FROM THE EDITOR

My first year as editor is over and I survived! I’m not ready to give it up yet, so it must not be too bad. Word to the wise - Give me your articles and notices in writing so I don’t get them botched up. As I said in my first issue - this is not all I do. Next year’s schedule is even busier: the DewClaw, the Regional Specialty in Virginia, two all-breed kennel club shows (Assistant Show Chairman for the April show and Show Chairman for the November show), and the National Specialty. It’s a known fact that if you want to get something done, give it to a busy person! Was it Herbert Hoover who could also never say No? A recommendation for those of you who are not involved with a local all-breed club: Get Involved! It’s a great way to add friends and get to know people other than Briard people at dog shows. Yes, Virginia there really are other breeds out there.

There is no President’s message in this issue but Jan said that she and the other members of the BCA Board would like to thank the members for their cooperation and help during the past year. Without your help, the BCA could not be successful.

Sorry about the quality of the picture on the cover of the last issue. She is a beautiful Briard in a lovely setting but unfortunately the cover did not show this. As those who have black dogs know, photos of black dogs do not reproduce as well as those of tawnies.

This issue is composed primarily of committee reports, medical articles, a catch up on new titles and Holiday Greetings.

The deadline for the next issue is March 1. There will be more information on the 1993 Specialty in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

My wishes to all of you for a good 1993!

COVER: I say "I’m not getting older, I’m getting better!!"
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THE OFA REGISTRY HIP EVALUATION STANDARD
E.A. CORLEY, D.V.M., Ph.D.

It is human nature to want a definitive diagnosis for any medical problem that we encounter, but the fact is that a definitive diagnosis is rare in either human or veterinary medicine. Medicine is not an exact science; therefore, we should not be surprised or alarmed when encountering different opinions, on the same problem, being expressed by competent professionals. It is also the nature of many people to deny an undesired diagnosis and to seek opinions that agree with their thoughts and desires. The issues surrounding radiographic evaluation of the hip status are no exception.

The radiographic evaluation of the hip status represents the best judgement of the evaluator as applied to a particular radiograph. Individual judgement is based on the evaluator's:

1. Knowledge of normal anatomic variations associated with breed, age, sex, and other factors.
2. Knowledge of the limitations of radiography to demonstrate the pathology.
3. Knowledge of the disease process.
4. Experience gained from comparing individual evaluations with evaluations from peers on a large number of different cases, of different breeds, and at different ages.
5. Knowledge of the scientific literature.

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) is the world's largest hip registry with over 425,000 dogs evaluated. OFA is not the only registry in the United States nor is it the only source for obtaining hip evaluations, but the OFA evaluation is the one that is accepted by breeders, owners, prospective buyers, veterinarians, and registries world-wide. This does not imply that the OFA standard is better (or worse) than other standards of evaluation, but simply states the situation. Without standardized evaluations, efforts to control HD or to compare hip reports on dogs from sources other than OFA are difficult at best and impossible at worse.

Being the United States standard for comparison is not a responsibility to be taken lightly; therefore, it is appropriate to examine the OFA process in light of recent reports and articles. Some of the differences from other evaluation sources are offered:

1. Evaluators: While an individual evaluation may be questioned, collective (consensus) judgements are difficult to dispute. For this reason multiple evaluations on the hip status seem to be more reliable; therefore, the OFA uses 3 independent evaluations from a pool of 20 board certified veterinary radiologists to formulate the consensus report on the hip status. Other registries do not use this procedure and some use an evaluation from only 1 person that may or may not be a board certified radiologist.

2. Positioning: In 1961, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) convened a panel of experts to evaluate the problem of hip dysplasia. This panel recommended the ventro-dorsal view with the pelvis being symmetrical, the femurs extended and parallel and the stifles rotated internally placing the patellas on the midline as the standard view. Since 1961, this position has been accepted world-wide. The fact that it is an abnormal position for the dog is moot, as all dogs are evaluated using the same position and according to the radiographic criteria for evaluation based on this position.

Evaluations obtained from positions other than this standard are not comparable to evaluations obtained from the AVMA standard position. OFA, since its formation in 1966, has required and intends to continue requiring the AVMA standard position.

3. AGE: Prior to 1974, OFA assigned breed registry numbers to dogs considered to be normal at 12 months of age. This was changed to 24 months of age on the recommendation from an international panel of scientific experts convened at the 1972 HD symposium. There was, and is, scientific evidence to support this recommendation plus OFA has observed an unacceptable error factor in 12 month evaluations. Even at 24 months of age a few dogs will not demonstrate radiographic changes of dysplasia and thus will be called "normal" but will show evidence of dysplasia later in life. Other registries issue their evaluation reports at 12 months of age or younger knowing that an evaluation at these ages is not as accurate as one at 24 months. They do so because many breeders push for breeding "approval" prior to 24 months.

It is interesting to note that some European registries have raised the age requirement to 18 months for some breeds and are considering raising the age requirement for a number of other breeds.

A recent report documented the comparison of OFA preliminary evaluations (dogs from 4 months to 23 months of age) with the final OFA evaluation at 24 months. The reliability of the OFA preliminary evaluation varied more
by breed than by age at evaluation. For example, 4 month OFA evaluations did not change in 82% of the Chow Chows or in 90% of the Golden Retrievers. Over all breeds the reliability was 89%. Another way of saying the same thing is that, a 4 month preliminary evaluation done by OFA has an 82% chance of not changing at 24 months of age in the Chow Chow or a 90% chance of not changing in the Golden Retriever. It must be pointed out that these data are applicable only to OFA preliminary evaluations. Evaluations done by others may vary in accuracy.

Data comparing OFA preliminary readings with the OFA 24 month evaluation further substantiates the 1972 panel recommendation of a 24 month requirement. The error factor between 12 months and 24 months varied by breed but over all breeds was 10%. Considering the existing error factor of the 24 month evaluation, the 12 month evaluation has an unacceptable error where breeding decisions are involved. However, OFA preliminary evaluations may be considered comparable to evaluations obtained from registries with an age requirement of 12 months or younger.

When more data is accumulated, the age requirement for some breeds may change, but until then it will remain at 24 months or older for OFA evaluations.

An interesting side observation is that a number of dogs have been found to be normal for elbow dysplasia at 12 months of age but have positive radiographic changes of dysplasia at 24 months of age.

4. Type of Registry: There are two major types of registries - open and closed. In an open registry all evaluations (normal and dysplastic) are made public, whereas a closed registry makes public only normal evaluations. OFA is a closed registry as only evaluations on normal dogs are released to the public and evaluations on dysplastic dogs are released only to the owner of record and referring veterinarian. This does not prevent individuals from sharing dysplastic information.

Some European registries, i.e. Sweden, are open types due to requirements of the Breed Clubs and/or national dog health insurance programs. Small countries such as Sweden, approximately the size of MI and with less numbers of dogs, can better influence attitudes of owners than the United States with over 1 million dogs being registered each year by the AKC alone. The sheer magnitude of the problem in the US requires a different approach.

Both open and closed registries primarily evaluate dogs used for breeding or are potential breeders. The progeny are rarely evaluated unless they are in some form of canine competition and are considered to be good breeding prospects or the dog exhibits some clinical signs of the disease process.

A responsible breeder needs the information on which dogs are considered to be normal by some standard, i.e. an OFA number. Breeding dogs that do not have an OFA number were either evaluated and found to be dysplastic or were not evaluated by the standard. From a breeder's or potential buyer's standpoint both situations are undesirable; therefore, these dogs are best considered to be dysplastic until proven otherwise.

Essentially the same progress in reducing the frequency of HD has been reported in the breeding populations by both open and closed registries. Beware of any reports of progress involving less than 100 dogs in each of the compared time periods, i.e. a report from Sweden on Gordon and English Setters has less than 45 dogs reported in each time period. These data can be misleading even though they are mathematically correct.

Obtaining the frequency of HD in an entire breed population is both an impracticable (if not impossible) and useless goal - if you have the information, what will you do with it and what does it mean. However, both types of registries can and do obtain data on the frequency of HD in the breeding population. Since it has been proven that breeding normals to normals reduces the frequency and severity of HD in the progeny, it follows that by increasing the number of normals and their use in the breeding population the frequency of HD in the general population will decline.

5. Progress: All major hip registries have reported a reduction in frequency of HD in most breeds. OFA recently compared the frequency of HD in dogs born between 1981 and 1988 with those born between 1972 and 1980. Twenty-four breeds with 1000 or more dogs born in each of the time periods were included. There was a reduction in frequency of HD in 19 of the 24 breeds which ranged from a reduction of 40.5% in the English Setter to 2.9% in the Rottweiler. There was no change in the Labrador Retriever and an increase of HD frequency in 4 of the 24 breeds that ranged from 1.1% in the Akita to 9.7% in the German Shepherd Dog. At the same time there was an increase in dogs with excellent hip conformation in 21 of the 24 breeds. The increase ranged from 2.6% in the German Shorthaired Pointer to 73% in the Akita.
Data are not readily available on the percent of the breeding animals that have been evaluated in most breeds; however, we do know that over 90% of the Portuguese Water Dogs and Bernese Mountain Dogs that produced progeny between 1987 and 1989 were evaluated by OFA. We also know that some of the matings, in both breeds, included use of dysplastic or unknown dogs. That is, some breeders still knowingly choose to breed dysplastic or unevaluated dogs. Tables 1 and 2 compare the frequency of HD and the frequency of hips considered to be excellent by year/s of birth. Dogs born between 1972 and 1980 serve as the base for comparison. Note that the frequency of HD in these populations declined dramatically and there was an equally dramatic increase in frequency of excellent hips. The changes would have been even greater if only normal dogs had been used in the breeding programs.

We know that use of the OFA evaluation standards and associated breeding recommendations will work. This has been demonstrated, but in the final analysis, the breeder has the ultimate responsibility for choosing which dog is to be mated with which bitch and which standard (if any) is to be used for determining the hip status of their dogs.

Reference:

If you have any comments on this article, they should be addressed to E.A. Corley, D.V.M., Ph.D., President and Executive Director, Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, 2300 Nifong Boulevard, Columbia, Missouri, 65201.

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December 1992

Dear BCA Member:

The Briard Club of America would like to enlist the talents of the membership in recognition of devoted Briarders who have been members of the club for twenty-five years. We are seeking ideas and drawings for the design and execution of a 25-year pin to honor your fellow members. Drawings and design ideas (including size, shape, colors, material, etc.) can be submitted to me on or before February 28, 1993.

It is only fitting that we rely on the talents within our own membership. We have all seen the beautiful art throughout the years. Twenty-five years is indeed something to celebrate. What a better way to commemorate the years of support and devotion to our beautiful Briards than by enlisting the aid of the others who love them.

Sincerely,

BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Jan Wall
Secretary
1992 FALL MEMBERSHIP ROSTER - On behalf of the BCA membership, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Steve and Lee Davidson for their generous contribution to the club. Both Steve and Lee spent endless hours of time on the 1992 Fall Membership Roster. Not only did they donate their valuable time, but absorbed the typesetting, printing and postage costs as we on behalf of the club.

(Editors note: At the National Specialty, Steve and Jerry Katz "cleaned up" the membership list. As a result DewClaws were sent to current members and only one DewClaw was returned as unforwardable. Thanks guys!)

ADVERTISING - At the October 24/25, 1992 BCA Board of Directors meeting, the BCA approved a motion to accept commercial advertising to help defray the cost of publication. Rates are: $60.00 for a full page with one photo and $10.00 for each additional photo. The word ADVERTISEMENT will be included on all paid commercial advertisements. The rates for memorial ads and Holiday ads remains the same. There is no cost for new title holder pages.

1993 QUILT - Correction: Jennie Kraft is NOT the quilter for the 1993 Quilt. We regret the error and hope it did not cause any inconvenience to those involved. Please see the 1993 quilt ad elsewhere in this issue.

SPECIALTIES - See the ads in this issue for information for the two regional BCA specialties: Detroit, Michigan on March 13, 1993 hosted by the Michigan-Ohio Club and Centreville, Virginia on April 24, 1993 hosted by the Atlantic States Briard Club; and the National Specialty in Windsor Locks, Connecticut on August 11-15, 1993. If you can, support these regional specialties with your entries and attendance, and start planning for the National Specialty.

SICK LIST - Our thoughts are with Katie McCann as she recovers from her major surgery and begins her rehabilitation.

BACK ISSUES OF DEWCLAW - We have alot of 1991 DewClaws. These can be given by breeders to people who are interested in acquiring a Briard. (I remember poring over the magazines I received from Fran Davis. I didn’t know the difference then between BOB, BOS and BOW but I soon learned!) Let me know if you’re interested.

1992 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATE - ATLANTIC STATES BRIARD CLUB - Mary-Jane Grandinetti Rader is the editor of LeMagazine.

NORTH CENTRAL BRIARDERS - President: Debra Morrow, Secretary: Pam Matteson, 25 Game Farm Road, N., Maple Plain, MN, 55359, Publication: The French Connection (Monthly), Diane Royce, Editor, subscriptions $14.00 annually, Membership: $20.00 Family, $15.00 Individual; includes subscription.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - We have two letters to the editor for this issue.

WHO ZAT?
Wow!! Two of my favorite topics.... How could I not send in a letter to the editor??

Jack .... PLEASE send me the names of those two judges who look at the canine end of the leash. Elisee’s looking great and deserves to be specialized, but I balk at throwing away money. Some of us frustrated Briarders have talked about putting together a list of impartial judges including those who will put up blacks. It’s an idea whose time has come, ne c’est pas?

As to Linda Wells’ letter ....Brava, Linda!! Couldn’t have said it better myself. As a matter of fact, I have been saying these things all along, having lived in Europe for three years. Perhaps coming from an experienced breeder instead of a relative newcomer to Briard-dom, more people will take notice. Thank you, Linda!

ONLY the U.S. uses a standard different from the rest of the world. Mrs. Rompleman affirmed this at her dinner talk in Ohio. European judges cross borders as though they were US judges driving to the next state. They are able to do so because every country uses the french standard.

But can they really judge to the same standard? You bet they can! If anyone has their doubts, they’re welcome to see Elisee’s european judging sheets. (Remember, judges there have to fill out standardized forms rating the various body parts, gait, coat, etc.). Three different judges at three different shows gave Elisee practically identical ratings and comments.

In regards to coat quality, Linda is more than right. We are worlds apart already! European Briards are not groomed as frequently because their harder coats do not require it. What U.S. breeder wants to tell potential puppy buyers that they will have to groom their mature Briard every other day! If we don’t start to correct the coat problems soon, more and more pet Briards will be appearing in public shaved down like their Old English cousins.

Breeding our way out of soft coats may be one of our biggest challenges. Many Europeans feel that it takes at least three generations to put good coat back into a line. A French breeder told me that they had coat problems ten year ago (particularly in the tawnies) but that breeders worked arduously on the problem and coats had improved dramatically. We can and must do the same here. Breeders with short term goals will find this too troublesome to bother with; breeders who look to the future and truly care about the breed will not.

By the way, American pre-show grooming practices are more widely known in Europe that you might think. I was asked (on more than one occasion) “Why do you Americans do this??” I really didn’t have an answer for them then and I don’t have one now. Europeans don’t understand how a judge could expect to see them bathed and blow-dried. Nearly all their judges were breeders at one time (lucky them!). (Note the past tense used). As far as I know, Europeans currently breeding do not become confirmation judges -- at least at International level. It is considered a conflict of interest there.

I would dearly like to instigate more discussion on the topic of our standard vs. the french with much emphasis on the mistranslations, but I’ll give Joyce apoplexy if I go on much longer! I’ll save it for another issue.

What I would like to do is to encourage as many people as can, to consider going over to Europe themselves. Jenny Pakulski and I have been talking about what it would take to organize things for small groups wanting to see shows and visit breeders. If anyone’s interested in doing so, they’re more than welcome to contact one of us. We should be receiving a schedule of next year’s sizable shows fairly soon. (Might even be tax-deductible for some of you; speak with your accountants!!).

Susan von Suhrke

27 Nov 92

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Dear Joyce,

We just received the fall issue of DewClaw and we loved it. It was really interesting to read about the specialty. Congratulations.

Also we were really interested about the articles on the cropped or uncropped ears. As you can see on the photo we sent you, our Briard has natural ears. She finished her Canadian championship and she won a 4th groupe. We plan to try her American title next year. With some exceptions, judges didn’t seem to hold against us the fact that she has natural ears.

We are really against cropped ears (in any breed.) The operation is cosmetic and painful. The only reason breeders (in the old days) were doing this was to avoid the wolves grasping the ears when fighting with the dog. Now it’s just a preference of look. As we have no more wolves please let’s forget about this barbaric method.

The Briard is a beautiful dog with natural ears.

Briardly yours,

Paul Marie et Pascale Pontois

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Meilleurs vocux de bonheur pour la saison des fêtes

The Beahans
Little Abner + Daisy Mae
FROM THE EYE COMMITTEE:

The following was retyped from the CERF pamphlet. These pamphlets are available from CERF for distribution to your puppy buyers.

ELIMINATING HERITABLE EYE DISEASE IN PUREBRED DOGS

WHAT IS CERF?

CERF is the Canine Eye Registration Foundation.

CERF was founded by a group of concerned purebred owner/breeders with a goal of eliminating heritable eye diseases in purebred dogs through registration, research, and education.

REGISTRATION

CERF cooperates with the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) to maintain a registry of purebred dogs that the ACVO Diplomates (members) examine and have found to be unaffected by major heritable eye diseases.

RESEARCH

CERF also maintains a research data base which consists of information that is generated by all examinations done by ACVO Diplomates. Reports generated from this source help breeders and ophthalmologists identify trends in eye disease and breed susceptibility.

EDUCATION

CERF is dedicated to educating the public on matters involving canine eye disease. CERF provides a variety of reports, the CERF newsletter and other eye disease materials to help educate the owner/breeder on heritable eye disease questions, healthy breeding stock, and breed-specific eye problems.

WHY SHOULD I HAVE MY DOG’S EYES EXAMINED BY AN ACVO DIPLOMATE?

An ACVO Diplomate is board certified to meet high standards of proficiency in the field of veterinary ophthalmology.

An ACVO Diplomate can accurately diagnose and treat any eye diseases your dog may have.

An ACVO Diplomate can offer breeding advice based on research and standards established by the ACVO genetics committee for a particular breed.

CERF and ACVO are separate, but cooperating entities. The ACVO Diplomates provide their professional services and expertise to ensure uniform standards are upheld in CERF’s registration of dogs found to be free of evidence of heritable eye disease.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET MY DOG REGISTERED WITH CERF?

Your dog can be identified as being registered with CERF to other interested dog breeders or buyers. Dogs can be advertised using CERF registration numbers.

CERF registration shows your support for the mutual goal of eliminating heritable eye disease in purebred canines, and provides your puppy buyers and other breeders with proof of your integrity and commitment to maintaining the highest quality bloodlines.

CERF registration contributes to the support of your national and local breed clubs, some of which require CERF registration to be in good standing.

CERF registration supports the American Kennel Club’s (AKC) role in promoting responsible breeding and ownership. AKC is incorporating CERF registration numbers on their registration slips and certified pedigrees.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY DOG WITH CERF?

After a painless examination of the dog’s eyes, the ACVO Diplomate completes the examination section of the CERF form and indicates any specific disease(s) found.

Dogs found to be unaffected by major heritable eye disease by an ACVO Diplomate can be registered with CERF.

To initiate registration, the owner/breeder must complete the backside of the owner copy (pink form) of the CERF examination form and forward it, with the appropriate fee, to CERF headquarters.

CERF registration is good for twelve months from the examination date. Thereafter, the dog must be re-examined by an ACVO Diplomate and re-registered with CERF to maintain an up-to-date CERF number.

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HOW DOES CERF GATHER ITS RESEARCH DATA?

The research copy (white form) of the CERF examination form is sent to CERF headquarters for computer processing for every examination performed by an ACVO Diplomate, regardless of the outcome of the examination.
At CERF headquarters, the research copy is completed and run through a computer scanner. The computer then merges the data from the form with the data from other animals of the same breed to generate a current research report.

Only general information about the dog and the health of its eyes are compiled into the CERF research data base. All other information is treated strictly confidentially.

**CERF SERVICES**

A variety of CERF memberships are available with benefits which include:

- Semi-annual CERF Newsletter which covers various general topics in canine ophthalmology as well as highlighting current eye disease trends in specific breeds.
- CERF Registration lists which provide a report of all animals in a specific breed registered during the last year.
- Current research reports won hereditary eye disease for specific breeds or a summary of all breeds.
- CERF headquarters also aids in helping you find the locations of the nearest ACVO Diplomates, or in answering other questions you may have concerning CERF or heritable canine eye diseases.

CERF is located at the Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine and is a subsidiary of the Veterinary Medical Data Base (VMDB), which compiles animal data from nearly all North American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

To register your dog with CERF or to have your canine eye health questions answered, contact CERF at:

CERF
SCC-A
Purdue University
W. Lafayette, IN 47907
(317) 494-8179
(317) 494-9981 (FAX)

**CERF**
Established 1974
Dedicated to the elimination of heritable eye disease in purebred dogs through registration, research, and education
These beautiful youngsters are our 4th and 5th homebred BCA Sweeps winners since 1986, both sired by sweepstakes winner CH. Efrem de Bejaune. (Grandma CH. Unique v.d. Ridderweide and Lady's Great Grandma CH. Chateaubriard Onederwoman also were BCA Sweeps winners).

Lady and Bart were both Reserve at the National, where they were also Best Brace, and have both won breeds over specials.

Puppies sired by Lady's brother, CH. Grand Fantome de Bejaune out of Bart's mom, CH. Danascha Rejane v.d. Hoolhoeve TT, CGC due in December.

Wishing All Happy, Healthy Holidays
Briards de Bejaune
Meg W. Weitz and Michael Greenberg, Poppy Larry and Joshua
601 Rockwood Road, Wilmington, DE 19802 (302) 762-8939
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WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT
AUGUST 11 - 15, 1993

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 12
HERDING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13
OBEDIENCE
PUPPY AND VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES
PARADE OF CHAMPIONS
ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
DOGS AND BITCHES CLASSES
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
AWARDS DINNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
BEST OF BREED
NON REGULAR CLASSES

The above schedule reflects known plans to date, more information will be provided as it is developed.

1993 Specialty Chairs: Marsha Clamp and Gail Zamarchi
The First
BCA Regional Specialty!
Hosted by the
Michigan-Ohio Briard Club
on Saturday, March 13, 1993
at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

BREED JUDGE; Anna Mae Forsberg
SWEETS(incl. VET); Sue Erickson
JR. SHOWMAN; Cherie N. Berger
OBEIDENCE; Chuck Bush

Entry fees: 1st entry each dog $18.00; 2nd entry each dog $12.00
Puppy(6-9/9-12) $12.00; Sweeps $12.00; Jr. Show $12.00

**NOTE** Catalogs for Regional are on a PRE ORDER BASIS!

Premiums to be mailed approx. January 20, 1993
ENTRIES CLOSE................February 24, 1993

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A PREMIUM LIST CALL CHAIRPERSON
Carol Santa Maria (after 6pm) 1-313-855-2993

REGIONAL SPECIALTY CATALOG
AD RATES
FULL PAGE, WITH 1 PICTURE..............$40.00
Second page and up, SAME PERSON............ 35.00
DEADLINE: Ads have to be in to Carol Santa Maria NO LATER than
January 23, 1993
Send to: Carol Santa Maria/32896 Grimsby Ln./Franklin, MI 48025

LODGING FOR REGIONAL SPECIALTY AND
DKC SHOW,
!!!1111 BRIARD CENTRAL !!!1111

on Sunday, March 14, 1993
the
DETROIT KENNEL CLUB SHOW
(Same location)

Entry fees: 1st entry each dog $24.00; 2nd entry each dog $12.00
Puppy $12.00; Bred by $18.00; Jr. Show ONLY $18.00
Jr. Show as 2nd entry $12.00

THOMAS CROWE, SUPT. (MB-F) 1-313-588-5000(Premium lists mailed,
and entries close, same dates as above.)

2 DAYS -- 2 EVENTS -- SAME LOCATION

MAJORS AT BOTH SHOWS ! !

RESERVATIONS: When making reservations, tell agent, "DOG SHOW
RATE." The manager suggested this phrase, rather
than having to explain to each of his employees
what a Briard is!!!

CALL DIRECT: 1-313-728-7900 REMEMBER!!("DOG SHOW RATE")
Block of room reserved for Briarders, for Friday, Saturday, and
Sunday nights, March 12-13 and 14th.

Howard Johnson Hotel/8600 Merriman Rd./Romulus,MI
(Just north of Detroit Metro Airport, off I-94)
HERDING COMMITTEE REPORT
by Gail Oneal

As the weather gets colder and the days shorter, there’s more time to reflect on the past year.

The BCA had its first all-breed trial, and a very successful one at that. Many of the competitors and the judges stated that this was one of the best trials they had attended. They were very impressed with the eager and helpful attitudes of the trial committee, and were generous in praise of Briards and their herding abilities.

Our high-in-trial Briard was CH. Demitasse D'Occasion PT, TD owned by Dave Behrens and reserve was CH. Nightwind's Ulook Mahvelous CD owned by G. Oneal. Briards have a representative in the advanced class - Mon Ami Ici Est le Bijou VBJ, CDX, HI - and true to her call name "Jazz", she really "jazzed " up the arena. Unfortunately she didn’t get any passing scores for her owner Carol Wolfram, but she had another trick up her sleeve. After letting Carol sink to a new low - no passing scores in obedience or herding, she decided to lighten up the atmosphere and went Winners Bitch at the Specialty! Our pre-trial Briard was Fiona du Relais De Compostelle owned by Marie-Paule Gherardi, and showed lots of style and ability.

Our BCA-sponsored instinct test was well attended! Sixteen new HIC’s (list follows) were earned by Briards, as well as some AHBA titles. It was exciting to see all of the new raw talent in our dogs; some were a little too eager, and one needed his cup of coffee as he wasn’t quite awake. It was a great day, full of happy Briards and owners sharing an interest in the true purpose of our breed.

The Nor’East Briard Association also held their first instinct test this past year. (HICs below). Congratulations to the Nor’East Club. Hopefully this will become a tradition for your club and help other Briards in your area get their titles.

Other regional clubs can also get involved and sponsor matches, or obtain sanctioning from the BCA at other local herding events, for HICs. (Please contact me for details and paperwork.)

The Herding Committee is hard at work on the new Briard Herding Standard. There are several other projects the committee will be working on this year. One goal is to begin a Briard herding video. We will attempt to show the "Briard in the raw," as well as Briards competing at trial levels. All input is welcome. We will also begin a herding judges list, listing those judges who now have experience with Briards and their unique style. If anyone has a name for this list please contact the committee members in your area:

Kathy Allen, P.O. Box 648, Parkman, OH 44080 who has agreed to be the contact person for the mid-section;

Bunny Rattner, 180 East End Avenue, Apt 21D, New York, NY 10128 in the east,

and either Carol Wolfram, 4120 N. Burtonwood Court, Vancouver, WA 98682, or myself at 499 W. Marine Drive, Coupeville, WA 98239 in the west.

I finally want to thank all of those very hard working people who assisted at the 1992 BCA Herding Trial. Without them, the trial would have never been the success it was! Many thanks to Maureen Lambert - who did all of the California legwork, Diane Schoenberg for helping set up and stock handling, Mary Lopez for coordinating people and places, Francesca Canfield - our chief stock handler, Denis Gough, Dave Behrens, Carol Wolfram, Lance Bell, The Northern California Puli Club, especially Nancey McGarvey, our judges: Gayle and Shannon Oxford and Linda Porem, Marilyn Anton and Suzette Weinberger, and everyone else who pitched in to get the job done. There’s not enough that can be said about you.

THANK YOU!!
1992 BCA Specialty Instinct Test Qualifiers:

1. CH. Parcifal - Donna and Bill Ward
2. Mon Jovis Eureka Amber Added, CGC - Linda Ronell
3. Gorgeous Georges Esprit D‘Or - Louis Sleeper
4. CH. Fallon de Strathcona - Pat Davidson
5. Nightwind’s Elan (also AHBA HCT title) - Diane Schoenberg
6. Grand Fantome de Bejaune (also AHBA HCT title) - Lance Bell
7. Fiona du Relais de Compostelle (also AHBA HCT title) - Marie-Paule Gherardi
8. Deja Vu Gone with the Wind - Terry Miller, Michael and Amanda Clevenger
9. Blackwater’s Giftosu - Susan Baker and Tony Chavez
10. CH. Mon Ami H Bumper VSB - Wm. Gary Ayers
11. Mon Jovis Free Spirit Zoe - Marilyn Anton
12. Deja Vu’s Hucklebuck Pluto - Lance Blalock
13. Genee Nantere de le Loup d‘Or - Nancy Mandeville and Jerone Stoner
14. Nuage Noir’s Devil’s Advocate - Denis and Marsh Gough
15. AM/CAN Ch. Cloud Cap’s Heir Apparent - George and Jane Pennington

Nor’East Briard Association Qualifiers:

1. CH. Snoaire’s NCC Deuces Wild - Nancy Claremont
2. Fanfaron de Lutece - Gerard M. Baudet

THE AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION

The American Herding Breed Association was founded in 1986 in response to the increasing interest in herding activities by owners of a wide variety of breeds. The AHBA was set up to help provide information in response to inquiries from those interested in herding and the herding breeds. A testing and trials program was established by the AHBA to encourage training for herding and participation in herding activities. While recognizing that many individuals will not be in a position to use their dogs daily in practical work, AHBA desires nonetheless that herding be taken seriously and does not desire that it be viewed as a mere hobby. The focus of the AHBA program is on practical herding work and training. The AHBA also has an interest in all aspects of herding and the herding breeds, and the investigation of canine behaviors which relate to herding ability.

The AHBA publishes a quarterly newsletter covering a range of herding activities and other items of interest to owners of herding breeds. The scope of the AHBA involves dogs of all herding breeds, including rare breeds, and those multi-purpose breeds which also have been used for herding. The AHBA program includes: Herding Capability Tests (leading to the title "HCT"), for dogs taking part in tests for herding instinct and beginning herding work; Junior Herding Dog Tests (with the title "JHD") for dogs in early training, at a level preparatory to trial work; and herding trials, where dogs may qualify for Herding Trial Dog I, II and III (HTD I, HTD II, HTD III), demonstrating trained herding ability in herding trials at graduated levels.

In addition to rules for herding tests and the herding trials program, the AHBA publishes guidelines for holding tests, plus a list of books and magazines on herding and a list of herding-oriented clubs across the country.

The goals of the AHBA are to promote an appreciation of the skills and value of the herding dog, to help further information about herding behaviors and herding training, and to help provide information on herding and the herding breeds in general.

For information regarding membership, contact Margaret S. Prater, AHBA Membership Coordinator, 934 Roble Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025.
AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: ________________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________
CITY: ___________________ STATE: ______ ZIP: ______
TELEPHONE NO.: ______________________
KENNEL NAME: ________________________
BREED(S) OWNED: _____________________
OTHER BREEDS INTERESTED IN: ____________
I AM ACTIVE IN THE FOLLOWING:
HERDING: ______ OBEDIENCE: ______ CONFORMATION: ______
OTHER CLUBS I BELONG TO: _______________

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: ______
INDIVIDUAL ______
JOINT/FAMILY ______
CLUB ______
I WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: ______

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION AND TO FURTHER THE WORKING ABILITIES OF DOGS WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

SIGNED: _____________________________
DATED: ______________________________

SEND TO: MARGARET PRATER
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
934 ROBLE AVENUE
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

BCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY
AT OLD DOMINION ALL BREED SHOW
BULL RUN REGIONAL PARK
CENTREVILLE, VIRGINIA
APRIL 24, 1993
HOSTED BY THE ATLANTIC STATES BRIARD CLUB

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Judge
Karen Farkas
Specialty Judge
James Mitchell

Special Parking for Briard Exhibitors and Members
Reserved Overnight Spaces for RV Parking
Pot Luck Meal

The Old Dominion Show is one of the largest all-breed shows in the United States and is celebrating its 100th show and for those of you who have never attended, it is always an experience.

For lodging: Both the Ramada Inn and Holiday Inn in Manassas, Virginia will accept dogs and are close to the show grounds.

For information contact: Joyce Smith, 1500 Oak Drive, Huntingtown, Maryland 20639  (410) 535-4211
MEDICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

EAR CROPPING

I would like to thank the people who wrote to me expressing their personal opinions on the controversial issue of ear cropping. I received correspondence from five BCA members. Three of the respondents were pro choice, one was vehemently opposed to cropping, and the last writer expressed both the pros and cons of the issue and finally decided that the uncropped dog, although perhaps slightly less eye-appealing, was favorable overall. For all the members who are undecided on this important issue I will relay to you the reasons expressed for the choices voiced above.

REASONS FOR CROPPING

1) The elegant and unique appearance it gives our dogs.
2) Decrease in the number of ear infections in cropped dogs.
3) Better able to compete in the show ring.

REASONS FOR NOT CROPPING

1) Cropping is unnatural.
2) Cropping is painful to the puppies.
3) Fewer veterinarians are willing to do the surgery, and new veterinarians are not being taught the techniques in school.
4) Cropping covers up "hound ears", a fault in our breed.

Even if our opinions differ on the overall appearance of our breed I remain convinced that our Briards will remain number one in our hearts, cropped or uncropped!

Please forward all questionnaires so your voice can be heard on this important issue.

CANINE VON WILLEBRAND'S DISEASE (VWD)

I have been very disappointed with the number of VWD results I have received since the specialty in August. Please, if you have had your dog tested, forward the results to me. No names will be published without the owner’s written permission. We are just interested in statistics to see to what extent our breed may be affected.

The normal range for the test is 70 - 180%. The range between 50 - 70% is considered borderline; not low enough to be clearly affected or a carrier nor high enough to be normal. Some dogs in this borderline category may actually be carriers of VWD and capable of transmitting or expressing the trait. Results below 50% are considered carriers and it is recommended by the lab that these animals not be bred or be bred only to clear mates and all the resulting puppies be tested to determine their status.

I have received VWD results from 66 Briards to date. Of these 64 are clear with values between 71 and 199%. Three are within the borderline category with results of 51, 53, and 54. The final 9 fall into the carrier range with values as low as 27%.

At this time we cannot know if these figures are representative of the Briard population as a whole. We need more dogs tested before we can make a determination.

Medical Chairperson
Donna Matey, 392 River Drive, Appleton, WI 54915

HAVE A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!
NEW COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

CHAMPION ELISEE BRICE VAN DE HOOLHOEVE CDX, HT, CGC, TT
("Ellie")

Owner: Susan E. von Suhrke
Breeder: Yvonne J. deVries van Yperen
Whelped: March 1, 1989
CDX: August 16, 1992; 2nd place - 190 points, Annapolis Kennel Club

SIRE: Ocarius des Carrieres Noire
DAM: Brice Regina van de Hoolhoeve

NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION EL DRAGON MAGIQUE DE LINDEAU

Owners/Breeders: Robert R. Ferber & Linda L. Wells
Whelped: August 4, 1989
OFA: FB-519

SIRE: Vladimir des Fosses de Saule
DAM: Brice Regina van de Hoolhoeve

SIRE: CH. Bazil du Moulin D'Eau
DAM: CH. Votre Magic Marker de Lindeau

SIRE: Sandrine du Logis de la Picardiere
DAM: CH. Lindeaux Trademark

OCA: CH. Notre Magic Genie de Lindeau
NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION PHYDEAUX FILO DES REVES MIELLEUX ("Tyler")

Owners: Ellen Graham and Diane Royce
Breeders: Mary Lou Tingley and Peggy Ravndal
Whelped: December 6, 1990
Finished: January 4, 1992

SIRE: CH. Beardsanbrow V D'Occasion
       CH. Raffoler de Mielleux Ours
       CH. U Know Mielleux de Bonheur

DAM: CH. Southpoints Jose Cuervo
     CH. Southpoints Absarokee
     Chateaubriard Odette

NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION FERGUSAN DE KNOLLWOOD

Owner: Elizabeth Ostendorf
Breeder: Lynn Knoll
Handler: Amie Melton
Whelped: March 8, 1990
Finished: November 14, 1992

SIRE: Vladimir des Fosses de Saule
       CH. Bazil du Moulin D'Eau
       Thea des Terres de Mucha

DAM: CH. Tigresse de Knollwood
NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION DANEUSE DE LINDEAU
("Dancer")

Owners: John & Wanda Gland and Rob Ferber & Linda Wells
Breeders: Robert R. Ferber & Linda L. Wells
Whelped: July 31, 1988

SIRE: CH. Lindeaux Trademark
      CH. Armangac de Lutece
      CH. Tosca de L'Eminence

DAM: CH. Lindeaux Trademark
      CH. Lindeaux Vintage L'Ourson
      CH. Chateaubriard Risque CD

NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION FRODO LORD OF LINDEAU

Owners/Breeders: Robert R. Ferber & Linda L. Wells
Whelped: June 17, 1990
OFA: FB-554G

SIRE: World CH. Harlem du Clos du Millepoil
      CH. Dakar du Chemin des Rocailles
      Bel. CH. Antilles de la Brionnerie

DAM: CH. Lindeaux Trademark
      CH. Lindeaux Amazing Grace
      CH. Notre Magic Genie de Lindeau
NEW UTILITY DOG

CHAMPION DANSEUSE D'OCCASION UD HC TT VT SCH B
("Dancer")

Owner: Donna Matey
Breeder: Dave Behrens
Whelped: February 17, 1988
Finished: July 26, 1992

SIRE: CH. Beardsanbrow's Utopia ROM
       CH. Beardsanbrow's V D'Occasion CD TT HC
       CH. Beardsanbrow's N'Est Pas UDT ROM

DAM: CH. John's Pashtu De Strathcona ROM
     CH. Tanzy D'Occasion CDX TD
     CH. Beardsanbrow's N'Est Pas UDT ROM

NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION

CANADIAN CHAMPION GALINETTE DE MUSETTE

Owners: Paul & Marie Pontois
Breeders: Diane Paquette & Pierre Gignac
Whelped: May 5, 1991
Finished: July 5, 1992

SIRE: CAN CH. Bobino de L'Cinse A Mouqu's CD
       CAN CH. Doux Loupiot de Musette CD
       Bobinette DuGrand Condor CD

DAM: Antoine du Mont des Feigeires
     Bothine de L'Cinse A Mouqu's
     Antiope du Grand Condor

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BREEDERS WHO HAVE OR ARE EXPECTING PUPPIES
AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1992

CALIFORNIA

Genoa Herders
Wm. Gary Ayers
P.O. Box 2066
Toluca Lake, CA 91610
(213) 877-6282

CH. Mon Ami H. Bumper VSB
X
CH. Mon Jovis Felicite de Genoa
(Tawnies, 8M/1F)

Shirley Newby
Chaotic Briards
7 East 24th Street
Hamilton, ONT L8V 2X8

AM/CAN/SC CH. Bedlam Bigtree's Electra
X
Bigtree's Black Magic AM/CAN CD CGC
(Blacks/Tawnies, 2D/6B)

MICHIGAN

Ginni Schaefer
"du le Loup d'Or"
214 Ernest
Linwood, MI 48634
(517) 697-5125

CH. Caillon d'Verite' du le Loup d'Or CD
X
(OFA Good, Eyes Cerf)

CH. Basiner Garcon de 'le Heur CDX
(OFA Excellent, Eyes Cerf)
(Tawnies expected)

Who Zat?
Lance Bell and Phantom
Old Dominion Show, April 92

These are paid listings. The fee is $25 for three months. If you wish to list puppies, please contact Kathy Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Breed Referral Committee.