"He doesn’t bite, but don’t get too close to my brother."
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have just finished reviewing the survey forms which were returned to me. They reflect a solid concern for the Club as well as an underlying divisiveness. A report of the survey findings appears in this Dew Claw.

There are a couple of thoughts I'd like to share with you relating to the feelings expressed by some of you that I wasn't moving fast enough - or that I'm ignoring the wishes of the membership on the proposals to place limitations on office holders.

As you'll see in the survey results, there is no clear consensus on this issue, but there is a great deal of confusion, and my feeling is that the President represents all of the Members.

As President, I have had to face by-products of the original proposal. There also is an implied insult, to some of the hardest working, most dedicated people I've ever witnessed in any organization, and the reality of resignations comes to me. These are people the Club can not afford to lose.

I also firmly believe that talk of revising the Constitution and By-Laws should take place over a period of time. The process isn't easy and the future members should not be stuck with bad rules. Debate takes time.

I'm going to start the written debate now. A petition on the issue has also been received and a ballot will be sent to all of you by early June.

Personally, I feel the need for the proposed change is unnecessary. Our present By-Laws allow for anyone to run for any office they choose at virtually any time.

Our present By-Laws also have provisions for removing office holders, or members in the event of wrong doing. Plus, anyone can easily be voted out of office. If people are upset that midwesterners appear to be running the Club, that fact is a representation of democracy. No one can win office with support coming from only one region. Time will always change the demographic characteristics and make-up of our Club, so I recommend patience to those who are unhappy for regional reasons. Our current Constitution and By-Laws are excellent and satisfactory.

There will be another Dew Claw before the ballot goes out. I encourage you to send your opinions to the Editor for publication. I do enjoy these kinds of issues. It keeps our organization lively, interesting, vital and responsible. Ultimately, the Breed benefits.

Bob Boelter

REPORT ON MEMBER SURVEY

After tabulating and reviewing the responses to the Membership Survey I certainly have a much clearer feeling about the attitudes of the mainstream members. There were 133 forms returned to me (my own not included); an excellent response considering the time of year.

Many of you took the time to make comments, suggestions and to forward opinions. I truly respect the candor and honesty which was expressed, as well.

I'd like to share with you the numerical result and I've characterized the most often expressed comments on each issue, pro and con.

Here are the results in order of increasing controversy:

Q. Should the annual meeting be restricted to members only?

RESPONSE:

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Opinions by the "yes" voters pointed out that non-members have no "right" to attend meetings; their presence made it more difficult to conduct business (especially voice votes); there was concern about outsiders influencing policy; and some members stated, "Why belong then?"

The vast majority of respondents favored opening the meeting to non-members to give them an opportunity to see what the Club is like, but were unanimous in restricting voting to members only. The majority of those expressing opinions thought that non-members should not participate in the discussion as well. A minority felt that the ideas and opinions of outsiders could be valuable. Most suggested that the presiding officer make an announcement of the rules at the beginning of the meeting. Suggestions for participation and handling voting were as follows:

1. Segregate members from non-members in the room.
2. Have members sign-in.
3. Have all major votes by written ballots.
4. Have members wear brightly colored name tags.
5. Have a visual count where members hold up brightly colored cards.

Q. Should the jump height be lowered for Briards in Obedience?

RESPONSE:

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The large number of "no opinions" were from members with no experience and little familiarity with obedience.
REPORT ON MEMBER SURVEY

Regardless of which way members voted, many expressed concern about poor ring conditions which occur too frequently.

Most frequent comments by "no" voters were: Briards are good jumpers; and the present jump height requires and represents soundness in the dog. There was concern that lowering standards would ultimately lead to lower quality in the Breed and some felt that a lower jump height would enable more Briards to earn titles easily, thereby lessening the value of obedience titles for present and past Briards.

The vast majority of "yes" voters expressed concern about safety for the dog and pointed out that obedience is a test of the dog's ability to "obey" commands, not of the dog's athletic ability. Some respondents suggested that the Briard isn't built for the current jump height; and of those suggesting a new height the most often mentioned was a setting at shoulder height of the Briard.

Q. Should longer terms of office be set for the officers and directors of BCA, but a limitation set on the length of time an individual serves?

RESPONSE: No 65  
Yes 64  
No Opinion 4  
TOTAL 133

The responses to this question were a little trickier to analyze because 34 respondents split the question.

Basically, those voting "yes" cited an attempt to combine continuity with variety. Of those voting "yes", 18 talked of limitation of length of service only, citing the need for fresh blood, new ideas, eliminating entrenchment, power in the midwest, and people with too much power.

On the other hand, of those voting "yes", 16 favored lengthening the term of office, but opposed limitation of length of service. They agreed with the "yes" voters by saying that longer terms let people set goals, get to know the jobs, gain experience. But, they joined and were counted with the "no" voters, adamant in opposing limitations, stating: Why lose good people automatically; The vote can make the changes; and that democracy is the American way.

The "no" voters who opposed longer terms, as well, did so because: Inadequate people can be voted out sooner; and that longer terms limit the members' voice in the Club.

Overall, respondents were all over the place on length of term and number of years in office. Many more options were suggested besides those in the Cohen Motion and McNells Petition [see page 11 of the last issue of the Dew Claw]. There was a general concern about members being "involved"; and the importance of planning for continuity.

As President, I am going to ask the Board to consider the following:

1. That our annual meetings be open to all interested people, but that debate be restricted to members, and voting be done visually by members holding up authorized cards, or by secret written ballot on major issues.

2. That the membership vote on lowering the obedience jump height to the shoulder height of the Briard. A positive vote will be advisory to the A.K.C., presenting the Club's wishes.

3. That the McNells petition for a change in the By-Laws on limiting service, be presented to the membership for a vote in accord with the current By-Laws, but after a sufficient amount of time for debate has elapsed.

I would like to thank all of you who spent considerable time sharing your thoughts with me. It's good to see the number of people who really care about the Briard Club of America.

Bob Boel ter
President

TREASURER’S REPORT

Sept. 1, 1982 through Dec. 31, 1982

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**Old balance** $5,284.48

**Income** 3,601.39

**Expenses** 3,201.48

**NEW BALANCE** $5,684.39

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THE SHEDDING ROOM

[B.C.A. is not alone in suffering problems at its meetings. Here is a proposal for the U.S. House of Representatives, as presented by David Joergenson to the Capitol Hill Toastmasters Club. B.C.A. could also benefit from its application not only at meetings, but in everyday Briard activities.]

We all need a Shedding Room. It could be located in a central location just off the Floor. Prior to debate, all Members would pass through the Shedding Room and leave those things which inhibit understanding, wisdom and success.

The Shedding Room would become a repository for affection, bias and bigotry; a storeroom for bloated egos, vanity and envy. There would be shelves for pettiness, intolerance and extreme partisanship. There would be compartments for foregone conclusions, obsessions and hasty judgements.

In the corner would be an open bin for closed minds. Stacked in the Shedding Room would be evasion, subterfuge, pretense and insincerity.

A member would walk into the Shedding Room a bully, and come out a good guy; he/she would enter a demagogue, and emerge an attentive listener. With the purification system functioning, the atmosphere in the House would exude common sense, charity and enlightenment.

Gone would be scorn and ridicule. The environment of the House would encourage excellence and statesmanship. Instead of producing stalemate, blame-fixing and legislative rigor mortis, the House would produce laws which were just and helpful.

The House would inspire admiration and respect. It would begin to provide leadership, instead of seeking guidance from the wind-sock.

The Shedding Room would not take up much space, because once bias and pettiness and pretense are removed from their carriers, they become extremely small, requiring scant storage areas.

The idea of purging one’s self of those flaws which inhibit positive growth is a reasonable one; and a necessary one. Necessary because betterment has to be pushed. It is simply much easier to let people down than it is to lift them up.

It is also necessary because we have a society which is beginning to look like Humpty Dumpty after the fall. We are fragmented into many economic and philosophic demand groups, each listening with a biased ear; each advocating their own countless virtues while portraying their opponents as utterly lacking in any socially redeeming value.

We are approaching that time when we must mend our ways and our fractures. The Shedding Room is a harmless, cerebral game, which could help.

It can be played anywhere, at anytime, by anyone, at no cost; but it would be especially pleasant if the game began here at the top, in the House.

[From Roll Call, Newspaper of Capitol Hill, 11/25/82]

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

With this issue (issue and a half) of the Dew Claw, we are two-thirds caught up on our publishing schedule. There will be another issue out in the next few weeks and that should bring us back to a normal schedule.

Thank you all for your get-well wishes, and for your very kind patience with the delays.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

CAROLINE FARMER, owner of Nicolle Eye of Love
SHANNON GENTRY, owner of Bolondon’s Sun Spirit d’Argyl
MURRAY & KAREN AZHAVoorIAN, owner of Mon Jovis Houligan V. Mon Ami
DAVID & DIANE JUDY, owners of Chucklin’s Soleil
COLLIN & LAURA McNEIL, owners of Ch. Beau Barthelemy de Barra, Jolie Marigot d’Yquem, and Aigner Tia Maria
THOMAS & JANET PAGANO, owners of Topaze de L’Eminence
PEGGY POBIAK, owner of a new puppy, not yet named
PAT & HERB SCHREFFLER, owners of Champagne’s Nicole of Milford
DEBRA THOMAS, owner of Southpoint Special Delivery
JANE GRITTER
PENNY JOHNSON, owner of L’Ourson Soleil du Matin
PAUL MILLER, owner of Ch. Richlen Sabrina Bree

BOARD VOTING

RESUMES WITH SLATE AND BALLOT: The Board has voted to print and mail to the membership, a resume of every candidate in the ‘83 election. It is hoped this will help voters be better informed about candidates they do not personally know.

RASSEMBLEMENT ’82 REPORT BOOK: The Board has voted to print the ’82 Rassemblement Report in a hard cover edition. Although this will take at least 12 weeks longer to print, interestingly, the cost will be much less than a spiral bound edition.

UNDER DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD:

1. The advisability of accepting commercial advertising for the Dew Claw;
2. A charge for breeder referral service from B.C.A.;
3. Increased Dew Claw advertising rates for members;

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IN MEMORIUM

CHARLES J. CHILD
B.C.A. Member 1930 - 1983

BEATRICE EDELMAN
B.C.A. Member 1956 - 1983

ROBERT KESSLER
B.C.A. Member 1975 - 1983

CHARLES JESSE CHILD
BRIARDER FOR 53 YEARS

Charles Jesse Child, B.C.A.'s Member of longest standing, has died at age 81. He became a Member in 1930 when he and his wife returned from France with their first Briard, Rip d'Aqua Bonna, and he remained in touch with the Club and the Breed until his death. The Club gave him the honor of B.C.A. Life Membership in 1973.

Apart from Briards, Charles Child was an artist, author and traveler. He had recently returned from a tour of Mexico, Arizona and California and had been preparing for a trip to England. The author of Roots in the Rock, he frequently wrote of his travels and expressed his views in a weekly column he wrote for the Bucks County Gazette.

At the time of his death, his home was in Pennwood Village, a retirement community in Newtown, Bucks County. He formerly lived for many years at Coppernose in Lumberville, and he maintained a studio in Maine.

A native of Montclair, N.J. he was the son of Charles T. Child, a physicist, and Bertha Cushing Child, a concert singer. Charles attended Harvard with his twin brother Paul, whose later assignment as naval attache to the U.S. Embassy in Paris permitted Paul's wife, Julia Child, to attend the Cordon Bleu school of cooking. At Harvard, Charles worked as art editor of the Harvard Lampoon.

After Harvard, Charles Child spent five years touring the world. In an autobiographical sketch for a 1970 art show, he wrote that he had spent those years designing rugs in Peking, doing advertisements for Bethlehem Steel, designing fabrics, creating the curtain for the Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, and creating book illustrations, murals, landscapes and decorative panels.

He described his work during World War II and the postwar period as that of director of arts and humanities in the State Department's cultural exchange program. However, associates contend that, like his brother and sister-in-law, he had served in intelligence under the Office of Strategic Services and its successor, the CIA.

Nevertheless, wherever he traveled, he traveled with canvas and brush. He worked in oils and egg tempera, occasionally switching to oils and pencil. His work, the critics said, was at the professional level.

For the B.C.A.'s 50th Anniversary in 1978, Charles Child wrote the following advice about the Briard, the Club and the future.

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"Whatever the mysteries of its origins, the Briard and the Briard Club of America are now firmly established here in America. The Club's obligations are more to the future than to the past. Breed to firmly establish and preserve the qualities of stability, rugged strength, and intelligence, which make this breed so notable, together with their protective instincts, companionship and that curious Briard sense of humor, which seems to be inherent in the breed."

"So many of the strong, working dog qualities and even physical conformation, have been lost when some European breeds were brought to this country, through over-breeding, or allowing neurotic strains to appear. I don't want to imagine this happening to the Briard. The goal, it seems to me, should be always to maintain those special Briard qualities; the blend of nobility, protective instincts, and the joy of life."

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SUPPOSE

Suppose... The membership of our Club was limited to fifteen people. Would you be in or out?

Suppose... You had to "run" for Club Membership as a candidate runs for office. Would you win or lose?

Suppose... Membership was only good for one year and that re-election for membership in the Club depended upon the service you had given during that time.

Suppose... You were called upon to tell why you thought your Club should keep your name on the rolls. Do you have a record of helpful service to your credit?

Suppose... Every member of the Club did just as much as you are doing now. Would the Club be the most active club, or would the Club disappear into obscurity?

Suppose....

From Pawprints, 12/77

CURRENTS...

MISLEADING ADVERTISING

FOR SALE
RARE BRIARD puppies (4), loyal, protective, non-shedding, ideal.
8 wks. old - sacrifice, $200
Call XXX-XXX-XXX or XXX-000-000

[Composite of several recent ads]

Dear Diane,
Perhaps you could remind Briarders that this is deceptive advertising - Briards certainly do shed! Also note the price!

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S.

Dear Briarders,
A Briard is not a rare breed.
It may rank 96th out of 125 AKC breeds, but this is by choice, not by accident.

A Briard is not non-shedding.
Ask anyone who owns one what their house looks like when they blow coat.

A Briard is not a guard/attack dog.
Yes they were sentry dogs in France, and they are loyal, brave and intelligent, and they are protective of both home and master; but to put our noble breed into this category is an insult to their intelligence and the multitude of qualities.

A Briard is not for everyone.
With a Briard you must devote a lot of time to socializing, training, exercise, grooming, and companionship. They can understand every word, but may choose to ignore you. They will look at you as a companion, and sometimes as your superior, and will sometimes be independent. This is because they are herding dogs and for centuries have been depended upon to make decisions. They can also be costly since they are a large breed and they can have all the medical problems that a large breed can have.

In short, if you have a litter, screen all puppy buyers carefully; be sure your puppies go into good hands; and be sure when you advertise not to make the ad misleading. By doing this, you not only do a service to yourselves, but also to our wonderful Breed.

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M.

Dear Diane,
What happened to the practice of breeding only after most of a potential litter is sold? This ad appeared in last Sunday's paper. What do they mean, "sacrifice"? It sounds as if something is wrong with the breed if they must "sacrifice" an 8-week-old puppy. A Briard is too special a dog to "get rid of" in this way. No wonder they turn up in pounds!

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P.
I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has been kind enough to send us their news for the Dew Claw. It makes our job so much easier when everyone shares their experiences and news and it helps us all to "keep in touch".

A TRIBUTE TO CATHARINE KELLY

B.C.A can be proud of Catharine Kelly! Catharine, who founded the successful Pet-A-Pet program for hospital therapy with her Briard, ten years ago in Savannah, GA, was honored recently at Georgia Regional Hospital for her work. She also has won national, state and local awards for her pet therapy program.

In 1975 she was one of 86 people in the country cited by the National Center for Voluntary Action; in 1976 she was honored by Gov. George Busbee of Georgia as one of three outstanding volunteers in the State; and that same year, she was named the hospital's Volunteer of the Year. Last year, Catharine's Pet-A-Pet program was named outstanding Volunteer Project of the year by the Chatham-Savannah Voluntary Action Center.

Pet-A-Pet was born on a chance remark by a hospital patient, who told Catharine how much she missed her pet while in the hospital. The program began with children, but was expanded to include adults when Catharine realized how much adult patients also enjoyed petting and walking the dogs. Similar programs have developed around the country as a result.

Catharine now works with emotionally disturbed children, elderly patients and others. She is affectionately known as the "dog lady".

Wednesday is "dog day" at Georgia Regional. Five of the volunteer dogs, including Tankie the Briard, belong to Catharine. Other pets including a cat, belong to other volunteers.

Congratulations on the success of your wonderful program, Catharine. We are proud of you and "Tankie" too.

NEW CHAMPIONS

CH. AIGNER SMART N' SASSY

Sassy, owned by Mary Lopez and bred by Regina Kelter finished her championship on 8/22/82. Her sire is Ch. Phydeaux What's Happenin' and her dam is Ch. Phydeaux Linda Lovelace.

CH. DROMORE'S PANTOMINE

Poppy, owned by Gwen Shook, handled by Bergit Coady and bred by Margaret & Susan McCormick, finished her championship this summer in very limited showing. Her sire is Am/Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover and her dam is Ch. Pa'Chick's Ms-Be-Haven, Am/Can. C.D.

CH. CHUCKLINN'S SHERLOCK

Sherlock, owned, bred and handled by Linda Hysell, finished his championship at the Trumbull K.C. show on 9/18/82. He was sired by Ch. Nestor de L'Eminence out of Ch. Lorraine de la Croix.

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CH. CHUCKLIN'S SUNNY AFTERNOON
Sunny, owned by Carol Ringer and bred by Linda Hysell, finished her championship on 10/31/82 at Delaware K.C. She was sired by Ch. Nestor de L'Eminence out of Ch. Lorraine de la Croix.

CH. KALIELTOO DE PAOLETT, CD
Kalie, owned by Ted Krystosek and bred by Janice Millis, finished her championship on 10/17/82 after finishing her C.D. at the National Specialty in August. Her sire is Ch. Nestor de L’Eminence and her dam is Ch. Tigresse de Patriche.

CH. MAISON TIFFANY MISS PIGGY
Miss Piggy, owned by Mary Schery and bred by Mary Schery & Jill Carruthers, finished her championship on 11/26/82. She was sired by Ch. Le Tres Beau Chien Jacques out of Ch. Tiffany de Chateaubriard, C.D.

CH. MANNY’S RIPIN PIPPIN
Pippin, owned by Shirley Cassaubon & Manny Littin and bred by Manny, finished his championship at Licking River K.C. on 10/17/82. He was sired by Ch. Manny’s Pal of Jack out of Ch. Manny’s Iloite’s Olive.

CH. MANNY’S ROBSON LENNON
Lennon, owned by Jim Maltz & Manny Littin; bred and handled by Manny, finished his championship in November at the Lima K.C. show under Mr. Lee Reasin. His sire is Ch. Manny’s Pal of Jack and his dam is Ch. Manny’s Iloite’s Olive.

CH. PA’CHICK’S RAGTIME COWBOY
Cowboy, owned by Joann Perry & Pat Long, handled by Lisa Miller and bred by Pat Long, finished his championship on 10/18/82 under Mr. Louis Harris. His sire is Am/Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover and his dam is Am/Can. Ch. Pa’Chick’s Indian Summer.

CH. PERIN DU COTEAU D’AVRANCHES
Perine, owned, bred and handled by Marguerite Provenceher finished her championship on 10/9/82. She was sired by Ch. Napoleon d’el Pastre out of Ch. Mousse du Coteau d’Antigo.

CH. PRINCE TOM DE BEJAUNE
Tom, owned by Meg Weitz and Mike Greenberg and bred by Meg, finished his championship on 11/13/82. His sire is Ch. Just Tigger de Charlemagne and his dam is Ch. Acteon Fiance of Antigo, C.D.

CH. RICHLER SABRINA BRIE
Sabrina, owned by Paul Miller and bred by Richard McDeamon & Ellen Walton, finished her championship on 11/28/82. She was sired by Ch. Rejouit Turquoise de Capucine out of Ch. Chateaubriard Nouvelle Nova, C.D.

CH. SUGARCREEK’S BUCKLEY
Buckley, owned by Adrienne Ridey & Ron Jackson and bred by Susan Smith and Janice Millis, finished his championship on 10/3/82. He was sired by Ch. Unique Noé de Vieille Ville, C.D. out of Ch. M & M Sugarcreek Janivan.

CH. THE BAILYWICK’S RENDEZ VOUS
Patty, owned by Ellen Wertheimer & Mark Rahdert and bred by Lana Sheer & Peter Jesson, finished his championship on 11/13/82. He was sired by Ch. Just Tigger de Charlemagne and his dam is La Fraise Briard d’Orleans.

CH. VIRAGE SPINNAKER CLAUDE
Claude, owned by Fran Davis and Karen Farkas and bred by Karen, finished his championship on 10/17/82. He was sired by Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, C.D out of Ch. Phyeaux Oh Susannah, C.D.X., T.D.

OBEEDIENCE DEGREES
LA TRES BELLE CHIEN BRIANNA, C.D.
Brie, owned by Pamela and Daniel Hottois, and bred by Jill Carruthers, finished her Companion Dog degree on 10/9/82. She was sired by Ch. Sirhan Courvoisier out of Ch. La Tres Belle Chien Brandy.

LE TRES BEAU CHIEN GARCON, C.D.
Tuffy, owned by Kathy and David Bellet, and bred by Jill Carruthers, finished his Companion Dog degree on 11/7/82. He was sired by Ch. Sirhan Courvoisier and his dam is Chateau-briard O’Cherie Amour.

VIRAGE SEA SPARKS, T.D.
Virage, owned by William & Carla Boisseree, and bred by Karen Farkas, finished her Tracking Dog degree on 11/21/82. She was sired by Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, C.D. out of Ch. Phyeaux Oh Susannah, C.D.X., T.D.

CH. PRIX WEASELLE D’OCCASION, U.D.
Weaselle, owned by Amy Zaretzke and bred by Dave Behrens, finished his Utility Degree on 10/16/82. He was sired by Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, CD out of Ch. Beardsanbrow’s N’Est Pas U.D.T.

TEMPERAMENT TEST TITLES
CH. UZIZ AKSHANIT DE STRATHCONA, T.T.
Zizi, owned, bred and handled by Stephanie Katz, qualified for her T.T. She is the oldest living dog to qualify for the title. Her sire is Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie and her dam is G’Veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, Am/Can. U.D.

CH. PAPILLON DE TIERRA DE ORO, T.T.
Papi, owned by Mike & Cheryl Foote, qualified for his T.T. His sire is Ch. Ugolin des Joueux de la Seauve and his dam is Ch. Miel Melosa de Strathcona.

ENDURANCE TEST
CH. KALIELTOO DE PAOLETT, C.D., AD
Ted Krystosek sends news that he and Kalie passed the endurance test on 10/31/82. The test involves 12.5 miles over varied surfaces with a 10 minute break at the half-way mark. The dog runs the distance and the handler may either run or ride a bicycle. After a 15 minute rest at the end of the run, the dog must perform some basic obedience work including two jumps over a 40 inch jump.

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GROUP PLACEMENTS

CH. M.C. PLEAISANT DE JEAN, better known as J.J., has been taking group placements. J.J. took a Group 2 under Mr. Wurmser on 10/29/82 in Lumberton, N.C.; a Group 4 on 10/31/82 under Mr. Thomson in Fayetteville, N.C.; and on 11/6/82 a Group 3 under Mr. Moore in Virginia Beach, VA. He then took a Group 1 in the new Herding Group on January 23, 1983 in Florida, under Mr. Lee Reasin. The owners of this young tawny male are Judy & Ron Schramm and he is handled by Jim Rathbun.

CH. PHYDEAUX POLLY POULET

Poulet, owned by Fran Taylor, took a Group 2 under Mr. Peterson on 10/9/82 at Stone City K.C.

O.F.A. NEWS

FB-157  Ch. Aigner Rum Toddy (R. Keiter)
FB-158  Phleetwood Max d'Occasion (G. Raflo)
FB-159  Ch. Dromore's Petite Chaparral (P. Morale)
FB-160  Ch. Le Beauchien's Rye Chaparral (P. Morale)
FB-161  Notre Rigolo de Strathcona (B. Fitch)
FB-162-T  Ch. Dromore's Perrier, CD, TD (L. Beall)
FB-163  Ch. Remy Martin de Strathcona (R. & B. Merz)
FB-164  Pooka Tatiana de Souleado (S. Weinberger)
FB-165-T  Beardsanbrow's Norton (J. Charbonneau)
FB-166  Chien de Sel Over the Rainbo (S. Erickson)
FB-167  Ch. Phydeaux Polly Poulet (F. Taylor)
FB-168  Ch. Dromore's Pantomine (G. Shook)
FB-169  Ch. Oberon le Voyageur duLhut (E. Shea)

Cece Collins has offered to collect donations in memory of Bob Kessler. Her address is 75 Inwood Road, Darien, CT. 06820.

Westminster (continued)

I must add a sad foot note. As Briard judging began, it was obvious that June Shew's Ch. Nestor de L'Eminence was ill. His handler, Fred Olson and June had to have him excused from judging by the show veterinarian. He advised that Nestor had had a stroke and June rushed Nestor back to his own veterinarian in Connecticut. June, our prayers are with you both.

Westminster Results

B.O.B. was CH. PANTHERE DEL PASTRE, owned by M.L. Tingley & Jan Standish; B.O.S. was CH. AIGNER SPECIAL ADDITION, owned by Rafael de Santiago & Roberto Velez; B.W. & W.B. was CHATEAUBRIARD SERENDIPITY, owned by Cece Collins; W.D. was RICHLEN TRAVELER, owned by Tina & Randy Stillwell; R.W.D. was BIGTREE'S RIDDLER, owned by Barbara Lynch; and R.W.B. was VIRAGE SEA SPARKS, TD, owned by Carla Boisseree.

WESTMINSTER REPORT

by Fran Davis

The Westminster Kennel Club show, or "The Garden" as it is generally known, is over for 1983. A 22 inch snow fall the Friday before, threatened the entry, but caused no problems for determined entries and visitors.

For those of you who have never been to the Garden, I will give you a brief explanation. It is a two-day show with seven groups alternating judging days every other year. This year, the Herding, Working, Terrier and Non-Sporting were judged on Monday, and the balance of the groups and Best in Show were judged on Tuesday. Next year, the days will be reversed, except for Best in Show.

It is also a show one swears never to enter again. But a year passes and you forget about the long benching hours (11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.), the endless lines at the loading ramp, the horrendous parking problems, and last but not least, New York City traffic; Garden fever strikes again.

There was a nice turn-out of Briarders, some showing their own dogs, some handling, and others came just to watch. The list (I'm sure I'll miss some) goes as follows: Barbe Lynch; Bill & Leila Rittmaster; Carla Boisseree; Tina & Randy Stillwell; Ann Tingley; Cece & Ken Collins; June Shew; Richard McDearmon & Ellen Walton; Meg Weitz; the Keiters, Tom, Regina & Regina; Carol Ann Guld; Paul Miller; Mike Fitzpatrick; Mary Bloom; Laura McNeil; Randy & Mary Jane Grandinetti-Radar; a welcome visit by Bob Boelter; and of course, Gordy & me.

A party atmosphere is part of the Garden's charm, so when the breed judging was completed, the next order of business was a trip back to the benching area for food, drinks and lots of dog talk.

There were a few stops in the partying for business meetings. The '83 Specialty Committee for B.C.A. held a meeting, and the Atlantic States Briard Club held their annual Westminster meeting, with Bob Boelter present to discuss the B.C.A. Specialty.

The breed judging is completed about 5:00 p.m. and the groups do not start until 8:00 p.m., so this leaves a few hours to go out for dinner. A large group of us went to a little Italian restaurant, Dino & Henry's, which is located only a block from the Garden. The food is very good and the prices more than reasonable for New York City.

One of the nicest parts of the Garden to me is the Group judging. The Groups are judged one at a time. The spectators are in the seats above, looking down on the Garden floor, which is surrounded by brightly colored flowers. The judges and stewards are in gowns and tuxedos. As the lights are slightly dimmed, the camera begins to roll, the judging begins, a couple of cats scamper across the floor, much to the delight and applause of the crowd. It is wonderful to see.
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"Chienny"

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Rated "Select" and awarded the
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SPECIALTY WEEKEND '83

AUGUST 26, 27 & 28, 1983
YALE MOTOR INN
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 25, 1983
afternoon & evening
Registration (Lobby)
Introductions, hospitality, displays, etc. (Nutmeg Room)

Friday, August 26, 1983
morning
Buffet Breakfast (Cyprus Room)
Evaluation Clinic and Herding Tests (Front Field)
noon & afternoon
Lunch Break: Cook-out
Evaluation Clinic & Herding Tests (Front Field)
evening
Slide Presentation; Question & Answer Session with Mrs. Rompleman of Holland; '82 Rass. Video tapes.

Saturday, August 27, 1983
morning
Continental Breakfast
Newtown Kennel Club All-Breed Show,* Supported Entry for Briards

evening
Annual Meeting, Cocktails and Annual Awards Banquet

Sunday, August 28, 1983
morning
Buffet Breakfast (Cyprus Room)

mid-day
Lunch Break: Bagged lunches
afternoon
1983 BCA Specialty
Farewell Buffet

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2 Double Beds ______ King Size ___

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No. of DOGS in PARTY:________
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ORGANIZATION: THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA

Rate preference will be honored according to availability of rooms.

MINIMUM DEPOSIT: $50.00 deposit per room for 2 or more nights; Full rate per room for one (1) night.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: June 15, 1983
DEPOSIT DEADLINE: July 15, 1983
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MOTOR HOMES & CAMPERS - $20.00 per night
Reservations Required
(No pop-ups or tents will be allowed)
No hook-ups available
(see reverse for rates)
## Yale Motor Inn 1983 Room Rates

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There are a total of 103 rooms. 99 regular rooms of which 75 are reserved for BCA. The Motor Inn is holding 24 rooms for their regular "stay-overs". BCA overflow will be put up in the Yale Inn. This is a sister-motel, 2 miles up North Colony Road toward Meriden.

** The rooms in E UNIT are small economy rooms. These rooms are SMALL. They will accommodate one or two people and possibly ONE dog. These rooms will be let out as single rooms first, then as doubles, each with NO dogs. If space at the Motor Inn is at a premium for BCA, the management will allow ONE dog in these rooms.

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SMALL ECONOMY ROOMS AVAILABLE!!!
EVALUATION CLINIC
1983

Your 1983 National Specialty Show Weekend Committee is planning a new event for you on Friday, August 26th. Its design is primarily educational and informative and will help you to know your dog better. All of us who own Briards are continually interested in furthering and bettering the Breed through added knowledge and group experiences involving many dogs. For the breeder there is the critics' evaluation of their breeding program and how well it will withstand competition working in the field as well as in the ring.

BLOODLINES: As our breed grows, a number of bloodlines have been established throughout the U.S., which have made their presence known and there is a growing need to view the different lines under various conditions. One of the goals of the Clinic is to gather as many specimens of the numerous lines as possible. By doing so, it will enable those present to see the development of the individual lines from puppyhood to adulthood. It can be an enriching experience for all and may ultimately influence the direction of our breeding programs.

HERDING ABILITY: Our breed is gifted with a heritage of natural herding ability. There are very few Briards today who work in this area, and one of the goals of the Clinic is to tap the natural resource of the Briard's ability to herd. The Committee has contacted the Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association and plans are being developed to hold herding demonstrations (hopefully Briards will be a part of these demonstrations) accompanied by an oral commentary during the exercises. Further, we are planning to have the exhibitors exercise their dog's herding ability under controlled conditions after we see how it's done. We think you will be pleasantly surprised at our dogs' know-how when it comes to doing what comes naturally. Basic obedience is a necessary asset to a herding dog, so sharpen your commands!

The logistics of the Clinic are to have one (1) large ring, divided equally into three (3) sections. There will be three judges, each in their own section of the ring. The three judges for our Clinic are: an A.K.C. judge (Mr. Donald Booxbaum); a foreign breeder-judge (Mrs. M.C. Rompelman), and a professional handler judge (Mr. Fred Olson).

In order to provide optimum coverage, entries will be divided by class: Puppies 6 to 9 months, Puppies 9 to 12 months, Novice, Open and Champions (classes will be divided by sex depending upon the number of entries).

Each judge will examine and gait each entry, and during said examination will make a written critique of your entry on an evaluation sheet. Each judge (after examining the entire class) will make their placements (1 through 4) in each class, then give an oral explanation as to why said placements were made, and also commenting on the remaining entries in the class.

Each judge will make his or her selections independent of the other judges. Each judge must have a good comprehensive grasp of the Standard and be able to apply it both orally and in writing on an "excellent; good; satisfactory; other" basis while comparing exhibits. The individual judges, all experienced dog-people, come from different walks of life in the Dog World and undoubtedly they will stress their preferences in different areas, and you will find that there will be more than four placings in each class as each judge makes their separate selections.

Our A.K.C. judge, Mr. Donald Booxbaum, judges all Sporting, Working and Herding breeds. He has owned dogs for the last 50 years - a St. Bernard, Collies, Boxers and Danes. As an exhibitor of Boxers and Danes, he has had top winning dogs in both of these breeds.

Our handler judge, Mr. Fred Olson, has been breeding and showing German Shepherds for over 35 years. He has had some of the top winning specimens of that Breed. Fred has been a member of PHA for almost 20 years. He has handled numerous Briards during his career, some of which are well-known and did some top winning.

We are also honored to have Mrs. Rompelman, from Holland, as our guest judge from Europe. She is a recognized Specialist Judge of Briards and has judged the Breed throughout Europe. She has served as President of the Netherlands' Briard Club and has attended the Briard Rassemblements in France.

The range of the Evaluation Clinic classes will give us all - judge, exhibitor and spectator - a chance to see the development of the Briard from puppyhood through adolescence to adulthood. Each exhibitor will be given a copy of the judges' written critique for their own information. Programs will be made available for those of you who wish to keep a more complete accounting of the entries.

The ultimate goal of this event is to expand your knowledge of the Briard through a new experience. We hope that many of you will plan to attend our new event, as we have planned it for everyone! Come, enjoy a relaxing, informative and educational event.

1983 Evaluation Clinic Committee
YOUR CONTRIBUTION
large or small
to the
B.C.A. '83 SPECIALTY FUND

helps to provide trophies
and
is what makes our
SPECIALTY SPECIAL

All B.C.A. events must be self-supporting according to long-standing Club Policy. Each Specialty Weekend Committee is allotted only $250 from the B.C.A. Treasury. All other money needed before the event must come from either the DONATIONS TO THE SPECIALTY FUND, or the committee members' pockets.

With a generous number of donations, the Committee can select nicer trophies; and trophies for all placements; order nicer ribbons; plan more special events and better hospitality. DONATIONS are what make the Specialty possible and if more people contribute, it can make the Specialty very Special.

Send your donation today! Our Specialty Committee needs your help now and must plan events according to the size of the Specialty Fund. Whether you can be very generous or only send a little, your contribution will be sincerely appreciated. The list of contributors, whose donations are received by the printer's deadline, will be included in the Premium List and Show Catalog.

Send Specialty Fund Donations to:

Barbara Lynch
Trophy Chairman
7480 Big Tree Road
Livonia, NY 14487

Please make checks payable to the Briard Club

THANK YOU!

...And then, the next time you hear someone say there weren't enough trophies - or the trophies were not elegant enough - or more seminars should have been planned - or they would have liked the Club to provide some hot hors d'oeuvres or Brie cheese - be sure to ask them the question which answers theirs:

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WATCH THOSE DEADLINES
TO ALL FOR YOUR GET WELL WISHES

- from -

NESTOR

and his family

We were truly overwhelmed by everyone's good wishes and genuine concern over NESTOR's CVA (stroke) on February 14th.

He is recovering rapidly now, and should be his "old-self" in the near future.

Thank you one and all for your many calls, cards and good thoughts. We shall never forget it...

Bill and June
Upon arrival home from the hospital, Soren moved right into his own Kennel Aire crate. No kidding. You see, we weren't sure of Salty's reaction. She was dominant, possessive, and had been the spoiled, only one, for three years, and now had the stress of her newborn litter. We didn't think she would attack him, but thought it possible that she would claim this one as her own, and haul him off to her whelping box. When a friend loaned us a puppy crate which had a top opening door, it proved ideal. The baby's bassinet fit right inside, and whenever we were out of the room, we lowered the crate top. Salty snuffled enthusiastically through the wire.

Once Soren could come and go as he pleased, he often played in dog crates, and frequently crawled in for a rest, right on top of whatever dog was there. Briards are such indulgent pillows and mattresses!

Despite the doggy atmosphere of our house, Soren was raised almost like a regular kid. He was only fed puppy formula once — two refrigerated bottles labeled "B" and "P" sure looked alike at 2 a.m. He always had diapers, not newspapers. He went to a pediatrician, not a vet, although in answer to my question what shot Soren had at his three-month check up, I automatically answered, "distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis".

The grooming table made an excellent changing table, though once in a while I found myself saying to a kicking infant, "Put your paw down!" in the same tone I use with an unruly Briard. Alternately, I talked to the dogs like children. One day after saying, "Wave bye-bye to Daddy"; I realized that Soren was napping in another room, and I was surrounded by a pack of animals genially wagging their tails at my suggestion.

Soren said "doggy", months before he said "mama". He attended his first dog show at age two months, accompanied by his grandma, who was experiencing her first dog show at age 70; and Soren was six months old when he went to his first Briard Specialty.

During his first two years, Soren has eaten a lot of dog chow. This, I did not plan. As soon as that baby could crawl, he zeroed in on any left over dog food and shoved it rapidly into his mouth. As he grew bigger, he would seek out the bags and pocket handfuls of dry kibble for snacks, later on. His favorite was Puppy Chow, but he would eat Hi Pro or regular in a pinch.

One night he climbed into the cupboard and shoveled aside the cookies to reach the Kennel Ration Treat. Since one of the rules of the self-preservation method of child rearing is never to start an argument with a two-year-old at bedtime, the kid kept his treat. He ate every last crumb too — while standing on the sofa, fending off four dogs with his little pajamaed feet.

Don't worry about my poor hungry dogs. Soren shares. It took the dogs about 30 seconds to figure out that babies spill food from high chairs. Salty had real finesse — she crouched a foot or two away and nabbed the goodies on the way down. Tory is a close cuddler, which is inefficient, as everything lands on her. (Have you ever groomed an entire plate of macaroni and cheese out of a profusely coated, tawny Briard?) Rounder was an incorrigible elbow-nudging-thief, so
Soren began practicing acrobatics in the high chair—and stood up and started licking up the spilled milk. Before I could get there, he toppled right over the side! He chewed Soren’s feet, which made him yell, kick, flail about, and spill something, for sure. She was banished a lot, too.

Salty’s presence was once helpful for more than clean-up. Soren began practicing acrobatics in the high chair—and before I could get there, he toppled right over the side! He landed squarely on Salty, unhurt; and Salty nonchalantly stood up and started licking up the spilled milk.

Soren’s food sharing is often intentional. He quickly learned that the easiest way to get rid of offensive foods (like lima beans) was to toss them over the side. Admonishment from me didn’t stop him; he just learned to slip things sneakily under the table. But, he gave himself away when he muttered, “Here doggy, here doggy!” One day when we were eating at the picnic table, I stepped into the house for something. When I came out, there was Soren, carefully holding his glass of lemonade down for the dogs to take turns drinking. I never knew those dogs liked lemonade!

Briards and kids can be great pals. Mine spent most of the summer hanging around the yard chewing sticks. Soren would chew one end of a stick, while Tory chewed the other end. After a while, they’d trade ends. So what’s a few germs...

Apple season was even worse. We have an apple tree in the yard and the dogs spend a lot of time eating the windfalls. I would go out with Soren, pick him a good apple, and settle him in a chair with it. He’d take two bites, throw it away, toddle to one of the dogs and take the dog’s apple away and eat that one. I was the only one who objected; the dogs let him remove apple after chewed apple. Soren is the only human who satisfactorily removed anything from Salty’s mouth.

The toy situation was thus resolved: Salty stole all the balls. Tory cuddled with the teddy bears and stuffed toys. Rainbo chewed up all the wooden blocks. Soren got the leftovers, mostly metal. (The plastic ones had all been chewed to pieces.) Rounder didn’t care much for toys, but would be an indulgent bridge or parking ramp for Soren’s drive the truck games. When Soren strayed from sight in our large farm yard, all I had to do to find him was call the dogs, and note which direction they came from. It was no use to call Soren; he was not obedience trained.

Tory had a baby stroller fixation. As a pup she got her basic leash training when I took the baby for stroller rides. At dog shows, shopping centers, etc., Tory dragged me off only about a month. I was outside harvesting tomatoes and my mom was watching Soren, but he ducked out of sight. When my mom heard the tell-tale sounds of tomatoes going “splat” against the walls, she rushed to the porch, yelling at Soren to stop. Rounder met her in the doorway, blocking her path, and barking fiercely. Rounder has never before, or since, threatened her. And Mom, who is not really a dog lover, was favorably impressed, and she said it was obvious that the dog was protecting the child.

The flip side of this arrangement I had seen earlier in the summer. One day I had occasion to chastise Tory for chasing cats. I was holding her firmly by the collar and scolding her, when Soren ran up. He began pommeling me and dragging my hands off the collar, all the while angrily yelling at me in baby gibberish.

A child was a good addition to the pack. Because I had never been around children very much, only dogs, whenever Soren did anything more complex or intelligent than the dogs could do, I was enthralled. One day, when he was about a year old, he discovered that dogs have eyes. We were out walking and a short-haired dog approached. Soren stopped in his tracks, awe-struck. “Eyes!” he shrieked and pointed. “Eyes! See! See eyes!” A while later, at home, he began digging around in face hair. “Eye!” he would chortle triumphantly, as the dog flinched from his probing fingers.

At two, Soren was a great help with the dogs. He regularly watered them, which means he would follow them around the house with the sloshing water dish. He washed their faces, first purloining my dishcloth for the task, then dried them with Dad’s favorite bath towel. I called an early halt to the toothbrushing (with toothpaste) incident and the day he learned how to open the bottom slide of the dog food dispensing bin was a real 20 pounds of kibble picnic.

He was a great help in Obedience training too. “Shaddup”, “Siddown”, “Co’mere”, “G’way”, were used appropriately. What his commands lacked in clarity they made up for in authoritative tone. However, the dogs did not obey the little tyrant any better than they obeyed me.

My favorite training scene began with a muffled yell of, “Gidoudadere!” Shortly thereafter, Soren emerged from a walk-in closet, every muscle of his 30 pound body strained forward, as he dragged the abashed, 7-month-old pup, Rainbo, double his weight, out by the collar.

Then, perhaps the dogs were a good influence. Soren was being very stubborn and negative about toilet training, then one day he informed me, “I go outside too. I go outside, go potty like dogs.” Good idea kid—just follow your brothers and sisters...

All in the Pack

WINTER REPORT 1983
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BRIARDS A LA MODE
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PUPPY TRAINING

Training your Briard from a tender age (7 to 8 weeks of age) is not difficult, very important, and enjoyable for both you and the puppy. Following is Part III of an excellent puppy training program to help you, courtesy of Eagle Hill Dog Training Center in Westmoreland, NY. If you have missed Parts I and II, please drop us a note and we will be happy to send a copy to you.

Before you start, remember that PATIENCE, CONSISTENCY AND PRAISE, combined with frequent and brief training periods, will bring the results you want — whether your Briard is a 7-week-old puppy or a 7-year-old. If your Briard does not do what you ask, it is because he doesn't understand what you want! Try again, using the following methods and you will be surprised how quickly your dog can learn!

BASIC METHODS

1. NEVER REPEAT - teach your puppy to respond to the FIRST command. Don't get into the habit of nagging by repeating. If your puppy does not respond to the first command, SHOW HIM what you want and then PRAISE.

2. PUPPIES ARE EASILY DISTRACTED - Practice in a quiet area so that you are the pup's center of ATTENTION.

3. TRAIN FOR EVERY DAY - you will want to have your Briard obey in everyday situations. Use the training methods EVERY TIME you want your pup to obey a command. That is what training [learning] is all about!

4. PRACTICE - you should practice your "static" exercises, such as sit or sit/stay, frequently and informally throughout the day, every day. Work on "controlled walking" twice per day, but in sessions no longer than 5 minutes each. This should be followed by a play time. Remember that the attention span of a puppy is very short, so keep the training fun and productive.

"NO/YES" - "BAD/GOOD" CONCEPT FOR CORRECTIONS:

Use the word "No!" or "Bad" to correct, but immediately give the puppy an acceptable alternative (or distraction), simultaneously using the word "Yes!" or "Good" in a happy tone of voice. To avoid confusion, teach only one lesson at a time, and ALWAYS end on a note of PRAISE.

PART III

The Fourth Week

HEELING

Practice heeling, incorporating all the exercises. Remember, tension on the lead produces resentment. Use ONLY a loose lead. If your pup deviates from the heel position, snap him back and PRAISE. GIVE ONLY ONE COMMAND!

[If your pup is not heeling well on a loose lead, go back to the earlier lessons and work until your pup can do the exercises successfully. An 80# adult Briard pulling on the lead (or being "strung up" on a tight lead) is not only unpleasant to take walking, the pulling of the lead makes the dog turn out his rear feet for traction, and he will look very peculiar.]

AUTOMATIC SIT

As you come to a stop, snap the lead up straight with your hand, directly above the pup's head and command, "sit!". PRAISE when the pup sits. After several days, eliminate the command to sit. Practice until your pup sits on his own when you come to a halt.

[The automatic sit will not be a problem for the show dog if you also teach the "stand/stay" command.]

SIT/STAY

Work to attain a reliable sit/stay at the end of the lead for 2 minutes.

PROPER RETURNS

This exercise should be used from now on, whenever you return to your dog after any "stay". Your left hand keeps the lead out of the dog's face as you return to the right of the dog, circling around behind him to a heel position. Keep the lead loose, but be ready to apply tension on the lead to keep the dog from breaking from the sit. Be careful where you step as you circle; don't step on his tail. PRAISE immediately. As you progress with this lesson, gradually withhold the praise until the count of 5; then 10. PRAISE and release.

FRONT

This exercise is very similar to the Happy-static Come. The only difference is that you will be asking for a "sit" on the part of the dog, when he is in front of you. We are now asking for more refinement when your dog comes in to you. Start this exercise the same as the Happy-static Come, but as the dog approaches you, do not get down with your dog. Instead, keep your body erect, and with your hands, caress the dog under the chin, lifting the chin upward, telling the dog to "sit!". The puppy should sit facing you, in a position directly in front of you. PRAISE.

TWO STEP FINISH

The term "Finish" is used to denote the movement of the puppy from "Front" position to "Heel" position. With your pup sitting directly in front of you, swing your left leg to the right of the puppy simultaneously giving the dog's name and the command "HEEL". Continue forward two steps, halt and insist that your puppy sit. PRAISE.

SIT FOR EXAM

Progress this week so that by the end of the week, your pup will allow a stranger to approach and examine him (as done last week) while you are standing in a position at half lead.
Puppy Training

**DOWN/STAY**

Work to attain a reliable Down/Stay for two minutes, with you at the end of the lead.

**PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE SIT/STAY AND DOWN/STAY. THESE ARE IMPORTANT FOR YOUR DOG'S SAFETY.**

**The Fifth Week**

**HEELING**

Practice in an area with minor distractions. Remember that you want your dog heeling with no tension on the lead. Test your progress by putting the lead over your shoulder. Encourage the dog to stay at your left side. PRAISE.

**SIT/STAY AND DOWN/STAY**

Begin putting these exercises to practical use. Three times this week, have a neighbor come ring the doorbell. Put the dog in a SIT/STAY before you open the door. Put the dog on a DOWN/STAY while the neighbor is visiting. Be sure you enforce these commands. PRAISE.

**STAND/STAY**

With your dog in a heel position, gather the lead, accordion style, in your hand. Take 2 steps forward, say "STAND" while placing your left hand, palm down, in front of the hind leg, and under the stomach. Give the "STAY" command and hand signal, and stand erect. Gradually, as your dog becomes steadier on the stay, step to the front of the dog. Practice until your puppy will stand without moving at the end of the lead for a count of 15. REMEMBER, DO NOT BACK AWAY FROM YOUR DOG WHEN LEAVING. Instead, turn and walk away.

**RECALL**

With your puppy in a Sit/Stay, take the lead in your left hand. Say the pup's name and simultaneously with the hand signal command, "COME". Tap on the lead to get the pup moving toward you. NEVER PERMIT HESITATION ON THE PART OF YOUR PUPPY. Get down to your puppy's level and receive him with lots of bubbles and PRAISE.

After a number of reliable recalls on the lead, your next progression would be to drop the lead as the pup is coming to you. IMPROVEMENT: You must have a GOOD recall to advance to this stage. Finally, drop the lead inconspicuously as you walk away from your pup, and do the entire exercise without it.
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Whelped: October 26, 1980

Sire: Ch. Chateaubriard Jokerswild, C.D.
Dam: Ch. Manny’s Jolte’s Olive

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JOKERSWILD, C.D.

Sire: Ch. Manny’s Pal of Jack

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERNOUTH, CD

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H: Ch. Jolte du Lac de Bethmale

Handled by owner

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Breeders: Margaret & Susan McCormick

C.D. Degree: June 13, 1982
Whelped: August 17, 1979

Sire: Am/Can. Ch. Sirhan Drover

DAM: Ch. Pa’Chick’s Ms-Be-Haven, Am/Can C.D.

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| Ch. Uto d'el Pastre
| Ch. Vony de la Plaine St. Just

Dam: La Fraise Briard d'Orleans
| Ch. tir au Flanc de Charlemagne
| Vieux Carre de Charlemagne

Judge: Denny Kodner
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| Sirhan Cadeau de Noel

Dam: Ch. Pa'Chick's Ms-Be-Haven, Am/Can. CD
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Judge: Herman Cox
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NEW CHAMPION

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Breeder: Owner
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Sire: Ch. Napoleon d'el Pastre
| Jary d'el Pastre
| Ukye Maury de la Tour
Dam: Ch. Mousse du Coteau d'Antigo
| Ch. Je Sambo Noir de Charlemagne
| Ch. Joie de Vivre de Charlemagne
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C.D. Degree: October 17, 1982
Whelped: February 5, 1977
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| Ch. Lorraine de la Croix
| Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, CD
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Owners: Fran Davis & Karen Farkas
Breeder: Karen Farkas
Championship: October 17, 1982
Whelped: March 27, 1981
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| Ch. Phyteaux Theda Bara
Dam: Ch. Phyteaux Oh Susannah, CDX, TD
| Ch. Bellesprit Midnight Cowboy
| Ch. Phyteaux Usheba des Bergers
Judge: Langdon Scarda
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Owners: Meg Weitz &
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Breeder: Meg Weitz

Championship: November 13, 1982
Whelped: October 10, 1979

Sire: Ch. Just Tigger de Charlemagne
Dam: Cha. Acteon Faience of Antigo CD

Judge: Marie Moore

Handled by owners

NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION THE BAILYWICK'S RENDEZ-VOUS (bitch)

Owners: Ellen Wertheimer &
Mike Rahdert

Breeder: M. Lana Sheer
J. Peter Jesson

Championship: November 13, 1982
Whelped: August 30, 1980

Sire: Ch. Just Tigger de Charlemagne
Dam: La Fraise Briard d'Orleans

Judge: Nellie Anderson

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