oberon Le Voyageur Dalhii - U Know It Was Meant To Bea. (Obedience No. 16). Owner: Debra Morrow & Jane E. Beahan.


BRIARDS. Open, Tawny Bitches.


Winners' Bitch: 40.

Reserve: 12.

Points: 5.

Bitches: 40.
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION
Judge: Mrs. James Edward Clark

NOTE - Effective January 1, 1989

AKC Junior Handler Numbers are now required for entry in Junior Showmanship Competition. Numbers may be obtained from the American Kennel Club - PHONE: (212) 966-8345, (212) 966-8240 or (212) 966-8261.

NOVICE JUNIOR CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 10 years and under 14 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have not won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

NOVICE SENIOR CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 14 years and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have not won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

OPEN JUNIOR CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 10 years and under 14 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

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Novice Junior Class


Open Senior Class


BEST JUNIOR HANDLER

NOBLESHE TRIAL CLASSES

Qualifying Score Required for All Prizes in Regular Classes.

"Dog" means either sex.

Bitches in Season - a refund of entry fee will be made on bitches entered in Obedience Classes who come in season after entries close. Request in writing for refund must be submitted to the Show Secretary along with the certificate from veterinarian before the judging of the class in which the bitch is entered has started.

(Note: All dogs entered in any Veterans Obedience Class must be 8 years of age or older. Any dog entered in Graduate Novice must hold CD Title.)

PRIZES

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes. 8" Briard Medallion & Rosette offered by Briard Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of its members & friends.

Novice Class A.
First, Mounted Briard Head offered by Briard Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of members & friends.
Second through Fourth, Briard Magnet offered by Briard Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of members & friends.

Novice Class B.
First, Mounted Briard Head offered by Briard Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of members & friends.
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Open Class A.
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Novice Class A
Judge: Mr. Edward F. Gillespie

Graduate Novice Class
Judge: Mr. Edward F. Gillespie


Veterans Novice
Judge: Mr. Edward F. Gillespie


Brace Competition
Judge: Mr. Edward F. Gillespie


BEST OF BREED
FIRST PLACE VETERAN BITCHES
CH. C'EST BONHEUR WOODBINE TINSEL
Breeder: Frances Taylor
Owner: Terry Miller & J. Odom & K. McCann
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
CH. DEJA VU CALIFORNIA COOLER V MON JOVIS
Breeder: K.T. McCann & Terry Miller & R. Keiter
Owner: Mary & Robert Lopez & Matt & Marlene Weyuker

BEST OF WINNERS
FIRST PLACE OPEN, TAWNY DOGS
BRADIR FOX LAIR DANGERFIELD
Breeder: Valerie Fox & Anita Nilsen
Owner: Valerie Fox & Kenneth Fox

WINNERS BITCH
FIRST PLACE PUPPY 9-12 MONTHS BITCHES
VIRAGE ELEANOR
Breeder: Mindy Blakey & Karen Farkas
Owner: Kathleen K. Kelley & M. Blakey & K. Farkas

RESERVE WINNERS DOG
SECOND PLACE OPEN, TAWNY DOGS
DEJA VU EASY MONEY
Breeder: K.T. McCann & Terry Miller & R. Keiter
Owner: Carol Chamberlain & Theodore Ozsvath

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH
FIRST PLACE OPEN, TAWNY BITCHES
CANDY DU MOULIN D'EAU
Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Laruelle
Owner: Anne E. Hock
SPECIALTY JUDGE COMMENTS

Mrs. Ann Rogers Clark

This is a transcribed tape. The only changes were overused words. It is as close to an oral critique as possible. I hope it will give insight as to how a judge proceeds with judging such a prestigious entry. Thank you. Anne Clark.

Today is the eleventh of August, 1990. We are at the Holiday Inn in Frederick, Maryland. It is the Briard Club of America’s National Specialty and we’re in the ballroom of the Inn. A nice big ring, fairly well lighted for a ballroom. It’s a lovely entry and we’re looking forward to the day.

There are nine Six to Nine Puppies entered. We have eight puppies—one appears to be absent. This is a handsome class. I was amazed with the condition and poise of these six to nine puppies, that was until I got down to the last two very, very handsome puppies who, for some reason, loathed to have me touch them! It was too bad because they were two of the better puppies in the line up. The eventual winner of this class is a tall, well-groomed puppy with a very positive topline, extremely sound, beautiful bone, substance, lovely proportions of head. He’s a tawny and he’s a natural-eared dog. Second to a black dog. Of course, the alertness of the cropped ear gave him the advantage of expression in here. However, the attributes of the dog standing in first carried him through this class. Third to a tawny puppy, a little younger than the two placed above him, hasn’t quite reached his height yet in front but gives promise of a very handsome puppy, also very sound. Fourth to a baby puppy, very well socialized, very well off for type and attitude, very sound, just a baby, baby dog that gives promise of good things to come.

Just four in the Nine to Twelve class. First is a tawny, well grown, well socialized, and well shown puppy, nicely coated, wonderful temperament and disposition, dark eye, moved both ways of the ring very well and was handsome on the go round. Second to a puppy very, very shy of coat. I gather he had a flea allergy and he’s being shown in his underwear except for the furnishings on his head. He’s a handsome-headed puppy, positive in topline, plenty of leg under him, amazingly mature when you put your hands on him, which he doesn’t look because of his lack of coat. Third to a natural-eared puppy, a tawny, who has not been socialized anywhere near enough. This is a handsome dog who had great problems with me touching him and going over him. Fourth to another tawny, very attractive puppy, very pretty balance and good topline, nice over his legs. The puppy standing in third had the advantage in mouth.

Five entered and five present in this Twelve to Eighteen Young Dog Class. First to a tawny dog, well filled out, well grown, very pretty coat, wonderful attitude and ability to use himself. Dark eye and a good mouth, uses himself very well coming and going (when he doesn’t pace), and is full of joie de vivre. One would wish that he would not carry his tail as high as he does but part of that is his wonderful temperament. Second to a tawny dog not quite the substance of the dog that placed ahead of him but in other aspects very similar in type. The dog that won the class had the advantage in hindquarter angulation. The third dog, a very handsome black dog and, even though I got his handler to move him on a dead slack lead, would use himself from the side the way I think he can. The two dogs placed above him had the advantage on ground covering ability, but this is a handsome black dog and may be going through just a funny stage in his head. He has a lovely expression, lovely pair of ears, and uses himself very well. The fourth dog is a beautifully conditioned dog, a beautifully trained dog. He’s a tawny, with a lovely head and eye, not quite the ground covering ability of the two dogs that won the class and the three dogs that placed above this dog in the class had the advantage in mouth.

Three in the Bred by Exhibitor Class and they’re all here. Winning this class is a young, just year old black dog, lovely balance and proportion, balance of substance to size. Dead level topline. A
handsome head with a dark eye. I'm not crazy about his ears. He's got a short crop that he doesn't want to use particularly well today but used it well enough to win. He has a beautifully set and placed tail. Second to an older dog rather shy of coat through his loin and midsection which gives him an unbalanced look. He has a lovely, very imposing head with a lot of fringes but gave way on balance and proportion to the dog that won the class today. Third to a dog very similar to the dog that was second, a handsome dog in many respects just quite thin and out of condition.

A single tawny dog in the American-Bred Class, not quite the type that I've been dealing with. The dogs I've been dealing with have a little more scope when they move. This dog has a beautiful coat, a beautiful texture of coat.

Just four blacks in this Open Dog Black Class. First to a very handsome black dog, lovely size, lovely balance of bone to size, substance, forechest. He's well off on all the attributes, has a good mouth, an attractive head. He uses his tail a little bit more gaily than I would prefer but having seen the atrocities committed on other herding dogs, I'm not going to weigh too heavily on the tail or the next thing we know it will be slammed in a car door or something of that sort!! I thought he won this class handily. He has a lovely topline, lovely croup and tail set, it's just that he carries his tail a little high. He's a very, very nice dog. Second to a black dog of just about the same height and stature. Did not use himself as well as the dog that won the class, particularly in motion from the side but a handsome dog in good coat and lovely body. The third dog is a beautiful type. Quite nice behind and not quite as mature as the others. The second dog had the advantage in front. The fourth dog was a totally different type than the three dogs placed ahead of him which I feel restricted his side picture somewhat. But he is a lovely dog, lovely standing, handsome head, eye and expression, lovely use of his ears, lovely length of neck. He's a handsome dog. The fourth dog is a smaller dog than the three dogs placed ahead of him, a slighter dog - not quite the type that they were, not quite the type I was looking for today. But here's a dog also with a lovely head, eye, and ear.

Winners and Reserve to the two worthy tawny winners of my Open Dog Class, with the Open Black Dog making his presence felt.

One absent from the Veteran Dog Class meaning there's a class of four. A gorgeous tawny dog to win this next class. Tremendous coat and body. He's full of himself. He knows what he's about. He's a beautiful example of a Briard. Second to a little bit lighter dog with a heavy coat, very similar in type to the dog that won the class, very handsome. Third and fourth to lovely dogs, a black dog and a tawny dog. Very happy to be here.

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Single entry in this Open Grey Class. This dog is a very, very dark grey with a lot of grey showing in his legs. He's a handsome type of Briard with a good head and a good mouth. I wish that he were a little more comfortable in the ring - he's quite anxious. I also wish that he were a little bit more up on leg. He just lacks a little bit in balance and proportion for me. Beautifully coated dog.

Well filled class of Tawny Dogs. One unfortunately had to be excused because he went out of control. The class has been won by what I consider a very handsome tawny dog. Beautiful balance and proportion, a lovely size. Very handsome coming and going and very handsome from the side. His coat is as close to what the standard calls for as I have found today. It is a dry coat and it fairly rustles when you touch it. Second to a very big dog but by no means coarse or ungainly. He is a tall dog. He is very well-coordinated. He has a handsome head and a lovely way of going. The dog that won the class has the advantage of coat and condition. The third dog is a more compact dog than the two dogs placed ahead of him which I feel restricted his side picture somewhat. But he is a lovely dog, lovely standing, handsome head, eye and expression, lovely use of his ears, lovely length of neck. He's a handsome dog. The fourth dog is a smaller dog than the three dogs placed ahead of him, a slighter dog - not quite the type that they were, not quite the type I was looking for today. But here's a dog also with a lovely head, eye, and ear.

Winners and Reserve to the two worthy tawny winners of my Open Dog Class, with the Open Black Dog making his presence felt.
baby in the Puppy Bitch Class, a real baby, just over six months. She proves that if you have beautiful balance and proportion, length and height and angle to angle that you can cover ground and be sound and do all the things that this Herding Breed would like to be able to do. She has a beautiful length of neck because of her beautifully placed shoulder. She opens up magnificently from the side when viewed from the side. She has a pretty head and a dark eye and she’s really quite eye filling. To take nothing away from the puppy who was second, a little bit bigger puppy, takes a lovely long stride, doesn’t quite open her shoulder as much as the bitch that won the class, has a beautiful head, eye and ear and probably has a very rosy future. Third to a baby puppy again, had the advantage over the fourth puppy who’s a little bigger, a little bit more well grown, just on the fact that she used herself a little bit better from the side. This was a very, very handsome class and nobody was disgraced by their placement.

Seven in the Nine to Twelve Puppy Bitch Class. Another handsome puppy bitch Class. First to a tall, high stationed bitch, with forechest, deep chest and body, lovely, lovely head, eye and ear and a beautiful way of going. She opens her front beautifully from the side, keeps a good topline, has a good attitude of her tail. Second to a bitch very, very similar in type; she just would not use herself on the go the way that the first bitch did. Third to a bitch a little lower on her leg but a bitch outstanding for head, eye and ear and very sound on the go. Fourth to a lovely tall bitch. The three bitches placed ahead of this bitch had the advantage in forechest and yet this bitch is a beautiful bitch in head, eye, ear, station, and topline.

Six in the Twelve to Eighteen Class. The bitch that won this class won on the basis of her construction and maturity of coat and body. She’s a tawny bitch, well made in front, takes a lovely stride from the side and has beautiful coat texture. The very attractive bitch standing in second is not as mature as the first bitch and does not use herself quite as prettily from the side. She does have great attractiveness in her head, eye and ear. Third bitch is very similar to the second bitch, not quite the glamour, has not been put down in the beautiful shape that the second bitch has but she’s a very honest bitch with a lovely shoulder. The fourth bitch is a black bitch who is well off for many of the attributes of this breed. She has a good coat for color, takes a good length of stride. The three bitches placed above her are just a little bit better balanced in proportion.

Seven are in the Bred by Exhibitor Class. First we have a thirteen months puppy bitch with great maturity of attitude. She has a lovely head, eye, ear and she looks well coming and going as well as from the side. Second to a bitch who would have been even more competition to this class had she been willing to walk on the mat. She was a little hesitant. These bitches are very similar in type. Third to a tawny bitch, very mature, and not in a great deal of coat and matches very well with the bitches in here on her type. The fourth bitch is an eleven month old puppy in beautiful coat and condition, lovely head and eye. We had a little trouble with seeing certain parts of her but we managed to prevail. She keeps a nice topline and presents well going and coming and going from the side.

There are two in the American-Bred Class. Only one has appeared. First is a black bitch, very handsome head, good texture of coat.

There are five entries in Open Black Bitches and they are all here. A well handled and presented black bitch won this class. She was smooth and even all the way around. Took a nice level stride. Reached in front, a little gay with her tail but we forgave her that, dark eye and a good mouth. Second to a bitch very similar in type. She is an older (five years) bitch, not quite the coat and condition of the bitch that won the class but a very useful bitch. Third to a bitch who, if she kept herself together a little bit better and kept her topline a little bit better, probably would have placed higher in the class. A useful bitch and a bitch that could stand some work on her, perhaps muscling and not so much weight. And the fourth bitch in line is not the type of the three above her. The three above her have more scope. This bitch is a shorter bitch and therefore shorter in neck, shorter in head, but a dear bitch with nice texture of coat.
Seven Open Bitches in the Tawny Class and they are all here. The Tawny Open Bitch Class has been won by a very handsome bitch. Not smooth in her presentation of coat but she’s well off for balance and proportion, takes a long lovely stride, is quite sound, handsome at head, good mouth and very pleasant body weight. The second to a more extreme type of bitch who would not use herself on the coming and going nor is she mature in coat and body as the winning bitch. The winning Bitch had those advantages. Third to a very pretty bitch, very pretty in balance and proportion, just not using herself on the go as well as she might, not carrying her topline - just a little too arched over her top for me today. Fourth to a bitch who is not the same type as the bitch who placed above her but a very useful Briard bitch. She’s a little shorter in length than the other. She’s presented in magnificent condition, she’s got a lovely head, ear and eye, and she’s quite sound.

Winner’s Bitch to the winner of my Nine to Twelve Puppy Bitch Class on the basis of her exquisite balance and proportion, her ability to take a stride, very, very sound coming and going, perfectly correct carriage of tail and her lovely head with her dark eye. Reserve to the very handsome, very honest Open Bitch.

Whew! We’re not supposed to work this hard in a Veteran Bitch Class, for goodness sake! First to a perfectly gorgeous Briard bitch with everything going for her: type, coat, condition, showmanship, and temperament. Second to a bitch, very, very similar in type, not quite the coat of the winning bitch, beautiful head, beautiful ear, beautiful way of going. The third bitch, very similar in type to the second bitch. The second bitch has the advantage of being very hard in topline, great use of her legs and the fourth bitch is not in big coat but she’s a very honest bitch over her legs. She’s got good use of her legs, carries a good, hard topline and has a lovely head, eye, and ear. Thank you all.

It’s now Sunday, nine o’clock in the morning, and we are preparing to evaluate a wonderful entry of the fifty five Champion Briards at the Briard National Specialty. I hope we have a lovely day.

And what a wonderful day it has been. I have been terribly impressed with the quality all the way through the classes, and to have the array of wonderful specials has put the icing on the cake. The Veteran Bitch prevailed, withstood the challenge of all comers, and romped off with the top rosette for all the attributes she showed me in winning the Veteran Class. BOS to a wonderfully useful, sound, positive in all respects tawny dog who had to stand tall to resist the challenge of the Veteran Dog Class winner. BOW on maturity to the WD.

And so to end the day with very well filled breeder classes - always a pleasure. My thanks to the club, to the exhibitors and their dogs, and to my very efficient stewards. It was a memorable day.
PUPPY, 6 TO 9 MONTH DOGS
MES AMI EWE-CHASER
Breeder: Jeanne Zahniser
Owner: Gerald H. & Mary C. Hicks

PUPPY, 9 TO 12 MONTH DOGS
E'S BRIE-Z STARTREK D'OCCASION
Breeder: David Behrens
Owner: Julie J. Treinis

OPEN, BLACK DOGS
SAGI DEEP DARK SEKRETS
Breeder: Robin G. Sheetz & Jenny R. Klawitter
Owner: Dianna McNew & Robin G. Sheetz

OPEN, GRAY DOGS
DAKAR DU CHEMIN DES ROCAILLES
Breeder: Marc Karlsbad
Owner: Robert R. Ferber & Linda L. Wells

12 TO 18 MONTHS DOGS
BEDLAM BIGHTREE ECHO BERNARD
Breeder: A. Bixler & B. Lynch & J. Carruthers
Owner: Herbert & Eunice Jolly

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS
EL DRAGON MAGIQUE DE LINDEAU
Breeder: Owners
Owner: Robert R. Ferber & Linda Wells

PUPPY, 6 TO 9 MONTH BITCHES
DEJA VU FOUR LEAF CLOVER
Breeder: T. Miller & K. McCann & J. Odom
Owner: Terry Miller

12 TO 18 MONTHS BITCHES
ELISEE BRICE VAN DE HOOLHOEVE
Breeder: Yvonne de Vries van Yperen
Owner: Susan E. von Suhrke
BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES
AIGNER EDUCATING RITA
Breeder: Regina Keiter & Diana Latorre
Owner: Regina Keiter

AMERICAN-BRED BITCHES
ELFIN MAGIC DE LINDEAU
Breeder: Owners
Owner: Robert Ferber & Linda Wells

OPEN, BLACK BITCHES
U KNOW DARIN' TO BEA KALPHI
Breeder: Jane E. Beahan & Ellen M. Shea
Owner: Debra Morrow & Jane E. Beahan

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER
FIRST PLACE OPEN SENIOR
Elizabeth Pearson

VETERAN DOGS
CH. BEARDSANBROW'S UTOPIA
Breeder: Owner
Owner: Janis Charbonneau

STUD DOG
CH. DEJA VU CALIFORNIA COOLER V MON JOVIS
Breeder: K.T. McCann & T. Miller & R. Keiter
Owner: M. & R. Lopez & M. & M. Weyuker

BROOD BITCH
CH. AIGNER TEATOTALER
Breeder: Regina Keiter
Owner: T. Miller & K. McCann & R. Keiter
BRIARD SPECIALTY, 1990
FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Linda Thaler Layton

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." I know that Charles Dickens had his only briard puppy at his first Specialty entered in the sheep herding trials when he wrote those words. Otherwise he would not have understood their real significance.

This was the first Specialty for my husband, David, and me. We have an eighteen-month-old puppy named Ramsie whose reputation has already preceded her in some circles. (Why do people keep saying: "Oh, a Eubie puppy"?) We were introduced to the Specialty by Meg who said we must go and see everything and meet everybody. It sounded wonderful. Since Meg lives so close, I asked if there were anything I could do to help with the organization. I then found myself cross stitching two Briards (designed by Calysta) as a prize for the Best of Winners - a task which I really loved.

Since Ramsie had never been shown (she has a "sparse" coat) we decided to enter her in the sheep herding trials. We even sent our registration Federal Express to be sure we got in. It sounded like the perfect activity for her: she would be outside, meeting new dogs, being with people, doing something instinctive. Well, we were outdoors, and we met some lovely people and their dogs (even before we pulled out of the hotel at 7am), but Ramsie had her own ideas about the sheep. She had the wonderful puppy idea that the sheep were really giant "Chew Men" with legs and were there for her to play with. Lynette said she had the sheep herding instinct, but Ramsie’s mind omitted the word "herding".

The first day she was a holy terror until late in the afternoon when we were all too hot and tired to terrorize anything. When the final test came to run beside the border, she was terrific. She never walked on the border at all. We were so excited: finally something she could do well. Ah, but DAY TWO, the day of the rains, the day the sheep would be on one side of the border and Ramsie the Rambunctious on the other. When Dave took the lead and began to run the border, Ramsie would have no parts of it. She wanted only one thing: to play with those giant chew men. Nothing he did worked. Nothing Lynette did worked. She failed to qualify. Ah, a Eubie puppy.

But wait. Ramsie did shine, in her own way, of course. After her performance in the field, we were huddled under the canopy bemoaning her abilities. All of a sudden two sheep got out of the gate. What was a puppy to do? Even a puppy that failed to qualify? Well, a puppy with the herding instinct must herd! And so Ramsie broke away from David and chased those sheep across the field and into the woods. Dave and I took off after her. Fortunately there was a fence at the entrance to the woods and, bless her instincts, she kept those sheep herded against the fence. Even Magic could not do his job of getting the sheep turned around because Ramsie had them pinned. Lynette to the rescue and all were safe. But poor Ramsie: even her herding au naturale failed to qualify her and there was no ribbon that day. But she remembers what she learned: all we have to do is yell "sheep, sheep, sheep" and she’s ready to go again.

Thursday evening’s dinner was delightful, and the lecture on hip dysplasia was very informative. However, the best part of Thursday was the opening of the Novelty Shop. Fortunately, I was one of the first in, and I even had a plan of attack: by a tote bag and then go around and fill it up! David and I had a ball getting new tee shirts and mugs and Christmas cards and note paper and....

Friday was our first day to be at the activities at the hotel. Since we are beginners, we wanted to learn all we could. We attended the obedience clinic. Ramsie was so obedient for us that Meg took her over just to get her through the clinic. We also attended the grooming clinic: a look into the future. (Everyone keeps telling us Ramsie will get a nice coat soon.) We also watched, sans chien, the
Good Citizen Test and the Agility. They were both a lot of fun and gave us something to work on with Ramsie for Ohio. (See, we’re hooked already.)

The "show" part of the Specialty was especially fun for us. We’re still trying to learn how to tell one beautiful ball of fur from another. But we are doing much better. I even picked a couple of winners at the Puppy Sweepstakes. However, the Parade of Champions left me awestruck. Briards are truly gorgeous and unique animals. That parade was only topped by the assemblage of the fifty-seven on Sunday. I have never seen anything like it. I did not envy the judge the job of picking a winner from that group.

Saturday’s Obedience Trials were a blast. We have all laughed at our dog’s defiance and called it a Briardism. But when several dogs got to the jump and just walked around it, I knew there was hope for Ramsie. And when her mother, Plum, did that and also walked through the boards of the broad jump, I was convinced!

Meeting Ramsie’s parents, Eubie and Plum, and, of course, Sue and Ellen, was such a thrill. We had long talks about each dog and how Ramsie got to be Ramsie. (None of us is really sure about that.) I was so excited about having Ramsie’s parents and two sisters, Ellie and Erin, together at the show, I thought we should have a family portrait taken. That would not have been unusual except for the fact that putting any two of those dogs together can produce flying fur. And I wanted to put five together! When I told Meg of my plan, she turned quite pale. However, we were undaunted, and the photographer was most cooperative. She set up her lights, backdrop and cameras in the lobby (just in front of the “No Dogs In Lobby” sign) and placed the Fiery Five in close proximity. Wonder of wonders: no one growled, barked or bit. They were as good as gold. All ears and tails remained intact. And everyone said it couldn’t be done. After that picture I felt like we had just won Best in Show.

The best “show” was put on by the dogs in costume. We’ve had Ramsie in a tee shirt, but these get-ups were so imaginative and clever. Who but Susan von Suhrke would put a poodle skirt on a Briard? It was wonderful. And we could all identify with Marsha’s “Puppy from Hell”. But the “Shotgun Wedding” really did top them all!

The dinner Saturday evening was great fun. It was so nice to meet so many people and trade stories of our furry friends.

Sunday’s highlight for us was seeing all fifty-seven Briards at one time. We’ll never forget that sight. I even stood on a chair to get a better look. And, of course, Valerie and Ken’s “Rodney” winning Best of Winners and receiving my cross stitched picture was a delight. It made me feel so good that they appreciated my work.

As always, parting is such sweet sorrow. And leaving our new-found friends Merry Jean, Susan and Marie and all the rest was hard. After you spend two long days together in a field with thirty sheep, you make great friends. This was our first Specialty and, therefore, it will always be very special and treasured in our memories. But I know it will be the first of many that David, Ramsie and I will attend. We cannot thank Meg and Michael enough for all of their hard work in planning and organizing this show. Everything was so beautifully done: the site, hospitality room, decorations, dinner cards, prizes, facilities, activities.... I could go on and on. We felt very much at home with everyone and it was nice that we could have activities for Ramsie that were fun and not just "show" oriented. Everyone who worked on this Specialty should be very proud of a job well done. And, while we have said adieu to Frederick, Maryland 1990, we are looking forward to saying bon jour to Ohio in 1991.
Several years ago, when I moved part of my private psychology practice into my home, I acquired a co-therapist. Initially I did not solicit her services. In fact, after a couple of introductory scratches at the door, this applicant bulldozed her way into my office interrupting a rather intense psychotherapy session. My first response was to extend apologies to the surprised client and to order her "out." This was easier said than done when, to my chagrin, the client, a rather depressed young woman, stalled the intruder's exodus asking, "Who is that?"

"My dog," I answered coldly. This was followed up with, "What's its name?"

"Babette," I quickly answered still standing and about to enforce my earlier command. In spite of my position, the questions continued: "What kind of dog is it?" ("A Briard.") "What's a Briard?" ("A French herding-guarding dog.") "She's so-o-o cute. Is she friendly?" ("Yes.") "Hi, Babette!. Can I pet her?"

At this point Babette knew she was three paws on her way to acquiring the unadvertised position of "therapy dog." She walked around me to approach the client who immediately started petting her from where she was still seated on the couch. "Hello. What a nice girl." At this point the client looked up at me and asked sheepishly "Does she have to leave? I don't mind at all if she stays." Not wanting to be the villain, I conceded and sat back down. I tried to refocus the session but to no avail. My efforts were seriously hindered by the client asking Babette if she gave kisses - a most unfortunate question and one that was immediately answered with a
long, wet tongue applied to the woman’s face and a quick hop onto her lap. This therapeutic move on the part of Babette necessitated my speedy exodus from the office to the bathroom to fetch a towel to dry off the effects of therapy, French style. The client, however, didn’t mind the therapeutic bath and seemed in better spirits than I have ever seen her.

Well, Babette now has a job and since we have worked together, she has had a profound effect on a number of seriously troubled people. I think she may have even prevented a suicide attempt and certainly saved a marriage after a warring couple agreed to acquire a dog after knowing Babette. She is a great model for kindness, unconditional love, and friendship.

MEMORIES OF WORKING DOGS

Mary Lou Tingley

Until recently it was difficult, if not impossible, to find Briards herding sheep anywhere in the United States. AKC sheep herding trials were concepts as yet undreamed of. In 1973 I had a wonderful opportunity to spend three weeks in France during which time I visited M. Paul Lhermingy - shepherd, Briard breeder, and owner of "Quidam," the top sheep herding dog of France at that time. M. Lhermingy was good enough to take me and my companions out with the dogs and the sheep one morning. What a treat after owning the breed for almost fifteen years to finally see them do what they were bred for.

As we left Lhermingy's house, he reached for a wide leather belt that hung over the fence where the dogs were confined. The dogs went wild! They knew he was going out with the sheep and they all wanted to go. Lhermingy buckled the belt around his waist, selected Quidam and two bitches and set off for the barns.

The farm had three large sheep barns arranged in a horseshoe that opened onto a cobblestone courtyard. Adjacent to the barns was a small pond where Quidam lay in the water while the girls brought out the sheep. When all were assembled, Quidam and the girls led the sheep about a mile down the road to a large pasture bordered on one side by a field of beets and the other by an apple orchard. The task of the dogs now was to keep the sheep feeding on pasture grass...not beets or apples. While the sheep grazed quietly in the proper area, the dogs lay in the field watching. Sometimes they played games. At a command from Lhermingy, the three dogs raced into the beetfield and lay down. It was September and the beets were big enough to totally obscure the dogs when they put their heads down...which they did. Softly Lhermingy asked, "Where's the rabbit?" and slowly three heads appeared from among the beets. "There it is!" he shouted, and three blurred forms raced in the direction indicated by his outstretched
arm. Of course there was no rabbit and a whistle brought the three dogs back to his side. It was interesting to note that while the dogs seemed intent on the game, should a sheep decide to stray toward the beet field or snatch a taste of fallen apple, the games were put on hold while the nearest dog charged down the boundary and the errant sheep returned to his companions post haste.

Lhermingy explained that the dogs worked on voice command, hand signals or purely on instinct. He could lie down for a nap after lunch knowing the dogs would take care of everything. If he were ill, he had merely to get to the barns and open the doors...the dogs would take over the job and he could go back to bed.

At the end of the day the three dogs gathered the sheep and took them back to the barn. Quidam went back to the pond for one last dip, and the girls put the sheep away. The walk back to the house was quiet, almost somber...a startling contrast to the enthusiasm of the morning.

I've watched movies of dogs herding sheep in the vast ranges of the American West and the mountains of New Zealand. The drama of the lift and fetch was exciting, but it all paled in comparison to watching my own breed keep those 200 sheep within the confines of the French pasture, drive them down that country road, and put them safely in the barns. The remarkable control shown by the dogs, their awesome sense of responsibility, and the boundless joy they showed for their work are memories that will stay with me forever.

**ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY IN COLORADO**

Boy, did I scare Mom! She had to rush me to the hospital at 8:00 pm. My spleen had flipped, died, and swelled. The doctor said it was the size of a loaf of bread (French, of course), and within one hour of rupturing. All I know is that it hurt bad. I went into shock shortly after I arrived at the hospital. The doctor started an IV and told Mom that I needed immediate surgery. The next day Mom came to visit me in the ICU. I was having some post-operative complications: heart arrhythmias, reaction to the blood transfusion given during surgery, and a dangerously low red blood cell count. I wanted to jump up on Mom, but the hospital people held me down because I had two IV's and was hooked up to an EKG monitor. Mom just kissed me and cried.

Well, I'm home now and doing really well. I wanted to let you know the outcome, because Mom called so many of you while I was in the hospital. Thanks for comforting her. Usually that's my job. The doctor says I'll live a normal life, and the hair on my leg, chest, and belly will grow back too! But don't tell my Mom because I have really been getting lots of mileage out of this sick dog thing.

*Cyrano (Ch. Radnor's Bergerac Chevalier)*

P.S. A note from my Mom

Cyrano's stomach was intact and the torsion involved only the spleen. His only symptom was lethargy, and he never really let on how sick he was. In fact, had I not felt the intra-abdominal mass with my hand, I would have waited until the following morning to go to the vet's. He would have been dead by then.

Let's not forget that this is a tough breed. They might not let
on how sick they are. Let us also not forget that in the larger breeds, the abdominal cavity is roomy. The possibility exists that any organ can experience torsion (rotation), not just the stomach. I wanted to share what I have learned from this experience because I was only one hour away from a very unhappy ending.

Sherri Boyes
Denver, CO

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The next issue (Winter 1990) will introduce breeder interviews conducted by Terry Miller. We hope that this will be a regular feature in the Dew Claw for several issues. If there are any particular breeders whom you would like to hear from, contact Terry or the Editor with your suggestions.

"Ask Alfie" returns next issue. Alfie is real, so send those questions to him in care of the Dew Claw. Alfie prefers to handle the lighter topics but will tackle some of the heavier one’s if you ask.

We are hoping to have a "Specialty Redux" section for all of those articles which did not make this issue’s deadline. Believe it or not, there are more! The Winter issue will contain the Annual Statistics as well as an OFA update. Any of you who sent in New Champion or Titles announcements will see your ad in this issue.

Remember that the Winter Issue is the Season’s Greetings edition. Camera-ready greeting ad will be published at the special rate of $20 per full page with one photograph. For a half/page-one photograph ad, the price is reduced to $12. Remember, the ad must be camera ready to get this discount price. Please send your check with the ad payable to BCA. The deadline is NOVEMBER 30, So get creative and save yourself a fortune on Christmas cards!

BRIARD PUPPIES

There are a thousand nose prints
Upon your window pane.
You clean them off, they re-appear,
Or are you just insane.
The corners of your cupboards
Become a teething ring.
Your home is now his castle
For which he is the king.
The spots upon the carpet
Are just some water drool.
It might have been a tinkle,
Or just a little stool.
So as we train our puppy,
His bark the neighbors fear.
It really is no mystery,
There’s a Briard living here.

You have an antique table
No longer brown - it’s white.
He drips upon it all day long,
You sand and stain all night.
The language is so easy,
Ten thousand times just NO!
At 4 months old this Briard
Is always on the go.
He’s just a little puppy,
Soon all of this will end.
Just call and ask your breeder,
She USED to be your friend.
You dial up her number,
The breeder makes it clear.
My sentence is for life I think,
There’s a Briard living here.

It’s time to get a drink now,
The bowl is on the floor.
He does not use his tongue at all,
Just half his nose and more.
His ears are glued and standing,
Right now he looks so sweet.
My God, we’re in for trouble
When he grows into those feet!
So take an old tape measure,
Put marks upon the wall.
Your puppy’s getting bigger,
He’s almost two feet tall.
Your neighbors, they start talking.
Their friendship was so dear.
It’s not a horse you answer,
There’s a Briard living here.

For half the time he’s trouble.
Sometimes he’s just a clown.
The language, it starts growing -
Stop that! Be quiet! Get down!
There really isn’t anything
For him I would not do.
Forget about the table-
Hey! Where’s my other shoe?
So when the kitchen carpet
Looks like a little lake,
His eyes look up, you’re yelling,
You know there’s no mistake.
That look is warm and loving,
So loyal and so dear.
I really can’t imagine life
Without a Briard here.
Breeder who have or are expecting puppies as of September 1990.

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