

# Briard Club of America Inc.



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## Board Briefs: 2Q2007

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### President's Message

Well, for us in the northern half of the country, it's that time of year again. It's show season! This is the time of year we take the seats out of the van, replace them with crates, and constantly try to see around all the nose smudges on the windows. We drive too many miles, and get too little sleep. But it's all worth it when we can be with friends and watch our four legged companions compete.

This brings to mind a terrific project that Barbe Lynch and the BEC have added to their website called Gallery of Specialty Winners. [www.briardclubofamerica.org/Education/Gallery.htm](http://www.briardclubofamerica.org/Education/Gallery.htm) This project features photos of National winners dating back to our first Specialty in 1939. It's an impressive display of our Breeds history; but Barbe needs our help to fill in some of the missing photos. If you have photos of the missing Specialty winners, or know someone who does, please call or email Barbe Lynch; and time next time you see Barbe at a show, driving a van full of crates and nose smudges, be sure to say thanks for a job well done.

Bill Weber

### 2007 Nominating Committee

The 2007 Nominating Committee has completed their task of selection of Candidates for the BCA for 2007. The Nominating Committee consisted of these members: Merry Jeanne Millner, Chair, Donna Aiello, Kathryn Lanam, alternates: Ben Kann and Dorothy Vetrone-Weaver.

The open positions that have had candidates selected are as follows:

President: Bill Weber

Vice-President: Kathy Fitzpatrick

Director: Alice Bixler

Director: Paul Hanson

Director: Nancy Sistek

Below you will find each candidates resume.

#### **Per BCA Bylaws Article IV, Section 4:**

A) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one (1) candidate for each office and for each of the three (3) pending vacant positions on the Board of Directors and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Secretary, who shall mail the list to each member of the Club on or before May 15<sup>th</sup>, so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.

B) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at his regular address on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>, signed by five (5) members and accompanied by written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein, may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

C) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the annual meeting and no balloting will be required. The stipulations of (B) and (C) regarding additional nominations shall appear on the list of candidates mailed as per (A) above.

#### **Candidate for President**

##### **Name-address-profession**

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##### **How long have you owned Briards?**

Briards became part of my life in 1989, beginning with a feisty young puppy from Diane Royce, and, as they say, the rest is history. My wife and I currently share our home with five Briards, ranging in age from 5 months to 12 years.

##### **When did you join the BCA?**

I have been a member of the BCA since 1989.

##### **What positions have you held in the BCA and when (office, chairs, committee)?**

I have served as President of the BCA Board of Directors since 2005, and served as a Director since 2003. I am a Trustee of the BCA Rescue Trust and serve as the Board liaison to the Breed Education Committee and to our AKC Delegate. I was the chairperson of the 2003 Nomination Committee, and have worked with and chaired the grounds and cleanup committee for several Nationals.

**What dog related activities do you participate in with your dog? (Conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, herding, therapy, flyball, etc)**

I showed our first dog, a Doberman, to a CD in Obedience, and have participated in the Conformation ring when someone needs an extra handler; but these days I am most involved outside the ring. Our Briards compete in Conformation, Agility, and Obedience. While my wife handles the dogs, I still enjoy assisting with their training and conditioning, and watching them compete.

**Have you bred any litters? If so, how many?**

My wife and I have co-bred eleven litters.

**Are you active in any other dog organizations? In what capacity?**

In the past, I have been involved with both our local all-breed dog club and North Central Briarders, but at this time, my efforts are focused on serving the BCA.

**What specific skills, areas of expertise or qualifications could you contribute as a board member?**

I am a detailed and task oriented individual, and an experienced Manager/Supervisor with strong team building skills. I am a good listener and respect confidentiality. I try to use a balanced approach when making decisions, and act only after carefully considering all sides of an issue.

**What issues do you see facing the Briard that you would like to see the BCA address in the next 2 years?**

**How do you suggest addressing these issues?**

Two years ago I stated that the issues facing the Briard today are continuing health issues and lack of regional organized Briard rescue efforts. I believe the BCA's Briard Medical Trust and the BCA Rescue Trust are to be commended for their work in these areas. Our newest concern facing the Briard and all purebred dogs is continuing legislative attacks on our dogs and our rights of ownership. I suggest everyone visit the AKC Legislative Alerts web page often and monitor the efforts of your state and local lawmakers.

**What issues do you see facing the BCA that you would like to see the Board address in the next 2 years? How would you suggest addressing these issues?**

The task facing any successful organization is to continually adapt and evolve to changing conditions without losing focus of their original goals or intents. This can only be achieved through the continuing efforts and cooperation of the members of the Board and individuals of the BCA membership. The Board needs to continue to encourage honest and open communication between itself, its committees and the membership.

Over the next two years, I would like to see the Board continue to address the issues facing the BCA and its membership.

Continue to evaluate our Bylaws and recommend to the membership, adoption of amendments that will allow the BCA to continue to grow, adapt and prosper.

Complete the updating and reformatting of the Policy Manual so all current BCA policies are documented and are identified as a board motion or membership motion.

Monitor state and local legislative efforts and recommend the BCA get involved when appropriate.

Many breed parent clubs are experiencing declining membership and participation. Examine ways to maintain or increase our membership base, and encourage membership involvement?

**How much time can you devote to Board activities?**

As much as is necessary. I currently average 10-15 hours per week on Board activities.

**Is there anything else you would like to say to the membership?**

I consider myself very fortunate to have served as your President, and promise that if I am re-elected, I will serve ALL members in a fair and honest manner, and promise to do the best job I can with the best interests of the BCA and the Briard in mind.

## **Candidate for Vice-President**

### **1. Name-address-profession**

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### **2. Best method members can use to contact you (phone, email, and fax)**

I currently work from home via computer so the email address above is best although that will be changing when we make our VA move final. The cell phone number will not be changing.

### **3. How long have you owned Briards? since 1975**

### **4. When did you join the BCA? since 1976**

### **5. What positions have you held in the BCA and when (office, chairs, committee)?**

During the past two years I have had the honor of serving as Vice President of the BCA. Prior to this position, I contributed to the club in an interesting variety of ways.

Years ago (mid 80's?) when Sue Erickson was secretary, there was an effort made to "share the responsibility" of some of the jobs traditionally done by the secretary. Rather than divide the job of secretary into recording and corresponding, the job of Membership Chairman was allocated to someone else. It was a position that I held for a number of years. During that time I actively solicited names of Briard owners from breeders as well as from the various regional clubs. Those not in the BCA were encouraged to join.

After the job of Membership Chairman I held the position of Puppy (Breed) Referral. I organized packets of Briard literature to send to individuals inquiring about the breed, spent countless hours on the telephone fielding questions, and maintained an updated Puppy Referral List. When I decided to breed for the first time in 1994, I felt that the referral position should be turned over to someone who did not have puppies of his/her own to place.

I have also worked on (or chaired) at least three BCA nominating committees, helped host the hospitality room at various BCA Specialties on ASBC day, and helped run a number of BCA Eye Clinics. At one National I timed the Agility Trials. In 2000 and 2001 I worked to organize the Room Raffle fundraiser for the National. At the 2004 Specialty I was chief ring steward for breed competition and one of the OB stewards. For the upcoming National I will again be organizing a Room Raffle as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Photo Contest.

### **6. What dog related activities do you participate in with your dog? (Conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, herding, therapy, flyball, etc)**

- Have shown Briards in the conformation and obedience rings;
- Have taken numerous dog-related classes including puppy kindergarten, obedience, agility, and herding;
- Have attended weekend seminars in health at University of Pennsylvania;
- Have participated in a number of judge's education seminars;
- Attended the George Alston Clinic twice and the Pat Hastings Clinic once;
- Charter Member of the Atlantic States Briard Club;
- Camp Gone to the Dogs—Week long event in Stowe, VT Summer 2001;
- Currently taking a Good Manners class in NJ as well as agility classes in VA

### **7. Have you bred any litter? If so, how many?**

I bred versatility titled Ch. Richlen Erin Go Bragh CD, HC, TT, CGC, a tawny bitch co-owned with Ellen Walton twice and had two full litters. I also bred one of Erin's daughters that I co-own, but had only a singleton puppy, Kaleigh, who is now almost eight.

**8. Are you active in any other dog organizations? In what capacity?**

I am a charter member of the Atlantic States Briard Club and have been active in various ways for well over twenty years. Prior to holding the office of BCA VP, I served the ASBC in numerous capacities, including treasurer and recording secretary. I was trophy chairman for four years for the Harrisburg Eastern Regional Specialty and chaired (or co-chaired) for years the annual ASBC Eye Clinic held in conjunction with the Bryn Mawr show. I was involved in organizing and printing an updated ASBC Constitution (soon to require additional updating), the ASBC membership/roster booklets, and the first ASBC calendar. During these past two years when I have been an officer for the BCA, my participation in our regional club has been minimal.

**9. What specific skills, areas of expertise or qualifications could you contribute as a board member?**

I have a sense of history of the club and the breed, though certainly not to the extent of some of our other club members. My interests in Briard activities are varied; breed, obedience, herding, agility, flyball—I have watched and enjoyed them all and participated at some level in all but flyball. I am organized (sometimes to a fault) and thorough (again, sometimes to a fault); if I agree to address a task I certainly do it to the best of my ability. My computer, word processing, and spreadsheet skills are excellent; I have done some basic web work; and I am familiar with databases.

**10. What issues do you see facing the Briard that you would like to see the BCA address in the next 2 years?**

I feel basically the same as I did two years ago when I first filled out this form for the office of BCA VP. I still believe that education about our breed and its health and welfare are the most important issues because our breed's future depends upon producing and placing healthy stable animals of correct Briard type.

I believe that if we were truly successful in the area of education, some problems that have faced the Briard (puppy milling/rescue situations) would be held in check. The letter that the club used to send to those inquiring about the breed outlined both the plus and the negative sides of the breed. It mentioned that because of the training, coat care, and size, the Briard is NOT a low maintenance animal and is certainly not the breed for everyone. The letter stated that if a prospective owner was not willing or able to put the time into raising a Briard, perhaps they should seek a "less complicated" breed.

Owners, breeders, judges, and the general public would all benefit from learning more about our breed and health/training/behavior issues facing not just the Briard but the canine world today.

**11. How do you suggest addressing these issues?**

Possibly because I have been in education for over thirty years, I see education as the key to this end. I think it is critical that the BCA

- continue its support of a club magazine full of Briard information in all areas;
- host an annual Specialty event rich in a number of Briard-related activities in the areas of education, fun, and competition in breed, obedience, agility, herding, etc.,
- continue to support the regional specialties;
- increase its support in the area of canine health (accomplished through the Briard Medical Trust and other avenues);
- increase its support of the education of the general public. (accomplished through our web site as well as dog education forums offered by area kennel clubs or at various dog shows);
- continue its support of the Briard Rescue Trust.

**12. What issues do you see facing the BCA that you would like to see the Board address in the next 2 years?**

I see the BCA membership and Board as "guardians" of the breed. These "special" Briard owners have access to tremendous resources (club magazines/specialty activities/web sites) about the breed. They subscribe to a Code of Ethics and most often are the first contact that the general public has with a Briard. As BCA members we

all need to represent the breed to the best of our ability and to “do right” for our wonderful animals. As BCA members we are all ambassadors of the breed.

Furthermore, the BCA Board has the somewhat daunting task of representing the varied views of its membership when it comes to club business. Given the wide geographical area, the large numbers, and the sometimes conflicting viewpoints of the members, this is a truly challenging undertaking; however, it is one the Board members have been elected to do.

**13. How would you suggest addressing these issues?**

I would hope that the membership would recognize that as a BCA Board member I was sensitive to the tasks and trust assigned to me. I attended regularly scheduled Board meetings as well as special subcommittee meetings faithfully and always did my “homework.” In our Board discussions, proposals, and voting, my interest (as well as that of my fellow Board members) was always to do what is best for the Breed.

**14. How much time can you devote to Board activities?**

Having just finished a two year term on the Board as VP, I have an excellent idea of the time commitment and feel confident that I will have the hours available to spend on BCA business. Most months we have one or more regularly scheduled telephone conference meetings as well as special meetings to address various issues.

**15. Is there anything else you would like to say to the membership?**

Again, my response is similar to the one I wrote two years ago. During the past thirty years I have enjoyed the companionship of a number of wonderful Briards, and, through them, have met outstanding individuals through my limited breeding, at Specialties, and at other dog-related functions. It takes dedicated people to make any club run successfully, and, in choosing to run for office again, I believe that it is time to give something back to the club that has provided me with so many terrific memories and experiences.

**Candidates for Director**

**Name-address-profession**

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**How long have you owned Briards?**

I have owned Briards since 1971.

**When did you join the BCA?**

I joined BCA in the early 1970s, don't remember exactly. I have Dew Claws dating back to 1973 so that's probably when I became a member.

**What positions have you held in the BCA and when (office, chairs, committee)?**

For a few years, I wrote the Briard column for the AKC Gazette. I was also on the judges' education committee and have been a mentor.

**What dog related activities do you participate in with your dog? (Conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, herding, therapy, flyball, etc)**

Conformation, obedience, rally, agility.

**Have you bred any litters? If so, how many?**

I've been co-breeder on four litters. The first was a real shock – 14 pups and a mom who thought motherhood was a spectator sport.

**Are you active in any other dog organizations? In what capacity?**

Organizations, hmmm. Life member of the Canadian Kennel Club, Founding and life member of the Bearded Collie Club of Canada (including all offices except treasurer), Bearded Collie Club of America, past pres. of the Lowchen Club of America and current Gazette columnist, Bearded Collie Club of Central Florida (former pres. and board member, Greater Ocala Dog Club (former pres, secretary and currently board member, Marion Alachua Dog Training Association. Lowchen Club of Canada, Dog Writers Association of America.

**What specific skills, areas of expertise or qualifications could you contribute as a board member?**

I suppose my best qualifications would include a non-partisan attitude, the ability to see both sides of a question and having lived long enough to realize few things are worth getting really riled up over.

**What issues do you see facing the Briard that you would like to see the BCA address in the next 2 years?**

**How do you suggest addressing these issues?**

Health issues are my main concern. Having lost three Briards to bloat over the years, I would like to see this finally conquered. Other issues that I feel we'll have to address are BSL and the proliferation of cropping bans.

**What issues do you see facing the BCA that you would like to see the Board address in the next 2 years? How would you suggest addressing these issues?**

I wish I knew the answer to that.

**How much time can you devote to Board activities?**

Time is elastic. It seems to stretch enough to allow me to do the things I want and need to do even though I have raised procrastination to an art form.

**Is there anything else you would like to say to the membership?**

Nothing to say at this time. Keeping my mouth shut keeps me out of trouble (most of the time).

**Candidate for Director**

**Name-address-profession**

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**How long have you owned Briards?**

I have owned Briards since 1998.

**When did you join the BCA?**

We joined the BCA in 2000.

**What positions have you held in the BCA and when (office, chairs, committee)?**

Nominating committee 2003.  
Statistics committee 2005 - present.  
Health clearances microchip committee, 2006.

**What dog related activities do you participate in with your dog? (Conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, herding, therapy, flyball, etc)**

I frequently handle my own dogs in Conformation, showing one of the dogs we bred to a Select rating at the 2006 Rassemblement.

I compete in obedience with my Briards, Two have completed CD titles; one requires a CD leg to complete a third CD title. I am currently working on a CDX title on one of them.

We also participate in rally obedience. All three of my Briards have RN titles.

My dogs and I compete in agility, All three of our Briards have earned titles from novice to excellent, or better, on both the standard and jumpers courses. Our dogs are often in the top rankings for Briards in AKC agility.

Finally, all three of our Briards have competed in flyball, earning Flyball Champion titles or better.

For a complete record of our Briards accomplishments, see our website: [www.cascadiabriards.com](http://www.cascadiabriards.com).

**Have you bred any litter? If so, how many?**

We bred our first litter in 2003, and are expecting our second litter to be born around May 12, 2007

**Are you active in any other dog organizations? In what capacity?**

I am currently a member of The X-Fidos flyball club and of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers ([www.apdt.com](http://www.apdt.com)).

**What specific skills, areas of expertise or qualifications could you contribute as a board member?**

I previously served as President of the Pacific Northwest Briard Club. I drafted the constitution and by-laws for The X-Fidos flyball club, then served as the first President of the Club. This experience taught me Robert's Rules of Order; however, I have more to learn on this subject. I am a Certified Pet Dog Trainer ([www.ccpdt.org](http://www.ccpdt.org)), which means that I had to study and pass an exam on subjects such as learning theory, animal husbandry, teaching methods and log in hundreds of hours as a trainer (outside of my own dogs) to earn this certification. As a trainer I offer discount training rates and free consultation for rescue dogs, having offered assistance to several Briard owners in our region.

Additionally, I have over 25 years of experience as a software engineer, and an engineering manager. My active participation in management training, included training on conducting meetings and conflict resolution.

**What issues do you see facing the Briard that you would like to see the BCA address in the next 2 years?**

There are three primary issues that I am concerned with:

1. We need to better utilize the rate of participation in health checks by Briards.
2. I would like to increase the information available to breeders on the Briard population.
3. I would like to see an increased participation rate by Briards in performance events. The Briard is a working breed and does best when trained and given an activity to participate in, and improves the relationship between the Briard and its human.

**How do you suggest addressing these issues?**

Issue number 1:

I would like to explore ways to reduce the costs associated with health checks. I would also like to see if the BCA could work with the health check organizations to simplify the process of getting the results into their databases. Currently, it is rather complicated for the Briard owner to coordinate results between OFA, CERF, and Optigen. Also, we need to educate the Briard owner on the importance of the health checks, as breeders cannot breed healthy litters without good information. I would like to see more genetic testing available to the Briard as the science is developed.

Issue number 2:

I would like to explore putting Rassemblement results into a digital format that can be searched via computer. I would also like to look into implementing a Bred For Longevity program, similar to what is being used by the Doberman Pinscher Club. This program offers dogs an LC certificate for living to an old age. It also offers dogs a



BFLx certificate to indicate the number of generations behind it that have LC certificates. The "x" in the BFLx is a number to indicate the number of generations with longevity certificates (LC). It is a simple system that covers a number of health issues. It would also offer breeders additional information when making breeding choices. Breeders cannot bring the Briard to perfection without good information.

Issue number 3:

I believe that the best way to increase participation in performance events by the Briard is through education. I would have the BCA look into getting the membership a discount on dog training materials. Also, I would like to see seminars by recognized, inspirational trainers available at BCA specialties.

**What issues do you see facing the BCA that you would like to see the Board address in the next 2 years?**

The issues I see facing the BCA are financial health of the club, improving communications to the membership, and reducing the workload for club volunteers.

**How would you suggest addressing these issues?**

I would like to revisit a store front on the BCA website as a way to increase revenue to the club. To improve communications, I would like to see the BCA website improved to provide the membership with better information on the club and the Briard. I would also like to see more educational materials in the Dew Claw. As a way to reduce volunteer workload, I would like to see the BCA investigate the use of a database and software technology to simplify record keeping for our Briards. There is too much manual labor involved in keeping track of performance statistics, versatility titles, Hall Of Fame eligibility, RASS results, etc.

**How much time can you devote to Board activities?**

On average, four hours per week. However, I am able to be flexible as the need arises.

**Is there anything else you would like to say to the membership?**

Generally speaking, I believe the best way to solve most issues is through education rather than through mandates.

Thanks for considering me for the BCA board. I would like the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the board, the BCA, and to the breed. Please feel free to contact me.

### **Candidate for Director**

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By profession, I am the Parish Administrator of Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson, Ohio, a position I have held for 7 years. As Parish Administrator, I manage all the business aspects of this church of approximately 900 members. Budget management and the execution of all the bookkeeping is the tip of my iceberg. Working with a committee of parishioners with investment backgrounds, I help monitor the Endowment Fund. The pledge/giving campaign, also under my guidance, is accomplished annually with the assistance of a very hard working volunteer committee. I am responsible for the entire physical plant comprised of a church, chapel, century home, offices, classrooms and all the attendant grounds. Supervision of all non-cleric paid staff and our extensive volunteer force requires daily attention. I coordinate all church publicity and promotion including paid advertising, public relations, air media and web site.

**How long have you owned Briards?**

**When did you join the BCA?**

Friends who were owned by a Briard named Raleigh introduced my family to this amazing breed. They let us interact with him extensively cautioning us "they are not a breed for everyone." It was this same family who

called us when a Michigan Ohio Briard Club newsletter came out listing a litter. We called immediately. I stated, "We only want a tawny female." The breeder apologized and said the only pup left was a black male. Of course I replied, "We'll take him! Please find us worthy! We *need* him!" In March of 1996 Moxi Magnum Opus Laurel Hill became the first Briard to own us. We joined the BCA in the fall of that same year while attending our first BCA National. By the way, "we" refers to my husband Rick, Chair of the History Department at a private high school and my daughter Emily, currently interning to complete her Masters Degree in Community Counseling.

**What positions have you held in the BCA and when (office, chairs, committee)?**

I have not held any office with the BCA. I am the current chair of the decorations committee for the 2007 National. I am calling on my theatre design background to take a bit of a different direction with decorations. The theme of the National is Rock 'n Roll, although a bit before my time, (LOL) makes the planning easy. What a thrill to have a National in my very own backyard! Anyone who needs "local" info, please call me! I helped with Rassemblement in 2006 and with other small items at that National such as filling welcome bags, setting up the welcome table and you may remember me as the "overly friendly stranger #2" at temperament testing.

**What dog related activities do you participate in with your dog? (Conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, herding, therapy, flyball, etc)**

I participate in conformation with my male special Dante and, coming this summer or fall, with my bitch Ginevra. Dante, Ginevra and Solaire (that's all our Briards) and I participate in obedience. Dante, who passed his TDI in Chicago, and I are just beginning therapy visits. That leaves our 16-year-old rescue, Tasha, home guarding the hearth from the comfort of our couch. Last, but definitely not least in our family of fur is Noah, the Siamese cat who knows he's a dog.

**Have you bred any litters? If so, how many?**

I co-bred Dante's first litter upon the advice of a trusted mentor. I have not bred any other litters. I have supervised 4 breedings with my boy and helped whelp one litter. I am so pleased that this litter is located only one half hour from me so I am with them as often as is possible. Once I experience the phases of this breeding from birth to going home with their new people, I feel I will have a better sense of whether I am meant to participate in breeding beyond stud service.

**Are you active in any other dog organizations? In what capacity?**

I am a member of the Michigan Ohio Briard Club serving as Treasurer, and a member of Therapy Dogs International. I conducted one fund raising raffle for the MOBC in summer of 2006 and I am doing trophies for one day of a two day Regional in May 2007.

**What specific skills, areas of expertise or qualifications could you contribute as a board member?**

If elected a board member my years of working with volunteers will be an asset. I have publicity and promotion skills having worked in entertainment advertising and management in NYC for 8 years. At that time, I was pursuing my first career in theatre holding a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan and a Master of Arts Degree in Theatre Direction & Mass Communication from William Patterson College of New Jersey. I would happily serve in areas of fiscal concern based on my current profession as well as past experience running companies for absentee owners. I could assist in fund raising activities having designed and executed many fundraisers during my years working in non-profit arts organizations.

**What issues do you see facing the Briard that you would like to see the BCA address in the next 2 years?**

**How do you suggest addressing these issues?**

Health issues are what I see as the on-going concern for the Briard. In my opinion, the health of the Briard extends beyond the physical; it includes the animal's mental health and the healthy bond between the Briard and his person(s) as well.

I suggest the BCA consider raising the profile of research for breed related health concerns as well as promoting research funding more aggressively. I would like to see more articles concerning cancer research in the breed. I believe there is a wealth of health knowledge that experienced briarders share, but would like to see it compiled and distributed to the membership. I am willing to help gather and publish, albeit informally, information via interviews with those who have first hand knowledge of disease or a condition in the breed. I would like the publication to contain layperson descriptions of medical tests available, when to have them and why. I would like it to contain everything from how to treat hot spots, to what to do when a diagnosis of cancer is involved. What

alternative therapies are available? What support systems are available to the person of the ailing Briard? Perhaps a health hot line could be added to the web site.

**What issues do you see facing the BCA that you would like to see the Board address in the next 2 years? How would you suggest addressing these issues?**

The BCA already does such an excellent job promoting what I refer to as the mental health of the Briard, I am not sure that I can suggest anything more! By offering herding instinct testing and course herding events, the BCA captures the birthright of the breed. The first time I tested a Briard in herding instinct, it really did take my breath away! In my experience, the Briard needs to be busy. Busy training in agility, rally, fly ball, carting or any of the performance events or busy in the calm, the dignity and the quiet joy the Briard brings to a therapy visit. These same events promote the bond between the Briard and their person. I had never attended a training class until my first breeder insisted that I attend obedience with my Briard. That experience changed my life! Since that class, I have secretly wondered why we call it obedience. It really is cooperative understanding (and perhaps a bit of luck!)

I really enjoy Briard University and other educational classes sponsored by the BCA that further my knowledge of the breed. I am pleased that such a range of education is made available from genetics and movement to the practical art of grooming. Now that I have been in the breed 9 years, I am aware of all I do not know, and excited about all there is to learn! A personal goal is to help with educational events. While not nearly ready to be “teacher” I am qualified and willing to create printed material for instructors or help promote and advertise educational events.

**How much time can you devote to Board activities?**

I can give as much time as is necessary to accomplish the goals of the BCA board or assignments as are given. My time is available evenings and weekends. I can receive messages at work and return calls or emails after business hours.

**Is there anything else you would like to say to the membership?**

You may not have known me at all when you began reading the answers to this questionnaire; I hope you know me a bit better now. Thank you for reading! While not the expert in any particular area of the breed, I have the desire to lend those practical ‘behind-the-scenes, get it done’ gifts I do have to be part of promoting the Briard and the BCA. I am honored to be nominated and thankful to run for a position on the board of the BCA.

## **BCA Health and Education Trust**

Quarterly Report - May 2007

During the last three months, we have:

- Organized and recruited blood samples for an additional control group of older Briards for Dr. Breen. This group consists of 5 dogs and 5 bitches, free of cancer and again, not related to each other for 3 generations.
- Recruited and assisted owners with the submission of tissue and blood samples from an additional 11 Briards with newly diagnosed cancers. Tissue with the diagnoses of hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, hemangiopericytoma, mast cell tumor, and transitional cell carcinoma were included in this group. We await pathology reports and tissue submission on 2 of these cases. Blood from first degree relatives of affected dogs will be recruited once the tissue has been submitted.
- Dr Pletcher of Scripps Institute now has more than 50 DNA samples from Briards for his Herding Dog Study.
- Made contact with additional canine research funding agencies to learn of the scope of research projects they support, their policies, their structure, process of peer review of grant proposals, funding cycles, interest in working with breed clubs, such as ours and reporting.

- Responded to members seeking information on various diagnoses. We have been able to put them in contact with researchers specializing in those diseases.
- Contact has been made with a number of researchers studying various diseases to determine if Briards could be included in their current studies.
- Continued working on the details of “Health Day” at the National.
- Had a fund raising booth at the Harrisburg weekend.

Because the Trust has not yet been successful in locating any ongoing or proposed bloat research study, we are attempting different strategy. Barbara Lynch has been collecting data on bloat across all breeds. She will report her findings to the trust, and we will contact the parent clubs of those breeds who have the highest incidence of bloat to determine their interest in pooling resources to fund such a study. With sufficient interest among other breed clubs and a pledge of adequate seed money, we will then contact several funding agencies with a request that they put out a call for proposals for bloat research.

The Medical Committee of the BCA Health and Education Trust adheres to the following rules of conduct governing responsible and ethical behavior as it carries out the activities of the trust:

- Maintains confidentiality as it pertains to the identity of any individual dog, its name, its owners name, its breeders name, its purpose of involvement with the Medical Committee to any parties outside of the committee or the researchers/lab personnel involved with the case.
- No identifying information will be made public when releasing data in the form of reports, articles, etc. for the purpose of educating the Briard fancy and/or reporting Medical Committee or trust activities.
- Adheres to confidentiality policies of each research institution to which we are recruiting and sending tissue/blood samples.
- Respects the rights of informed consent and other legal requirements when involving individual dogs and their owners records for research purposes.
- Preserves the dogs/owners anonymity outside of the research setting.
- Obtains permission to list dog’s call name and owner’s name on the trust’s recognition list.
- Obtains permission to contact owners of first degree relatives of affected dogs for the purpose of recruiting blood for research purposes.
- Respects the rights and reputations of individual dogs and owners, at all times.
- Adheres to the Briard Club of America code of ethics.

## **Briard Rescue and Trust**

Briard Rescue has had a busy Spring.

We are currently working on updating the website and creating a logo. We have also begun work on our Briard Rescue Information Book. Each of these projects will take time and the help of many volunteers, so please don’t hesitate to contact me if you are interested in helping. I really look forward to working with you.

This past quarter, we have had many possible rescues but I am happy to report that no Briards entered into our system. It seems we have had many shelter \*Briard-wannabes\*. Fortunately, most of these dogs we were able to identify by pictures and information from the shelters. But every now and then we do need to actually visit the shelter to make a positive identification on the dogs in question. The visit to the shelter is a very tough job and I

think it is especially even harder when the dog in question is **not** a Briard. Seeing all of those animals at the shelter, meeting the \*Briard-wannabes\* and having to walk away really pulls on the heart strings.

I would like to thank Karen Fedi, Fran Ferrante, and Susan Carmel for helping to do a physical identification at a shelter in their area.

We have had 3 owner surrenders. I am very proud to say that Rescue played a major role in facilitating happy endings. We helped all 3 of these owners work out keeping their Briards with them.

So please contact me if you are interested in being a part of Briard Rescue  
Merry Jeanne Millner

### **2007 Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Briard Club of America will be held on Thursday October 4, 2007 at 8:00 pm EST at the Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield, OH.

### **Annual Meeting Preliminary Agenda and Previous Notice Requirement (5/08/07)**

Regarding the setting of the agenda for the Annual Meeting:

The secretary will mail to the entire membership at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, written notice of the date, time and location of the meeting, and a preliminary meeting agenda. This will allow the entire membership, whether attending the meeting or not, to voice their opinions by mail or e-mail, and with the permission of the assembly, have them read at the annual meeting.

To develop an agenda, and to satisfy previous notice requirements for the adoption of certain motions, an announcement that a motion will be introduced at the annual meeting may be submitted in writing to the Secretary, postmarked no later than 45 days prior to the meeting.

### **BCA Awards**

It is time to put forth your nominations for 2007 BCA Awards. Awards, which are presented at the National Specialty, include the Distinguished Service Award and ten Merci Beaucoup Awards. Please submit your nominations to the Secretary no later than July 1, 2007.

### **2007 Room Raffle and Photo Contest**

Please see attached or enclosed fliers regarding room raffle and photo contest for this years National.

### **2009 Nationals**

A proposal is currently being worked on. The Board has been given details and has instructed the SCC members to pursue this proposal. Plans are for a 4.5 days of Herding & Clinics, followed by 3 days of conformation. Agility will be included with all-breed agility trials. The National will conclude on a Fri. followed by 2 all-breed shows on the weekend. Where: Fort Worth, Texas. Time: October 8 – Sweepstakes October 9 – Conformation. The BCA can also support an entry at the all breed shows on October 10-11 as well as all breed agility trials on October 3 & 4 and 10 & 11. The Board is looking for someone to be the Show Chair.

### **2010 Nationals**

The 2010 Nationals are set for September 19-26 at the Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell, KY. The Board is seeking a willing individual to be the Show Chair. Please contact either the Secretary if you are interested.

### **2011 Nationals**

Rotation for the 2011 Nationals takes us to the East Coast. The Board is looking for proposals from the East Coast.

### **Joint Memberships**

“Do you still qualify for a joint membership?” Per the BCA Bylaws, Article 1-Membership Section 1 **Joint membership:** “Open to two persons 18 years of age and older who reside in the same household. They are entitled to all privileges of the club including the right to hold office. Each of these two persons will have one vote.” If your joint membership no longer fits within this criteria, then please contact the Secretary and have your membership status corrected.

### **New Membership Application**

In July 2006 the membership application was revised. All current members at that time were given a copy of the revised application. The revised application is available on the website. As of January 1, 2008, applications for membership on any other application other than the revised July 2006 application will be returned with a request to re-submit the application on the current revised application.

### **Purina Parent Club**

Please see the attached letter received from Purina regarding club members involvement. Thank you to each of our members that have participated. To each member that feeds Purina I hope you will consider joining the Purina Parent Club program.

### **Board Minutes**

#### March 13, 2007, 8:05 pm est Conference Call

Present: Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth

Absent: Clevenger

Ratification of email motion made on Feb. 28, 2007.

**Motion:** *I move that we ratify the email motion on Feb. 28, 2007 approving the Specialty Coordination Committee Mission Statement.*

*Motion made by Kline, seconded by Fitzpatrick*

*Approved by Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent: Clevenger*

Discussion on 2007 Nominating Committee. 14 names submitted for the Nominating Committee. Final Selection was follows: Merry Jeanne Millner, Chair, Donna Aiello, Kathy Lanam and alternates Ben Kann and Dorothy Vetrone-Weaver.

New membership applications: Dr. Paul & Dr. Nancy Belser, Carol Busey, Amy Callum, Linda Christie, Thomas Cowell, Cheryl Davidman & Ronald Lederman, Shaun DiGiovacchino, Jim Hosier, Ann D. Hyra, Karen Martin, James E. & Glenda G. Peake, Myra E. Roth, Kenneth & Paulette Schick, Heather Spencer.

**Motion:** *I move that we accept the new membership applications*

*Motion made by Ronell, second by Goldman*

*Approved by all Board members present.*

Discussion on request from Briard Club of California for the BCA to support to days of the Mission Circuit.

**Motion:** *I move that the BCA support 2 days of Briard Entry at the Mission Circuit.*

*Motion made by Groce, second by Goldman*

*Approved by Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent: Clevenger*

Discussion on email received from Mary Weir regarding fundraising for herding trophies, clinic expenses.

**Motion:** *I move to approve the fundraising for herding trophies & clinics with coordination with the Finance Committee for parameters, guidelines and setting up of an account.*

*Motion made by Simenauer, second by Kline*

*Approved by Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent: Clevenger*

Discussion on AKC International Obedience Invitational. Will send to Nona Horsley Obedience Chair for comments back to AKC.

Send out to the membership via 2QBB AKC Responsible Dog Ownership.

Letter received from AKC regarding mentor program. Will send to the Breed Education Committee to be filled out and sent to AKC.

Discussion on a separate Herding Trials from the Nationals when course is not available at Nationals.

**Motion:** *I move that if the National Specialty show does not have C Course herding in an area within 200 miles of the host hotel, the Herding Committee may hold a Briard Club of America National Herding Trial at another location and another time that has both C Course and A Course. This trial will still need Board approval of the site, date and budget.*

*Motion made by Groce, second by Goldman*

*Approved by Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent Clevenger*

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm est

April 10, 2007 8:10 pm est Conference Call

Present: Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth

Absent: Clevenger

Discussion on Healthy Puppy. Change picture to a drawing. Ask BEC if they can provide a drawing for this.

Discussion on request from BEC for a Laptop.

**Motion:** *I move that we approve the purchase of a laptop from the BEC allocated funds up to \$1500.00 for computer, case, software and speakers.*

*Motion made by Lee, second by Fedi*

*Motion approved by: Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent: Clevenger*

Discussion on Breeder Referral Form for referral and use on the website.

**Motion:** *I move that we approve the Breeder Referral Form submitted by Maureen Visnicky*

*Motion made by Groce, second by Lee*

*Motion approved by: Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent: Clevenger*

Discussion on Breeder Directory. The Board approves the concept, will request that Maureen Visnicky contact other clubs on how they handle the director and cost of advertising.

Discussion on mission statement for Finance Committee.

**Motion:** *I move that we approve the mission statement submitted for the Finance Committee.*

*Motion made by Ronell, second by Goldman*

*Approved by: Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent: Clevenger*

Ratification of email motion regarding new application of Franklin Rountree.

**Motion:** *I move that we ratify the email vote taken regarding the new application of Franklin Rountree.*

*Motion made by Goldman, second by Groce.*

*Approved by all members present.*

Ratification of email motion to have the BCA send a letter of opposition of California Bill AB1634.

**Motion:** *I move that we ratify the email vote taken to send a letter in opposition of California Bill AB1634.*

*Motion made by Kline, second by Ronell*

*Approved by: Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent: Clevenger*

Discussion on Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund. The board approves the principle concept of changing the lead contact from the BCA to the BMT.

Discussed accepting the resignation of Linda Fox as 2007 Show Chair.

**Motion:** *I move that we accept the resignation of Linda Fox as the 2007 Show Chair.*

*Motion made by Ronell, second by Weymouth*

*Approved by all board members present*

Discussion on ratification of Peter Simenauer as the 2007 Show Chair.

**Motion:** *I move that we ratify the email vote taken to approve Peter Simenauer as the new 2007 Show Chair.*

*Motion made by Weymouth, second by Kline*

*Approved by all board members present, Simenauer abstained.*

AKC Parent Club Survey. Weber and Goldman will handle responding to the survey.

Discussion on BCA qualified Presenter-Tutors.

**Motion:** *I move to approve Denise Simenauer as a BCA Presenter-Tutor.*

*Motion made by Lee, second by Ronell*

*Approved by all board members present, Simenauer abstained.*

Discussed the resignation of Deanna Vick as Chair of the Finance Committee.

**Motion:** *I move that we accept the resignation of Deanna Vick as chair of the Finance Committee.*

*Motion made by Goldman, second by Ronell*

*Approved by all board members present.*

Meeting adjourned 10:57 pm est

#### April 24, 2007 8:00 pm est Conference Call

Present: Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth, Clevenger

Discussion of request from MOBC for supported entry at Canfield in August.

**Motion:** *I move that we accept the request from MOBC for the BCA to support the entry at Canfield in August.*

*Motion made by Groce, second by Kline*

*Approved by: Weber, Fitzpatrick, Ronell, Kline, Goldman, Groce, Lee, Fedi, Simenauer, Weymouth*

*Absent: Clevenger*



Discussed “meritorious” request for payment of dues from James & Katie Larsen and Rosemary Szostak  
**Motion:** *I move that we approve the “meritorious” request received from James & Katie Larsen and Rosemary Szostak.*

*Motion made by Lee, second by Groce  
 Approved by all board members present.*

Clevenger joined conference call.

Discussion on Breed Education Committee appointments.

**Motion:** *I move that we approve Meg Weitz as the coordinator of the BEC until 2009.  
 Motion made by Clevenger, second by Kline  
 Approved by all board members present.*

Discussion on all applicants for the BEC and division of Class of 2008 and Class of 2009. Secret ballots sent out after the conference call. All board members participated in the vote. Class of 2008: David Behrens, Kathy Lanam, Barbara Lynch. Class of 2009: Margaret Shappard, Denise Simenauer, Donavon Thompson.

Discussion on Lifetime Membership. Discussed added a sentence to include “extensive meritorious service”. Will be worked on and sent to the membership for a vote and bylaws change.

Meeting adjourned 10:39 pm est.

**Roster Corrections**

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Approved March & April 2007

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### Puppy Referral

| Breeder (Kennel) Contact Info  | (Possibly) Available   | Sire   | Dam  |
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| Toni Jones<br>3195 5 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>Wayland, MI 49348<br>269-792-1439<br>269-838-5551<br>Denise Simenauer<br>6201 Horizon Heights Dr.<br>Kalamazoo, MI 49009<br>269-372-2175<br>269-352-4011 | Tawny puppies whelped<br>2/6/07; 1 pet boy, 1 potential<br>show girl | <b>Ch. Dior Aigner Made To<br/>Order "Michael"</b><br>ROM, AOM<br>OFA: FB-968E29M-<br>T Hips Excellent<br>OFA: FB-EL55328-T Elbows<br>Normal<br>Thyroid: Normal<br>CERF: BR-481 (05)<br>Cardiac: FB-CA43/127/M/C-<br>PI Normal<br>CSNB: Genotypically Clear<br>for Stationary Night Blindness<br>CHIC #35011 | <b>Ch. Dior Boyz Southern<br/>Comfort "Savannah"</b><br>OFA: FB-1395F24F-PI Hips<br>Fair<br>OFA: FB-EL207F24-PI<br>Elbows Normal<br>CERF: BR-663 (03) Normal |
| Elise McMahon<br>125 E. Chestnut Hill Rd.<br>Mantague, MA 01351<br>413-367-0094<br>Janis Charbonneau<br>RR 4<br>Yarmouth, Nova Scotia<br>902-742-8972  | Tawny puppies expected mid-<br>May                                   | <b>Ch. Random Encounter de<br/>l'Heureux "Randy"</b><br>OFA: FB-1358G30M-PI Hips<br>Good<br>OFA: FB-EL190M30-PI<br>Elbows Normal<br>CERF: BR-695 (05) Normal<br>CSNB: Clear by pedigree  | <b>Beardsanbrow's Ursa Major<br/>"Ursa"</b><br>OFA: FB-1537G24F-PI Hips<br>Good<br>CSNB: Clear by pedigree<br>CERF: BR-668 (05) Normal                       |
| Christi Leigh<br>1503 Verdel<br>Carlsbad, NM 88220<br>505-217-3813   | Tawny puppies whelped<br>3/20/07                                     | <b>Ch. Celebratia Boy Beyond<br/>Belief "Bohdan"</b><br>OFA: Preliminary Hips<br>Excellent   | <b>Ch. Celebra's Unforgettable<br/>U</b><br>OFA: FB-1523G27F-PI Hips<br>Good<br>CERF: BR-673 (05) Normal   |

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| <p>Victoria Bochorski<br/>8227 W. Canal Rd.<br/>Brockport, NY 14420<br/>585-395-1357</p>   | <p>4 males<br/>7 females</p>                             | <p><b>Ch. Fantastic Alanco “Teak”</b><br/><br/>Rass Select 2004 (USA),<br/>Canada (2003)<br/>OFA: FB-1285G24M-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL154M24-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CERF: BR-614 (05)<br/>Cardiac: FB-CA9126M/C-PI<br/>Normal<br/>CHIC #21033</p>                                    | <p><b>Ch. Berkshire’s Shasta Daisy<br/>“Shasta”</b><br/><br/>Rass Select USA (2006)<br/>OFA: FB-1593G61F-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL308F-61-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CERF: BR-800 (06)</p>  |
| <p>Holly Dundore<br/>12914 Portland Ave. S<br/>Burnsville, MN 55337<br/>952-890-2616</p>   | <p>Puppies whelped 4/11/07<br/>3 males<br/>3 females</p> | <p><b>Ch. Phunky Farley de<br/>Tambrie “Farley”</b><br/><br/>Rass Select USA (2004)<br/>OFA: FB-1349G50M-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL211M50-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CERF: BR-667 (04)<br/>CSNB: BR-000077<br/>Genotypically clear for<br/>stationary night blindness<br/>CHIC#29535</p>   | <p><b>Ch. Voici Savannah de<br/>Guernade “Savvy”</b><br/><br/>OFA: FB-1625G26F-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL330F26-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CERF: BR-801 (07)<br/>CSNB: Clear by pedigree</p>                                       |
| <p>Noreen &amp; Michael Sankovich<br/>3635 Carlisle Rd.<br/>Dover, PA 17315-4413<br/>717-292-6581</p>                              | <p>Tawny puppies expected early<br/>June</p>             | <p><b>Ch Sagi-Moon’s Tag Ewe’R<br/>It</b><br/><br/>OFA: FB-1530G27M-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL276M27-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CERF: BR-769 (04,06)<br/>Normal<br/>CSNB: Clear by pedigree</p>  | <p><b>Sagi’s Very Tru Blu Moon</b><br/><br/>OFA: FB-1626G27F-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: Fb-EL331F27-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CERF: BR-723 (05, 06)<br/>Normal<br/>CSNB: Clear by pedigree</p>  |
| <p>Paul &amp; Kathryn Hanson<br/>Portland, OR 97225<br/>503-265-8143<br/>Nancy SisteK<br/>Stow, OH 44224-2286<br/>330-686-2286</p> | <p>Puppies expected mid May<br/>2007</p>                 | <p><b>Ch. Dante Bohemia Elite<br/>“Dante”</b><br/><br/>Rass Select 2004 (USA)<br/>OFA: FB-1500E25M-PI Hips<br/>Excellent<br/>OFA: FB-EL258M25-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CSNB: FB-SNB57/14M-PI<br/>Clear<br/>CERF: BR-690 (04) Normal<br/>Thyroid: FB-TH23/13M-PI<br/>Normal<br/>CHIC#23694</p> | <p><b>Glendrovers Riante<br/>Angelique “Caprice”</b><br/><br/>HOF<br/>OFA: fB-1304G24F-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL165F24-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CSNB: FB-SNB75/26F-PI<br/>Clear<br/>CERF: BR-643 (03) Normal<br/>CHIC#35970</p> |
| <p>Judy &amp; Ron Schramm<br/>5803 Steubenville Pk.<br/>McKees Rocks, PA<br/>15136-1312<br/>412-787-1163</p>                       | <p>Puppies expected May 2007</p>                         | <p><b>Ch. Rodin Du Moulin D’Eau<br/>“Danny”</b><br/><br/>Rass Select 2004, 2006 USA<br/>OFA: FB-1321F28M-PI Hips<br/>Fair<br/>OFA: FB-EL173M28-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>DNA: V232373<br/>CSNB: Tested Genetically<br/>Normal</p>  | <p><b>Ch. Nase Czechmate<br/>Moravia Campanella “Cece”</b><br/><br/>Rass Select 2006 USA<br/>OFA: FB-1627G28F-NOPI<br/>Hips Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL332F28-NOPI<br/>Elbows Normal</p>  |

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| <p>Nancy Sistik<br/>3857 Kenwood Dr.<br/>Stow, OH 44224<br/>330-686-2286 evenings</p>   | <p>Tawny puppies whelped<br/>4/11/07<br/>3 males<br/>7 females</p> | <p><b>Ch. Dante Bohemia Elite<br/>"Dante"</b><br/>Rass Select 2004 (USA)<br/>OFA: FB-1500E25M-PI Hips<br/>Excellent<br/>OFA: FB-EL258M25-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CSNB: FB-SNB57/14M-PI<br/>Clear<br/>CERF: BR-690 (04) Normal<br/>Thyroid: FB-TH23/13M-PI<br/>Normal<br/>CHIC#23694</p> | <p><b>Ch. Sagi's Volatile Reaction<br/>"Vera"</b><br/>OFA: FB-1623G27F-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL329F27-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CSNB: Clear by pedigree</p>  |
| <p>Jeanne Lorang<br/>Steve &amp; Claude Cooper<br/>PO Box 567<br/>Lebec, CA 93243<br/>661-248-6164<br/>661-618-8798</p>   | <p>Blacks, possible tawny<br/>puppies due 5/27/07</p>              | <p><b>Ivanhoe Nadina-Sis "Ivy"</b><br/>OFA: FB-1525G24M-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>CSNB: Clear by pedigree</p>   | <p><b>Lebec Vertige de<br/>l'Hermitage "Dizzie"</b><br/>OFA: FB-1648G28F-PI Hips<br/>Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL347F28-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CERF: BR-805 (06)<br/>Cardiac: FB-CA54/24F/C-PI<br/>Normal<br/>CSNB: Carrier</p>   |
| <p>Denise &amp; Peter Simenauer<br/>6201 Horizon Heights Dr.<br/>Kalamazoo, MI 49009<br/>269-372-2175<br/>or<br/>7146 Estero Blvd. #210<br/>Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931<br/>269-352-4011</p> | <p>Black and Tawny puppies<br/>expected the end of May</p>         | <p><b>Ch. Rodin Du Moulin D'Eau<br/>"Danny"</b><br/>Rass Select 2004, 2006 USA<br/>OFA: FB-1321F28M-PI Hips<br/>Fair<br/>OFA: FB-EL173M28-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>DNA: V232373<br/>CSNB: Tested Genetically<br/>Normal</p>  | <p><b>Am, Can, Int, United Ch.<br/>Dior Boyz Satin Doll, CGC,<br/>HIC, TDI, TT "Satie"</b><br/>OFA: FB-1396G43F-PI<br/>Hips Good<br/>OFA: FB-EL208F24-PI<br/>Elbows Normal<br/>CERF: BR-629 (03, 05)<br/>Normal<br/>CSNB: BR-000296<br/>Genotypically clear<br/>Cardiac: FB-CA46/58F/C-PI<br/>Normal</p> |