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IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WITHOUT A SMILE,
GIVE HIM ONE OF YOURS!
We welcome the following new members:

John & Susan Alexander, 7752 Quail Run, Manassas, Va. 22110
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Newport News, Va. 23606
Donald & Jane Mathews, P.O. Box 1156, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514
William & June Shew, P.O. Box 228, Martin Rd., East Hartland,
Conn. 06027
Roland Taub, 25438 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, Cal. 90717
Ken Van Fleet, 9944 Gierson Ave., Chatsworth, Cal. 91311

We welcome also the following new members:

Mrs. Charles Schaefer - 1405 Grasshopper Rd., Huntingdon Valley
Pa. 19006. Owner of Windy Hill's Vicky de Patriche.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pierce - 1404 W. 8th St., Wilmington, Del.
19806. Owners of Vieux Carre de Charlemagne.
Mrs. Betty Rumpf - 3219 Cedarbrook, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Owner
of Vive la Nicole de Beaujolais.
Mrs. Charles Schaefer - 1405 Grasshopper Rd., Huntingdon Valley,
Pa. 19006. Owner of Windy Hill's Vicky de Patriche.
Charles Michael Vetrone - 810 Harriet Ave. N.W., Canton, Ohio
44703. Owner of Vendressa de Charlemagne.

Signer of the Code of Ethics:
Marilee Clark

Address Changes:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boelter, R.R.1, DeForest, Wis. 53532
Nancy Brenner, 3900 Petaluma Hill Road, Santa Rosa, Cal. 95404
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, R.R. 3 Box 155, Olath, Kansas 66061
David Catanzaro, 4171 Concordia, St. Louis, Mo. 63116

Proposed Members:

The following persons have applied for membership in the Briard Club of America. Letters regarding their qualifications should be addressed to the Secretary.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bowan - 19222 Kenya, Northridge, Cal. 91324. Owners of Robine de Beaujolais.
Miss Jan Charbonneau - 608 Ramsey Lake Road, SS1, Site 2, Box 7, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. Owner of O'Brikan Suzette Micheline.
Mrs. Valorie Eigenrauch - 100 E. 135th St., Burnsville, Minn. 55337. Owner of Voltaire de Rogues de Brie.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keiter - R.D. 2, Box 346, Harveys Lake, Pa. 18618. Owners of Beau Cheval's Vent Vert.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pierce - 1404 W. 8th St., Wilmington, Del. 19806. Owners of Vieux Carre de Charlemagne.
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Charles Michael Vetrone - 810 Harriet Ave. N.W., Canton, Ohio 44703. Owner of Vendressa de Charlemagne.

Preceding the Annual Meeting, Mercer Field made the presentation of an open air ticket to France to Mary Lou Tingley from her Briard friends, on the occasion of her retirement as Secretary.

Minutes:

The Annual Meeting of the Briard Club of America was held on August 4, 1973 at the Golden Chariot Motel, Montgomeryville, Pa. The meeting was called to order by the President, Philip McNelis at 8:45 p.m. The 91 members and guests present for the dinner introduced themselves. 43 members were present, making a quorum (the list of those present is available to members upon request to the Secretary.)

A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1972 Annual Meeting, which had been printed in the Specialty Brochure.

Mr. and Mrs. James Zaccaro and Sally McCullough were appointed to the Tellers Committee to count the votes for the annual election and report the results later in the meeting.

President Phil McNelis expressed his wish for continued support in the work of the Club. He then discussed the many accomplishments of the American Dog Owners Association and encouraged members to join and support this organization.

The Treasurer's annual report was also printed in the Specialty Brochure (and appears elsewhere in this issue of the DEW CLAW). Jerry Cohen, Treasurer clarified that the Memorial and Rassemblement funds are also included in the total figure.

The Junior Showmanship Report by Dorothy Vetrone was read into the record by the President and follows:

"For the edification of some of our newer members, I would like to repeat that there is an annual trophy (value $10) awarded by the Briard Club of America to the highest scoring boy and highest scoring girl in Jr. Showmanship competition.

"Jr. Showmanship is open to boys and girls 10 through 16 years of age. the Juniors are judged solely on their ability to handle the dog. The dog itself is not considered. It is an excellent training ground for our youngsters in the ins and outs of dog shows, the psychology of dog training, and perhaps most importantly, that elusive quality, 'sportsmanship'.

"I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our members with eligible youngsters to take advantage of one of the finest competitions available in the dog world.

Dorothy Vetrone"

Charles Cook, AKC Delegate reported that the Combined Sexes at dog shows has been eliminated by the AKC since it did not seem to serve any further purpose in this country.

The Junior Showmanship awards and the Award of Merit plaques were then presented. The 1971 Junior Showmanship awards were presented to Debbie Vetrone and Mike Vetrone. The 1972 trophies were awarded to Kathy Ruby and Mike Vetrone. The recipients of the Award of Merit plaques were listed in the August issue of the DEW CLAW.

The President announced a gift to the Rassemblement Fund of $252 from the Buckeye Briard Club and said there has been an encouraging response from interested individuals.

* American Dog Owners Association, Inc., P.O. Box 35176, Detroit, Michigan 48235.
Mercer Field reported on her Rasssemblement fund raising project in which the sale of Briard medallions was expected to net about $350. The results of the Photography Contest, held in conjunction with the Specialty were announced by John Conboy. In the "outdoor" category, Dallas Meggitt was awarded first prize; John Alexander was awarded second prize and third prize went to Jayne Bruner. In the "action" category, John Alexander was awarded first, second and third prizes. First prize in the "indoor" category went to Jack and Judy Basinger, second prize to John Alexander and third prize to Betty and Ralph Botka. It was announced that a BCA calendar would be made from the winning photos and those for Exhibition Only. A motion by Nancy Lewis was passed that due to the frequent 90 degree weather in August that a constitution committee be appointed to consider a change of the Specialty month. It was suggested that a month with the greatest flexibility for weather conditions across the country be selected.

Steve Davidson opened a discussion about an ad being placed by the BCA in the AKC Gazette, other dog publications or major newspapers so the Club could plan and run a referral service for prospective buyers. After some discussion, Phil McNelis questioned the cost of such ads. Mrs. Tingley reported that the Club had inquired before and that at the present time it is very expensive. Jennie Meggitt suggested that members should refer prospective buyers to the Club and Ken Collins reported that the AKC gives referrals to the Club Secretary and breeders. Steve Davidson expressed a concern, not with the sale of puppies but with educating the public. Phil McNelis announced that a Briard brochure will be made up and printed but that it will be necessary to wait until the revised Standard is accepted.

A motion by Steve Davidson, the constitution committee will also be asked to consider an increase in the number of Club Directors. Mrs. Tingley expressed a concern that the Club lacks communication and that much information is passed only by the grapevine. She suggested that members should be encouraged to go to the directors and officers with any problems or suggestions. On this note, Jennie Meggitt suggested that the phone numbers of all officers and directors be included in the DEW CLAW.

A motion by Jennie Meggitt to eliminate the 1974 Specialty, since the Club has scheduled the Rasssemblements for that year, was passed. The results of the election were announced by Jim Zaccaro as follows.

**PRESIDENT,** Phil McNelis (unopposed)
**VICE-PRESIDENT,** Jennie Meggitt (78 votes)
Don Mandeville (53 votes)
**SECRETARY,** Diane McIeroth (unopposed)
**TREASURER,** Jerry Cohen (unopposed)
**DIRECTORS:**
Carolyn Erickson (85 votes)
Harold Marley (116 votes)
Mary Lou Tingley (122 votes)
Patti Curnow (73 votes)

138 Ballots were cast of the 216 mailed to the membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

**BOARD ACTION**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on August 4, 1973 following the Annual Meeting and continued on the morning of August 5, with all members present.

A motion was passed to have Harold Marley print a Briard calendar in black and white, for sale to the membership at $2.00 per calendar.

Carolyn Erickson was appointed to select the trophies for presentation to the French and Dutch Briard clubs.

Barbara Ruby was appointed to continue in her capacity as Chairman of the Hip Dysplasia Committee and Dorothy Vetrone was reappointed to head the Junior Showmanship Committee.

The Board moved to ask Arthur Tingley to serve as the Club's AKC Delegate for the 1973/74.

Jerry Cohen was appointed to chair the Constitution Amendment Committee which will consider: a change of Specialty month; an expansion of the Board to include the AKC Delegate; and to increase the number of Directors. The Board also asked the committee to consider the possibility of non-voting Junior Memberships for children up to 18 years of age.

Membership applications for seven new members were read and approved.

The case of a registered Briard under investigation by the AKC was discussed and a motion was passed unanimously that the BCA Board would not request that the AKC discontinue its investigation. A motions was also unanimously passed to have the photograph of the dog in question published in the DEW CLAW, without the names of those involved, so as to inform the membership and to help dispell some of the rumors concerning the case.

Concerning the Rasssemblement '74, a motion was passed to ask for a registration fee of $5.00 for the first dog and $1.00 for each additional dog entered by the same person. This fee would help to offset the price of a catalog and the official report which will be given to each participant. It was also decided that entry forms would be necessary so that a catalog could be printed ahead of time and other arrangements be made for the Rasssemblement.

The Board passed a motion to send a letter of approval and encouragement to local Briard clubs which apply to the BCA for recognition.

A motion was passed to increase the DEW CLAW to 40 pages (having the December issue remain unlimited). A motion was also passed to again print catalog show reports from shows with three or more points, in the DEW CLAW. Reports will be reduced to 80% so space can be conserved and discussion of show reports will be eliminated from the area news.

A motion was discussed and passed to amend the membership waiting period in the following manner. Applications will be accepted at any time and the applicant will be given the year waiting period to submit the letters of recommendation. The years wait will commence with the date the application is received by the Secretary. A second motion was passed to reinstate lapsed members, without the waiting period. This would be done upon the approval of the Board provided all dues in arrears are paid and an application is sent to the Secretary.
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 1973 - August 31, 1973

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STUD DOG COLUMN


CH. PHYDEAUX QUOIN DE CUIVRE, tawny, 8-17-67. Sire: Ch. Ike de Vasouy. Dam: Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Owner: Mary Lou Tingley, Yardley Road, Mendham, N. J. 07945.


If you would like your Briard listed in the Stud Dog Column, send $10 (annual rate) or $2 (monthly rate) along with approximately three lines of information, to the Secretary. Please make checks payable to The Briard Club of America.

NOTICE: JUDGES - 1975 SPECIALTY SHOW

At the annual meeting, a total of 26 names of judges were presented to the Board for consideration as our next Specialty Judge. Of the total, 16 had more than 1 vote. The list is being narrowed to those 6 names receiving the largest number of votes. Please select one from this list and notify, in writing, Diane McLeroth of your choice. We will select from the 3 highest totals depending upon availability. We must have your vote no later than October 30, 1973.

In alphabetical order:
Mr. Roy Ayres
Mr. Ellsworth Gamble
Dr. Richard Greathouse
Mr. Louis Murr
Mr. Maxwell Riddle
Mrs. Mary Lou Tingley

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen
BOARD ACTION

Recent action by the Board of Directors of the BCA has created some discussion within the membership. In order to place this matter into proper perspective, this action is being printed for your information.

At the bottom of this page is a picture of a registered Briard. The breeder felt the animal was a throwback, resulting from previous inbreeding. Following the picture are comments by Dr. Ray Owen, a noted genetics expert, which clearly point out the potential dangers to the breed if this is the case.

The Board had two options: (A) To let the matter stand and run the risk of some strange looking Briards appearing in the future, or (B) to request an investigation by the American Kennel Club, the governing authority in such matters and possessing the experience and knowledge necessary to render an opinion. The Board unanimously agreed to request the investigation and, as of this writing, the investigation is in process. The members of the Board recognized this as a serious matter and did not take it lightly. This action was taken solely out of concern for the best interest of the Briard, with most of the Board members unaware of the identity of the dog or the breeder. Quite simply, we have a serious breeding problem which must be answered, if at all possible, for the protection of the Briard. This is after all, the primary concern of the BCA.

The principals shall continue to remain nameless and this statement is presented at this time to clarify any stories you may have heard in connection with this matter. Phil McNelis

The following is a summary of a discussion with Dr. Ray Owen, Professor of Biology and past Chairman of the Division of Biology at the California Institute of Technology, about the problem posed by the appearance of the dog in the photograph. Dr. Owen has reviewed this summary to be sure there was no misinterpretation of his remarks. It should be mentioned that Dr. Owen has himself owned, bred and raised different breeds of dogs and is familiar with the problems of breeding and canine genetics.

In order to explain the possible ramifications of each of the two alternative explanations for this dog, Dr. Owen discussed each possibility separately.

To discuss this dog as a genetic 'throwback', it is necessary to understand some basic principles of genetics. Within a breed, many genes are similar among most of the members of that breed. Although there do, of course remain genetic variations, the members of a litter of purebred dogs have an essentially uniform genetic heritage conforming to the standard of the breed. If a 'throwback' occurs under these circumstances, the genetic indication is that the parents of the extreme variant were carrying, and have transmitted, hidden genetic qualities undesired by the breed standard. If this dog is a 'throwback', it is obvious that none of the dogs from this litter should be used for breeding because of the possibility or likelihood that they carry genes which are defective from the point of view of the Briard Standard.

On the other hand, this dog may be the result of a double breeding. In this case, some of the litter are in fact purebred Briards from the recorded sire and dam; others, including perhaps the dog in the photo, are the result of a breeding from the same dam but a different sire. If the sires are sufficiently different in their physical appearance, the offspring would in all likelihood be distinguishable as well. However, this is not necessarily the case, depending on the nature and extent of genetic differences between the breeds concerned. It is this element of uncertainty which mandates the refusal of registration for all the offspring of dual breedings. If registration were allowed (on the basis of which dogs appear to be the result of planned breeding) the genetic makeup of the breed could over the course of time be altered. The result would be a breed called, for example, "Briard" but not resembling either today's dogs or the Standard. Further, although it may be obvious in some cases that the dog in question is not a Briard, the mating of two animals of close physical appearance (Briard and Old English, for example) could result in offspring which are not readily distinguishable from one parent or the other. Allowing this situation to pass without action would in effect be setting a precedent which would condone the alteration of the genetic composition of the breed by the inclusion of genetic traits which are not the result of pedigreed, traceable breedings.

Dr. Owen also described some recent studies on blood types in the canine. This work has resulted in the possibility of the use of blood tests to prove exclusion of parentage. The tests can be used to show exclusion of parentage and common paternity; the test would include the progeny, the recorded dam and sire and any other suspected sire if available. As a reference on the genetic aspects of breeding, Dr. Owen suggested Animal Breeding Plans by J.L. Lush.

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"THE OTHER RING"

BY STEPHANIE KATZ

Recently, while again reading the French Standard and Elaboration I became acutely aware that the same characteristics that describe the Briard are also the qualities that describe any good obedience dog. May I quote the French Standard and Elaboration?

"Although a dog of handsome form, it is his character that endears the Briard to all who know him. He is a dog of heart, with spirit and initiative. Intelligent, faithful, gentle and obedient, the Briard possesses an excellent memory and an ardent desire to please his master. He retains a high degree of his ancestral instinct to guard home and master..."

In addition to showing our Briards in the conformation ring, Jerry and I are firm believers in showing our dogs in the obedience ring. After all, the Briard is a WORKING DOG and should not be limited to showing his beauty alone.

Participation in the sport of dog obedience competition has more doubled in the last five years and yet when I checked through my back issues of the DEW CLAW, I could only find nine Briard who have earned obedience titles since June, 1970. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all Briard owners to train and show their Briards in obedience competition. In addition to earning obedience titles on his or her dog, the exhibitor and dog demonstrate to the public the joy of having not only a beautiful dog, but the joy of having an obedience trained dog.

With great pride we would like to start a new column in the DEW CLAW called "The Other Ring." In addition to offering training suggestions and techniques, we would like to report all obedience legs earned.

Please report all scores along with the name of the judge and the number of entries in the class to:

Jerry or Stephanie Katz
1701 Strathcona Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48203

My first suggestion is to find a good training club and enroll your Briard in class immediately.

My second suggestion is to subscribe to a new obedience publication called FRONT AND FINISH, Subscription Dept., P.O. Box 333, Galisburg, 111. 61401.

We are looking forward to growing interest and active participation in "The Other Ring."

Stephanie Katz

THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS AND VIEWS

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the BCA. For our Western Director we have Carolyn Erickson, a very popular girl (young woman) in California these days. She has requested and will be receiving the capable assistance of Patti Curnow for more accurate and closer representation of the Northern members (those that can more easily contact Patti). Knowing Carolyn well, her ideas are limitless as are her energies, however it is her desire to represent everyone equally and fairly. So do speak up and out as now is your opportunity. The BCA is our Club. Let's serve it well so that it may serve us, and well.

The Rassemblement is closer than you may think! With the possible exception of the "Breed Standard" revision this year, it should be our most important project. I am certain that everyone intends to donate money and those that can will also donate time and work. We should turn those good intentions into action now, before it is too late to have meaning.

The National Specialty & Annual Meeting had seven Californians in attendance. Four California Briards were entered with two shown. I was responsible for one of the absentees as I found it impractical if not impossible to attend only at the last minute and regretably could not be there. Congratulations to Hugo for taking BOB again and to his owners Ken & Cace Collins.

Before this issue is out there will have been a "Canine Bone & Joint Disease Seminar" headed by and featuring Dr. Sten-Erik Olson, M.D., Ph.D., D.V.M., sponsored once again by Los Encinos Kennel Club (one of the finest Kennel Clubs in the country) as it was 2 years ago when Roland Taub was chairman for the seminar. I will give a report, perhaps not as lengthy as in the Feb. 71 issue but all new findings will be covered in the report. There will be an introduction to a new concept regarding hip dysplasia.

Dr. Olson is recognized as "the World Expert" in his field.

An article in the Sept. issue of "Dog World Magazine" by Marlene Anderson (Saint & recent Briard breeder) should receive the attention of all Briard owners. There is something everyone should read and give a great deal of thought to if not investigate.

Princess Katrina in Triumph. Eleven year old Louise Englehart thought it might be more fun to start out winning big. So, with "T Princess Katrina Chez Ciel (Katie) her 4½ month old tawny bitch they entered the South Bay K.C. match on July 22nd and from an entry of 5, took the Breed and went on to 1st in Group over an entry of 419 working dogs. Katie is handled exclusively by Louise.
At the following show, San Fernando K.C., Aug. 5th, Katie's litter-brother "I Prince Pippin Chez Ciel (Pippin), owned by Joan and Earl Duggan took the Breed but was not able to remain for Group.

On her third try on Aug. 25th at Enchanted Valley K.C., Katie with Louise handling once again took the Breed and this time went on to 2nd in Group.

The pups are from a beautiful litter out of Ch. Queen Elizabeth Chien Velu (Liz) by Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha (Peter). Virginia Englehart is the delighted breeder. Peter is also Sire to the famous Ch. Essau de Saint Chermain, several other litters and is a popular stud.

Congratulations to all —fine young Briards, a successful breeder, happy owners, and a special commendation for a remarkable new junior handler, Louise Englehart.

Western Show Reports:


7-28-73 Ventura County D.F.A., Ventura, Ca. Judge Mr. H.M. Cresap. BOB: Ch. Sateen D'Haute Couture (F. Housky, handler), owned by Yvonne & Bill Wright. BOS: Ch. Phydeaux Quinaud, owned by Paddy Anufrom. WD & BOW: Zachery D'Collines Amical, owned by Jason Bloch. WB: Vivante Monique des Berger (both 2 pts), owner: Carol Cruz. Entry 1-3-2


Don Mandeville

NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST……

A few weeks ago on a Saturday afternoon drive, Maggie and I had the good fortune to meet "Fred", otherwise known as Soir de Haute Couture owned by Dr. and Mrs. Laurence Wegienka of Woodland, Cal. What a stately looking Briard -- no joke, this dog's beard must be nearly a foot long! A positively wonderful coat. After he introduced himself thoroughly to our dogs (get out of the house without them?? -- no chance!), he showed us some of his most important tricks: avoiding the pool at ALL costs, and a variety of methods to remain inside with the air conditioning.

In conjunction with the Salinas K.C., the BCNC Board met to discuss plans for the future. Among other things they scheduled a fun match to be held in the Sacramento area on November 17. Wayne Nelson a local handler will be our judge and everyone is invited to attend. For further information drop me a note. The Board also allocated funds to send a representative to a University of California workshop on dog health. Hopefully everybody will learn a little from the forthcoming report.

I have been trying to call Briarders in Oregon and Washington over recent weeks. It seems everyone has moved or kept their phone numbers from the book. A group of Briards with owners from Northern California would like to travel to Oregon and Washington for a couple of shows and just a beautiful trip. How about it, Oregon and Washington??

Vivante Monique des Berger, "Bear" owned by Carole Cruz, captured Winners Bitch at the Ventura Show under judge H.M. Cresap and Salinas K.C. under judge Rutledge Gilliland where she went BOB as well.

The Briarders of the Northwest wish to thank the retiring members of last year's Board of the BCA for their efforts and to extend our congratulations and best wishes for the success of the present Board.

My Pa'Chick's Upsie Daisy finished in a blaze of whatever by taking two 3 point majors back to back. Daisy will enter the ring again in late September as a Special. Yvonne and Bill Wright's "Beau" Uri Berger du Nord proudly walked away with Best of Winners and three points on Sunday of that same weekend.

The Northwest is a big area so if you've any news please call, write, or send a Carrier Briard: 2828 Inman Ave., Stockton, Cal. 95204. Phone: 209/ 462-8045.

Don Thompson

GROUP 1 AT PUPPY MATCH

I Princess Katrina Chez Ciel was the Group 1 winner over 419 working dogs at the South Bay KC Puppy Match on July 22nd. Owned and handled by 11 year old Louise Englehart, she is shown here at the Enchanted Valley Puppy Match on August 25 where she took a Group 2.
AU REVOIR, NOTRE AMI, BORIS

IN MEMORY OF BORIS
Chuck and Dorothy Vetrone’s
first Briard

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THE BUCKEYE BRIARDS

IN LOVING MEMORY
CH. BORIS D’ AGINCOURT, C.D.
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"EVERYTHING AND MORE"

"...So long...

...Farewell...

...AUF WIEDERSEHEN...

...Goodbye..."
EAST SIDE STORY....

"Steep thyself in a bowl of summertime," exhorted Virgil; in the East we've drowned in it. The thermometer gracing the hundred mark, humidity keenly competing, we've steeped in a rare blend of seasonal pleasures: since June, 5 NEW CHAMPIONS, 7 GROUP PLACEMENTS AND THE SPECIALTY (separate feature this issue), to say nothing of numerous escapades across the Atlantic—much of a fine muchness indeed!

Congratulations to breeders, owners, and handlers of the new Specials:

CANADIAN CHAMPION OTHER HILOU DE STRATHCONA is owned by Barbara Charbonneau of Ontario and was shown by Jan Charbonneau to pick up her Canadian title on July 1. The tawny bitch was bred by Stephanie & Jerry Katz. Other news from Jan: "Just returned from a Fun Match where my young black nature-sared (111) bitch, O'Brian Sunette Michelline, took Working Group Second. It was quite a surprise as she has only been shown once in her life and trotted the entire show with the spirit of a little shaggy storm trooper." Nice going, Jan.

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VERT RARE is better known as Jerry Cohen's Meatball. Just under 19 months old, he finished with BW for 4 points Friday of the Specialty weekend, owner handled throughout his career. In Boston a day was set aside for Jerry to receive compliments from the Fletcher School staff and Meatball to accept appropriate adoration from his canine cronies on the Common. They'll hear more this fall.

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VOTRE SANTE, Ruth Monast's Barney, finished at the Specialty. He too is tawny and was the fourth son of Ken's and Cee Cee Collins's Chi Pythias Chez Phydeaux and Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara to earn a title.

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VICHYSSOISE, the tawny bitch the Collinses kept from their second litter, finished in high style the Specialty weekend with wins all three days, including taking the Puppy Sweepstakes judged by Esther Mueller. We've heard a lot of Hilda to date, and she'll undoubtedly be in the limelight in the future.

CHAMPION V.S.O.P. BOUFFON DE BRIE, owned by Mary Lou Tingley and Janet Slover, also finished on August 5. Dez was shown to his championship by Art Tingley with Janet's help against the Specials. Just over 13 months old, the tawny male is out of Ch. Phydeaux Tabac Blond (Duffel) and Kilo des Coteaux and already has one Working Group Two on his record.

Briard placements in Group are becoming almost the vogue. The Specialty weekend there were 5 for the Collinses' Hugo, 1 for the Tingleys' String and 2 for String's brother Charlie, owned by the Vetrones. Specifically the recent Eastern record is as follows:

CH. PHYDEAUX QUIAN DE CULVER, WG 2, Hunterdon Hills K.C. (8/3), Judge Nelson Uren. String was handled in breed and Group by Art Tingley. WG 3 at Elmira K.C. (8/19) under Mrs. Nicholas Demidoff; handling as usual was Art Tingley. WG 2 at Lewiston-Auburn K.C. (9/2) under Mrs. Demidoff and shown by Art. Out of Ch. Ike de Vasouy and Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour, the charbonné dog was bred by owner Mary Lou Tingley.

CH. JANUS DE LA VILLE JUMEAUX, WG 4, Champlain Valley K.C. (7/14), Judge Mrs. Raymond K. Drury. June Show handled her tawny male to this his first Group placement. WG 4, Taconic Hills K.C. (8/24) under William Kendrick. Janus was handled by Joy Brewer for BOB under Robert Salomon and the second placement. To be four in December, Janus first entered the ring in December '72 and finished by Memorial Day, bred by Pat Haki & Audrey Benbow, he is out of Ch. Janus des Elifes de Malouse and Quesada de Marha.

The Shows kept a dark tawny bitch, tentatively Rubashub, from their April 16 litter. Sadly the dam, Jeane de la Ville Jumeaux, was lost in whelp. Our sympathy to the Shows—and luck with the new pup.

I've also expressed our concern to Dick & Barbara Rosen, whose daughter Susie fell from a horse this spring sustaining very serious injury. Susie is recovering slowly and was sent a card and present from her Briard friends. We'll look forward to seeing Dick and son Michael with Urul Ch. Phydeaux (Cinder) in the ring once Barbara's elections are over and Susie is feeling more herself. Get well soon, Susie!

I spent July in France and met or spoke with Mme. de Fontenilles, M. & Mme. Seron, M. Lermigny and family, M. & Mme. Liguine, Mlle. Mopty and Mlle. Turgis. Space limits talk of my trip, but I shall never forget the warmth and eager interest I found among French Briard owners, their generosity, knowledge, humor and abundant good will. In spite of my notoriously bad habits of correspondence, I feel I've had the great fortune to begin long-term friendships with these lovely people, and I wish all Briarders the same opportunity.

In August the BCA was contacted regarding two 9-month-old male Briards seen in a pound in Clinton, Connecticut. I drove up and found captivating charbonné animals, who after 8 weeks in the pound immediately stood, paws on my shoulders, smothering me with love. Although missing dew claws and of unknown ancestry, the dogs were very much Briards, if perhaps not pure. They sat and shook hands on command and gave me no trouble together on lead. In the ensuing hours I consulted with vets and club members, brought the dogs to Westport, named them Cord and Twine, made numerous phone calls and placed ads in 5 papers. The dogs eventually found homes in Philadelphia with Charles Bauer and Brenda Burton. Charles and Brenda and Cord and Twine would be delighted to meet any interested Briard owners and can be reached through me. Brenda previously owned a Briard in California, With enormous relief and delight I'd like to thank the club—and Phil, Diane and Mary Lou in particular—for helping save the lives of these fine dogs who would otherwise have been put to sleep when I left Clinton. And of course our infinite thanks to Charles and Brenda for coming to their rescue.

Haid and Walter Einsele of Westport, CT*, BCA owners of a tawny male named Maxim de Camarade (Bourbon), have become the first husband-
Briefly, the BCA '73 Specialty Weekend
by Mercer Field

The Briard Club of America held its annual meeting in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and the 1973 Specialty event at the Penn Ridge Kennel Club show on August 4 with a record entry of 56 Briards. Jayne Dubin was responsible for making this our largest Specialty weekend a tremendous success. She deserves our many thanks, along with the many other BCA members who donated trophies and their time; and of course our thanks to judges Esther Mueller and Anthony Hodges. Exhibitors and observers came from as far as California, Michigan, Indiana, Canada, Kentucky and Georgia. The award for distance driven, had we been able to find a golden chariot, would have gone to Carolyn Erickson and Roland Taub from the Los Angeles environs and Dallas and Jennie Meggitt from Pasadena, California. Interestingly, the Meggitts were still on the road toward the close of August.

Mrs. Mueller entered the generous ring at eleven Saturday morning in bright heat to evaluate 16 entrants in the Puppy Sweepstakes (over 6 and under 15 months). Her choice for Best Puppy was Ken and Ceci Collinse's tawny 10-month-old bitch, Chateaubriard Vichyssoise, who went on to take Best of Winners under Mr. Hodges. Hilda's sire, the Collinse's Ch. Pythias Chaz Phyreau took BOB as he had the day before with BOS going to his dam, Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour, owned by Art and Mary Lou Tingley. Nanie was chosen BOS from the Veteran class, a sentimental and well deserved win for this fine Briard whose name appears in the pedigrees of 26 of the 56 Briards present that weekend.

Mr. Hodges and Mrs. Mueller joined us for dinner at the Golden Chariot Motel before the annual meeting. The highlight of the evening outshining even the excellent food, spirits and camaraderie was the presentation of a gift to Mary Lou Tingley on the occasion of her retirement as BCA Secretary after 13 years. Appreciative donations from members of the BCA and numerous other Briard friends made it possible for us to send Mary Lou to France for the '73 Rassemblement in September. She was given an inscribed manuscript book with her ticket, the pages already containing contributors' names and soon to be filled with as many details of her trip as she would find time to record. Her joyful tears and the memberships standing ovation might have been rehearsed in Hollywood, so moving was the entire surprise. But that was hardly the limit of our generosity. An impressive donation to the Rassemblement fund was received from the Buckeye Briard club, and on the spot two dozen buyers were found for bronze and silver medals displaying the Briard head, which were brought from France and sold to benefit our Rassemblement. Getting in the spirit, the BFSC group announced that a percentage of profits from the sale of their Briard decals would also be given to the BCA for Rassemblement use.

Jim Zaccaro, John Sammis and John Conboy judged an exciting photography contest and are to be as much thanked for their meticulous matting of the blow-ups as for their fine judgment of winners. A display was set up in the dining room and some of the best photos were chosen to represent our breed on a BCA 1974 calendar, which can be ordered from Harold Marley. Of the Specialty weekend slides seen so far, a surprising number depict the pool and other extracurricular activities, and this is perhaps the best indication of the fine time had by all. There were several new champions titled, obviously exciting competition all three days but also dancing in the bar and in the parking lot, conferences of sleepy but early risers who clung to the coffee urn in the lobby, the chance to meet so many new friends who share your love for shaggy dogs and stories, time to catch up with older friends you see only once a year at Specialty season or whose voices you've only heard by phone before, and then too the lovely Pennsylvania countryside to explore. The Meggitts and Gurnows stayed on several days longer with me to get better acquainted at leisure, to eat in historic inns, see the Liberty Bell, really talk about Briards and take home solid memories of how easy it is afterall for East and West to meet. If you plan to attend the Rassemblements next year or another Specialty weekend, do plan to stay these few extra days with several others. For us, they were a perfect cap to a perfect weekend and more.

For any of you who haven't come to a Specialty weekend because you did not have a dog prepared to enter, please come next time without hesitation. Among those simply observing this year were the Marleys, the Kents, Diane McLeroth, Jan Charbonneau and the Gurnows, who were joined from Northern California by Kim Olson with her stunning black "Toulouse." These people added so much, we can only hope for more in the future. It's a long trip for most and a long and exhausting weekend in many ways, but certainly the Specialty weekend is one you'll never forget. This once in August '73 least of all.

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B.O.B. AT SPECIALTY
Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau, owned by Ken and Cece Collins, was chosen Best of Breed at the BCA Specialty, on August 4, by judge Anthony Hodges. "Hugo" then captured the Working Group 2 placement under judge, Theodore Gunderson.
He is pictured here with Mr. Hodges and Ken Collins.

WINNERS AT PERKIOMEN KC on August 3 are shown here with judge, Theodore Gunderson. B.O.B., Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau, owned by Ken & Cece Collins and handled by Roy Holloway. He then went on to take a Group 3 under judge, Robert Wills. Winners Dog and Best of Winners went to Chateaubriard Very Rare, owned and handled by Jerry Cohen and Winners Bitch and B.O.S. went to Chateaubriard Vichysoisse, owned by the Collins and handled by Ken Collins.

BCA SPECIALTY PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES WINNER, Chateaubriard Vichysoisse owned by Ken and Cece Collins is shown here with BCA Pres. Phil McNelis, sweepstakes Judge, Mrs. Mueller and Ken Collins.

FIRST PLACE IN THE SPECIALTY BROOD BITCH CLASS went to the Collins' Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara (handled by Cece Collins) with her get, Winners Dog, Ch. Chateaubriard Votre Sante (owned by Ruth Monast) and Winners Bitch, Chateaubriard Vichysoisse, (owned by Ken and Cece Collins and handled by Ken) under judge Anthony Hodges.
BRIARDS

THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA WILL CONSIDER THE BRIARD CLASSES AT THIS SHOW AS ITS SPECIALTY SHOW

SWEETSTAKES ENTRIES


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BRIARDS. Sweepstakes, over 9 months and under 12 months. First Prize, $15. Second Prize, $7.50. Third Prize, $4.50. Fourth Prize, $3.


BRIARDS. Sweepstakes, over 12 months and under 15 months. First Prize, $7.50. Second Prize, $3.75. Third Prize, $2.25.


CLASS ENTRIES

Judge: Mr. H. Anthony Hodges

BRIARDS. Puppies, dogs, 6 months and under 9 months.


BRIARDS. Open, dogs.


13 Andrea Lee Fochinos. Uto D'el Pastre, W268604. 11-7-71. Breeder, M. Molinier. By Quaye de la Petite Suisse Du Nord—Sandra D'el Pastre.


BRIARDS. American-bred, dogs.


BRIARDS. Open, dogs.


BRIARDS. American-bred, bitches.


WINNERS BITCH.....Reserve 30 Points.....Bitch 15

BRIARDS. Veteran Dog and Bitch Class.


57 Linda Wells Heller. Ch. Umbil Chabl Bis Strachtona, W987139. 6-30-71. Breeder, Jerome & Stephanie S. Katz. By Ch. Tres Bien Chez Phydeaux—Gueret Kabibah de Strachtona, C.D.


BRIARDS. Bitches.


70 Jerome & Stephanie S. Katz. Ch. Umbil Chabl Bis de Strachtona, W956453. 6-30-71. Breeders, Owners. By Ch. Tres Bien Chez Phydeaux—Gueret Kabibah de Strachtona, C.D.


BRIARDS. Veteran Open Classes.


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


BRIARDS. American-bred, dogs.


BRIARDS. Stud Dog Class.

BRIARDS. Brood Bitch Class.

BRIARDS. Brace Class.

BRIARDS. PUPPY DOGS, 6 MONTHS AND UNDER 9 MONTHS.

BRIARDS. PUPPY DOGS, 9 MONTHS AND UNDER 12 MONTHS.

BRIARDS. OPEN DOGS.

WINNERS DOG A.... RESERVE 16... POINTS 5.... DOGS 6....

BRIARDS. OPEN BITCHES.

WINNERS BITCH .16. RESERVE .6.. POINTS .4.... BITCHES 2....

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

Best Briard 5.... Best of Winners 41. Best of Opposite Sex 1/4...
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION VAN'S MAGDALENE DU BEAUXJOLIS (bitch)

Owners: Ken & Pat Van Fleet  Breeder: Nancy and Don Mandeville

Championship: May 19, 1973

Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Quinaud  Dam: Ch. Cicely of Northumberland

(Ch. Ike de Vasouy x Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)

(Sampson d'Agincourt x Berry Brow's Nina)

Judge: L. Benett Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VULCAN (dog)

Owners: Donald and Jane Mathews  Breeder: Cecily R. Collins

Championship: May 31, 1973

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau  Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau x Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)

(Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre x Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Mara)

Handled by owner
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION UNDERDOG BERGER DU NORD (dog)

Owner: Philip and Jan Zingsheim  Breeder: Owners

Championship: June 10, 1973

Sire: Syre du Val de Reuil  Dam: Ch. Rochelle de Marha CDX

(Ch. Ogham des Elfes de Malouse x Mady de la Chevrerie)

Judge: Mrs. Helen Miller Fisher  Handled by owner

CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH (dog)

Owner: Susan Alexander  Breeder: Cecily Collins

Championship: June 16, 1973

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau  Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D. x Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)

Judge: Dr. Richard Greathouse  Handler: Richard McMullen
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION UATHER BIJOU DE STBATHCONA (bitch)

Owner: Barbara Charbonneau  Breeder: Jerome and Stephanie Katz

Canadian Championship: July 1, 1973

Sire: Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie  Dam: G'veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, CDX

(Ch. La Roux Chez Chien Velu x La Melissa Chez Chien Velu)  (Roveau de la Gaillarde,CD x Bijou de la Patre)

Judge: Mrs. Margaret Thomas  Handled by Jan Charbonneau

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION JANUS DE LA VILLE JUMEAU (dog)

Owner: June Shew  Breeders: Patricia Maki & Audrey Benbow

Championship: June 3, 1973

Sire: Ch. Janus des Elfes de Malouse  Dam: Quesaba de Marha

(Dam: Ch. Nestor de Vasouy x Marha Magie de la Brie)

(Roveau de la Gaillarde,CD x Bijou de la Patre)

Handled by Joy Brewster
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S UPSIE DAISY (bitch)

Owners: Donavon & Margaret Thompson  Breeder: Charles and Patricia A. Long

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.  Dam: Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca

(Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse x Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)

Judge: Howard A. Dullnig  Handled by owner

Championship: July 8, 1973

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S UNCHAINED MELODY (bitch)

Owners: Charles & Patricia A. Long  Breeder: Owners

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.  Dam: Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca

(Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse x Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)

Judge: Earl Adair  Handled by co-owner

Championship: July 8, 1973
CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VERY RARE (dog)

Owner: Benjamin J. Cohen
Breeder: Cecily R. Collins

Championship: August 3, 1973

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau
Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)
(C.D. x Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)

Judge: Theodore Gundersen
Handled by owner

CHAMPION URA WOOFI DE GRAND COEUR (dog)

Owner: Linda Wells Heller
Breeders: Barbara & Bruce McQuillan

Championship: July 21, 1973

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse
Dam: Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D. x Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)

Judge: A. Peter Knoop
Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

Owner: Benjamin J. Cohen
Breeder: Cecily R. Collins

Championship: August 3, 1973

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau
Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)
(C.D. x Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)

Judge: Theodore Gundersen
Handled by owner
DOGS TAX IN PRAGUE IS A MATTER OF DEGREE

BY WALTER R. FLETCHER

Our thanks to Jane Cook for sending the following article which first appeared in the New York Times.

Opposition to dogs in cities is presenting a problem to philotherians in places besides New York. Perhaps it hasn't reached the proportions of Reykjavik, Iceland, where dogs are banned but on a recent visit to Czechoslovakia it was noticeable that quite a change had occurred in Prague. In that capital, often referred to as the City of 100 Spires (actually there are 473), an antidog campaign, abetted by Mayor Zdenek Zuzka, is in progress.

Starting last January, the annual tax for owning a dog was raised from 400 Krowns (about $33) to 1,000 Krowns (about $83), the equivalent of a month's salary for a skilled secretary. The dog license fee for New York City is $6.10.

The Prague tax is for what is called a luxury dog. For a working animal -- German Shepherd, Boxer, Giant Schnauzer, Doberman Pinscher, Rottweiler and Airedale -- the tax has been raised from 120 Krowns to 400. However, if the dog has an obedience, attack or tracking title, there is no tax at all.

As a result, owners are enrolling in courses so that their dogs will earn degrees. For example, on a walk through the city we met a young woman hurrying along the street with her two Bedlington Terriers. "I'm on the way to obedience training," she said, "Do you think I want to pay the increased tax?" A lawyer exercising his Great Dane on a promenade along the Vitava River could stop only for a minute. He, too, was headed for obedience school.

Pure-bred dogs rather than mixed breeds are the rule in the city. A Sunday stroll through the park beneath the famous Castle, which dominates the skyline, revealed 29 dogs, representing 16 breeds ranging from Great Danes and Bull Mastiffs to perky little toy poodles and Miniature Pinschers. There were only three mixed breeds.

German Shepherds are the most popular in Bohemia. Then come Boxers and Poodles. Terrier fanciers favor the Welsh, an excellent underground hunter. Of the hound breeds, Greyhounds lead in registrations, followed by Afghans. A native breed, the Fousek, very similar to the wire-haired pointers, heads the hunting breeds. Few toy dogs are seen.

Only one international show is held in Czechoslovakia and that's a two-day indoor event in Brno in July. There is no best-in-show or group judging, only best of breeds.

Last year the entry of 1,800 was led by Poodles, with 174. Then followed Dachshunds, 133; Schnauzers, 84; German Short-Haired Pointers 81; Cocker Spaniels, 70; Fox Terriers, 50 and Fouseks, 47.

There was a difference of opinion over what effect the antidog campaign was having in Prague. One fancier said, "It doesn't pay to breed. There just aren't enough buyers. I'm cutting back." Another said, "The serious breeder will do anything for his dogs. I have Poodles and intend to keep right on. I tell the buyer to be sure and have his dog earn an obedience degree." Both agreed prices for pups were down.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

Group Placements ---

Am. and Can. Ch. Phydeaux Queues (Charlie) owned by Charles Vetrone has acquired 2 more group placements. On August 4th Charlie was owner handled at the Beaver County K. C. in Rochester, Pa. He took a Group 2 under Mrs. Sally Keyes who also judged the breed. On August 5th at Mahoning-Shenango K. C. Charlie took the breed under Mr. Joseph Faigel and a Group 3 under Mr. Gerhardt Plaga.

Ch. Underdog Berger du Nord owned by Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Zingsheim attended the Lakehead K. C. Shows on July 5, 6, and 7th at Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. Only July 5th Underdog went BOB and took a Group 4 under Mr. Thomas Joel of Ontario, Can. On July 6th he went BOB and took a Group 1 under Mr. James Kilgannon of Alberta, Can. On July 7th he went BOB under Mrs. Eva Stewart of B. C., Can. These 3 shows gave Underdog 7 points --- an excellent start on his Canadian Championship!

New Champions ---

Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody finished her championship at Macomb County K. C. on July 8th by going B.W. for 2 points and BOS under Mr. Earl Adair. Melody finished with 16 points --- she took a 5 point major from the 6 to 9 month puppy class and the balance of the points she received from the Bred by Exhibitor Class. Melody is also well on her way to another championship having 6 points in Canada. Melody is sired by Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. out of Ch. Pa;Chick's Rebecca. Melody was bred and owned by Charles and myself and handled exclusively by me. We are both very pleased that she finished from the Bred by Exhibitor Class.

Linda Wells Heller was BURSTING with excitement when she put the final points on Woofi at the Medina K. C. Show on July 21st under Mr. Peter Knoop. Sexes were combined and Woofi was Winners and BOB for a 4 point major. URA-Woof de Grand Coeur was bred by Barbara and Bruce McQuillan. He was sired by Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. out of Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeaux. Linda has done an exceptional job with this dog as she has put all the points on him herself.

Debbie Vetrone handled Vony to her championship by going W.B. for 2 points at Sugarbush K. C. on July 22nd under Mr. Melbourne T. L. Downing. Vony de la Plaine Saint Just is a french import owned by Charles Vetrone. She is sired by Quassus de la Pastre out of Sandra de la Plaine Saint Just and bred by Pal Lhermighny.

Puppies ---

Bill and Joyce Awodey have three tawny puppies available from their litter by Ch. Alcides Chez Chien Velu out of Ula Hoop de la Petite Suisse du Nord. They are elated because one of the litter took a Puppy Working Group 2 at a recent puppy match.

Charles and I are expecting a litter in mid-October by Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha out of Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody.

August 18th and 19th was a FUN weekend for the Michigan Briarders'. We were all happy to see Janice and Phil McNelis at the Genesee and Pontiac Shows, though the Kentucky dog (Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Duex) walked off with the breed both days as well he deserved it. There was a nice turn out for the shows as several Michigan people who were not showing came to greet the McNelis'. Two tents away from the show ground were set up and the Briard people gathered for conversation while the dogs laid quietly in the shade of the tents. A very interesting day was had by all. While at Genesee we got into a conversation about who was feeding what to their dogs. During this conversation I mentioned a cottage cheese supplement I use. It was suggested that I put it in News and Views as others may be interested. This is a powdered cottage cheese that needs no refrigeration called Pro-Magic. The analysis is: Crude Protein 84%, Crude Fat 0%, Calcium 1%. Each pound is equivalent to 6 1/2 pounds of wet cottage cheese protein. A 1 pound jar sells for $1.85; a 5 pound jar for $8.25. This can be purchased through Animal Veterinary Products, Inc., P. O. Box 1491, Springfield, Illinois 62705. For those of you who use cottage cheese this might be a nice way to cut down on your dog food expenses as the price of cottage cheese is constantly rising as is everything else.

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MILK TETANY IN THE DOG

The owner of a female dog with a new litter of puppies may face a perplexing situation. The bitch may suddenly become nervous, start to pant and whimper, lose muscular coordination and become stiff. She may go into convulsions and run a high fever. She will be unable to nurse her pups.

The animal is a victim of milk tetany, or puerperal tetany as it is called by veterinarians. This metabolic disease is characterized by a low level of calcium in the bloodstream, which occurs when the dog's internal calcium regulating mechanism fails to compensate for periods of peak calcium drain while the pups are nursing.

Unfortunately, veterinarians are less able to prevent this condition than they would like to be, because little is known about its predisposing causes.

A. Robert Twardock, D.V.M., Ph.D., a scientist at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, hopes to change that. He is conducting a study with a grant from the Seeing Eye, Inc., Morristown, N.J. given through the Morris Animal Foundation, Denver, which sponsors research into the diseases and health problems of the companion animals.

During the study, Dr. Twardock and his colleagues are investigating the relationship between inadequate amounts of calcium and phosphorus in the diet and the incidence of the disease.

"Our objective is to get a better understanding of the causes of the disease," Dr. Twardock explained. Scientists have several theories about puerperal tetany at this time, but there is practically no experimental evidence to prove or disprove them.

At present the best thing the owner can do if his dog gets puerperal (relating to the period following birth) tetany is take the animal to a veterinarian immediately. Veterinarians have found that intravenous treatment with large doses of calcium and sometimes corticosteroids is helpful to the mother dog.

Of course, there is also the problem of the pups who have lost their source of food. The owner or the veterinarian must put them on a careful program of hand feeding until the mother recovers.

Veterinarians report that the disease is more common in the smaller breeds of dogs, which are more excitable.

"This could mean that one of the causes of the disease is stress," Dr. Twardock commented, adding, "We don't really know whether diet is the whole answer. There could be a multiplicity of causes."

Dr. Twardock will conduct the study for at least a year to see if bitches on a low calcium and phosphorus diet develop puerperal tetany. If he finds that they do, he will have a possible clue for prevention; that is, increasing the amount of calcium and phosphorus in the pregnant and lactating dogs' diets.
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PUPPY TRAINING SUGGESTIONS
BY SOUTHERN MICHIGAN OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

LEASH TRAINING: At an early age most puppies begin to follow you. Your Puppy will soon to tag along behind you as you move around the room. This is the ideal time for leash training to begin. If he is not already wearing a collar, now is the time to get him one. It should be of soft leather, and snug enough so that it cannot be pulled off over the dog's head. Allow a day or so for him to get used to the collar before you attach the leash. Leash training can begin in the house. Hold the leash loosely and walk a few steps away from the puppy. If he follows you, fine! Praise him, and pet him while you tell him what a smart fellow he is. By all means, avoid frightening or upsetting the puppy.

If you have not started leash training at the age when it seems to come naturally to the puppy, you may find him less tractable. He may struggle against this new restraint. In such case, gather the leash up into a knot and allow the dog to drag it about until he accepts the fact that it will not hurt him. Do not leave the dog alone in this condition; if the leash, were to become caught, the dog's struggles to free himself could have serious results. Do not allow him to chew on it either.

Once the puppy has accepted the lease, learning to walk on-leash in the city and in shops follows quickly. A puppy or dog must be taught to walk on the left side, with its head close to the left knee, this is known as heeling. The command is "Fido, Heel!". He must be made to understand that the command "Heel!" means to stay on the left close to you, even though you may be standing still.

MORE ABOUT MANNERS: Excessive barking, jumping on people and furniture, and chewing the wrong things are all to be discouraged from the earliest possible moment. Dogs, even puppies, want approval and quickly learn to respond to the tone of your voice. A sharp "NO" may nip a bad habit in the bud, while gentle words of praise and a pat can coax a puppy into doing whatever you desire. Once bad habits are formed, more severe discipline may be needed.

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By action of the Board, show reports will again be printed in the DEW CLAW. When submitting reports, please observe the following.

1. Send only the original catalog pages. Zerox copies do not reproduce.
2. Include the name and date of the show.
3. Mark all placements in black ballpoint pen.
4. Only shows of 3 points or more can be accepted.
5. Reports will be printed on a first come, first serve basis as space permits.

MY HUMAN'S DAY OF TRIUMPH...

The following poem was sent by Paddi Aymor from who insists that it was written by "Nocey" (Ch. Phydeaux Quinual).

I get a bath, my coat special attention,
Brushing, combing without apprehension-
Here we go again - I know,
They'll cart me off to another show!

This must be the day, my humans are frantic -
You'd think I'd have to swim the Atlantic.
I'll run nice circles - I said - cool down -
If shows turn you on, I'll run around!

I see all the campers, no parking space -
Confusion all over - this must be the place!!!
It is - my kind, all polished and in the grove
Their humans are nervous - (I'd laugh if THEY goofed..)

We canines ALWAYS know what to do -
Ask my human, she knows that too!....
Wonder who I'll drag around today???
Ken? - Good! He's got it, I'd say....
Ken's easy, calm - ok, I'll concede,
I'll float, I'll stand, I'll do my deed!

Must that man in the middle poke in my face?
My teeth, my back - OOPS, private place...
He goes down to my feet - again - we go
Around, back and forth, well, that' a dog show.
He points, sounds rise like shots from a cannon -
My name is "Nocey" - Who is a "Champion"??
ME???

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