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Dear Readers,

I don't believe I am sitting here writing to the Readers of the *Dew Claw*. Many of you will be as surprised as I was to find myself in this position. I hope I won't disappoint you.

The BCA Board has directed me to publish the *Dew Claw* four times a year. My plan will be to call the issues on or about the 15th of September, December, March, and June. In order to do this I must have your materials, advertisement, articles, and reports by the 20th of the preceding month. This issue is a month late due to the fact I had no idea that I would be doing this job until midway through the Specialty.

The *Dew Claw* needs Regional Editors. At this time, we need someone to represent New England, the Mid-Atlantic, the South, and the Mountain States. Mary Lopez is the Regional Editor for California, and Terry Miller for the Midwest. Your experiences, mishaps, medical discoveries, travel adventures and Briard insights can broaden the coverage and add to the enjoyment of all Briarders.

So much for the editor business. Now for the fun. In this issue is "Ask Alfie", a new column written by a long standing member who wishes to remain anonymous. Hopefully Alfie will provide some help to Briards that have trouble with their owners. Written with a lot of wit, there is good advice found here.

Reprinted from the July 1988 issue of the *AKC Gazette* is an informative article explaining CREF. Also found between these covers are other interesting items including but not limited to: new champions, the National Quiz, Mid-west News & Views, and information concerning the December issue.

After reading this issue, do not hesitate to voice your opinion. I need your help to make this the publication Briarders deserve.

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**Sweepstakes Judging**

First things first, I want to tell you how much I enjoyed judging the Sweepstakes at the Briard Club of America Specialty.

You asked for my comments so here goes, hope they don't hurt too many people.

The majority of the entries were very good Briards. The plus department was: very good eye color, temperament, ear sets, bites, top lines, croups and proportions. The negative side consisted of the following: small heads, short muzzles, some ear leather rather thin, questionable dew claws, tucked tails, a few missing teeth, lack of crooks and wooly coats.

Hope this isn't too harsh but it is what I found and I have never minced words.

Thanks again for having me judge the Sweepstakes as I really enjoyed the assignment. As I said the entry as a whole was a good representation of the breed.

Sincerely,

Katherine J. Sedick
The following were the handwritten notes of Richard Guevara

Winner's dog - an impressive young dog, vigorous and alert. He had the bone and muscle, the presence and the coat. With a beautiful head and good coat, unfortunately he did not show as well as I would have liked for Best of Winners, perhaps he was a little strong for the handler.

I must mention my Reserve Winners dog, a beautiful young puppy with a beautiful head and fantastic movement. Indeed a very exciting dog.

Winners bitch - Lovely bitch with a wonderful outline, powerful yet feminine. She had a beautiful head and moved well and light. Beautifully presented, she just did everything right and was strongly considered for BOS.

My Reserve Winners bitch was also a lovely bitch. Well balanced, she showed strength and agility. Would like to see her again when she is in full coat. She was a real joy to judge.

Best of Breed - A most exciting class with many outstanding animals. Among many of them there were three males that impressed me very much. Ch. Beardsanbrow's Utopia, Ch. C'est Bonheur Tin Tin and of course my veteran dog Ch. John's Pashtu de Strathcona a real powerful, strong well muscled dog. He showed strength. He has a beautiful head with a neck and shoulders rarely seen in any breed, in beautiful coat. His chest was broad and deep, in my opinion a real outstanding dog who also showed well.

Best of Opposite Sex - she is a truly beautiful bitch, her conformation is harmoniously balanced. She was vigorous and alert, clearly more mature than her daughter and in better coat.

The overall quality of the dogs was better than I expected. In my opinion emphasis should be put on coat texture, perhaps the washing, and use of high fashioned hair products added to the blow drying does not help to have correct texture. I also feel that bone is important, after all the essence of the Briard is that of power, strong in bone and muscle, vigorous and alert.

THE SUPPORTED ENTRY

September 5, 1988

If only you had alerted me or given me warning of your interest in a critique of the Briards at the Pontiac Show! I have judged five shows since that event, and I took no notes; accordingly my recollection is hazy. But I am happy to give you an overall impression to the best of my ability.

I recall the Briards at Pontiac being generally sound and typey, characteristics not always present in many other herding breeds, sad to say. Not only were type and structure good, but temperament was excellent on the part of both dogs and handlers, which makes for a pleasant, sportsmanslike event! Please do not consider these generalities to be a cop-out, as I would not hesitate to report either a disaster or unpleasantness!

The main faults I encountered had to do with poor frontal and rear angulation, and incorrect bites. For the most part, I had the pleasant task of selecting from excellence, rather than mediocrity.

Sincerely,

Linton Moustakis
Puppy 6 to 9 Months Bitches
1. Victoria's Diamond Lil
2. Demitasse D'Occasion
3. Diamanta De Bejaune
4. Danseuse D'Occasion

Puppy 9 to 12 Months Bitches
1. Winifred T Pooh
2. Clarisse de la Porte de Choisy
3. Chef Doeuvre Cameo A La Mode
4. Comfy Of Chef-Doeuvre

12 to 18 Months Bitches
1. Cutsie Du Moulin D'Est
2. Beardsanbrow's Carebear
3. Le Beauchien Cherokee Radnor
4. Milleux U Know Up-C-Daisy

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches
1. Deja Vu Woodbin Cheap Thrills
2. Avantage Coming Up Roses
3. Coeur d'Jole Darren Me Radieux
4. Faux Paws Citroen

American Bred Bitches
1. Phyeaux Blue Chip Stock
2. LinswUX Bergerie Charmante
3. La Banniere De Bejaune
4. Faux Paws Virage Corniche

Open Black Bitches
1. Lindeaux Amazing Grace
2. Faux Paws Virage Corniche

Open Tawny Bitches
1. Beardsanbrow's Chanel
2. Deja Vu Apple of My Eye
3. Avantage Champagne Edition
4. Milleux Chance De Vie

WINNERS BITCH
Deja Vu Woodbin Cheap Thrills

RESErve WINNERS BITCH
Beardsanbrow's Chanel

Veteran Dogs
1. Ch John's Pashtu De Strathcona
2. Ch Papillon De Tierra De Oro CD
3. Ch Prix Weszelle D'Occasion UDT
4. Ch Dromore's Scooter Ms-Be-Haven CD

Veteran Bitches
1. Ch M And M Sugarcreek Janivan
2. Ch Que Sera Du Le Loup D'Or CD
3. Ch Manny's Magnificent Ruby CD
4. Poisie De Lindeau

Stud Dog
1. Ch Beardsanbrow's Utopia
2. Ch Aigner Take Stock in JB
3. Ch Beardsanbrow V D'Occasion
4. Ch John's Pashtu De Strathcona

Brood Bitch
1. Ch C'Est Bonheur Woodbine Tinsel
2. Ch Chien Velu's Undine Animee CD
3. Ch U Know Milleux De Bonheur
4. Ch Panthere del Pastre

Best of Breed was won by Ch. C'Est Bonheur Tin Tin owned by Frances Taylor.
Best of Opposite Sex was won by Ch. C'Est Bonheur Woodbine Tinsel owned by Terry Miller, Judy Odom, and Katie McCann
Best of Winners was the Winners Bitch Avantage Champagne Edition owned by Karen M. Trueman.

Reserve Winners Bitch was awarded to Avantage Coming Up Roses owned by Janet A. Couture.

Winners Dog was Bogart de Bejaune owned by Diane Hanson.

Reserve Winners Dog was Valour Chien Bijon owned by Paul & Valerie Ferber.

SUPPORTED ENTRY AT THE PONTIAC KENNEL CLUB
August 21, 1988

Jerome & Stephanie Katz
Michael & Cheryl Foots
Janis Charbonneau & David Behrens
Marie C. Kokin & Elleen E. Gordon

Susan Smith & Janice Millis
Theresa A. Lee
Marcia Pearson
Robert Ferber & Linda Wells

Janis Charbonneau-Mandeville
Regina Keiter
Donna Mately, David Behrens & Janis Charbonneau
Jerome & Stephanie Katz

Terry Miller, J. Odom & K. McCann
Brigitte & Russell Merz
Diane R. Royce
M.L. Tingley & Jan Standish

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BEST OF BREED 1988 BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA SPECIALTY

CH. JOHN'S PASHTU DE STRATHCONA

Jerome & Stephanie Katz

Breeders/Owners

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX 1988

CH. C'EST BONHEUR WOODBINE TINSEL

Francis Taylor - Breeder

Terry Miller, Judy Odem & Katie McCann - Owners

BROOD BITCH 1988

CH. C'EST BONHEUR WOODBINE TINSEL

Terry Miller, Judy Odem & Katie McCann - Owners
STUD DOG 1988
CH. BEARDSANBROW’S UTOPIA
Janis Charbonneau - Breeder/Owner

BEST BRACE 1988
Ch. Ambria De Bejaune
Ch. Amourelle De Bejaune
Meg W. Weitz & Michael Greenberg

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER
Deja Vu Woodbine Cryn Out Loud
Nathan Richmond

HIGH IN TRIAL
CH. CHEF DREVRE AMI CHAPARRAL
Pat Morale, owner

FIRST PLACE OPEN
CH. BASINER CARCON DE L’HEUREUX
Theresa A. Lee, owner

Novice Class B Awards:
First - Ch. Chef Drevre Ami Chaparral - Pat Morale, owner
Second - Suzette’s Brandy Alexander - Joyce & Bill Pye, owners

Open Class A Awards
First - Ch. Basiner Carcon De L’Heureux - Theresa A. Lee, owner

Graduate Novice Class Awards
First - La Tres Belle Qu’Est Que C’Est CD - Pamela S. & Daniel Hottois
Second - La Tres Belle Chien Brianna CD - Pamela S. & Daniel Hottois
Third - Suzette’s Tanzer New Edition - Karen M. Trueman
Fourth - Ch. Chien De Sel U B Good CD - Susan Erickson, owner

Veterans Class
First - Ch. Prix Wesazelle D’Occasion UDT - Janis Charbonneau & David Behrens, owners
Second - Ch. O’Molly Malley Chien De Sel CD - Sue Erickson & Robert B. McGee, owners
Third - Ch. Dromore’s Ferrier CDX TD - Linda Beall, owner
Fourth - Ch. Abbayes Paulette De Bonheur CD - Jane Beahan, owner
PUPPY 6 to 9 MONTHS DOG
First Place & Reserve Winner
DIJON D'OCCASION
Janet G. Wall & David Behrens

PUPPY 9 TO 12 MONTHS
First Place
Chef Doeuve Caveat A Lamode
Amie Melton & Cynthia
Gray Markle

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG
First Place & Winners
BEARDSANDROW'S BUDWEISER
Janis Charbonneau

PUPPY 9 TO 12 MONTHS BITCHES
First Place
Winifred T Pooh
Daniel Hottois

OPEN, TAWNY DOGS
First Place
Badin De L'Heureux
Theresa A. Lee

12 TO 18 MONTHS BITCHES
First Place
Cutsie Du Moulin D'Eau
Roland & Debi Wright

AMERICAN BRED BITCHES
First Place
Phyeaux Blue Chip Stock
Regina Keiter & Diane LaTorre

OPEN BLACK BITCHES
First Place
Lindeaux Amazing Grace
Robert Ferber & Linda Wells
**BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES**
First Place
DEJA VU WOODBINE CHEAP THRILLS
WINNERS BITCH
BEST OF WINNERS
Terry Miller

**OPEN TAWNY BITCHES**
First Place
BEAVERS AND BROW'S CHANEL
RESERVE WINNERS BITCH
Liz Nemerev Kamin

**VETERAN BITCHES**
First Place
CH M & M Sugarcreek Janivan
Susan Smith & Janice Millis

**OPEN TAWNY BITCHES**
First Place
BEAVERS AND BROW'S CHANEL
RESERVE WINNERS BITCH
Liz Nemerev Kamin

**VETERAN DOGS**
First Place
CH John's Pashtu De Strathcona
Jerome & Stephanie Katz

**DRAGON MAGIQUE DE LINDEAU**
Best Puppy Male
RADNOR'S CHIMINY CRICKET
Best Adult Male

### 1988 BCA SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

#### Puppy 6 to 9 Months Dogs

1. Dragon Magique De Lindeau
2. Chien Velu's Chemin De Fer
3. Dijon D'Occasion
4. Knollwood's Lady Dandy

#### Puppy 9 to 12 Months Dogs

1. Chef Doeuvre Caveat A Lamode

#### 12 to 15 Months Dogs

1. Radnor's Chimney Cricket
2. Milleux Heureux Chevalier

#### 15 to 18 Months Dogs

1. Deja Vu Woodbine Cryn Ouf Loud
2. Chien Velu's Caleb
3. Faux Paws Cavalier's Rugby Road
4. St. Onge Captain Morgan

### BEST PUPPY MALE IN SWEEPSTAKES

Dragon Magique De Lindeau

### BEST ADULT MALE IN SWEEPSTAKES

Radnor's Chimney Cricket
When Jeanne Zahniser contacted us to write about our feelings about Posh winning the Specialty, I was hesitant. Why would anyone be interested? So many levels of feeling were involved with this win. To answer simply, I'd say thrilled, surprised, and grateful, but that is not enough.

This was a very emotional win for Jerry. Jerry had been very ill this year. Not only had he been unable to show Posh since December of 1987, but he had not moved him on lead until that day. Our wish for the day was simply for Jerry to be able to show Posh in the Veterans Class.

As they walked into the ring together, this team I so loved, I choked back tears that had been stored for months. In those few moments, I was filled with a full gamut of emotions...Of joy, that Jerry had recovered; of fear for what could have been; of sadness for what we had suffered; of pride for having bred Posh and his mother and his uncle and great grandfather; of thankfulness for determination, for luck, for the support of friends. For us, just being there was a victory...and then they won the Veterans Dog Class.

Luckily a lunch break was scheduled. It was barely noon and mascara was already running down my face. There was time for Jerry and Posh to rest. Despite several lovely offers from friends to show Posh in the Specials class, Jerry decided to show him. After all, they had always been a team. No one else had ever shown Posh.

After the break I sensed a magical excitement building. The heat had broken, the puddles were almost dried and there was a sincere acknowledgment of others' successes. Regardless of breeding backgrounds, or lines or ownership, there was an enthusiastic appreciation being expressed by all spectators. Beginning with the puppy classes, there were beautiful Briards. The breed was improving and everyone seemed pleased.

Mr. Guevara’s judging procedure helped stir the excitement. He was gracious to each exhibitor, patient with all dogs and considerate in keeping the Briards relaxed in the shade when not being judged. Each dog was being thoroughly examined and carefully considered. What more could we ask?

The Specials class was gorgeous. There were 38 Specials, Veteren's Dog and Bitch and Winner's Dog and Bitch. Entries came from 18 states, the District of Columbia and 3 Provinces of Canada. There was the opportunity to see Briards from all ends of the continent. This was a very emotional win for us.

I assumed a relative calm and began my traditional job of marking the catalog. Mr. Guevara made his first cut from 42 to 26. How nice, I thought, he acknowledged our Veteran and kept him in the ring. Then came the second cut, down to 12. My team was still in, stamina seemed to be holding, they looked good to me. Calm was then gone, that old competitive spirit rose and I could no longer remain seated.

During the next round of judging as I paced, Jerry and Posh appeared relaxed. In fact, Jerry was showing Posh on a loose lead. That familiar feeling was flaming in the pit of my stomach. The cut was made to 6.

Spectators moved closer to the ring, tension escalated. People were now applauding each beautiful Briard. They were all on...
Posh was second in line. How wonderful to have made it to the last cut. The finalists were moved as a group, more applause, they stopped and stacked... a momentary hesitation and then the judge pointed to Posh.

I remember flying in the air, screaming, hugs, kisses, tears and thanks. What a surprise, an indescribable thrill. By the time I reached the ring, Jerry and Posh had assumed the appearance of nonchalance or was it shock? There were tears in Jerry's eyes.

And so, four days before Posh's 9th birthday, seven years after his first National Specialty win, he won the National for the 4th time and we took the challenge trophy home! Jerry's comment... "This was the best!"

**BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA**

1989 Specialty

Pending AKC approval, the 1989 Specialty and associated events will be held in New England, August 17-20, 1989, and the BCA Board has chosen a site in Wallingford, Conn.

In addition to our sweepstakes, specialty, and obedience trial, tentative plans are being made for a herding test, and possibly for a tracking test and a temperament test. More will be announced as soon as plans are finalized.

Definite plans, however, are being made for a fun fair where everybody is invited to participate. The idea of a fun fair has had very positive reception, and five categories have already been proposed: costume, trick, obstacle race, frisbee, and photo contest. It is not too early to start teaching your smartest pooch a cute trick or to teach yourself how to use a sewing machine or a camera.

If you would like to volunteer time and/or ideas for the 1989 Specialty (for the fun fair or any other committee), please, contact Gérard Baudet, 1989 Specialty Chair, 105 E. Manning St., Providence, RI 02906, (401) 861-7617.
There is something special about a specialty. You can win points, breeds and even groups all over North America. But a specialty is the ultimate because you’re competing against the creme de la creme, the top dogs in the breed, the best Briards from coast to coast. Just making the first cut is the ultimate satisfaction. Even gaining a placing in a class is somewhat of a triumph. It’s a momentous time, a yearly chance to compete against your peers. This year, the 60th anniversary of the Briard Club of America, drew a crowd of Briards to Howell, Michigan. There were 25 entries in the regular dog classes, 52 in the bitch classes, nine veterans (5-4) and 37 (20-17) in the Best of Breed competition plus the unofficial classes, 22 entries in obedience (several of whom chickened out) and 52 in the puppy sweeps.

This year’s trophies demand a special mention. Hand-painted china mugs, plates and other items defied adjectives in the artist’s ability to capture the quintessence of Briards.

With no dogs entered in the Thursday tracking test, competitive events started on Friday with obedience judged with great kindness by Mrs. Emily R. MacLean in the morning. The sweepstakes judge, Mrs. Katherine J. Sedick, who officiated at the late afternoon event, was a little less kind. She called the measure on two six-month-old pups (both of whom measured in) and spooked several others with dropped glasses and dangling jewelry. Mrs. Sedick was a replacement for the scheduled judge, Dr. Marlin Roll, who expired unexpectedly just about two weeks prior to the assignment.

On Saturday, the specialty judge, Richard Guevara, got started at 8 a.m. and moved as quickly and efficiently through the judging as a Porsche on an expressway. Finishing the regular classes and Veterans ahead of schedule, he left everyone plenty of time for a leisurely lunch, or the breakfast they missed due to the early hour. The Best of Breed competition got underway at 2:30 p.m. with males and females divided until the first cut pared the numbers down to a workable size. Going to a second and third cut, Mr. Guevara settled on a sentimental favorite, Ch. (Am. & Can.) John’s Pashtu de Strathcona, HIC, who came from winning the Veteran Dog class to win the national specialty for the fourth time since 1981. The nine-year-old victor was handled by owner Jerry Katz. BOS went to Ch. C’Est Bonheur Woodbine Tinsel owned by Terry Miller, J. Odom and K. McCann. A twenty Tinsel daughter, Deja Vu Woodbine Cheap Thrills, took Best of Winners over Winner’s Dog Beardsanbrow’s Budweiser, a black dog.

A buffet dinner was held Saturday evening followed by the Briart drawing. A lot of delectable goodies were donated for the raffle and crossed fingers were the order of the evening. Among the other activities offered on the weekend were an eye clinic, junior showmanship competition, a parade of champions, temperament testing, the annual general meeting, the novelty shop where briard items could be purchased and the generously stocked hospitality room, open to all hours. A pleasant surprise was presented at the Annual Meeting when the 1987 Rassemblement book, beautifully printed, was available for the first time.

A hearty thanks should go to the show committee for a job well done.
THE WAY IT WAS

With each issue of the Dew Claw, I would like to take a look towards the past to see where we have been, and perhaps catch a glimpse of the future. Since this is the Specialty issue, I thought we should begin by reviewing the past Specialty winners and noting that in the past we have had more than one Specialty per year. The credit for compiling the Specialty information goes to the diligent Mary Bloom. She compiled the information for the 1982 Specialty. The current statistics are credited to Stephanie Katz. I wish to thank both these Briarders for their dedication to the breed.

DATE ENTRY BRIARD JUDGE OWNER
6/10/39 23 Irham de Grand Courdray Sturdee Outwaite
6/14/41 13 J. Pollu of Irhamont Worden Outwaite
6/13/42 9 Ch. J. Pollu of Irhamont Worden Outwaite
6/12/43 ukn Ch. J. Pollu of Irhamont Worden Outwaite
5/26/46 ukn Ch. Madelon des Sablonnieres Lahr Earle
6/21/47 ukn Ch. Madelon des Sablonnieres Reeves Earle
11/12/49 ukn Ch. Westlawn Banda of Irhamont Lindsay Earle
12/9/50 Ch. Montagne Babette McAnulty Haurin
12/9/51 Ch. Montagne Babette Korbel Haurin
12/9/53 Ch. Montagne Babette Reeves Earle
11/12/53 3 Montagne Ithuriel Hamilton Murfey
12/19/57 1 Montagnes Faustina Murr Earle
12/6/58 6 Ch. Montagnes Ithuriel Butcher Murfey
12/5/59 8 Ch. Walton's Etienne Reeves Kent
10/12/60 8 Fripon des Hisutes Swartz Morrisson
9/10/61 ukn Lutin des Elfes de Malouse Carey Morrisson
9/9/62 4 Prince Igor des Coteaux Kerns Thompson
8/6/63 6 Lutin des Elfes de Malouse Carey Morrisson
6/20-21/64 13 Renault de la Topanga Rosenberg Barker
9/6/64 7 Ch. Pinot Noir des Coteaux Rosenberg Tingley
6/12/65 ukn Ch. Pinot Noir des Coteaux Trullinger Tingley
6/26-27/65 8 Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau Crane Cook
6/11/66 13 Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, CD Rosenberg Cook
6/25-26/66 7 Joueur de la Gaillarde Riddle Murphy
6/10/67 19 Ch. Ike de Vasov Hall Tingley
3/23/68 26 Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour Court Tingley
8/18/68 23 Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau Godsol
9/9/68 12 Janus des Elfes de Malouse Kins Haire
4/22/69 20 Ch. Arlette des Grand Pieds Tingley Ruby
8/17/69 31 Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour Greathouse Tingley
12/6/69 27 Ch. Janus des Elfes de Malouse Martinage Young/Maki
3/21/70 9 Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau Johnson K & C Collins
8/16/70 31 Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau Kins Collins
8/8/71 36 Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau Downing Collins
6/24-25/72 27 Ch. Esau F. de St. Chermain Wurmsner Erickson
8/4/73 54 Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau Hodges Collins
8/17/75 74 Ch. Ubl Chabib de Strathcona Ayers Katz

THE WAY IT WILL BE

There is a time to let things happen and a time to make things happen.

- Hugh Prather

DO NOT MISS THE HOLIDAY ISSUE!
Deadline - November 25, 1988
See details elsewhere in the Dew Claw

The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.

-Margaret Carty
NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION CHARBREEZE CALAIS CHAPARRAL, TT

Owner/Breeder: Kathy Chiarella

Championship: September 5, 1988
Whelped: January 21, 1987

Sire: Ch. Just Emmett

Dam: Ch. Aigner Take Stock In JB

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Handled by: Tom Keiter

NEW CHAMPION

CHAMPION PARTAGER VOL-AU-KRISTEN, TT

Owner: Kathy Chiarella
Breeder: Mary Jane Grandinetti-Rader

Championship: May 29, 1988
Whelped: January 18, 1987

Sire: Ch. Notre Rigolo De Strathcona

Ch. Aigner Take Stock

Ch. Aigner Rum Toddy

Stonehill's I'm Hector

Dam: Aigner Ragtime Annie

Am. Can. Ch. Phydeaux Linda Lovelace

Handled by: Tom Keiter & Kathy Chiarella
THE GAZETTE COLUMN REPORT:  
by Alice Bixler Clark

Because I believe that sharing information is a great way to learn, I volunteered for the post of Gazette columnist. To my amazement, I was given the green light.

Quite frankly, after living with Briards for 16 years, I still feel that I have a lot to learn. I'd like your help. I know that many Briarders have a definite aversion to promoting the breed and I can fully understand their feelings. Briards aren't everyone's dog. For those who understand and appreciate the special qualities of the breed, there isn't anything else. But exploitation can be the ruination of a breed. I'd like to present the breed in a realistic light, citing both the pluses and minuses so that people who may be considering Briards can weigh the virtues against the problems. I welcome your suggestions for topics and any guest columnists who wish to address a particular subject in which they have expertise. I also hope to be able to call on longtime Briarders for information. This should be a column for and about the breed, an opportunity to inform and exchange information and maybe to entertain a little. The Gazette is also looking for photos of the breed (not show poses) and pays $25 if they are used. They suggest you submit them to Alice Bixler Clark, General Delivery, Uxbridge, Ontario, LOC 1R0, Canada.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:  
by Stephanie Katz

The BCA Board has expanded the scope of the Symposium/Seminar committee to include other educational activities. I will be keeping a file of all inquiries coming to the club about Briards. Once this data is collected, additional materials addressing those issues will be developed as needed. A full report to the membership including the number and type of inquiries will be made in August, 1989.

Many national breed clubs devote at least one day of each Specialty gathering to educational events. The BCA could also support such activities if we, as a membership, wish to do so. Enclosed is a questionnaire that will take only a moment to complete. Please respond immediately so that planning can include activities which interest you.

Special thanks to those who presented seminars during the 1988 Specialty weekend. Grooming - Fran Davis, Early Puppy Training - Dave Behrens, Breeder Discussion - Janis Charbonneau, Dave Behrens, Meg Weitz and Stephanie Katz, moderator, Eye Committee Report - Meg Weitz.

EYE COMMITTEE REPORT:  
by Meg Weitz

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who helped with the Eye Clinic at the 1988 Specialty. Dr. Cynthia Wheeler examined 56 Briards. She will be submitting a report that will be published in the December issue of the Dew Claw. Many thanks go to those conscientious Briarders who took advantage of the Eye Clinic.

For those of you who have had eye checks done elsewhere, please send the results to Meg Weitz, 601 Rockwood Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19802. We would like share the information with others and will be making the results available through the Dew Claw.

The following article appeared in the July, 1988 issue of the AKC Gazette. This article explains CERF, how it works, and what the goals are.

"CERF: Better Eyes, Better Dogs"  
by Hilary Freer

You want a dog to love, train and show, and perhaps breed. You buy a puppy with a solid pedigree from a reliable breeder and you take wonderful care of this beautiful animal-and all your efforts may be wasted. Why? Because a good pedigree and excellent care don't guarantee that a dog won't suffer from an inherited eye disease, resulting in blindness and physical discomfort, and making the dog unsuitable for showing or breeding. While no one buys or breeds to an obviously blind or visually impaired dog, roughly 40% of eye disease is inherited and most hereditary eye disease is transmitted through recessive genes.

How can you help guard against buying or breeding dogs liable to have or carry eye disease? Check with CERF. But what is CERF?

Serious breeders will tell you-the Canine Eye Registration Foundation, Inc. Striving to reduce hereditary canine eye disease, CERF is concerned mainly with the development and maintenance of an eye registry for pure-bred dogs. Here's how it works: a responsible owner, before arranging a breeding, takes a dog to a member of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO), a specialty board that is certified in eye disease. The ACVO Diplomate examines the dog for all known or suspected hereditary eye diseases, including such diseases as Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA), cataracts, and corneal dystrophy, which are untreatable or require major surgery and/or endanger the breed, and diseases such as entropion and ectropion which are common, easily corrected through surgery, and significant only to the individual. (Note: Dogs that have had surgery to correct entropion or ectropion are ineligible to be entered in a dog show.-Eds.)

The ACVO Diplomate fills out a three-part form on the dog and its eyes, indicating whether the eyes are asymptomatic, show lesions of suspected or undetermined nature, or are definitely affected with an inherited abnormality. The Diplomate then sends to CERF the pink copy which shows the breed, variety, color, age, sex, and eye assessment-but not the identity of the dog, its owner or breeder. Pink copy information is for research purposes only. If the Diplomate finds the dog free of major hereditary diseases-minor eye diseases do not disqualify a dog for registration unless the national club has made a request to CERF to this effect-the owner may send to CERF his (white) copy, along with the $7.50 registration fee. CERF then issues a certificate in triplicate; one copy
CERF had been looking for an established veterinary research organization to take over the files and continue the vital service of the registry, so the staff was pleased when the Veterinary Medical Data Program at Purdue University agreed to have the CERF data base transferred in January 1988 to their program which had been established in the 1960s and collects veterinary medical transcripts.

What's Happening Today
Registration applications have increased rapidly since 1982. Pink forms indicate that only 20 percent of the dogs examined are ineligible for registration because of hereditary eye disease. However, actual registrations come in for only about ten percent of all the dogs that are physically eligible, that is only eight out of every 100 that are examined. Some owners choose not to register their dogs, and some dogs are not of minimum age as requested by their national club. Poodles, for example, must be 24 months old to be registered. Some clubs, however, now require CERF numbers for advertisements in specialty show catalogs or in newsletters.

Currently, 22,737 dogs in nearly 150 breeds have been registered with CERF and many have been re-registered. Golden Retrievers come first with 5,020 registrations, followed by Siberian Huskies (2,742), all three varieties of Poodles (2,510), and Labradors (1,966). Of the Golden, 2,180 have been registered since 1984, the majority in 1986 because the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) required its members, for a time, to list CERF registration numbers in their advertisements. Although GRCA has discontinued this requirement, it and other national breed clubs strongly encourage CERF registration.

CERF is doing its best in striving to reduce hereditary canine eye disease, but the rest is up to responsible breeders and owners whose goal is that their breed someday is free of genetic eye diseases.

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DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 25, 1988

Lee and Steve Davidson from Ohio are busy with new construction of a building for their wall covering and interior design business.

Bob and Kelly Walter of Cleveland, Ohio had a baby this year. This bouncing boy is named John - "Jack" specifically and giving Kelly a perfect reason to stay home from work for awhile. You can call Barbara Ruby from Farmington Hills, Michigan, "Grandma." Her daughter Laurie (a former BCA junior handler) and husband had a baby girl in New Orleans.

Everyone will agree that this year's BCA National Specialty put on by Rob Ferber and Linda Wells of Finkomey, Michigan was a great event. Well organized, beautifully done and where did they acquire that wonderful talent of producing perfect weather?!

Midwesterners had the opportunity to show their dogs to Breeder Judge Mary Lou Tingley at Ravenna Kennel Club in August. It was a treat for this region's exhibitors since Mrs. Tingley judges the breed more frequently in the east.

After Ravenna, Briard exhibitors were invited back for a "Submarine" party at Joanne Illingworth's. Some 35 Briarders and dogs converged on the Illingworth's yard. The "submarine" (my title) refers to the entertainment for the evening (swimming) and the eats for the evening (a 6 foot long sub sandwich).

Speaking of breeder-judges, Dave Behrens of Illinois, long time conformation and obedience exhibitor and successful breeder has applied for and been approved to judge Briards.

Bob and Pat Gross of Indiana (Bob is former BCA treasurer) have a new bundle of fluffy Briard aptly named "Dennis" (The Menace?). We'll all be treated to their increased attendance at shows soon.

Quite a few people from this area were present at the AKC Briard video taping. Some of those in attendance from the midwest were: Roland Wright, Rob Ferber, Terry Miller, Amy Milton, Linda Knoll, Sue McCormick, and Jane Gritter.

Send news to me from the region! Terry Miller
2967 Meadowbrook Blvd
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THE NATIONAL QUILT

The BCA Board has approved the making of a National Briard Quilt. Pat Morale is co-ordinating this major undertaking. She needs your contributed square by March 31, 1989. Her address is 7023 Bates, Dallas, Texas 75227.

The contributed square should be 12½ inches of all cotton of unbleached muslin, with the working area being a 12 inch square in earth tone colors in any medium you choose. More details will follow on how you may become the owner of this quilt. Watch future publication for details.

BRIARD NOTES

Some Briards were busy this fall earning their Herding Instinct Certificates. Those who participated in the testing sponsored by the Belgian Malinois Owners' Association during the Wine Country Circuit were: La Tre Belle Ou'Est -Ce Que C'Est and La Tre Belle Chien Brianna owned by Pam Hottois. St. Onge Cassie Sauvage, owned by Christine Duval qualified. As did Bellesprit Meriah, CD/TT and CH. Bitree's Tequila Sunrise owned by Barbe Lynch. These dogs were tested on sheep, with Barbe's Meriah holding this year's record qualifying time of just over 2 minutes. Not bad for an eleven year old Briard.

Another busy Briard, Uknown Berger de Bonheur owned by new member Debbie Morrow earned his TT on May 1, 1988.

Congratulations to the dogs and their owners.
ASK ALFIE

by a.m. de Barker

(Alfred Maurice de Barker is a senior Briard citizen who emigrated to the USA from the south of France at the tender age of 8 weeks. In his wide and varied life he has been involved in conformational showing on three continents, holds advanced degrees in obedience and for much of his life, he has been a serious student of human behavior as applied to the canine experience. We have asked M. de Barker (affectionately called "Alfie" by his many friends) to be our consultant in matters of canine/human relationships. Please address any questions you or your human companion may have to "Alfie" c/o DewClaw. Alfie will attempt to answer as many letters in print as possible.)

Question #1: Dear Alfie,

My owner is buying another Briard puppy and plans to bring it home early next month. I am in shock! How could this happen to me? I have given 7 years of loyal service to this family and raised two of their children for them. What can I do? Signed, Companion to the Ingrate Family.

DEAR INGRATE,

Your are approaching the inevitable inappropriately. Further along in your long letter (necessarily edited for space considerations) you state that the new canine moving in will be of the female variety. Have you gone numb in these 7 years, man! In the long years I've spent with my human counterparts, many young Briard lasses have passed through, some to stay on, others, for, well... there may be young puppies reading. Let us just say they enjoyed a holiday here with us. Even now there is a sweet young female pup bouncing through the halls here. Rather than viewing her as an intrusion, I find her a delightful distraction. The old arthritic bones seem less so in these cool autumn mornings as I walk through the gardens with her, explaining what she may or may not chew on and where she should "empty out" among the pachysandra.

No, my good man, you have a jealousy problem and your humans probably have embarked on bringing in this addition with you in mind, not to hurt you but to give your canine companionship and amusement. Believe me, it is quite amusing to bring up a Briard youngster, in comparison to those cradled and coddled immobile human youngsters you have already experienced. I suggest you read My Fair Lady to get just the proper start on the job. You will want her to learn all the aspects of becoming a properly behaved Briard Miss. I think your feelings on the subject will turn about completely as soon as you have laid furry enshrouded eyes upon her. Please write back again in six months and let me know how this works out. Or perhaps sooner for any needed words of advice on how an aging fellow like yourself can best keep up with such an active young lady, as I am sure she shall be.

Question #2: Dear Alfie,

I am a 2 year old black Briard and I have not yet finished my championship. I feel the delay is purely due to racial prejudice on the part of judges who seem to always put up tawnies. How can I overcome this attitude? I am forever coming in reserve to 4 point majors, yet only have 7 points of my own! Help! Signed, The Shadow
Dear Shadow,

You seem to be quickly losing your self-confidence which must be prevented. After all, showmanship counts so much in the ring. Since this seems to be a matter of great urgency to you, I have sent under separate cover, a list of AKC judges who will put up blacks and another list of those who would not be caught dead doing so. This list is compiled from my many years of observation in the states. There are several avenues open to you here. One is to work on personality. Kiss the judge when he/she examines your bite—just a little slip of tongue on the nose does wonders here. Don't forget to immediately wag your tail to show the judge how much you enjoyed meeting him. Some judges are so easily fooled this way, but forgive them for ignoring substance in favor of subterfuge, they are merely humans and we have no choice but to tolerate "human nature" in all its' folly.

You could also take a look around the country and see where there are more blacks showing—the old safety in numbers trick. (And there is always France to consider for shows!) But basically, continue to work on your coat and conditioning and I suspect with time and maturity you too will finish. There may be help on the way, the AKC Briard Video will be out in early '89. Perhaps this will move judges towards awarding more black Briards first place awards.

It amazes me how little things change. In my early days showing here in the states, I too felt some color prejudice. Here, I was a handsome clear-coated, deep tawny, surrounded by charbonnes in the ring and I felt too often I lost due to color, when it was often actually a question of my immaturity. So take a truly objective look, not just at yourself, but at your competition, as well. Cheer up, your time will come.

1987 Rassemblement Report

The 1987 Rassemblement Report is available; over 100 copies were sold at the 1988 Specialty. Additional copies of the report may be ordered by sending $10 and $2.50 (for postage and handling) per copy to Gérard Baudet, 105 E. Manning St., Providence, RI 02906 (make checks payable to "BCA").
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