THIS IS YOUR INVITATION

The volume of work necessary to stage The Fellowship's Fourth Annual AKC Sanctioned Specialty Match Show makes it impractical to issue the usual special invitations to attend the affair and the buffet supper that will follow.

Please consider this your invitation to attend.

Saturday, July 26th, 1951
Judging Starts Promptly at 3 P. M.

Westlawn, Changebridge and Passaic Valley Roads,
Montville, New Jersey

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

Entries for the Match Show MUST be made by mail on the forms enclosed with the Premium List recently sent you. If you have mislaid your copy, send immediately for a duplicate. The $3.00 entry fee covers EVERY class in which your dog will be eligible. The officials will automatically enter your dog in the proper classes. PLEASE RUSH YOUR ENTRY -- DO NOT WAIT FOR THE FINAL CLOSING DATE OF JULY 23. NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.
THIS ISSUE A SMALL ONE: Not only is this issue of BRIEFS in the mail well before the usual date but it is smaller than usual. The reason is that the Match Show arrangements are taking so much time that there has been no opportunity to get out an issue of the regular size.

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NEW LITTERS REPORTED: Two litters which headquarters had not anticipated have just been reported. One in New England and the other in Illinois. The recent New Jersey litter has been sold out. All were bred from Fellowship-approved sires and dams. One of the problems connected with dog breeding is that the gestation period is relatively short. By the time a breeder is sure that the mating has been a success, and that fact is reported to The Fellowship, the news may not be passed on in a monthly publication before the pups actually arrive.

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HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR MATCH SHOW ENTRY?
IT MUST BE FILED BY MAIL ON THE OFFICIAL FORM
NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AT THE SHOW ITSELF.

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LAKE MOHAWK ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 16th: Those who will show at the Annual Feature Point Show are warned that entries for that affair close with Foley on Monday, July 16th. Although the Lake show will not be until the day after the Match, the entry closing date is earlier than that set for the Match.

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HOW TO RUIN A BRAIRD’S NECK: Keep a collar or choke chain on the dog at times when it is not needed. The constant rubbing will cause the dog to have a ridge in the coat at the point of contact. Some breeds may look cute if dolled up in a necklace but your Briard needs no jewelry to be handsome. Leave that sort of stuff for the breeds that get fussed up by clipping and the attachment of pink ribbons in the hair. 

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DONORS TO THE SHOW FUND: Following is the list of all Show Fund donors to date. It supplements the list appearing in the premium list previously published.

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FACILITIES FOR THE WORKING PRESS: During the Show a press room will be available on the show grounds complete with typewriters and telephone. Also available will be a dark room where professional photographers can change holders, develop films or run off enlargements providing the working area of the film is no larger than 2½ by 3½.

GUESTS ARRIVING BY TRAIN: Take the Boonton Branch of the Lackawanna from Hoboken for Towaco, N.J. If no cab is available call Boonton 8-0859 and a station wagon will be sent for you. We cannot promise to provide this service for trains arriving after 2:30 PM.
Advertisements in this section reach the cream of Briard enthusiasts each month. Advertising rates are $1.00 per issue for a four-line ad with additional lines at 25¢ each. On yearly contract the rate is $10.00 for 12 insertions. Copy must be in on or before the first of the month. All copy accepted on a "Till Forbid" basis.

SOLD OUT: The Westlawn litter by Champion Westlawn Genius out of Westlawn Fascinator is sold out. No immediate plans for breeding but reservations will have an effect upon the schedule. The recent litter was distributed to California, Connecticut, Illinois, New York and New Jersey. Westlawn Kennels, Registered, Montville, Morris County, New Jersey.

POPULAR DOGS: The best of the dog papers. Watch the Briard Fellowship column every month. Subscription rate $3.00 a year. Place your subscription through The Fellowship.

CHAMPION BRIARDS: Complete list of all AKC Briard Champions since the breed was recognized. $1.00 from The Fellowship.


DOES HE KNOW BRIARDS? List of all judges who have had Briards since January 1st, 1940, together with number of times they have had the breed. $1.00 postpaid from The Fellowship.
NO TWO ARE ALIKE: The more one has to do with dogs the more evident it is that each has a temperament as individual as that of a human. We have watched two litter sisters grow up. In conformation and coloring they are so similar that it was difficult to tell them apart yet one is a happy-go-lucky Tomboy, inquisitive, vivacious and a friend of everyone in sight. The other is far more sedate, more choosy in offering her affections and, in general, seeming to be older than is actually the case.

The point is that an inexperienced purchaser would be likely to select the more active pup even though, when considered on the basis of the Standard, there is little to recommend one over the other. It will be interesting to follow the show records of the two to see what happens when the judges have to come to a decision.

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WHY NO RULE ABOUT BRACE CLASSES ? Many shows offer classes for braces (two dogs) or teams (four dogs) to be shown together. Judging is largely on the basis of how the dogs match in size, color and way of going. Those who are really proud of their braces or teams work the dogs together until they can be handled in the ring by one person. Others, less sure of their entries, have each dog handled by a separate person. Is it not time for the AKC to rule that brace and team entries must be shown by a single handler? As it is now a dog registered in the name of a husband cannot be coupled with a dog owned by the distaff side of the family. Such a regulation appears to be groundless unless carried the step farther to the point of demanding that one person handle the entry. Why have braces and teams if no proof can be offered that the dogs can work together?

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MATCH SHOW ENTRY BEEN MAILED ? Your officers would greatly appreciate receiving entries well before the official closing date of July 23rd after which no entries can be accepted. The official entry form must be used.
SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL: Issued by the Board of Governors to Briards of exceptional merit.


CERTIFIED PEDIGREES: Four-generation forms furnished. Small fee for clerical work.

SHOW PLACING SERVICE: The Show Records of all Briards exhibited since January, 1940.

ADVISORY SERVICE: Expert advice on any problem connected with Briard ownership.