President’s Message

To my fellow Briarders, my sincere best wishes for a merry holiday season and a promising new year.

This is that time of year when we all share the commonality of that annual event - "Briards at Christmas". Investigating the trimmed tree, rearranging the decor - "Mom, I thought the tree was up, why's it on the floor?". Snooping out stockings hung by the chimney with care - thinking these ones are bulgy, let's discover what's in there. What's in these boxes, what could they possibly be? "You're covered in tinsel - you were under the tree."

Briards in snow, snowballs in the house - compliments of Briards in the snow. Never a dull moment - Christmas Briards on the go.

For what little they ask of us and for the joy they bring into our lives, let us return the favour. Let us take every possible precaution to protect him. We will be better people for our efforts and the Briard will truly be our beneficiary.

Janice Charbonneau
FROM THE EDITOR...

Somehow this Christmas issue turned out to be larger than the Specialty issue. Mostly, this was due to the large number of contributions from Specialty/Rass Committees and, of course, our creative Christmas ad designers.

We have the photos of the class and obedience winners from the Specialty. We also have a Rass report and photos of the Selects in all four categories. There are several articles about different events and exhibits from Toledo. In particular, I want to thank Gail Oneal who managed to secure an article from Judy Bigham, one of our herding judges.

Also in the area of Committee Reports, I have reprinted some information on von Willebrand’s disease supplied by Donna Matey, Medical Chair. I encourage you to read this carefully and discuss it with your veterinarian. Some carriers of this condition have been detected in Briards. Please contact Donna with any questions or concerns.

There is also a lengthy article by Yvonne de Vries on her experience with grey Briards. She was visiting from Holland with her grey dog during our Rass week, so she entered him for us to see. She received so many questions about his color that I asked her to write an article for us. Although her English is excellent, I did some minor editing at her request to correct grammatical errors. I also did some rearranging of her paragraphs to present the information more smoothly. Otherwise, it is as she gave it to me. If anyone would like to contact Yvonne, Susan von Suhrke, Deb Morrow, the Ferbers, and I have her address. Feel free to contact any of us.

COVER: Enough with the pictures! Where’s my present?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VWD Update:

Since first publishing the evident presence of VWD in our breed in the last Board Briefs, people have been asking the how’s, what’s, where’s, and why’s. For your information, we are printing the format for VWD testing [and some background information elsewhere in this issue]. If you have any questions, we suggest you contact either Dr. J[ean] Dodds or myself.

Donna Matey
Medical Committee Chair

Herding:

Being named the new Herding Chair is an honor, and an exciting change for me. I first of all would like to extend my thanks and best wishes to Jane Beahan, who initiated all of us into the herding program. Without her guidance we would not have had our first AKC trial at this year’s specialty. Thank you.

I spent some time contacting the herding judges for their critiques of our trial. Judy Bigham has sent an informative and entertaining report published elsewhere in this issue. I have no written report from Jim Bob McEwen, but he has stated to me that he was excited by the potential that Briards have in the herding program.

For those of you who are interested in being on the herding committee, please contact me. It promises to be an exciting year with more Briards getting their titles and proving their worth as all-around herding dogs.

Gail Oneal
Herding Chair
**HERDING INSTINCT TESTED BRIARDS**

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3/3/91 -- MID-ATLANTIC AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB
Ch. Chien Voilee de Bejaune CD  Bill/Calysta Queener

5/19/91 -- NOR'EST BRIARD ASSOCIATION
Deja Vu Fractured Fairytails  Marsha Clamp/Terry Miller
Ch. Deja Vu Woodbine Celtic Pride  Marsha Clamp
Elisee Brice Van De Hoolhoeve  Susan Von Suhrke
Fillette Grise V D Hoolhoeve  Gail Zamarchi
Fleurette de Lutece  Gerard Baudet
Mes Ami Ellie P Celeste  Ben Kann/Betsy Levine
Snoaire's Double Blessing  Gary/Barbara Shults
Ch. Suzon du Coteau D'Avranches  Marsha Clamp

7/27/91 -- UPPER MIDWEST AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB
U Know 'Em Chanson de Bord  Jane Beahan
U Know 'Em Emilee Paulette  Karen Koeper/Jane Beahan

8/6/91 -- BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA
Ch. Beardsanbrow V D'Occasion CD/TT  Donna Matey
Beau Cheval's Churchill  Merry/Tommy Millner
Charbrees Final Edition  Kathy Chiarella/C Schierenbeck
Dabra Ka Abra De Lindeau  Linda Bullard/L Wells/R Ferber
Deja Vu Eat Your Heart Out Dalai  Steven Glivot
Deja Vu Flattery Will Get U  Pam Hottola/Terry Miller
Deja Vu Frankly My Dear  Ann Rogers/Terry Miller
Ch. Depute des Betes Poilues  Anne Wahr
Ellen Graham  Ellen Graham
Ch. Devon's Ciel Est Le Fin  Janet Wall/David Behrens
Ch. Dijon D'Occasion  Julie Treinis
Ch. E's Brie-Z Startrek D'Occasion CD(4)/TD  Lin/Dave Layton
Eclat de Ripe de Bejaune  Diane Reid
Fedora de Lindeau  S Collander/M Greenberg/M Weitz
Fonda Ewes de Bejaune  Lin/Dave Layton
Frederique de Bejaune  Dave/Carol Witherspoon
Ch. Lindeaux Descente de Lit CD/PT  Dave/Carol Witherspoon
Lindeaux Jus D'Fax Na'am  Maureen Lambert
Ch. Mon Jovis Elfin Alisoun PT  James/Marie Albrecht, Sr.
Phydeaux Fairest of Them All  Ellen Graham/Diane Royce
Phydeaux Filo de Reves Milleux  Bunny Battrer
Ch. Radieux Ego Trip  Peggy Ravndal
Southpoint Fur Trader  Peggy Ravndal
Southpoints Foxfire  Ron Groce
Ch. Verni Petit Vaurien de Triel  Margaret Shappard
Veto de L'Eminence

5/10/91 -- AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA
(Started Trial Dog - Cattle [STD-c])
Mon Ami Ici Est Le Bijou VBJ CD/PT/PC/GTD-d.s  Carol Wolfram/P Webb

3/24/91 A K C HERDING TEST TITLE
Ch. Demitasse D'Ocasion  David Behrens

6/22/91 A K C HERDING STARTED DOG
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Awards of Merit 1991

CH. BEARDSANBROW'S UTOPIA
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CH. AIGNER DEJA VU DOUBLE O SEVEN
CH. EFREM DE BEJALNE
CH. AMORELLE DE BEJALNE
CH. REVE DOUX DE MIELLEUX
CH. RICHLIN ERIN GO GRAH
CH. TANZY D'OCASION CDXTD


CONGRATULATIONS.
FIRST, 6 - 9 PUPPY DOGS
DEJA VU AIGNER FOR PETE'S SAKE
Breeder: Terry Miller
Owner: Regina Keiter & Terry Miller

FIRST, 9 - 12 PUPPY DOGS
FOKINE DIMYON DE STRATHCONA
Breeder/Owner: Jerome & Stephanie Katz

FIRST, 12 - 18 MONTHS DOGS
POPSA KADOO'S FELIX
Breeder: A.Morin, D. Dube & EJ Charbonneau
Owner: D. Dube and A. Morin

RESERVE WINNERS DOG
FIRST, BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS
FRODO LORD OF LINDEAU
Breeder/Owner: Robert Ferber & Linda Wells
FIRST, AMERICAN BRED DOGS
Dakota de Lindeau
Breeder: Robert Ferber & Linda Wells
Owner: Margaret & Jennifer Merone

FIRST, OPEN GRAY DOGS
Dakar du Chemin des Rocailles
Breeder/Owner: Robert Ferber & Linda Wells

FIRST, OPEN BLACK DOGS
Chien Velu's Faxon Noir
Breeder: Barbara Ruby & Terry Miller
Owner: Alan Zsido & Barbara Ruby

FIRST, OPEN TAWNY DOGS
Mes Ami Ewe Chaser
Breeder: Jeanne K. Zahniser
Owner: Gerald L. & Mary C. Hicks

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FIRST, 6 - 9 PUPPY BITCHES
Deja Vu Frankly My Dear
Breeder: Terry Miller
Owner: Ann Rogers & Terry Miller

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Deja Vu Frankly My Dear
Breeder: Terry Miller
Owner: Ann Rogers & Terry Miller

FIRST, 12 - 18 MONTH BITCHES
Deja Vu Five N Dime
Breeder: Terry Miller, R. Keiter & K. McKann
Owner: Matt & Rea Davidson & Terry Miller

FIRST, 12 - 18 MONTH BITCHES
Deja Vu Five N Dime
Breeder: Terry Miller, R. Keiter & K. McKann
Owner: Matt & Rea Davidson & Terry Miller

FIRST, 9 - 12 PUPPY BITCHES
Janelle Footloose 'n Free
Breeder: Jane E. Gritter
Owner: Sue Gresko

FIRST, BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES
Charbreez Firiel Cachet
Breeder/Owner: Kathy Chiarella
RESERVE WINNERS BITCH
FIRST, AMERICAN-BRED BITCHES
WOODBINE'S ATOSHA
Breeder: Debbie S. Gandee & Judy W. Odom
Owner: Judy W. Odom & Terry Miller

FIRST, OPEN BLACK BITCHES
SUZETTE'S BRISE DE MINUIT
Breeder/Owner: Sue & Mike Gresko

WINNERS BITCH
FIRST, OPEN TAWNY BITCHES
DEJA VU FOUR LEAF CLOVER
Breeder: Terry Miller, K. McKann & J. Odom
Owner: Terry Miller

FIRST, STUD DOGS
CH. BEARDSANBROW V d'OCCASION
Breeder: David Behrens
Owner: Donna Matay & Dave Behrens & Jan Charbonneau

FIRST, VETERAN BITCHES
CH. TANZY d'OCCASION CDX, TD
Breeder/Owner: David Behrens

FIRST, BROOD BITCHES
CH. PIQUANTE d'OCCASION
Breeder: Dave Behrens
Owner: Janis Charbonneau
For the first time in many, many years, participants at this year’s National Specialty witnessed the revival of Briard Archives. Donovan Thompson had a vision to recreate a pictorial history of twenty years of National Specialties. Through great effort and researching, with the assistance of Barbara Eichner and Diane McLeroth, original photos were obtained from which high quality resolution laser prints were made. The pertinent information was collated for every photo and Specialty - and now the stage was set. In Donovan’s absence, his co-workers Terry Smith, Fran Davis and Gordon Davis, with the material in hand, transformed an ordinary room into an extraordinary room. Besides the outstanding manner in which the coveted photos were arranged, incorporated into the exhibit were Briard bronzes, statues, prints, post cards, and original paper goods. Upon entering that room, one was overwhelmed by a sense of greatness that our beloved breed has enjoyed for centuries. The Briard Club of America would like to thank those individuals whose visions and efforts made Briard Archives a stunning reality.
ARCHIVES REQUEST

The success of the 1991 BCA Archives Exhibit was due to the dedication of many individuals who offered their time for research, development, production, and operation. A special and important depth to the exhibit was due to the generosity of Meg Weitz, Michael Greenberg, Stephanie and Jerry Katz, and Janis Charbonneau who loaned items from their personal collections so that all could share in the history of our wonderful breed. A special thank you to all those who participated in the production and operation of the 1991 exhibit.

The Archives Committee would like to begin to document the impressions of artist and writers of our historic breed. We request the BCA membership to document items of art, original paper goods, and objets d’art that may be in their collections. The documentation can be photographs of paintings, prints, sculpture, etc., and photocopies of printed materials. The committee will catalogue the items to record their existence and location.

The committee is planning the 1992 Archives Exhibit to be displayed at the California Specialty. Anyone interested in helping on the committee will be most welcome. This is your exhibit and we hope that exhibits in years to come can be planned to maximize educational and entertainment interest.

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TRIALING TIMES
AT THE 1991 BCA SPECIALTY

Judith Bigham
Tester and Judge

I was absolutely delighted to present a herding seminar and serve as a tester and judge for the BCA National Specialty herding events held on August 6 and 7, 1991. It was a genuine pleasure to see so many talented Briards! I especially enjoyed serving as a tester for the breed club sanctioned herding instinct test. I enjoy testing at a level where I am able to make the initial evaluation of a dog’s natural instinct and abilities. It’s exciting to see the demonstration of raw instinct and to be able to successfully (hopefully!) channel that instinct within a matter of minutes!

Because of the number of dogs scheduled to be tested at the instinct test, I presented a rather abbreviated seminar. Herding is such a complex and exciting subject, it’s difficult to try to share so much information in such a short time. Nevertheless, the program was enhanced by the excellent questions asked by many of the participants.

I was impressed by the attitudes of the participants. They displayed such enthusiasm and a genuine interest in herding. I appreciated the good sportsmanship and good manners which prevailed throughout the two day event.

I also enjoyed sharing the testing/judging duties with Mr. Jim Bob McEwen - such a gracious gentleman!

Manny Littin’s facilities were fantastic. He and his crew must be commended for the outstanding job they did handling livestock, setting up and tearing down fences, gates, and trial courses, etc., etc.. I didn’t envy Manny the drudgery of handling all that paperwork, yet he did so with seeming ease and definite aplomb.
The advantage of having two judges for the AKC licensed test and trial on the 7th became evident when several of the dogs I didn’t pass/qualify were able to successfully pass/qualify under Mr. McEwen. Apprehensive handlers relaxed and overeager dogs lost the frantic edge, making them more biddable during the second runs.

All of the Briards I tested/judged during the two day event displayed a gather/fetch instinct. Of the two dogs I judged in the herding test, one was being asked to drive, the other to patrol a boundary. However, both dogs wanted, and tried, to gather/fetch the sheep.

I judged four dogs on the A Course (Started). One of the dogs did a very nice job of effectively controlling and moving the sheep through the course. However, I witnessed a constant battle of wills between dog and handler during the remaining runs which contributed to the rather dismal outcome of that class. I liked the intensity and raw talent displayed by those dogs. With time and training, they’ll be terrific!

Of the two dogs entered in the Course C (Started) trial, I judged only one, having had to disqualify the other dog rather early on in its run because of inappropriate and unnecessary grip. I was unable to give the dog that completed the course a qualifying score because it didn’t earn enough points on certain obstacles. However, I was impressed by the dog’s amenable attitude and natural ability. The dog’s instinct to gather and fetch the sheep to the handler was very evident. At one point during its run, the dog did indeed execute a beautifully self-controlled gather and fetch of several sheep that had broken away from the main flock.

One thing I noticed while watching the dogs on the C Course was that neither of them patrolled the rear of the flock once the flock was moving. This lack of attention to the rear end allowed a few sheep to consistently break away from the flock causing problems for both dogs. Another problem manifested itself when the dogs were trying to patrol narrow graze #1 (Mr. McEwen was judging). The sheep were greatly attracted to a patch of grass near the pasture fence which, unfortunately, was outside the designated graze area. Each handler, upon arriving at the graze area with the flock, immediately sent their dog to patrol the far boundary which only served to push the sheep out of the graze area and toward the grass they wanted. It would have been more successful to establish control of the flock by sending the dogs on the near boundary (the side between the graze area and the fence).

In closing, I would like to thank the Briard Club of America for giving me the honor and pleasure of serving as a tester/judge for the 1991 National Specialty herding events. To those who participated in the events - HAPPY HERDING!
Rassemblement 1991 began much as my first rassemblement in 1982 with a group of people and dogs gathered in the courtyard of the Holiday Inn in Toledo. Mrs. Rompleman, our evaluator from the Netherlands, had decided that she preferred the relaxed bucolic atmosphere of the courtyard to the festive, but definitely unscenic, red and white tent in the hotel parking lot. We however, quickly became grateful for the shelter that the tent provided us from both heat and cold rain.

From 8 in the morning until after 5 in the afternoon, from Monday through Thursday, and in stolen moments on Sunday, Friday and Saturday, Mrs. Rompleman and her assistants from the Briard club ignored the weather and concentrated their attentions on the record 235 Briards presented for evaluation. The dogs had originally been scheduled at 10 minute intervals, 5 dogs per hour, but the demand was such that it was a struggle to keep 10 or 15 minutes each morning and afternoon to allow Mrs. Rompleman time to rest. To the credit of most club members, this strict schedule was honored. Otherwise, chaos would have reigned. There were so many on-site registrants that we found ourselves scheduling 1 or 2 dogs here and there in between AKC events, and, finally, having to turn a few away.

The BCA owes a huge debt of gratitude to Mrs. Rompleman for her superhuman endurance, and her patience, perseverance, and good humor during that grueling week.

Dave and I are also grateful to the many people who signed up to help, and showed up on time. Also, the rassemblement could not have runs so smoothly without those who dropped by the tent and stayed to help. The committee members, the stewards, secretaries, measurers, etc., are too numerous to mention, some 30 or 40 club members. I must, however, specially thank Marie Albrecht who stepped in and whipped our registration procedures into military order.

To be most highly commended are the many breeders and owners who were willing to present their dogs for such an intense public scrutiny for the good of the breed.

We hope that all of you who were in Toledo last August found the rassemblement to be an exciting and educational experience and are looking forward to Rassemblement 1995.

PLEASE NOTE: We need candid snaps of activities around the rassemblement ring for the Rass Report! Please send a couple of your best to Sue Wahr or Gérard Baudet.
1991 RASSEMBLEMENT SELECT BLACK DOGS

CH. Bazil du Moulin d’Eau (Cynthia Gray Markle); Nautilus Eclipse de Lindeau (Donna Aiello);
CH. Beardsanbrow’s Budweiser (Janis Charbonneau); CH. Efrem de Bejaune (Karen A. Fedi); CH. Victor de la Porte de Choisy (Meg Weitz & Michael Greenberg); Frodo Lord of Lindeau (Rob Ferber & Linda Wells);
CH. Depute des Betes Poilues (Anne & David Wahr); Debut Grise van de Hoolhoeve (Yvonne de Vries-van Yperen)

1991 RASSEMBLEMENT SELECT BLACK BITCHES

CH. Snoaire’s After Dark (Gail Zamarchi & Marsha Clamp); Fleur-de-Lis de Lindeau (Rob Ferber & Linda Wells);
CH. Radnor’s Caus’n A Commotion (Jane Gritter); Danascha Rejane vd Hoolhoeve (Lawrence Weitz, Sara Pancoski & Meg Weitz); Beardsanbrow’s Beaute Noire (D. Dube, A. Morin & J. Charbonneau); Desilu de Lindeau (Linda Wells & Rob Ferber)
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CH.Radieux Adds up Right (Cheryl Cannon & Art Tingley); CH.Bigtree’s Bonzai Buckeroo (Barbara Lynch); CH.Marydyne Ya Betcha I’m Apollo (Karen Jackson); CH.Charbreez Calais Chaparral CD (Kathy Chiarella); absent from photo: CH.Cloud Caps Heir Apparent (Pennington)

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CH.Danseuse de Lindeau (John & Wanda Gland & Rob Ferber & Linda Wells); CH. U Know Mie  elleux de Bonheur (Diane Royce); CH.Mie  elleux U Know Up-C-Daisy (Jane Beahan); CH.Radieux Until Then (Jeanne Zahniser); CH. Mes Ami Cheesecake (Jeanne Zahniser); Fleurette de Lutece (Gérard Baudet); CH.USA des Carrieres Noires (Anne Wahr)
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This is My Briard Quilt. It is a tribute to the wonderful shaggy friends we have loved. The quilt has won a 2nd place at the American International Quilt Festival in Houston, Oct 1991 and a Second Place ribbon at the Los Angeles County Fair, 1991. It is possibly among the quilts to be shown in Amsterdam May 1992 at an International Festival.

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To all a Merry Christmas,
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From Jan and Jack in
Michigan,
And Santa Fozzie too!

Goodbye 1991

The year 1991, was very special for Jan and I. We attended our first Briard Specialty and Rassemblement. There, we were able to meet and greet many of you. And I have never met so many marvelous people within one breed club.

Some members helped us, by answering our many questions. Others were able to help, by giving us little hints and tidbits of information that will help us in the future.

Jan and I appreciate this, and would like to thank those members. Thanks to Sue, Dave, Gail, Marsha, Art, Steve, Gordon, Jerry, Stephanie, Meg, Janet, Diane, Liz, Cindy, Amy, Linda B., Jane G., David and Carolyn.

Another reason which made 1991 a special year. Our first Briard finished his championship.

We would like to thank a very special person, that took a chance on selling this puppy to "first time Briard people", our breeder, Linda Knoll. We cannot thank her enough. And I hope that we have lived up to her expectations on providing Fozzie with a good home.

And now I would like to thank 2 members that have helped, by talking Jan into purchasing a Briard. I have wanted one for 13 or 14 years, but Jan would never look at a Briard. But! At the Detroit show, two years ago, Karen and Sheila talked to Jan and showed her how the coat was not as bad as she thought. And then we were ready to purchase our first Briard. So thanks to Karen and Sheila for their help.

We have a special thank you for two other members that have helped us tremendously. They told us, to call them, anytime night or day. And I did just that. I called early. I called late. Our phone conversations ranged from 20 minutes to, over 2 hours. And they were the first people, that I had phoned, looking for a Briard, after the Detroit show. They were out of puppies, but they gave me Linda Knoll's number and said that she may still have a puppy. And she did!!

These members have really helped. They have spent hours talking to us about shows, judges, and other Briard related items. So, we would like to thank this opportunity to thank these very special members. Thank you Rob F. and Linda W. for being there.

In closing, thanks again to all. And hello to the other members that we have met, more than once, at shows etc., Thanks for being you: Leanne, Alan, Harry, Joanne, Marilyn, Mario, Joy, Bergen, Mark, Kathy, Sharon, Steve, Lee, Sue G., Linda B., and Jane G.

Hello to all, Goodbye to 1991, and Good Luck in 1992!!!!

Jack and Jan Wynne
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THE DOG OF A DIFFERENT COLOR

Yvonne de Vries-van Yperen
De Hoolhoeve Briards

Madame Didier, a breeder of grey Briards, once wrote that most of the old data on breeds come from the memory of the breeders. These memories and recollections are the source of a few references to grey Briards prior to very recent times. In 1945, Mr. Belanger had a litter with two blue pups in it. The father was black while the mother was slate-grey (noir-ardoise). These were the first blue pups he had ever seen. Sadly enough, he put the pups down after two months, believing that their short hair and blue eyes were somehow wrong. He never had the opportunity to see them mature.

Another Briard lover, a Mr. Bregi, saw his first grey Briard in 1927 and was invited in 1946 to look at a rather interesting litter. This litter contained blue pups with blue eyes that later turned yellow/brown. The breeder never kept the pups to breed from and no record of them remains.

With most of these stories, it appears that breeders did not have the "courage" to become involved in breeding grey Briards. However, about 20 years ago, Mr. Jacky Passeboc bred his bitch Sara de la Bardouelle with the male Paf de Bor. He was very surprised to see that among the fawn and black pups was a slate-blue bitch. He decided to keep her and started to show her at a year old. That was the famous Judith des Monts d’en Crauzille, the beginning of his grey line. He bred her with the slate-black male Nuts d’ex Pastre and their son Phoebus des Monts d’en Crauzille brought the blue gene into my slate-black line.

In 1980, I bought a puppy in France. Her name was Rejane d’ex Pastre and her parents were black-slate. At 2 to 3 years old she had the same beautiful color as her parents. Because I was very interested in the grey-colored Briards, I did some research and got in contact with the French breeder Jacky Passeboc. He lives in the Pyrenean Mountains in the south of France where he still works sheep with his grey Briards. He gave me a lot of information about the grey Briard which he has been breeding for about 20 years.

We decided to work together so I bred Rejane with the beautiful black-slate male Phoebus des Monts d’en Crauzille. Out of this combination I got 3 black and 6 black-slate puppies. We kept a black-slate female, Adut van de Hoolhoeve.

I decided to breed her with Adios de Lacabru, a black male who was to become a 1990 World Champion. I knew that he carried the blue gene. That breeding resulted in 9 pups: 4 born grey and 5 born black. This was the first time that greyborn pups have been bred in Holland. We kept a bitch and a male out of this first litter, both greyborn.

In France, the grey Briard is also known to a lesser degree than the black and tawny dogs. However, a number of breeders are intensely researching the grey color that it so much deserves. After some more greyborn litters, I would like to elaborate on this particular color which is relatively unknown to many Briard lovers. By breeders of this grey color, the greyborn pups are called "blue," while the greys which are born black are referred to as "grey." The following observations should not be considered as absolute rules both in the case of the "blue" and the "grey" Briards. Due to the lack of documentation on grey Briards, the Breeding Commission in France has tried its utmost over the years to gather information in asking all breeders to record on the development on their grey and blue pups. The information gathered allows for a better knowledge of this particular color.

The Blackborn Grey Briard
These pups are born black with the presence of grey or white tufts of hair in between the foot-pads which may indicate a tendency towards development into the grey variety. Also, the black color is
not as black as the normal black that Briards have at birth. The greying starts around the eyes and the mouth, but in some cases the legs and the origin of the tail are also involved. Mostly, the whole body will turn grey.

In my own litters, greying of the blackborn grey pups occurred after about six weeks. Often the transformation to the grey color is preceded by a reddish coat (but often some reddish-blacks remain so throughout their lives). The greying undercoat on the legs and around the eyes mixed with salt and pepper colored hair also are an apparent indication of color change.

The blackborn grey Briard, which is referred to as "grey," has a bluish skin. The nails, the nose, and the gums are black and the eyes are just as dark as those of the black and tawny Briards.

The Greyborn Grey Briard

These dogs are referred to as "blue," and described genotypically as bb. At birth, these pups will have a bluish to silver grey color which will remain so throughout their life. The blue Briard is very rare indeed. I would like to mention some characteristics that have been observed:
- It has an elongated head (lupoid), a property which will diminish with age.
- Its eyes are first blue, turning grey after 2-3 months and subsequently assume a clear nut-colored shade. As far as I know there (fortunately) is no blue adult Briard with blue or yellow eyes in existence.
- At birth, its footpads are often pink, the nails are a clear grey (sometimes white), and the nose is grey. These signs are no reason for alarm because at birth the pigmentation process is not yet complete. After ten days, these pups will have dark grey footpads, nails, nose, and gums.
- The coat molts after 6 months in some lines. This, as yet, has not been explained. The pup, in the beginning, resembles a rat and one should be patient in waiting for the coat to "take shape."

Differences in the time it takes to take shape can vary in the same litter. (My blue bitch Delilah Grise van de Hoolhoeve at the age of 9 months earned the title "JungeSieger" at the German Specialty with a beautiful long coat. Her brother, Debut Grise van de Hoolhoeve, had to wait until almost 2 years old to be shown.) After 2 years the grey Briard usually has the same coat of long hair as the black or tawny Briard.
- In some cases, the undercoat of the blue is poor, almost absent. The quality of the coat tends to be excellent, "goat-like."
- The clear grey color at birth turns darker as time progresses, but becomes lighter again after two years.
- The skin in some cases has been known to be bluish.

Only an expert is able to differentiate the little difference between adult blueborn and blackborn greys. On the pedigree, the grey Briard (blackborn) is marked as being black and the blue Briard (greyborn) is marked as being grey.

In other breeds, such as the Great Dane Dog, the Whippet, and the Bearded Collie, the grey color has existed longer. Currently this color is very much in demand, mainly due to its rareness.

The lack of information on the grey Briard still leads to some disadvantages. In France, where blacks and tawnies are still judged separately, the grey are judged together with the tawny. This, in my opinion, diminishes the importance that should be attached to the grey Briards, as some tawnies have a greyish light coat and some of the grey variety are sometimes regarded as miscolored tawny Briards (by non-experts). In Germany they judge the greyborn separate from the blacks and tawnies.

Nevertheless, one is able to witness grey and blue Briards at national and international show events on a regular basis. In Vienna, at the World Championship 1986, the greyborn bitch Indira from the Anwijnsberghe family became World Champion, and in 1985 at the World Championship in Amsterdam, the
Deviations from the European standard are not tolerated for the grey Briard, a rule which, of course, is also true for the black and tawny variety. Only the eyes and nose of the greybom are allowed to be a little lighter in accordance with the color of the coat.

A lot of serious work has been carried out to establish an improved position for the grey Briard. I hope this story will have contributed a little to the future of the grey Briard which in the past has enjoyed a rather shady reputation, especially among people who have never seen them and still think of them as having yellow eyes and brush-like hair. Those who, having read the above, want to know more about our blue Briard, or can give me information that I don't have, are invited to contact me.

*Editor's note: This is not the case under our standard. The AKC standard requires disqualification for a "nose any color other than black."

The following dogs have been rated by OFA from 7/01/91 through 9/30/91 and assigned numbers. These dogs when added to the list published in the Fall 1991 Dew Claw should be a current listing of all OFA Briards. If you know of an OFA Briard not on this composite list, please let me know.

**OFA UPDATED LISTING**

Submitted by Sue McCormick

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This is an open plea to the BCA membership.

In the last issue of Board Briefs, it was announced that the Parade of Titleholders was to be limited to dogs over 4 years old! Please - this isn't fair. I can agree with the reasoning behind it - cutting down on the time spent on this class - but there are other ways to do it. We could limit the descriptive part to 25 words or less - just (for example) dog's name, titles, parents, etc. All we need is enough time to gait dogs up and down and around the ring once - we don't need the whole life history of the dog, etc.

To limit this class by age would be totally inappropriate - it is a showcase for all of us breeders/exhibitors - a chance for us to show off our pride and joy. Many of these animals are simply too young to special or not ready for their next obedience class, etc.

This is a chance for them to get out and be seen by other breeders from around the country. Most of these younger dogs aren't entered in the breed class because they'd just get lost in the crowd. It isn't fair to exclude these young dogs from being exhibited in this class. Let's find an alternative way to shorten this event so we can all enjoy it better. Please write your board members to dissuade them from limiting this class in this way - it's much too discriminating against these younger dogs.

Thanks,

Marsha Clamp

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INHERITED AND ACQUIRED VON WILLEBRAND'S DISEASE

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von Willebrand's disease (vWD) in human and dogs is now recognized to be congenital (present at birth) and inherited and/or acquired secondary to familial autoimmune thyroid disease. Presently, 44 of the 56 dog breeds known to have vWD also transmit this form of thyroid disease which results in hypothyroidism. The Brian (BR) is one of these breeds. The prevalence of both diseases has increased rapidly over the last decade despite the collective efforts of conscientious breeders to test and screen out carriers from their breeding programs.

1. Inherited (Congenital) vWD

vWD is the most common mild inherited bleeding disorder of man and animals. The disease in most purebreds is classified as Type I vWD and is an autosomal (non sex-linked) incompletely dominant trait, which means it has variable expression within affected families. Both homozygotes who have inherited a double dose of the gene, one from each parent, and heterozygotes that carry a single dose of the gene from either parent can manifest a bleeding tendency. However, homozygosity is rarely seen because affected puppies usually die during fetal development or shortly after birth.

vWD affects many animals although few have severe problems and even fewer die. The bleeding episodes are worsened by physical, emotional and physiological stresses as well as other diseases. Typical clinical signs include: recurrent gastrointestinal hemorrhage with or without diarrhea; recurrent hematuria; nosebleeds; bleeding from the gums, vagina or penis; lameness that mimics eosinophilic panosteitis; stillbirths or neonatal deaths ("fading pups") with evidence of bleeding at necropsy; prolonged bleeding at estrus or after whelping; bruises or blood-filled lumps on the surface of the body, limbs, or head; excessive umbilical cord bleeding at birth; and excessive bleeding from toe nails cut too short, or after tail docking, ear cropping and dewclaw removal. Affected dogs may even bleed to death from surgical procedures. Diagnostic tests require specialized assays. Screening coagulation tests (APTT, PT and TCT) are nondiagnostic. Affected individuals have long bleeding times, and definitive diagnosis is classically made by finding reduced levels of von Willebrand factor antigen (vWF:Ag) (<1-60%).
We have seen a dramatic increase since 1985 in the number of purebred dogs having low levels of vWF:Ag (<50%) [see table 2]. This increase is real because the number of dogs tested each year continues to be large enough for statistical validation. There are several possible explanations for this increase. The first invokes a shift in the measurement of vWF:Ag; this possibility is ruled out because our assay has been standardized over time and so varies less than ± 5% of the actual value. Secondly, the prevalence of inherited vWD is increasing because tested or untested carriers continue to be bred as the popularity of the breed has increased. Lastly, the increasing prevalence of thyroid disease has produced a parallel increase in acquired vWD. The most likely explanation is a combination of the last two possibilities.

2. Acquired vWD

In dogs, vWD becomes more clinically severe if the dog also has hypothyroidism. Thus, symptom-free carriers of the vWD gene may exhibit a bleeding tendency if they subsequently become hypothyroid, a situation commonly seen in many of the affected breeds. The relatively high incidence of both vWD and hypothyroidism and research on the synthesis and metabolic regulation of thyroid hormones and vWF have confirmed this link. Furthermore, hypothyroid dogs may exhibit low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia) which can cause mucosal surface bleeding. It is generally impossible to distinguish between the inherited and acquired types of vWD in an individual patient with currently available techniques.

Recommendations to Breeders

The following recommendations are offered to reduce the prevalence of vWD:

1. Blood-test animals for vWD that are related to those bloodlines known to have the problem, as well as other top-producing or -winning foundation stock. Pedigrees can be sent to us for evaluation as to whether or not the animals are closely or distantly related or unrelated to known affected families.

2. Ideally, all vWD affected dogs and even carriers of the gene should not be used for breeding purposes. However, it may not be feasible to remove all carriers from a breeding program, especially if they are desirable for temperament, type, conformation, and free of other known hereditary problems. Therefore, if breeding vWD animals is necessary to preserve important bloodlines or type, breed symptom-free vWD carriers to normals and blood-test the pups. On average, one-half of the litter should be normal and the other half will be carriers. This is the best alternative to preserve bloodlines.

3. Do not mate carriers of vWD because one-quarter of the litter on average will be affected "bleeders."

4. Never breed an affected animal as its puppies are likely to be carriers of vWD. Also, severely affected females may not survive the pregnancy.

Blood Testing for vWD

The accuracy of the testing program in detecting the vWD genotype has been evaluated by retrospective analysis of the results to date for all three mating types (normal X normal; normal X carrier; and carrier X carrier). The rate of misclassification of genetic status by this test is only 2-3%, which means that in 97% or more cases, the test is a reliable predictor of vWD genotype. However, we should remember that misclassification either way is always possible. Some of the reasons are that the animal: 1) belongs to the 2-3% not identifiable by this test; 2) has some other health problem such as hypothyroidism or is receiving thyroid supplementation; 3) was in heat, pregnant or lactating when tested; 4) has one or both parents incorrectly identified as being the true parent or as having been tested as normal for the vWD gene; or 5) that a collection, processing, or laboratory error was made. This last reason accounts for most of the misclassifications involving any type of genetic screening program.

Our laboratory issues vWD-tested clear certificates for results obtained by us or by other qualified laboratories. If you plan to breed to another person's stud dog, to lease or buy a tested animal, or buy a pup of tested parents, be sure to see a copy of the certificate(s) indicating their test status beforehand rather than rely on the memory or word of the owner. This is an added precaution and should not imply dishonesty or mistrust.

Selected Bibliography


SAMPLE PREPARATION FOR COAGULATION ASSAYS
Screening tests for inherited and acquired disorder

Sample Preparation Draw and prepare the blood as follows:

- Use one part of 3.8% trisodium citrate to 9 parts whole blood (1:10 dilution).
- Take the blood sample in a plastic syringe into which you have placed 0.4 ml of the anticoagulant.
- Draw the blood by clean venipuncture through the anticoagulant up to a final volume of 4 ml.
- Mix well and transfer to a plastic test tube for immediate centrifugation.
- Centrifuge at 2500-3000 rpm for 15 minutes.
- Aspirate off the supernatant plasma with a plastic or siliconized pipet, or a small plastic syringe such as a tuberculin syringe.
- Place the plasma into a small plastic tube and freeze at -20°C or lower.

Puppies and Small Breeds of Dogs

Pups of large breeds can be tested at 7 1/2-8 weeks; small breeds should be at least 10 weeks (preferably 12 weeks) when tested.

For small breeds and pups, take less blood but adjust anticoagulant volume to maintain a 1:9 ratio (i.e., 0.2 ml citrate up to 2 ml with blood or 0.3 ml citrate up to 3 ml).

Shipping

Plasma samples from animals with a clinical bleeding history or from animals submitted for coagulation screening assays other than vWD should remain frozen, i.e., packed in dry ice, during shipment to our laboratory. Some coagulation factors deteriorate rapidly upon thawing. Meaningful coagulation screening assays are therefore difficult to obtain on thawed specimens.

Samples for von Willebrand's disease (vWD) screening may, if no clinical history is involved, be forwarded to our laboratory in cold packs - if arrival can be guaranteed within 24-48 hours.

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* Please Call Ahead to Notify Us of Shipment*

The U.S. Mail guaranteed 24-hour mail service is the cheapest/fastest method of shipment. Samples may also be sent by air freight or air express. Some carriers have special regulations and stickers for dry ice shipments; check prior to shipping. More than 54 of dry ice shipped by air (e.g. U.S. Express Mail) requires a restricted article form.

Test Restrictions for Genetic Screening of Healthy Dogs

- Do not test bitches in heat, pregnant or lactating bitches.
- Do not test unhealthy animals or animals receiving any type of medication for recent illness or vaccination within the previous 14 days.
- If animal is on long term medication or heartworm preventative, please indicate type and duration (e.g. Carlide or thyroid medication).
- A fasting blood sample is not necessary. (Does not apply to thrombopathia screening.)

Pedigree

Please provide us with 3-5 generation pedigree, if possible. This information enables us to determine the relationship, if any, to families known to be affected with an inherited bleeding disorder.

Confidentiality

Results are confidential and provided only to the owner or co-owner of the dog and/or by request to his/her veterinarian.

Whole Blood Samples

If sending whole blood rather than plasma (for other types of tests) do not freeze, but send in insulated container and keep cool. Label shipping container clearly - DO NOT FREEZE.

Dry Ice

Check you local yellow pages for dry ice supplier.

Test Kits

If the special anticoagulant and plastic tubes needed for the preparation of test samples are not available at your veterinarian's office, we can send a test kit at no charge. Please indicate how many dogs you are testing.

Our laboratory workload can be greatly reduced by receiving tubes that fit a standard test tube rack. Samples in containers other than those must be transferred to other tubes. We prefer to keep all samples in their original containers as each transfer increases the chance of sample mix-up. If you do not have test tubes of the correct dimensions (10-12 mm, 70 mm high), our laboratory will supply them.

Test Fees

There is no charge for the test.

Test Results

Our general laboratory policy is not to telephone results of genetic screening tests.

The expected turnaround time for receiving results of VWD and coagulation screening assays is from 5-10 working days from when the sample arrives at our laboratory. Written reports are mailed as soon as possible after test results are completed.

If the clinical history accompanying a sample warrants, we will attempt to contact the attending veterinarian/laboratory before the final report is sent out. Samples received without any reported clinical history are assumed to be routine genetic screening samples and will be processed and reported in the order they are received.

A word of caution - Please store plastic tubes away from dust. Check all tubes to be sure that they are free of dust or cardboard particles before use.

* Calls made at other than regular business hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday) will be recorded on our phone message recorder. Please call (518) 869-4507.
CHAMPION E'S BRIE-Z STARTREK D'OCCASION  
AKC/CKC/UKC/SKC CD, AKC CDX, TD, HIC, TI("Trekker")

Owner:   Julie J. Treinis  
Breeder:  David Behrens  
Whelped: September 1, 1989  
Finished: CDX August 31, 1991  
          TT August 8, 1991  
          HIC August 6, 1991  
          SKC CD June 22, 1991  

SIRE: Ch. AKC/CKC Ch. Beardsanbrow’s Utopia  
       Ch. Piquantte d’Occasion  
       Ch. John’s Pashtu de Strathcona  

DAM: Ch. Tanzy d’Occasion  
      Ch. Beardsanbrow’s N’Est Pas UDT

CHAMPION FOSSEBIERRE DE KNOLLWOOD  
("Fozzie")

Owner:    Jack C. and Janice C. Wynne  
Breeder:  Linda Knoll  
Whelped: March 8, 1990  
Finished: September 28, 1991  

SIRE: Ch. Bazil du Moulin d’Eau  
       Thea des Terres de Mucha  
       Ch. Lindeaux Trademark  

DAM: Ch. Amber l’Amour de Knollwood  
      Ch. Tigress de Knollwood
NEW COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

CHAMPION MON AMI ICI EST LE BIJOU VBJ CDX, HS, STD-s,c, OTD-d, PC
("Jazz")

Owner: Carol Wolfram and Phyllis Ferraro-Webb
Breeder: Phyllis Ferraro-Webb
Whelped: August 16, 1988
Finished: CDX July 8, 1991
         OTD-d July 3, 1991

SIRE: Ch. Cloud Caps Critical Acclaim
      Ch. Bigtree's Rapunzel
DAM:  Ch. De Beauxjolis Mon Ami
      Ch. Kal-Mar's Grenny VSG

NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION MON JOVIS FELICITE DE GENOA ("Blyss")

Owner: Wm. Gary Ayers
Breeder: Mary Lopez
Whelped: October 30, 1990
Finished: September 22, 1991

SIRE: Ch. Chien Velu's Caleb
DAM:  Ch. Mon Jovis Candy Kisses
NEW CHAMPION AND COMPANION DOG

CHAMPION U KNOW DARIN' TO BE KALIPHI CD, TT, HC, VT
("Kali")
OFA Good FB-470G33F-T

Owner: Debra Morrow
Breeder: Ellen Shea and Jane Beahan
Whelped: March 3, 1988
Finished: CH June 2, 1991
CD August 10, 1991

SIRE: Ch. Oberon le Voyager du Lhut
Ch. Jolie de la Rivette CDX
Ch. Richlen Steppenwolf

DAM: U Know It Was Meant to Bea
Ch. Abbayes Paulette de Bonheur CD

CHAMPION VIRAGE EMERALD ISLE HT, TT

Owner: Terry L. Smith and Kurt Davis
Breeder: Karen Farkas and Mindy Blakey
Whelped: October 17, 1989
Finished: October 12, 1991

SIRE: Ch. Radieux Aujord'hui
Ch. Phydeaux Peppermint Patty
Ch. Beardsanbrow's Utopia

DAM: Ch. Virage Victorien Fluer Aster
Ch. Phydeaux Oh Susannah CDX, TD
The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas,
And all through the yard.
There were large chewed up sticks,
From your lovely Briard.

His chew sock was hung,
By the chimny with care.
In hopes that St. Nick,
Would know to beware.

The children were tired,
All snug in their beds.
With visions of Briards,
Licking their heads.

And maa in her P.J.'s,
The blue ones I think.
Get up! It's your turn,
Give the Briard a drink.

And the moon on the crest,
Of the new fallen snow.
Had covered his sticks,
But he'll find them, you know.

Then out in the den,
We heard a loud noise.
I jumped out of bed,
And tripped on his toys.

Away to the doorway,
I flew like a comet.
But the door would not open,
Cause the Briard was on it.

I opened the door,
And the Briard ran quick.
Its now Christmas eve,
So it must be St. Nick.

Then what to my wondering
Eye now appears,
But a pair of short legs,
And between them, two ears.

He was dressed all in red,
From his head to his toe.
And the pain from his crotch,
It was starting to show.

The stem of his pipe,
He had bitten right off.
The Briard was growling,
Santa! Don't even cough.

He spoke not a word,
Taking gifts from his sack.
While guarding his groin,
From a Briard attack.

He filled the chew sock,
Then turned with a jerk.
He held out a snack,
But that did not work.

Then laying a finger,
Aside of his nose.
As he shifted his leg,
The Briard's head rose.

His eyes how they twinkled,
His cheeks were quite pale.
He grabbed the dog's head,
But instead he got tail.

That little old driver,
No longer lively or quick.
A Briards no match,
For good ol' St. Nick.

Then he limped toward the sleigh,
To his team gave a shout.
He never had a chance,
Before the Briard got out.

But I heard him exclaim,
As he ran and broke loose.
"I love Christmas turkey!
But NOT Briard goose!"

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