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**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

For the many new members who have joined the Club in the last year, let's re-affirm the aims, purpose and ideals of our Club. Officially, Section 2 of our Constitution states our objectives: encouraging the breeding of Briards according to the standard set by the club and approved by the American Kennel Club, encouraging sportsmanlike competition at the shows and trials, and conducting sanctioned matches, specialty shows or obedience trials. Loosely, we're a group of people who own and like Briards, enjoy learning more about them, like a little competition in the ring, might like to contribute to bettering the breed (as well as perpetuating it) by doing a little breeding, and just generally enjoy getting together in person or via the Dew Claw to learn the news of the breed.

The Briard Club should promote the breed in a general manner by disseminating information about the breed (and the care of the breed), by encouraging adherence to the standard, and by fostering good-will and friendliness among members.

Another thing I'd like to dwell upon for a minute: Many people do not understand what it means to be a 'member club' of the AKC. It's quite an honor. The AKC accepts as members, kennel clubs, breed clubs, and obedience clubs who have proved stability and dedication to their purposes. These clubs, by way of a selected delegate, have a voice in the actual decisions and policy of the AKC. The delegates' meetings are held four times a year in New York City, to vote on various issues, on which they are previously informed.

And a word about your 1972 Specialty, to be held in June at Beverly Hills KC show in California. This is your opportunity to see, and if you wish, to compete with Briards from all over the United States. It is your way to see the trends in Briard breeding, and may help you plan your own breeding (or purchasing) program! A Specialty, by its very nature, attracts many more dogs than an ordinary show because everyone makes an effort to exhibit. It is the alternative to personally visiting many breeders. There should be assembled good representatives of the breed from all over. Here is your chance to view, compete with, and assess the breeding being done in the United States today. See you there?
You will have noted in the December issue of the Dew Claw, that we had a special editor - Mary Lou Tingley, our secretary. For a while we are going to try a new policy: that of having a different editor for each issue. Each issue will be the responsibility of a different officer or board member; he may edit it himself or may appoint anyone he wishes to do the job. We feel that in this way no one person will be burdened with the work load all year, and each issue will be somewhat different in content. The editor for the succeeding issue will be published each time, and PLEASE send your news, lots of it, to him. Since the space is limited (due to our new budget recommendations) the editor may have to cut your contribution a bit, or pass it along for the next issue. Please bear with this; we're not rich, and everyone is honestly trying to do his best!

Our thanks to Mrs. Tingley for the great Christmas issue, and to Jennie Meggitt for this fine one. And now, since space is limited to the President too, my best wishes for a good year in every way, but especially dog-wise!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Thank you Charles for the kind words about this issue of The Dew Claw. I have enjoyed this opportunity of meeting and working with other BCA members across the country to complete this publication. My thanks go especially to Don Mandeville for without his help in preparing the enclosed, I doubt if The Dew Claw would ever have made it to press. I hope that you will enjoy reading your copy and perhaps take a few moments afterwards to jot down some of your own Briard experiences and send them in to share with the rest of the membership. Again, my thanks to everyone who helped as you have indeed made my job as editor easier.

Jennie Meggitt
booklet form. Anyone wishing a copy may receive one by writing to the Secretary.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION...

The Constitution states that the annual meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of August, in conjunction with the Club's Specialty Show if possible. The Specialty however has been scheduled for the month of June. Consequently, the two events will not be held together this year. For additional explanation please refer to the Board meeting minutes published in the August and October 1971 issues of The Dew Claw. Details on the annual meeting will be announced at a later date.

A LETTER FROM FRANCE...

A most charming letter has been received from Madame de Fontenilles, Secretary of the Club des Amis du Briard. She confirms the date of the Rassemblement as Sunday, March 19, 1972 in the town of Chateauroux, and invites all Briarders to attend. You may even show your dog in the Meet and have him evaluated by a battery of the best Briard Judges. The only condition is that you become a member of the Club des Amis du Briard. For further information contact the Secretary.

QUESTION...

One of our subscribers asks: "We have a male Briard about 2 years old and soon will acquire a 9 week old male pup. We hope to keep them together and avoid serious fighting, tho we expect lots of playful roughhouse. How should we treat the dog and pup to best achieve these ends? Please address reply to David E. Harrison Jackson Laboratory Bar Harbor, Me. 04609"

THE DEW CLAW EDITOR FOR APRIL 1972 issue will be Jerry Cohen, 2 Chestnut Street, Boston, Mass. 02108. ALL contributors, associate editors and advertisers are to send their material to Jerry no later than MARCH 1st.

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PHYDEAU SALUTES...

Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau.....
Best of Breed...
Briard Club of America National Specialty 1971
Working Group 4 Mahoning/Shenango Kennel Club

American and Canadian
Ch. Phydeaux Quelques....
Over 50 Best of Breed awards in 1971
Six group placements in 1971...a new record!

American and Canadian
Ch. Rochelle de Marha CDX....
First Briard in over 15 years to attain this obedience title.

Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie....
Three group placements in 1971

Twiggy....
A six pound Yorkie who, at 2 a.m., alerted her family to a raging fire in the next apartment.

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STUD DOG COLUMN

CH. PYTHIAS CHEZ PHYDEAU, tawny, 12/12/66. Sire: Ch.
Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D.; dam: Ch. Nanie de la Haute
Tour. Winner of the last three consecutive national
Briard Specialty shows. Owners: Ken and Cece Collins,
Chateaubriard, 407 Clayton Rd., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

and Pat Long, Pa'Chick's Briards, 5890 Shea Road,
Marine City, Mich, 48039.

SEBASTIEN D'ESPRIT, tawny, 11/27/69. Sire: Ch. Phydeaux
Quin de Cuivre; dam; Ch. Peinarde de Marha. Owner,
Mrs. Richard M. McCullough, 2145 Granada Dr., Charlotte,
North Carolina.

CH PHYDEAUX QUIN DE CUIVRE, tawny, 8/17/67. Sire: Ch.
Ike de Vasouy, dam; Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Owner,
Mary Lou Tingley, Yardley Rd., Mendham, N.J. 07945.

If you would like your Briard listed in the stud dog
column, send $10. (yearly rate) or $2. (monthly rate)
along with approximately five lines of information about
the dog to the Secretary.

* NATIONAL SPECIALTY NOTE: A banquet dinner will be held
Sat. evening the 24th following that first day of showing
and preceding the "Briard competition" and remaining "Group" and "Best in Show" selection (Sun. the 25th) with the usual
number of celebrities presenting the awards.

"CHAMPION CICELY OF NORTHUMBERLAND"
B.O.S. WINNER AT BEVERLY HILLS K.C.,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF., JAN. 9, 1972.
OWNERS: NANCY & DON MANDEVILLE. HANDLER:
NANCY. JUDGE: MR. ALVA ROSENBERG
WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

+ + + JUNE 24th-25th + + +

THE KENNEL CLUB OF BEVERLY HILLS SUMMER SHOW

AT THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM IN THE BEAUTIFUL CALIFORNIA

COASTAL CITY OF SANTA MONICA TO BE THE SITE

The knowledgeable THEODORE WURMSER, a Briard enthusiast, will be the esteemed judge.

A social area including canopy tent with reserved tables and other special courtesies are to be extended by the Beverly Hills Kennel Club.

A Beverly Hills show; an exciting event in itself, can be nothing less than sensational when held in conjunction with the "Specialty."

More specific information regarding this most prestigious show (one of "The Big Three") can be expected to follow shortly.

Your generous trophy donation will make possible an even greater successful show of the "National Briard Specialty."

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The adoption of a French Pup

We arrived in Paris on a Tuesday, November 9th of last year, for our combination holiday and dog-buying expedition. Since neither of us speak any French, we recruited a hotel employee, (can you believe) Jose Mendoza, as our translator. As it turned out, his value was more than just that of an interpreter, since the customs, manners, and conduct of business transactions seem to be as different as the languages. More than once Jose kept us from committing a "faux pas".

We contacted Madame de Fontenilles at her country estate and she referred us to the only breeder near to Paris who had pups available - Mr. Mollinier.

On Friday the three of us drove to Mr. Mollinier's farm - Ferme Chante Merle - which is located about 20 miles northeast of Paris. We got to see the sire of the available litter along with another male (which Mr. Mollinier called "The Champ") and three bitches. The Sire was said to be "The No. 1 rated dog in France that year" We interpreted the translation to mean: No. 1 rated at the September Rassemblement. Although we did not get a chance to see the litter, our pup was guaranteed - in Spades! One thing that impressed us was the fact that these dogs were workers, not just pets or show dogs. The best proof of good breeding is, after all, the ability to work. The farm was so picturesque and the dogs so lovely, it all combined into a most unforgettable day - an experience never to be replaced.

Although now home in San Diego, the adventure was not yet played out. On December 8th we received word by telegram that our puppy was on the way. After waiting 24 hours we still had not heard any word of his arrival. Needless to say panic was rapidly setting in. How do you find one small puppy between continents? Finally on the night of Dec, 10th, we got a call. He was arriving from Chicago! What a trip from Paris to Amsterdam to Chicago, where he got bumped for mail sacks on 3 flights (We can give you the name of the airline that was responsible if you are interested) - finally into San Diego, California after 56 hours. And the shipping instructions read: "Do Not Feed" - poor little fella! What would we find when the crate was opened? What did come out was the sweetest 2 month old, black, male Briard "Uri de la Basse Corde"; licking hands, tail wagging and needless to say, looking for something to eat. How proud and lucky we are.

Uri is now settled and comfortable in our home. Now come the many months of waiting, growing, training, showing and, if all goes well, winning and breeding. Then it will have all been worth it.

Herman & Carol Ludwig
IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

JOHN SAMMIS

John Sammis is an athlete, turned sports writer and animal lover. He grew up in Darien, Ct., pitching his way to local fame and achieving ranking in New England tennis. John rejected professional offers to play baseball for the Orioles and Phillies in favor of an invitation from Bowdoin College in Maine, where he joined Psi U. True to form, he played hockey, baseball and tennis at Bowdoin and became college bowling champion. (holds title at Wee Burn Ctry. Club, 3 yrs)

Once out of college, John tried the Peace Corps, but damaged knees (football) and an allergy forced him to look for a different career. He is presently the Creative Director and Associate Publisher of Rutledge Books in N.Y. City. In his editorial capacity there John is responsible for the creation of a new format in sports books and naturally has to attend all Stanley Cup games, NBA championships, World Series and Superbowl—toughest part of the job no doubt. John has authored 2 children’s books for Doubleday—GOING, GOING, GONE! and THE TOMMY DAVIS STORY—and an adult title for Morrow—WINNING with Earl Weaver.

Married a year and a half after meeting, they lived in N.Y., he became player-manager of the Fat City softball team and Susan cheered the team on to win the 1968 N.Y. City softball championship. It was also while in N.Y. that they met "Nan-ie" Tingley at Westminster. John had grown up with terriers and a Dachshund and wanted Great Danes; Susan had had Cocker Spaniels and wanted Afgans. There was no longer room for question: Briards would be the new Sammis love.

By the time John and Susan moved to Westport, Ct., their first Briard, "Burlap," was ready to leave the Hirschenriders. Just short of his first birthday "Blap" was hit by a car, John determined that only another male Briard could replace "Burlap," bought "Diffel" June '70. In July, Twill, a flirtatious bitch bred by the Michauds was brought home. The Briards have since been joined by Peperidge, a pretty stray who managed to have herself transported from Bermuda to Westport, which is a long, surprising story.

John says he likes sports, animals, ecology, travel, bridge, beer, bourbon, music and his wife’s cooking—which I hope is not just because she is writing his "spotlight."

/story by Susan Sammis

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Jennie Lou Kraft

The Briard affair and a rewarding hobby began by Jennie Lou showing "Angel" (Angelica de la Gaillarde) in the breed ring. Later the challenge of obedience work held even greater interest and satisfaction for her. Energies were then devoted primarily to obedience and today daughter Nolinda and her Briard "Cognac" are leading the way. Angel, Cognac's mother with Jennie Lou at the helm placed third in a novice obedience training class. The more successful team however seems to be that of Nolinda and Cognac with Jennie directing the way. Things started clicking after that first obedience class. It was during the second class when Nolinda more relaxed, that "Cognac" began working with a "happy tail," one indication they were ready for more serious competition. For that third and final leg of the C.D. (Companion Dog) Nolinda entered her at Beverly Hills last June with a resulting score of 197½ (200 possible for a second place tie) that day to be resolved in a run-off.

This successful team will be working toward that next degree of CDX which is called "Open-Work" involving broad and high jumps among other things. That phase anxiously planned to begin this coming spring.

A family activity that rates high on their list is camping, with Briards included of course; these enthusiastic surfers carry their herding instincts to sea. No one is permitted to swim apart from the other family members.

An adventure at sea is soon to be realized; a one year worldwide voyage with the "land of the Briards" just one of many stop overs. Plans long completed, the course of action now includes "Power Squadron" courses along with first-aid etc. With "sail in the ready" the family is now in training preparing to navigate and sail their own course. Briards Cognac and Angel are being suited-up and made ready for sea-duty. These salty-dogs take to it readily with life-saving a natural. Other crew members being made ready are: Jennie Lou to be sure, skipper; Vernon, a stock-broker at present; Brian 18, a student at U.S.C., Wendie, 17, and Nolinda, 16, students at Grant High, and in Junior High, Tani, 13, residents now of Sherman Oaks in California. If all goes well, with the coming of summer you may bid the "krafts" a "Bon Voyage."

/story by Don Mandeville

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"Harriet" is pregnant! Cece and Ken Collins report that the litter, sired by their "Hugo," is (was) due January 15. Guess the move south excited the Briards as much as it did Cece, Ken and the girls.

The Tingleys have another new puppy, this one for keeps. Called "Deena," she is a 5-month-old black bitch ("cute as hell," in Mary Lou's words) bought from Myra Girouard in California and out of Ch. O'Tresor de Vasouy and Sortie de la Briardiere. "Deena" will make her debut at Saw Mill River in March. Let's give her some competition.

Spring shows coming up are Hartford and Elm City (near New Haven) in February and Saw Mill River, Bronx County and the Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey shows in March, to name a few where we might work up a major. Support the Briard entry!

The only recent show report I have is from the Kennel Club of Philadelphia show on December 11. Phydeaux Tabac Blond took BOB over Phydeaux Tom Jones and Phydeaux Turandot. "Duffel," "T.J." and "Ture" were the only Briards present, but the Cooks and several other Briard owners kept up company much of the day.

Word of mouth so far indicates that we will have at least 10 Briards at Westminster. Open Dogs are "T.J." and "Duffel" from the East, "Norman" from Ohio, "Tulah" and "Ture" are the Open Bitches entered (once again 4 of the Tingley "Poppy-String" litter in competition). Specials are East Coasters "Hugo," "String" and "Rico," "Charlie" from Ohio and "Clancey" from Michigan. The Zaccaros are offering their traditionally fine hospitality Tuesday after the judging. It should be quite a day.

Jimmy Zaccaro has a wonderful story about bringing in the new year. He's in training and takes early bike rides around Central Park at dawn. With New Year's Eve and the instant replay of Times Square activities over, Jimmy turned in at about 2:00 a.m. on January 1st, but by 6:30 that same morning was up again doing his first lap around the park in 29-degree air. He heard a dog barking, thought it sounded a bit strange, but didn't worry until on his second lap he realized the odd barking was still going on. Following the sounds to the Bethesda Fountain, Jimmy found a man and his wife helplessly watching their small white mut which was desperately trying to scramble from the frigid water back onto the supporting ice.

Apparently, 45 minutes earlier the dog had chased a squirrel onto the ice, fallen in, and had been unable to crawl out again. The owner had waded in to his knees and tried to reach the dog with a stick or break the ice so the animal...
could swim to shore, all to no avail.

Jimmy decided to go after the dog, but 4 steps into the wa-
ter he sank in mud to his belt. The sucking muck seemed
like quicksand, so Jimmy called to the man for help. From
10 feet away the man extended his stick. Jimmy grabbed hold
and was pulled ashore, face down—ugh.

When Jimmy first saw the dog, its paws had been on the ice.
By now, the little animal had been in the water at least an
hour and only its face rested on the hard ice edge.

A crowd of bike riders had gathered. Jimmy yelled for some-
one to call the police and the Parks Department, hoping one
of them would arrive with snow-shoes. But the police and
the men from the Parks Department came without any means
of rescue and stood about, helpless as everyone else.

Then, the dog went under.

How much time? Jimmy plunged onto the ice, breaking it in
front of him and swimming full out toward the sinking animal.
He made it.

With the dog safe and shivering in its owner's arms, the po-
lice loaded Jimmy's bike into the trunk of their squad car
and drove the hero home. He hadn't even found out the names
of the dog or its owners. The doorman thought Jimmy had
ridden right into the lake—the result of another too happy
new year; no doubt.

Please send or phone any East Coast news to me at 6 Rebel
Road, Westport, Ct. 06880, 203-226-3779. Thanks!

Susan Sammis

CENTER-FOLD NOTATION: AN EXPLANATION & THANK YOU.

The center-fold with its "random shots" are just that, "ran-
dom shots" playfully recorded on film with out serious plan-
ing by a talented, imaginative young photographer. After
carefully viewing his serious works of ingenious art, I can
assure you the photos, although of excellence, are not rep-
resentative of his flair for photographic genius and for
that reason he will remain nameless for now.

I am anxious to report that he has accepted the commission
for photographic coverage of the "National Specialty" at
Beverly Hills K.C., June 24th-25th (Briards the 25th).

The "Thank You," is to the photographer who's time and tal-
ent were so freely donated.

(D.M.)
The seminar was presented by Los Encinos Kennel Club of Encino, California, one of the most outstanding kennel clubs in the state. Ted Mischuk, their president and who's concept it was for a seminar is also a member of the Briard Fanciers of Southern California. Also a member of both clubs, Roland Taub, the seminar chairman.

Covered were a variety of subjects, each report being quite lucid despite their complexity. In the morning session speakers were, and on the subjects of Mrs. Edith Izant, the President of California Dog Fanciers Association on the current legislative situation. Bear in mind 60% of all households do not have dogs and cats. This majority are now making themselves heard as they become more ecology minded. The irresponsible animal owner only adds to the problem. The breeders and exhibitors are not normally a part of this group but will suffer the greatest. Not able to appear due to family illness was Mr. Richard Beauchamp, publisher of the national magazine, Kennel Review.

Featured were Dr. Sten-Erik Olsson, M.D., Ph.D., D.V.M., Professor of Radiology at the Royal College of Veterinary Medicine in Stockholm, Sweden and his wife, Dr. Gunnula Ljunggren Olsson, Ph.D., D.V.M., an assistant professor at the same institute. They are famous throughout the world of veterinary medicine for their extensive research within the area of animal orthopedics. Topics covered were: nutritional problems affecting the skeleton of growing dogs, hip dysplasia which is basically an improper anatomic relationship between the head of the femur and the socket joint. The first indications may be a stiffness in the rear and difficulty in getting up and down, especially in cold weather. It is a rapidly progressive disease, resulting, in its extreme condition, in total lameness. Legg Perthes disease, a deterioration or pitting of the head of the femur which causes a poor relation between the head of the femur and the acetabulum. There are many similarities between this and hip dysplasia. Osteochondritis Dissicans, generally thought to be caused by an accident to the shoulders of the larger breeds. Also disk and neck problems, another topic.

In the afternoon session Dr. Gunnula Olsson devoted the major portion of her presentation to Legg Perthes, prevalent in most smaller breeds—of no particular concern to Briard owners.

Dr. Sten-Erik Olsson ran the gamut with special attention focused on canine bone and joint diseases. The Doctor I thought spoke with unusual perspicuity and the audience already expectant, soon appeared to be captivated, this was evidenced by the absolute continuous attention I have rarely witnessed. Not possessing medical qualifications of any type, my intentions are not to be presumptuous and select...
major points, rather, highlight what made a greater impression, still passing on valuable knowledge for whatever purpose it may serve. It was noted, each breed has some special affliction. Boxers are subject to tumors, while Boston Terriers suffer more than other breeds from brain tumors. Miniature and toy breeds are prone to Legg Perthes. Dachshund, Bassetts and other breeds with their long backs have disk problems. Larger breeds of course are plagued with hip dysplasia. The point of it all being that we are most certainly responsible as we define and restrict breeding that creates the problem. Can there be any question that we are also the ones that must indemnify and try to solve these very same problems. Corrective breeding being one of and no doubt the best way of doing so.

Also noteworthy was a statement that one-half of hip dysplasia is caused by environmental conditions, and can be so induced. Contributing factors are: slippery floors, hard pavement and most any terrain that is not reasonably flat or natural. Included was improper diet with forced feeding and forced excessive growth also through the misuse of vitamins which can also throw the diet out of balance creating problems. A properly nourished dog requires 4 nutrients in his diet. In an attempt to properly feed it is possible to do more harm than good. If high levels of fat are fed for skin and coat lubrication the animal may reach a maximum of energy requirements before the necessary vitamins and minerals are consumed. The diet should include exact ratios of protein, carbohydrates and vitamins. Skeletal development in the growing dog will otherwise suffer and from lack of or excessive exercise in the formative growth periods in animals life. The other half of the problem of course is genetic. Only proper breeding can help here.

Mentioned was the U.S. Army Canine Corp's interesting and fruitful experiment of breeding Greyhounds, the only hip dysplastic free breed with their pure German Shepherds. The results are H.D. free offspring which are then bred with pure German Shepherds until the mixture is insignificant in both appearance and performance. At this point which is 15/16th pure German Shepherd, the progeny of entire litters are still free of H.D. Anyone care to get out of it all with a Grey-Briard-Hound? Discouraging is the thought that a H.D. clear male and female, it was said, will produce an average 37.5% dysplastic litter, ranging anywhere from a trace to a disabling grade four plus. Statistically the incidence climbs less than 4% when a dysplastic female is substituted but a dysplastic male with a clear female results in an average 52.5% dysplastic litter. The incidence of H.D. proves to be insignificant between litters produced by clear parents or a H.D. clear plus a grade one dysplastic parent.

To the audience surprise and evidence of relief were the unanimous response to the Doctors' statement that, the U.S. Army's Canine Corp during training and service of their German Shepherds, lose only 5% to a disabling hip dysplasia. While in contrast, an appalling 40% are lost due to temperament problems. After noting through a predominance of written questions, undue concern for hip dysplasia, it was preceded by a statement that as serious a problem as H.D. is, obviously disparagement not intended, "There were even more important things to also consider when contemplating breeding."

I was left with the distinct impression that temperament might very well head that list of other considerations.

It was interesting to note that Dr. Sten-Erik Olsson, a professor of radiology, felt palpation more accurate in determining degree of hip dysplasia. Of all babies born in Sweden, 99% are palpated at birth or within a couple days. If a problem exists, they are put in a corrective position and held that way for 3 or 4 months thereby eliminating the defective condition. This cure is not possible at a later date. Unfortunately evidence of H.D. in dogs at this early age is not possible in dogs. It can be detected in dogs by palpation at 4 or 5 months. (Much too late to correct.) Palpation being the degree of looseness felt in the hip joint when under sedation and completely relaxed.

Despite the complexity of subject matter there never did appear to be a waning of interest. Immediately before the 5 P.M. conclusion, I looked about the audience. The posture gave a wide-eyed absorptive edge-of-the-seat appearance and I realized how successful and rewarding the seminar had been. A sad and unfortunate loss for those not able to attend.

Further education by all of us should help correct a situation that now exists whereby a mere hint of hip dysplasia or some other dreaded disease, whether the statement and comments be malicious or not becomes a senseless witch-hunt and seriously stigmatizes and hinders a reputable breeder; whereas an irresponsible and negligent breeder some times dogmatic despite having nothing more than ephemeral notions to guide him, suffers and feels no greater effect, if at all.

This report, such as it is brief and fragmentary, is offered for your consideration. Effort was made for it not to be a personal interpretation. Not intended to be the last word; anyone wishing to elucidate further or make annotations or otherwise on the subject matter of the report, summation or comments, is not only welcomed but encouraged.

reported by Don Mandeville

IMPORTANT NOTE:
A transcription of the seminar is expected to be available soon. Possibly offered in the April issue. It would be at whatever cost is incurred for reproducing it. (D.M.)
KNOW YOUR LOCAL WOLF
by Don Mandeville

Will it be Briards or wolves? The two are not compatible. The problem is a perennial one and it is that of the wolf in lamb's guise running about helter-skelter with it's familiar cries of wolf. Perhaps it is time once again to remove the disguise, hang it high for all to see and take a good hard look at this odious wolf for future recognition. The damage normally sustained by the innocent is irreparable, the problem, fortunately, if properly dealt with, is not. If we, the majority, play a part in this charade, then it is surely that of the "goat", humiliated, some-times derided and at best merely abused, but hopefully, not totally frustrated in our attempt to achieve justice. To understand the wolf's motivation is but to open our eyes, think, and consider what the wolf has to gain with it's frenzied howling of foul. Winning dogs, successful breeders and handlers, any individual that is active, concerned and contributing with a feeling of responsibility, these, the front line, are only the first to be preyed upon.

The next time you or I hear how the winning dog cannot move well and should not have won, or even, "How can it move so well with hip dysplasia," credulously are we to believe H.D. is conducive to superior movement; and then becoming more desperate you will hear, "It has a bad bite," knowing well you are not about to run over and check the winner for bite; then there is the winner with the beautiful coat that is charged with "no substance" or simply, "nothing but a powder puff"; add to it all the well veiled eyes that must surely be "too light;" and finally, that perfectly straight top line that just has to be a product of "false grooming"; then upon hearing all this and bearing witness, "let us ponder why," Who would give countenance? the perpetrator vocalizing at ring-side is already a flagrant violator of the most basic etiquette. Certainly to have been considered if intentions were really "so well intended."

To be sure the calculating and crafty wolf will endure. Although a small minority, too numerous to "strike down." Let us neutralize him by awareness and label him well. Only this will repulse him and control the snarling and snapping and ultimate slashing.

Scrutinize the purveyor and anxious broadcaster of "ill-tidings." Are we receiving arms through informative truth or are we being deployed such as gladiators by the deceitful to defile with guile deceptions. Quite often it is a scheme to confuse; the vehicle - irresponsible utterances and slander for personal gain or venomous attack. For the few, let this writing be a mirror, but take heart, the honorable are yet a vast majority - no less.
THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS & VIEWS

Ch. QUEEN LIZ'S GIRL - "TEDDY"! One of the last shows of 1971 produced still another champion, "The Chez Ciel", Teddy owned by Virginia Englehart (Mrs. Richard) let the points slip through her paws only once between her first and last win. Teddy's handler, Ginge Englehart took her in the ring as usual at Antelope Valley KC Dec. 12 which resulted in a major win and the crowning of a champion. Fortunately 1971 has been a bumper crop for champions. Let us hope she wears her crown well as yet another representative of Champion California Briards at the National Specialty in June at Beverly Hills. And of course congratulations from all of us to Virginia, Ginge, Teddy and Liz for her part in it.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIANS - ATTENTION: For anyone interested in showing. In order to increase the number of Briard entries and interest in the upper part of the state, Mr. & Mrs. Curnow of Sacramento are desirious of making contact with all those interested in matches and shows. This looks like an excellent opportunity to organize. I urge you to take advantage. Keep in mind the June National Specialty in California. Let none of us be left standing with "fiddle in hand".

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NOTE: It has been brought to my attention by Jennie Meggitt that Jack & Judith Basinger in the San Francisco area and Bill & Yvonne Wright in the San Jose area would also like to act in this capacity. Address all applicants and our newly appointed show chairman for the Briard fanciers of Southern California will be moving to San Diego in a few weeks as Bill and his partner will be opening a new office there which he will run. They will help Herman and Carol Ludwig organize a group in the area for showing and other benefits. An unfortunate loss for us here in the Los Angeles area. Merri Clemmons has experience unlimited in the field of dogs—a obedience dog trainer being just one, including tracking. Yes, you can be sure that there will be a Briard in tracking very soon.

A BRiard in ScEnt HuRDLe ReLaY RaGCeS? Soon I hope. Cecily (Ch. Cicely of Northumberland) is now in a mixed group, excluding who-dunits, but including Poodles and Shelties etc., at the Torrance Dog Obedience Club. Nancy Mandeville is the owner-trainer. Cecily has the spirit to say the least, barking in anticipation with legs churning as she is held back waiting her turn at the hurdles. She is still quite unpredictable but gives the appearance of a seasoned veteran at times and just loves it with a continuously wagging tail to prove it as in other phases of her obedience training.

COMMEMORATORY INVOLVEMENT. As a supplement to her other BCA activities, Betty Baker is working with Ron Spyrison aiding a group of young people now organized to form a dog club. All members are students of Santa Monica H.S. A club project is the raising of funds to promote interest and attention toward the improvement of the city's animal shelters, certainly a noble aim. Much involved is a young handler and proud Briard owner, Bob Ableson.

POLAR BEARS, MUSK OX & BRIARDS. Where else?, of course, in Alaska! Tamby I'm sure must be the only Briard with its own igloo, or is it a doglo? Anyway, I dont know, anyway show reports are scarce coming from the Kleins of Anchorage, Alaska. Past attempts at shows included the disguising of Alaskan Malamutes, this was doomed to failure as you might guess since "ring times" nearly coincided. The scheme wasn't uncovered till a Malamute entered his own ring sporting
double dew claws, on all fours. Oh well, what does a Malamute know anyway? Other adventures fared no better, so, no Alaskan show reports this past year from the "Frozen North." The Kleins however have assured us their entry at the National Specialty in California.

**THE FRENCH INFILTRATION CONTINUES** (Hopefully) Californians are looking to France for new bloodlines. Following Paul Mark's puppy dog Ugolin came Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig's puppy "Uri de la Basse Corde." Wanting a first hand look Herman and Carol made the voyage to France returning in the middle of December from their sojourn with "Uri" to follow and now happy in his adopted home on a hill-side in San Diego while trying his very best to understand English.

Mrs. Laidlaw a new BCA applicant has yet to be heard from. Contact has already been made by her to Mme. de Fontenilles to begin the search for a French puppy. How difficult it would be without the help of our fautor, Madame de Fontenilles, secretartate for the "Club des Amis du Briard."

**LATE NEWS! — FROM THE BEVERLY HILLS SHOW!**

Results of the winter show are "Tres Jolie Aimee Chez Ciel" for Winners Bitch. "Aimee" is a member of the Curnow family from Sacramento. A major win must have made the 500 mile trip back home a little easier to accept, if not pleasant. Congratulations to "Aimee" and the other Curnows.

Ray Girouard was on hand with "Sir de la Briardiere," a two year old imported black male that is just beautiful—beyond description. From France (not recently) and never before shown, he scored a five point major and garnished it with a Best of Winners. To everyone's disappointment, the fabulous "Ch. O'Tresor de Vasouy" was left behind at home in Redwood City as she was feeling a bit too sexy for the long journey with a handsome young French male Briard. Ray felt one recent litter was enough for now. To Ray and Myra, "familiar sounds" — Congratulations!

Lee Erickson's very successful "Ch. Esau F. de Saint Chermain" slipped one notch to take Best Opposite for this outing. No one including Lee ever felt bad taking BOS at a Beverly Hills show. Congratulations for always being in there and "up front."

When judge Alva Rosenberg selected Nancy Mandeville's "Ch. Cicely of Northumberland" for Best of Breed, Nancy leaped in the air and I fell to the ground with a delighted shock. What meant so much to Nancy and I was the unexpected and very much appreciated solid round of applause.

I do hope Mary Lou doesn't mind but I felt Judge Rosenberg paid the "supreme compliment" when he said "Cecily" reminded him so very much of a Briard back-east — "Nanie." "Cecily" says "thank you very much." — Don Mandeville
WE DID IT AGAIN!

Winning trio at Chicago International Nov. 6 under Judge K. O. Peterson repeated their wins on Dec. 12 under Judge Glen Sommers at Lansing, Mich. TOUSSAINT DE CHARLEMAGNE (shown here with owner William Genari) Winners Dog; TENDRESSA DE CHARLEMAGNE (handled by Debbie and owned by Chuck & Mike Vetrone) Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite; American & Canadian Ch. PHYDEAUX QUELQUES (handled and owned by Chuck Vetrone) went Best of Breed. "Norman" and "Tressa" are winning litter mates from former California Briards—Ch. Boris d’Agincourt, C.D. and Recherche de Charlemagne.

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Agathon K.C., Massillon, Ohio. January 8, 1972
Judge: Mr. Virgil D. Johnson. No. of Briards present — 5. *NOTE: "GROUP 2" placement

WD & BOW — TOUSSAINT DE CHARLEMAGNE
  Owned by Mr. W. F. Genari
  (BOW — 2 points)

WB & BOS — Pa’Chick’s Tawny T.
  Owned by Frances S. Voikman
  (3 points)

BOB & — Ch. PHYDEAUX QUELQUES
  GROUP 2
  Owned by Charles F. Vetrone
  Under Judge Mr. Robert A. Kerns

"NEWS FLASH"


McKinley K.C., Canton, Ohio. January 9, 1972
Judge: Mr. Robert A. Kerns. No. of Briards present — 7.

WD & BOW — TOUSSAINT DE CHARLEMAGNE
  Owned by Mr. W. F. Genari
  (BOW for 3 points)

WB & BOS — Pa’Chick’s Tawny T.
  Owned by Frances S. Voikman
  (3 points)

BOB — Ch. PHYDEAUX QUELQUES
  Owned by Charles F. Vetrone

BEVERLY HILLS KC, JAN. 9, 1972 — LOS ANGELES CALIF.; JUDGE: MR. ALVA ROSENBERG

The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills offers Emalox Trophy for Best of Breed. The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills offers Engraved S.P. Trophy for:
Best of Opposite Sex
Best of Winners
First in Brace and Team Classes.

BRIARDS. Puppy, Bitches, 6 months and under 9 months.

1 Mrs. Betty M. Baker and Lee Erickson. RUBIAYAT DE SAINT
  By Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha—Anastasia D Agincourt.

  Breeder, Owner. By Igor d’Agincourt—Ch. Queen Elizabeth de Chien Velu.

BRIARDS. Open, Bitches

3 Mrs. T. M. Englehart. TABAC CHEZ CIEL, WB-656,547. June 11,
  1970. Breeder, Mrs. R. H. Englehart. By Igor d’Agincourt—Ch. Queen
  Elizabeth de Chien Velu.

  Breeder, Owner. By Igor d’Agincourt—Ch. Queen Elizabeth de Chien Velu.

WINNERS BITCH — 8 Reserve... 7 Points... 3 Bitches...

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

5 Nancy L. and Don Mandeville. CH. CICELY DE LA CHEZ CIEL,
  D’Agincourt—Berry Brows Nina. Bitch. Best Briard...

BRIARDS. Puppy, Dogs, 9 months and under 12 months.

19 T. P. Mischuk and Carolyn Erickson. RUBICON DE SAINT CHER-
  Prince Valiant de Marha—Anastasia D Agincourt.

BRIARDS. American Bred, Dogs.

16 Mr. and Mrs. Orlan F. Friedman. LEWIS D’AMICAL COLLINES,
  Valiant de Marha—Eucenie D’Agincourt.

BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.

1 Myra Girouard and Inga Applequist. SIR DE LA BRIARIERIE, WB-
  —Nouchka de la Haut Tour.

4 Mimi Barker. GREGOIRE GRIS D AGINCOURT, WB-965,358. May
  Andrea D Agincourt.
Gastric Torsion and Bloat

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Gastric torsion generally followed by bloat and acute stomach dilation sometimes occurs in dogs. This may be associated with a blocking of the stomach openings, lack of stomach tone, poor intestinal tone, overeating, or excess gas formation in the stomach. In some instances, enlarged spleens are thought to act as a pendulum swinging the stomach out of normal position.

Gastric torsion or acute dilation should not be confused with intestinal gas production so frequently detected in older or less exercised dogs kept in the house and perhaps near the fireplace. This gas production, primarily from fermentation in the large intestine, causes little discomfort to the dog and only one of unpleasantness to the dog owner. This type of gas production can be eliminated by food control, exercise, and antibiotics to control bacterial activity.

When torsion, or twisting, occurs the stomach distension that may follow stems partly from gas production which cannot escape. This most often occurs after a meal. The restlessness, retching, and attempts to vomit increase. Salivation increases and an enlarged stomach and spleen are usually found. A stomach tube may not pass near the heart and its pulsation may be felt. The right, "clockwise", and immediate surgery to correct the torsion may be necessary to prevent death.

Gastric torsion may occur in many animals including horses, monkeys, pigs and man. Its occurrence seems to be associated with a few large breeds of dogs and specific strains of those breeds. Rotation of dogs clockwise to reposition the stomach has been used successfully by some veterinarians but surgery appears to be more successful and dependable. Many additional causes have been advocated including electrolyte imbalance, lack of stomach muscular tone, consumption of rubber and plastic objects that lodge in the stomach and block food passage, overfeeding, and a lack of exercise.

No cases of gastric torsion or death by bloat have been recorded in the Purina Dog Care Center, where millions of dogs have been produced during the past 15 years. Several breeds of dogs have been included or have included Boxers, Coonhounds, Great Danes, Newfoundlands, St. Bernards, German Shepherds and others in which gastric torsion has been reported.

Based on these observations it is suggested the following practices be considered:

1. Self-feed dogs so they can eat several times daily.
2. Provide water at all times.
3. If changing to a new ration, make the change-over gradually so a dog does not suddenly overeat.
4. Provide plenty of exercise.
5. If you encounter several of the following conditions:
   a. unusual restlessness
   b. excess abnormal salivation
   c. continued attempts to regurgitate
   d. heavy bloating and pain
   e. very rapid respiration

Check with your veterinarian immediately.


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HERB WEGNER'S "DOGS IN TEAM SPORTS" will be one of the special attractions at the "National Specialty" in the Beverly Hills show June 24-25th with teams competing in "Scent-Hurdle-Relay-Races" also "Fly Ball" and others. A FASCINATING PERFORMANCE YOU MUST SEE

"Do you think these sun glasses will be suitable for that California sun? I do want to look just right for the 1972 Specialty June 24th-25th!!"

Watch for the arrival of those very important announcements about hotel arrangements and the scheduled events surrounding the show.