As we reminisce about this year's Specialty, let us remember

DAVID LETTERMAN'S TOP TEN REASONS FOR LOSING AT A DOG SHOW

10. Mistaken in assumption there would be a chance to show off talent for drinking from toilet.

9. Thought I saw that little chuckwagon.

8. Bad idea going to Don King's barber.

7. Caught in a lie claiming to be Cycle Two dog when I'm really Cycle Three.

6. Shouldn't have picked Quayle as running mate.

5. My life-long losing battle with problem drool.

4. Spelled "ubiquitous" with two B's

3. Didn't know that was the judge's leg.

2. Money goes to handler anyway. So let him stand naked in Madison Square Garden and get touched by a stranger in a bad suit.

1. Like me, the whole thing was fixed.
FROM THE EDITOR...

Have we all recovered from Toledo yet? Lee Davidson and Sue Wahr did a fabulous job on the Specialty and Rass. They also did a fine job of exhausting most of us! Maybe we're just getting too old for all of this.

The Board asked that the Specialty issue of the DewClaw be delivered to the membership in mid October. Even at this late date, I do not have all of the information that I would like. This Specialty issue does not have photographs of the first place winners in the breed and obedience classes. I am working with the photographer to have them for the Winter issue (due to you about December 15 - more on that later). Unfortunately, he does not seem to have all of the photographs necessary. I will not know for sure which ones are missing until I get the prints. At that point, I may be contacting some of you to provide your own pictures for the issue. I hope to have some commentary from our sweepstakes judge for that issue as well.

Since the Winter/Christmas issue is supposed to be out in mid December, get those Seasons Greetings ads together soon! As usual, there is the reduced rate of $20 for a full page camera-ready ad and $12 for a half page.

Along with lots of Specialty information and member-contributed articles in this issue, there is a listing of the committees and their chairs. You will notice that several of them are open. This is your big chance to volunteer. If you are not ready or willing to chair a committee, volunteer to help out the chairman. It's a great way for veteran members to contribute their years of experience or for new ones to start to work within the club.

COVER: Easy on the creme rinse - I have a show this weekend.
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Breeder: Fran Davis
Owner: Eric C. Helfers & Lyndall B. Helfers

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MES AMI EWE CHASER
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WINNERS BITCH
FIRST PLACE, OPEN TAWNY BITCHES
DEJA VU FOUR LEAF CLOVER
Breeder: Terry Miller & K. McCann & J. Odom
Owner: Terry Miller

RESERVE WINNERS DOG
FIRST, BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR DOGS
FRODO LORD OF LINDEAU
Breeder/Owner:
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FIRST, NOVICE JUNIOR CLASS
Amanda Clevinger
Ch. Foxlair's Vivacious Lady

HIGH IN HERDING TRIAL
CHIEN VELU'S CAMILLE CD, PT
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Owner: John Cassaubon
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FIRST, 6 - 9 DOGS
CACHE FIRST EDITION
Breeder: Janice Friedland & Terry Miller
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BEST OF OPPOSITE JUNIOR
FIRST, 9 - 12 BITCHES
FEDORA DE LINDEAU
Breeder: Robert Ferber & Linda Wells
Owner: Diane Reid

BEST SENIOR IN SWEEPS
FIRST, 15 - 18 DOGS
FERGUSON DE KNOLLWOOD
Breeder: Linda A. Knoll
Owner: Elizabeth A. Ostendorf & Linda A. Knoll

BEST OF OPPOSITE SENIOR
FIRST, 15 - 18 BITCHES
FLEUR-DE-LIS DE LINDEAU
Breeder: Mimi S. Long & Linda L. Wells
Owner: Robert R. Ferber & Linda L. Wells
# BRIARDS

## SWEEPSTAKES

*Judge: Ms. Barbara McQuillen*

### Prize Money

After $3.00 is retained for expenses, the remaining entry fee in each class will be divided as follows:

- **First**
  - 40%
- **Second**
  - 30%
- **Third**
  - 20%
- **Fourth**
  - 10%

Any prize money unclaimed will be retained by the Briard Club of America, Inc.

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### SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

The Briard Club of America, Inc. offers Rosettes for Best Junior in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex to Best Senior in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex to Best Senior in Sweepstakes. Best Junior in Sweepstakes. Matted & Framed Briard Headstudy by Terry Miller.

**Best of Opposite Sex to Best Junior in Sweepstakes.** Briard Print by Terry Miller.

First in Each Sweepstakes Class. Rosette & Cast Stone Briard Medallion.

Second through Fourth in Each Sweepstakes Class. Rosette.

### BRIARDS SWEEPSTAKES

#### Junior, 6 to 9 Months Dogs.

1. **Frodo Lord Of Lindeau.** Owner: Robert R Ferber & Linda L Wells.
2. **Phydeau Filo De Reves Mielle.** Owner: Ellen Graham & Diane R Royce.
3. **Phydeaux Flavia.** Owner: Virginia M Dietz.

#### Senior, 12 to 15 Months Dogs.

1. **Fouree Pied Par Long De Mon Coeur.** Owner: Richard LaFountain & Toni L Ward.
2. **Ferguson De Knollwood.** Owner: Elizabeth A Ostendorf & Linda A Knoll.
3. **Sagi Rock 'N' And A Roll 'N'.** Owner: Robin G Sheetz & Jenny R Klawitter.

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1. **Fleur De Lis De Bejaune.** Owner: Carleton J Bates & Meg W Weitz & Michael Greenberg.
2. **Pooka's Gaelic Mischief Maker.** Owner: Suzette Weberberger.
4. **Frankly My Dear De Bejaune.** Owner: Paulette Schick.

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1. **Noire Virage Forever Amber.** Owner: Eunice E Durff & Cheryl A Cannon & Robin G Sheetz.
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REGULAR CLASSES
Judge: Mrs. Mary Lou Tingley

BRIARDS. Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Dogs.
121 Fokine Dimyon De Strathcona. DL 351853. 11-08-90. Breeder: Owners. By Ch Dijon D'Occasion - Ch Bat-Dor De Strathcona. Owner: Jerome & Stephanie Katz.

BRIARDS. 18 to 12 Months Dogs.

BRIARDS. Bred by Exhibitor Dogs.

BRIARDS. American-Bred Dogs.

BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.

BRIARDS. Open, Gray Dogs.

BREED PRIZES
The Briard Club of America, Inc. offers Rosettes for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch.

Best of Breed.
The B.C.A. Challenge Trophy, a 10" Diameter SP Bowl Mounted on a Wooden Base. For permanent possession to be won three times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog. (Ownership of the three wins must be identical). Until then possession will remain with the Briard Club of America, Inc. and will be offered at all Specialty Shows of the Club. The Winners' name will be engraved on the Challenge Trophy.

Cast Stone Sculpture of Two Briards by Louise Shattuck. Framed "Performance Art Series Print" offered by Hill's Science Diet.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Cast Stone Sculpture of Two Briards by Louise Shattuck.


Veteran Dogs. First, "Science Diet Senior Award" (Medallion) & $50.00 Cash offered by Hill's Science Diet.

Veteran Bitches. First, "Science Diet Senior Award" (Medallion) & $50.00 Cash offered by Hill's Science Diet.

First in Each Regular & Non-Regular Class. Cast Stone Sculpture of Briard Puppies by Louise Shattuck & Rosette.

Second through Fourth in Each Regular & Non-Regular Class. Cast Stone Briard Medallion.
**BRIARDS. Open, Tawny Dogs.**


**BRIARDS. Bred by Exhibitor Bitches.**


**BRIARDS. Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Bitches.**


**BRIARDS. Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Bitches.**


**BRIARDS. 12 to 18 Months Bitches.**


**BRIARDS. American-Bred Bitches.**


**BRIARDS. Open, Tawny Dogs.**

150 Faire D'Erte De Strathcona. DL 35185302. 11-08-90. Breeder: Jerome Katz & Stephanie S Katz. By Ch Djinn D Occasion - Ch Bat Dor De Strathcona. Owner: Margaret M Franczak & Thomas L Moczuk.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION
Judge: Mrs. Mary Lou Tingley

NOTE - Effective January 1, 1989
AKC Junior Handler Numbers are now required for entry in Junior Showmanship Competition. Numbers may be obtained from the American Kennel Club - PHONE: (212) 696-8345, (212) 696-8240 or (212) 696-6281.

NOVICE JUNIOR CLASS: For Boys and Girls who are at least 10 years and under 14 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have not won three First Places, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

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PRIZES

Best Junior Handler. Cast Stone Sculpture of Briard with Lamb by Louise Shattuck.
First in Each Class. Cast Stone Sculpture of Briard Puppies by Louise Shattuck.
Second through Fourth in Each Class. Cast Stone Briard Medallion by Louise Shattuck.

Novice Junior Class


Novice Senior Class


Open Junior Class


Open Senior Class


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OBEDIENCE TRIAL CLASSES

Qualifying Score Required for All Prizes in Regular Classes

"Dog" means either sex

Bitches in Season - a refund of entry fee will be made on bitches entered in Obedience Classes who come in season after entries close. Request in writing for refund must be submitted to the Show Secretary along with the certificate from veterinarian before the judging of the class in which the bitch is entered has started.

PRIZES

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes. Cast Stone Briards on Base by Louise Shattuck. Required for All Prizes in Regular Classes

Novice Class A.
First, Cast Stone Briard Puppy with Dumbbell by Louise Shattuck.
Second through Fourth, Cast Stone Briard Medallion.

Novice Class B.
First, Cast Stone Briard Puppy with Dumbbell by Louise Shattuck.
Second through Fourth, Cast Stone Briard Medallion.

Open Class A.
First, Cast Stone Briard Puppy with Dumbbell by Louise Shattuck.
Second through Fourth, Cast Stone Briard Medallion.

Open Class B.
First, Cast Stone Briard Puppy with Dumbbell by Louise Shattuck.
Second through Fourth, Cast Stone Briard Medallion.

Utility Class A.
First, Cast Stone Briard Puppy with Dumbbell by Louise Shattuck.
Second through Fourth, Cast Stone Briard Medallion.

Utility Class B.
First, Cast Stone Briard Puppy with Dumbbell by Louise Shattuck.
Second through Fourth, Cast Stone Briard Medallion.

A Dark Green Qualifying Score Ribbon will be awarded each dog receiving a qualifying score.

Novice Class A
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer


Novice Class B
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer


Novice Class B Awards

First: [Score]
Second: [Score]
Third: [Score]
Fourth: [Score]

Score

Open Class A
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer


Open Class A Awards
First Second Third Fourth

Score

Open Class B
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

Open Class B

Score

Utility Class A
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

Utility Class A

Score

Veteran Novice
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

Veteran Novice
(05-59) CH Tanzy D’Occasion CDXTD, W 209932. 03-05-82. Breeder: David T Behrens. By Ch Johns Pahnu De Straithcona - Ch Beardsanbrow’s Vest Pas UD. (Brdid. Bitch. No. 274). Owner: David Behrens. First Second Third Fourth

Score

Veterans Novice
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

Veterans Novice

Score

Utility Class B
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

Utility Class B

Score

HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE IN OPEN AND UTILITY

HIGHEST SCORING DOG IN REGULAR CLASSES

Graduate Novice Class
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

Graduate Novice Class

Score

Veterans Novice
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

Veterans Novice

Score
Brace Competition
Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer


Brace Competition Awards
First... Second... Third... Fourth

Score

PUPPY DOGS 6 - 9:
1 - A little charmer with a beautiful outline, wonderful attitude, and good ground-covering ability.
2 - Handsome puppy with remarkably good coat color and texture for his age.
3 - Similar to the second place puppy, but doesn’t go away as cleanly.
4 - Another handsome puppy but suffering today from puppy topline syndrome.

PUPPY DOGS 9 - 12:
1 - Beautiful youngster with good shoulder, neck, and topline. Nice mover with great attitude.
2 & 3 - Two more handsome youngsters but not as good on the move as the first placer.
4 - Pretty fellow - not quite sure of himself yet. Shows an arch of back in motion that he may lose as he gains confidence.

DOGS 12 - 18:
1 - Handsome puppy, nice type, quite square at the moment, beautiful ear set.
2 - Another handsome youngster, not using himself to the fullest today.
3 - This is a nice fellow who must spend his spare time chewing the hair off his legs.
4 - Nice fellow, lovely head and ear set, a little longer in body, not as good going away as those placing before him.

BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR DOGS:
1 - Exquisite headpiece on this younger. Lovely example of coat outlining rather than obscuring head and body. Presented in beautiful condition. Great attitude! [Reserve Winners Dog]
2 - Handsome young dog, lovely head and eye, moving just a bit close today.
3 - Another handsome youngster, not quite the neck and carriage of those placed ahead of him.
4 - Lovely type on this young man, but didn’t use his rear today as well as he should.

**AMERICAN-BRED DOGS:**
1 - Beautiful head and breed type.
2 - Another lovely boy, handsome head, not quite the poise of the first placer.

**OPEN BLACK DOGS:**
1 - The beautiful headpiece on this fellow won it for him today.
2 - Handsome black fellow - I’d prefer a little more strength in the front assembly.
3 - Another youngster who will probably do more as he matures. Still carries a lot of puppy coat.

**OPEN GREY DOGS:**
1 - This is a nice dog who would benefit greatly by better conditioning.

**OPEN TAWNY DOGS:**
1 - A beautiful youngster, sound, good bone, good topline, good size, wonderful coat texture for his age, but his lovely head and perfectly set natural ears won it for him. [Winners Dog]
2 - Handsome dog with lovely eye, nice balance, lovely size.
3 - A young dog who still needs maturing to present a more finished appearance.
4 - This is a nice youngster who might place higher if he had more confidence and used himself better.

**PUPPY BITCHES 6 - 9:**
1 - A darling girl with lots of poise and a great attitude for such a youngster. Nice dark eye, good topline, covers ground well.
2 & 3 - Two little sisters, beautiful and sound, not quite the poise of the first place bitch.
4 - Litter sister of #1, though not nearly the body over the coltish long legs. This one needs some time to mature.

**PUPPY BITCHES 9 - 12:**
1 - This is a pretty bitch, good attitude, uses herself well.
2 - Beautiful youngster, lovely head and expression, very well built. Slightly off in mouth.
3 - Another pretty young lady who might be better with a little more meat on her bones.

**BITCHES 12 - 18:**
One puppy took great exception to my approach and warned me off with every breath until I had to excuse her.
1 - Pretty bitch, nice dark eye, nice silhouette, pretty side action.
2 - Another pretty one but doesn’t use herself as well as the first placer.
3 - Pretty head, dark eye, good bone and substance.
4 - This bitch totally confused me. In going over her body, everything was beautiful especially the shoulder assembly. Yet in action she refused to move the way her assembly said she could. Nerves perhaps?

**BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR BITCHES:**
1 - Pretty bitch with a nice head and pleasing silhouette. Clean coming and going.
2 - Lovely head and ears, beautiful balance, a little close going away.
3 - Pretty bitch, nice head, dark eye, beautiful color, would
like to see better attitude on the move.
4 - Another pretty girl, but not reaching and driving as well
as I’d like to see.

AMERICAN-BRED BITCHES:
1 - Lovely bitch, beautiful construction, clean moving, good
cloak color and texture. [Reserve Winners Bitch]
2 - Beautiful type here, lovely head and eye, lovely coat,
not quite as good on the move as the first placer.
3 - Another lovely bitch - she would profit by dropping a
few pounds.
4 - This one needs to drop a few - and a few more. These
lovely girls are handicapped in moving too much weight.

OPEN BLACK BITCHES:
1 - 5 - The Big Mama Class
I cannot stress enough how strongly I feel about overweight.
The extra weight constricts movement, gives the animal a lumpy
appearance, but worst of all it puts a terrible strain on the heart and
lungs and shortens the lives of our beautiful Briards.

OPEN TAWNY BITCHES:
1 - A beautiful young lady, nice dark eye, pleasing
expression, lovely neck and balance. Absolutely gorgeous side gait.
Wonderful attitude, sprightly and confident. [Winners Bitch]
2 - Very pleasing young lady, well presented, not the mover
that the first place bitch is.
3 - Another pretty one, not quite as strong up front.
4 - Pretty girl who might do better if she opened up more
when she moves.

SPECIALS:
What a magnificent sight the Specials Class was - and how difficult
to whittle down. So many worthy contenders, I was happy to
have Awards of Merit to honor some of these lovely animals.

Best of Breed - A breathtaking example of the mature tawny dog.
Lovely breed type, sound, well bodied up, asking for it every
minute and shown in absolutely perfect condition.

Best of Opposite Sex - A beautiful bitch. Strong lovely head, lots
of bone and body, but definitely feminine. Very graceful on the
move, with a solid topline. Beautifully presented.

Best of Winners - to the dog primarily on head strength.

My deepest gratitude to the Briard Club of America and all the
participants for making my last judging assignment the most
exciting and challenging event of my 22 years in the center of the
ring!

The overall quality of the entry was lovely: beautiful head type,
especially among the black dogs. The tawny dogs as a whole are
not as strong in the head, but are somewhat better as a group when
on the move. Shoulders are still too steep and many gaits are short
and choppy. Coat texture is improving by leaps and bounds, as are
ear sets. I found very few bad bites, a few light eyes, and, to my
surprise, a few flat feet.

Temperament in the ring seemed very good - a few dogs were
unsure of themselves, and one bitch had no use for me at all.
However I was aware of some less-than-admirable behavior outside
the ring.

Cece Megrue wrote in her critique of last year how important it is
to not stifle the enthusiasm of young puppies. I’m sure she did not
intend this to be taken as a license to allow these youngsters to do
as they please. Aggressive behavior toward other dogs or people in
the young Briard must be squelched quickly and with no questions
left in the pup’s mind that the behavior is not acceptable. We call
our breed a noble one. There is nothing noble about a Briard trying
to eat every other dog it comes in contact with. Our temperament
tests this weekend have ample evidence that even the softest, sweetest dogs will assert themselves to protect themselves and their masters.

Again, my thanks to the club, the excellent stewards, and the gracious exhibitors.

SPECIALTY HERDING RESULTS

Submitted by Jane Beahan

Herding Instinct Test, August 6, 1991.
41 entries, 25 passed, 2 absent.

AKC Test/Trial, August 7, 1991.

Herding Tested: 4 tested/1 qualified
#108 Veto de l’Eninence CD (Margaret Sheppard & June Shew)

Started Trial (Ducks): 3 tested/1 qualified
#202 La Fluer-de-Lis Desiree PT (John Cassaubon) 88 points

Started Trial (Sheep) Course A: 7 tested/4 qualified
#101 Chien Velu’s Camille CD, PT (KM & WJ Allen) 94 points
#107 Ch. Nightwind U Look Mahvelous CD (Gail Oneal) 87 points
#110 Ch. Lindeaux Descente de Lit CD, PT (David & Carolyn Witherspoon) 84 points
A special thanks to those who made this possible.

Pat Morale, Quilt Chairman

Photography by Janice Williams
The following dogs have been rated by OFA from 4/01/91 through 6/30/91 and assigned numbers. These dogs when added to the list published in the Spring 1991 Dew Claw should be a current listing of all OFA Briards. If you know of an OFA Briard not on this composite list, please let me know.

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We will miss your "joie de vivre". We could never forget your unquestioning trust, loyalty and limitless devotion.

Barbe & Dan Lynch

BIGTREE'S RAINMAKER -- "Rainy"

JULY 27, 1980 -- AUGUST 14, 1991
The past is very much alive. I lay my hands on faithful heads and feel the rasp of tawny coats, of friends who guard my hearth and bed. Though crowded close by hairy beasts, I've never felt quite so alone. How loud your bark I cannot hear, your sun-kissed presence has now flown.

The "D" year of the great Briard, six pups to finish, all but one. From "Tinsel" my first Best In Show, and homebred male, a "Cooler" blend. A passive, soft and trusting soul, who stood far back. But learned a trick of waiving paw in earnest air, to get whatever she'd select.

She used her feat at home for treats, to out-do sibling rivalry. And called attention to herself, in Group made sure her presence seen. Her championship achieved with ease, to bring some great ones to their knees. Yet all our dreams lay shattered now, the best of plans had turned to nil.

Holly took life just as it came, with trusting heart, no questioning. And mortal man did somehow fail to hear our pleas, to no avail. Our world in sorrow, painted black, with broken hearts and years to mend. We challenged fate, but death fought back. You're sorely missed, my friend.

A wash of memories flood my mind, so lonely is my easy chair. And you, my perky pup with heart, adventures filled your eyes so bright. Quicksilver be your movements fair, a loyal guard of persons near. Forever springtime in my dreams. I see you there, when silence screams.

And in the quiet of the night, I find you hiding in my mind when shadows fall to close the day. Memories of love will never fade. We take the bitter with the sweet. Our fondest dreams oft bleed and weep.

Somehow, I feel, at heaven's gate, a shepherd guards his flock of sheep. And any dog just wouldn't do, he needed one so bright, like you. So picked my favorite Holly girl, to deck his halls and love, command. With guarding instincts she would watch, for evermore in promised land.

She'll wait for me as one fine day, together once again we'll be. To romp, and brush her coat so fine, for time and all eternity. We'll gallop over fields of green with flowers gold and fragrant air. Two captured spirits in a dream. And I will find my solace there.

Written: E "Katie" Gammill
For Terry Miller in memory of Holly

(Champion Deja Vu Deck The Halls H.T.)
"RUBY"

RUBY TUESDAY DU NORD, CD

June, 1980 - August 31, 1991

Deeply loved and missed by your
family - Tony, Grace, Panda, Darcy,
and Kelly Girl

1991 RASSEMBLEMENT YOUNGEST SELECTION 14 MONTHS
"A FANTASTIC COAT" MRS ROMPLEMAN
RESERVE WINNERS DOG 1991 SPECIALTY
5 POINT MAJOR PONTAIC SUNDAY AUGUST 19
FRODO PUPPIES AVAILABLE, FRODO X-RAYED CLEAR MICHIGAN STATE

PUPPIES AVAILABLE BY CH. EL DRAGON MAGIQUE DE LINDEAU, OFA
PENDING, PRE-SELECT 91 RASSEMBLEMENT OUT OF LINDEAUX
BERGERIE CHARMANTE, OFA FB-443630F, BLACKS AND TAWNIES.

THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL 9 MONTH OLD MALES AVAILABLE SIRED BY
CH. DAKAR DU CHEMIN DES ROCAILLES FB-444G OUT OF CH. VOTRE
MAGIC MARKER DE LINDEAU FB-314G. THESE BOYS WERE FROM A
LITTER OF 9 BOYS READY FOR HOMES DURING THE GULF WAR. THEY
ARE IN NEED OF LOVING HOMES AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES.
PLEASE CALL IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED.
THEIR TEMPERAMENT IS EXCELLENT! BUT THEY DO NEED TRAINING.

PHONE (313) 498-2509 (313) 498-2595
We would like to tell the DewClaw readers how much we enjoyed the article in the Spring 1991 issue entitled "European Dog Shows" by Susan von Suhrke. We are the owners of two Briards and have shown our dogs in Yugoslavia. As Ms. von Suhrke explained in her article, we too have found dog shows in Europe to be friendly, congenial affairs in which the dogs compete and the owners/trainers remain on the side, composed and exchanging ideas and theories about the best way to groom, care for, or otherwise handle your dog. We would note, in a twist of irony for those of us with herding dogs, that the meal tents set up for shows in Yugoslavia prefer to serve whole roast lamb, usually seen cooking on a slowly revolving spit.

Despite the political turmoil here, dog shows and breeding are becoming increasingly popular here and they will be aspects of life that we will miss when we return home later this summer.

We have enclosed a copy of a Yugoslav "Assessment of the Dog" which the judge prepares for every dog shown. "Razred" indicates category by age; "Ocena" indicates assessment with "odilican" meaning excellent, followed by very good, good, and unacceptable; "opis" is the written description; 'Naziv" indicates title awarded.
Dressed in red, white, and blue and led by the Governor of Michigan, the Michigan-Ohio Briard club was aptly represented by 13 champion and future champion Briards in the Clarkston, Michigan, 4th of July parade.

One puppy rode in a stroller with 2 small children. A clown approached the mother of the children and said, "Hey lady! One out of three beautiful babies isn’t bad."

An hour long march being captured on cable t.v. led to the excited anticipation of viewing this event later with family and friends at home.

Besides Governor Engler, many dignitaries were there, notably Uncle Sam, his tanks and combat units. They graciously protected us from the throngs of adoring people who wanted to sweep our Briards away.

This is our 2nd parade in 8 months. Our initial experience was the Rochester, Michigan, Christmas parade in December. The public reaction was the same: "How do I get a Briard?"
EYE STORIES
by Barbe Lynch

This isn't an easy story to read, but it contains important information on eye diseases and screening. It also illustrates the need for us to share health information to help make proper decisions regarding our dogs' health.

A long-time toy poodle breeder took 5 of her dogs to an eye clinic held in conjunction with a '91 winter show. The ophthalmologist, after screening all 5, declared they all had PRA. It was a devastating diagnosis for the breeder. The poodles were of top show quality, one, a puppy, even took a major on the weekend. All 5 were related dogs, all were a rich brown. Brown is a diluted color in poodles. The breeder, thinking she would be doing her best friend a favor, agreed to sign ownership of all 5 dogs, plus 4 other related dogs at home (representing 3 generations of champions) to the veterinary school where the ophthalmologist worked. The dogs would have ERG exams and be euthanized for further study. Not long after this, the breeder received a call, one of those good news/bad news calls. All 9 had undergone ERG's, but not one of them had PRA, all however were put down at the university. The breeder had no recourse, the school owned the dogs. The personal and professional loss to the breeder is devastating. The genetic loss of quality plus good eyes to the breed is incalculable. The loss of trust of the veterinary research field is immense.

The second eye tale is a personal one. Several years ago I had my dilute (blue) Briard's eyes examined at a private clinic by the same ophthalmologist. There were questions about his eyes. I was asked to bring him to the university for an ERG. I wasn't asked to sign over ownership, but instead to make him available as a stud if a healthy affected bitch could be found. I agreed. I stayed during the initial exam at the school. I made everyone aware the dog was highly intolerant of anesthesia. I was promised the anesthesia would be reversed immediately after the ERG. All was calm when I left. When I returned a few hours later, my dog was still heavily sedated, his muzzle tied shut with rolled gauze. No one would assist me in getting the 100 lb. dog to my van, some distance away. I was told the dog became frightened when I left and snapped at an assistant. I could understand muzzling the dog, but one would expect a large teaching vet school could have a commercial muzzle on hand for such instances. A blue Briard has no undercoat and very little hair on its nose, so the dog's muzzle was sliced up with the tied gauze. It took 48 hours for the dog to fully come out of the anesthesia, which left me frightened for his survival. Oh yes, the results of his ERG--absolutely normal.

The important common denominator in these 2 stories is the dilution factor. It doesn't just dilute the coat color, it dilutes pigment as well. It, evidently, can cause false readings on simple eye exams in SOME dilutes, but not all. There have been dilutes examined who've had normal eye results. Should the results be uncertain, no one should panic or overreact, as the poodle breeder did, but a second opinion should be consulted. Arrangements should be made to have the dog undergo an ERG, which is quite conclusive. For those able to arrange it, I strongly recommend scheduling ERG's through Dr. Acquirre at the U of Penn.

It would be to our benefit if some preliminary research could be done to determine whether dilute Briards (or other breeds) are more likely to have false readings on simple eye exams due to the depigmentation of their eyes. Dilute Briards are still few in number in the USA, but the real problem is that many owners and even some breeders don't recognize a dilute tawny puppy. Thus the uninformed could be going into an eye clinic at a disadvantage. Education is our greatest ally in combating disease, but false evaluations are emotionally upsetting to everyone and may affect the breed or a line, if a follow up ERG isn't done. As with any major problem, if in doubt, protect yourself and your dog--get a knowledgeable second opinion.
Cancer risk rises twofold for dogs exposed to lawn weed chemical

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dogs whose owners use a herbicide containing 2,4-D are up to twice as likely to develop lymphatic cancer, a finding that suggests the common plant-killing chemical may pose a health hazard to humans.

In a study published yesterday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, researchers report that dogs were twice as likely to develop a cancer called lymphoma if their owners sprayed or sprinkled the 2,4-D herbicide on the lawn four or more times a year.

The risk of lymphoma among the dogs dropped if the chemical was used less frequently, but even with just one herbicide application a season the cancer risk was one-third higher than among dogs whose owners did not use the chemical.

An elevated risk of lymphoma has been found among farmers who use the herbicide and come in contact with it frequently. Some experts have suggested that the widespread use of the herbicide on lawns, parklands and golf courses could pose a risk to the non-farming population, but no formal studies on such casual exposures have been conducted.

The new study of lymphoma among pet dogs who were permitted to romp and play on herbicide-treated lawns intensifies the concern, the study said.

“This study supports the idea that exposure to 2,4-D, as used for lawn care, plays a role in causing lymphomas in dogs,” Howard M. Hayes, the primary author of the study, said in a prepared statement. “The study also suggests that the potential health hazards of human exposure to 2,4-D at home warrant further study.”

“We often say the dog is a sentinel for humans because dogs and humans may react similarly when exposed to a cancer-causing substance,” Hayes said in a telephone interview.

Hayes and his co-authors suggested that new research is needed to determine if humans and dogs will react in a similar way to the home use of the herbicide.

Malignant lymphoma in dogs is similar to non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in humans. It is a cancer that strikes the lymphatic, or immune, system and can involve lymph nodes, spleen and some blood cells. The incidence of lymphoma among Americans has increased by about 50 percent since 1973—one of the largest increases of any cancer. The NCI estimates that about 37,000 new cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year.

Though malignant lymphoma is common in dogs, striking about one in seven, the study said that exposure to the 2,4-D herbicide was a much more serious risk factor for the disease than other chemicals commonly encountered by the pet dogs.

Mary Lou Tingley asked that we reprint this article which appeared in newspapers nationwide. Upon reading this, she checked the active ingredients in some flea solution marketed for dogs. To her surprise she found 2,4-D listed. She strongly recommends that you check all of your flea preparations and discard of those listing 2,4-D. Why take any unnecessary risks?
FOR TRIVIA’S SAKE: A SHORT NOTE ON COAT COLOR AND FUNCTION

Rosemarie Szostak

Why black for the Briard? Color can play a valuable role in the working function of the dog. Livestock do not "see" in color. White sheep see other white sheep and thus are not as startled to see a large fuzzy white dog among them. The Great Pyrenees or Komondor, with the slow gate and white fleece-like coat, moves in and out of the sheep with ease and acceptance. To move livestock, the dog must be readily observable by the livestock thus the opposite is needed.

The black Border Collies and black Pulik, for example, are easily seen by the sheep. The movement of this black object across the pasture will immediately gain their attention. In panic, sheep will flock. When trying to stop a flock of sheep moving in the direction of the dog, the black dog will elicit more response than a white one. In fact, the white one, more than likely, would be run over by the flock of sheep!

This was a fact that was brought to my attention by a rancher who works his Border Collies. One of his dogs had a predominant amount of white in her coat. Though a very aggressive and diligent worker, her lack of color caused her problems in controlling the sheep. The rancher uses a large red bandanna around her neck to make her more visible to the livestock she was to move. A red bandanna is perceived as black by the livestock. This way, he told me, she would not get run over as often!

Moral of this story: I may not be able to get a good photograph of my black Briard, but at least he will be less likely to get run over by a flock of sheep.

NOVELTY SHOPPE

There are only 2 1/2 months left until Christmas!! Still time to get your Christmas cards & Christmas tree skirts with a silk screened Briard motif. And why not do your shopping through the Novelty Shoppe? We have a wide variety of gifts your Briard friends would love. Think of all the people who missed the Specialty and didn’t get a chance to partake of all the goodies like the pillow quilts, handpainted directors' chairs, hand-etched mirrors & glassware. Remember, a good Briarder’s motto should be

SHOPPE 'TIL YOU DROP!!!

On a related note, please order your christmas gifts as soon as possible. Gordie & I (along with the novelty shoppe) are moving south some time in October or November & I wouldn’t want anyone’s order to get delayed in the process. However, we certainly would welcome Briard guests to south carolina!

Lynn McMillan
Novelty Shoppe Chair
SEE YOU IN SALINAS IN '92!

Since I'm 15 years old I'd better start walking!

(Ch. Mousse du Coteau d'Antigo)