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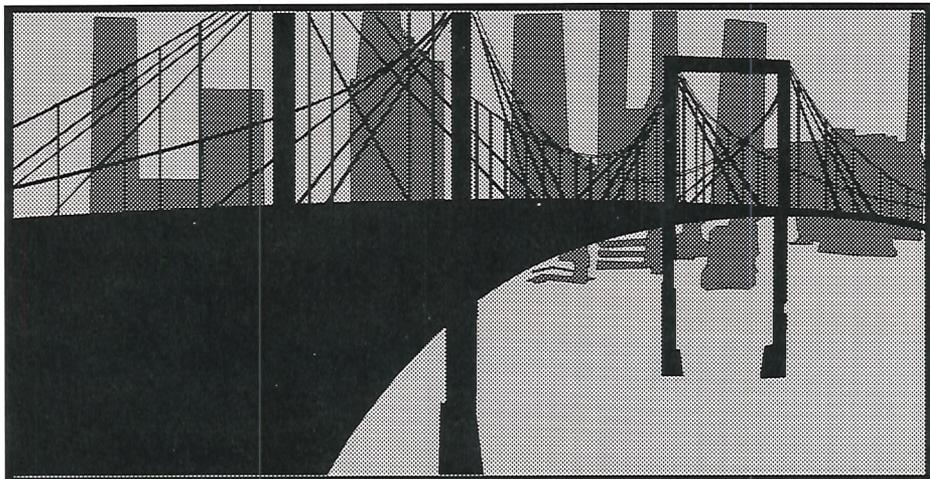
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Ch. Alden's Cajun Spice O'Woodrose

Spice finished his championship quickly in four shows as a puppy. He is shown here with Judge Dana Plonkey going Best of Winners at the Pomeranian Club of Hawaii Specialty.

He is handled by his owner, Yvette Oganeku, who does a beautiful job.

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There are things that go bump in the night, and things that will sting you, stick you, bite you or just plain bug you, but what about **BUFO** alvarius?

Also called the Sonoran Desert Toad or Colorado River Toad, whatever moniker he goes by, this dude is trouble! I've had rattlesnakes coiled by my door, sleeping under the car, and even found one inside a



Linda in all her glory!

bale of hay still alive. I've been stung by scorpion and had a horse run me in jumping cholla cactus. All this I can handle but BUFO is something else.

He can grow to over two pounds and active from June through September in our area. I saw one the second time we had irrigation here, and at first thought, it was a cute frog and would eat lots of bugs. He's main purpose in life is to make my life miserable.

His skin is very toxic. All a dog has to do is mouth it, not even break the skin, and you have a problem. They are mainly out at night, so when the dogs go out after dark, check the yard with a light and then start with them. If (or should I say when) a dog grabs one, the first thing to do is wash the poison out of its mouth with the hose, the Inderal, Chlorpheniramine and Asium to mouth every 6 hours.

I didn't know that ALL toads are a little toxic, and that some salamanders in the NW are very toxic and can kill a dog. Since spotting the first toad, I have embarked on scorched-earth policy and so far have speared 4 huge adults and am eager

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presents

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Among Willie's accomplishments are 10 Best of Breeds under: Arlene Czech, Ed Jenner, Beverly Lehnig, Forrest McCoy, Robert J. Moore, Dorothy Nickles, Norman Patton, R. Stephen Shaw, Alfred Treen and Edna Voyles. He also has two Group II placements: under Beverly Lehnig and the other under Peggy Dillard Carr.

Many thanks to Willie's breeders, John C. Lewis and Adam Verrett. Without them would not have been possible.

JK's Country Boomerang



"Boo Boo"

"Boo Boo" is shown taking Winners Dog under Mr. Norman Patton. "Boo Boo" also has one of Breed under Mrs. Sadie Thorn.

Watch for this little crowd pleaser in the showing ring.

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hing nearby.

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me some time. Usually active after 10
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ied to get him he ducked back inside.
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nfortable lawn chair (no need to rough it)
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with my gig at the ready proceeded to
t for Mr. BUFO.

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t victim. Don't get me wrong....I love the
of the wild, the open spaces, and the
imals in their natural habitat.
Fortunately for the critters like rattlers,
rpions, and poison toads that natural
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by Tim Goddard

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Epilepsy: A Round-Up of Facts and Ideas

by Carole Fry Owen

"Epilepsy. You're never going to eliminate it," stated veterinary researcher/teacher, Roger M. Clemmons, with what sounded like absolute certainty.

Hopelessness is not Clemmons' message, though. He makes a strong case for pragmatic, positive action in Scottish Terrier, and all canine, breeding programs.

Associate Professor of Neurology at University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Clemmons is familiar to STCA members as one of the veterinarians who, in the 1970's, did the original research on Scottie Cramp at Washington State University.

"I still feel a lot for Scotties because of my work with Ken Meyers on Cramp," said Clemmons. There may not be a Scottie in Clemmons' back yard, but a self-acknowledged terrier man shares his Gainesville, Florida, home with a Jack Russell Terrier, whose exploits against squirrels delight him.

"Unlike Scottie Cramp, the inheritance of epilepsy is very complex," commented Clemmons. "It involves at least six gene pairs, and it takes three matches out of those six pairs to produce epilepsy." This fact was news to me, as it may be to you. It's been acknowledged by veterinary researchers for about 10 years.

The paradox is that two normal parents might each carry only two matches of these pertinent genes and, thus, not be epileptic themselves. However, the roulette wheel of breeding may spin matchups of three or more of those critical genes to one or more of their offspring. Result: epilepsy. "In plain language," said Clemmons, "you can breed normal dogs and get all epileptics, or you can breed two epileptics and get all normal dogs."

"A disease like Scottie Cramp, you can eliminate," pointed out Clemmons. "Cramp is simple, one gene defect with recessive inheritance."

Clemmons was not judgmental about our breed's failure to work out Cramp. Comparing the two disorders, he stated simply, "We can't even get rid of Scottie Cramp."

However, epilepsy is a different story. Clemmons is realistic about its complexity.

"Epilepsy, we're going to have to live with. The problems with the term 'epilepsy' is that too many breeders look at it as only an inherited disorder."

British geneticist, Malcolm Willis, agrees. In his popular Genetics of the Dog (1989), Willis cautions that it is "dangerous for breeders to immediately assume that they have a genetic problem on their hands. Only when other possible causes have been checked as far as possible and been eliminated should the breeder begin to consider idiopathic epilepsy." That is not a light statement for a geneticist and German Shepherd breeder, who also wrote the definitive book of the Shepherd breed. German Shepherds are affected by a high incidence of inherited epilepsy, and Willis had done much of the pedigree documentation of the disorder.

Here's where definitions and diagnostics become important.

First, the term "idiopathic." Idiopathic means of "unknown causes." Idiopathic epilepsy is what classically is defined as true epilepsy or inherited epilepsy. It's the diagnosis breeders would rather not hear.

The best definition of epilepsy I've found comes from the 1991 textbook by Clemmons and his colleague in neurology at the University of Florida, Dr. Cheryl Chrisman. Anyone looking for a comprehensive, easy-to-understand overview of true epilepsy and acquired seizure disorders should read Chapter 8, "Seizures," pp. 177-205, in Dr. Chrisman's Problems in Small Animal Neurology.

Christman writes: "Epilepsy can be defined as a disorder characterized by recurrent seizures with no active underlying disease process occurring in the brain. Epilepsy may be caused by an inherited biochemical defect or may be acquired because of some cerebral insult resulting in a focus of neurons with altered thresholds."

Lowering of threshold, "Every animal, including the human, has a so-called seizure threshold that is genetically determined," writes Dr. Alexander de Lahunta in the 1986 CA Handbook. "When this is exceeded, an uncontrolled neuronal discharge occurs that may cause what we observe as a seizure....This threshold varies among individuals and normally is exceptionally low in those with idiopathic epilepsy. Genetic factors are believed to determine the structural and metabolic basis of this threshold....The role of the environment in influencing this threshold is unknown."

What to do

What should the owner do if his dog has seizures? "The first step, which may be the most difficult for the concerned owner, is to leave the dog alone!" directs Dr. de Lahunta. "This dog will usually not injure itself except for occasionally biting its lips or tongue. The dog will not swallow its tongue."

Many have never seen a seizure. A typical epileptic seizure might progress as Dr. Samuel Hodesson once described in Dog News: "Observant owners will notice a change in behavior for a brief period during which their pet may become restless, look worried, seek attention, or stare into space. Loss of consciousness follows and pupils of the eyes dilate."

Excessive salivation and chewing movements, commonly called chewing fits, may occur. Legs stiffen and the dog falls on its side. Paddling or running movements may alternate with periods of rigid extension of the legs and arching of the back. The patient may urinate or defecate during or after the seizure.

Most attacks last but a minute or two and the recovery period is usually short though it may last for as much as a day. During this state the dog may appear confused or wander about and bump into objects in the room."

Veterinary evaluation

If your dog has a seizure, where do you start when it's over?

With questions, and lots of them. If your dog has more than one seizure, the recommendation is that a veterinary evaluation should follow. Your veterinarian should ask you (and if he doesn't, be prepared to offer the answers to these questions)--

Questions from "The Diagnostic Approach to Seizures," Veterinary Medicine (July, 1993):

- What does the pet look like when it is seizing?
- What is the duration and frequency of the seizures?
- Are there any localizing signs?
- Has the pet ever had an illness resulting in a fever?
- Has the pet been exposed to toxicants?
- Has the pet sustained any type of trauma?
- Is the pet's vaccination status current?
- Has the pet recently been in a kennel or pound?
- Has the pet shown any signs of illness?
- Do any of the pet's littermates have problems?
- What is the pet fed, and how often is it fed?

- Does the pet roam?

Clemmons suggests keeping a calendar of seizure activity. He said, "I've known of dogs who only seized when watching Lassie on TV, or in the kitchen before food." Clemmons assured me that the Lassie example was no joke. He explained that for a dog that seizes at mealtime the stimulus could even be the pattern of the floor under the dog. One gets the idea that seemingly insignificant things may trigger seizures. You should watch to discover the triggers. For instance, a female in estrus or pregnancy may have more frequent or more severe seizures.

Diagnostic tools your veterinarian may use in addition to your personal history and physical exam, blood tests (complete blood count and serum chemistry profile), urinalysis, and neurological exam. If these initial tests don't give an answer, your veterinarian may recommend a second tier of tests. Such evaluations may include cerebrospinal fluid analysis, skull and/or abdominal radiographs, electroencephalography (EEG), computerized tomography (CT scan), and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). These tests could require use of a specialized care facility.

Types of Seizures

To get academic, there are three types of seizures: generalized, partial and partial with secondary generalization. It is important to determine which type of seizure a dog has because the type can show (1) whether the condition is "true" epilepsy; or (2) whether the condition is the result of an active disease affecting the brain, or the result of a past insult to the brain which has left localized neurological damage.

Total, or bilateral involvement of the brain causes "generalized" seizures. They may be mild and cause no loss of consciousness, or they may be severe, causing total loss of consciousness. "Generalized seizures are most often associated with metabolic disturbances, toxicities, nutritional deficiencies, and true or inherited epilepsy," states Chrisman text.

A partial seizure is one in which the seizure discharge is focal, meaning a localized part of the brain is involved. Partial seizures are not typical of true inherited epilepsy. Under this in your own brain! Chrisman says: "Partial seizures are most commonly associated with a focus of brain damage caused by an infection, metabolic insult, traumatic insult, or neoplasia."

Partial seizures include many forms of behavior you may have seen, and perhaps none equated as being seizures. Chrisman catalogues some such behavior--unilateral muscle twitching of the face or limbs; bizarre and aggressive behavior; chewing, lip smacking, and excessive swallowing; running; confusion; "fly biting"; "star gazing"; hallucinations; episodic tail chasing and self-mutilation; and some chronic episodic vomiting and diarrhea.

Then to complicate matters, there is the partial seizure with secondary generalization. It can look very much like a generalized seizure. The partial phase may last only a few seconds, and the owner may miss seeing it. However, it is very important, especially for the breeder, to determine if the seizure is partial or partial with secondary generalization. Both are usually associated with non-inherited focal lesions of the brain rather than true epilepsy.

Helpful clues to identifying the seizures as partial or partial with generalization are asymmetric motor activities. If you can detect asymmetric movements, maybe as simple as turning the head and lifting a forelimb before collapse, severe contracting of one side of the face, a difference of tone or movement in the limbs on one side, or any of the previously listed partial seizures, the condition with which you are dealing probably is true epilepsy, according to the Chrisman text. Compulsive circling to one side during

very also might indicate focal, rather than general brain involvement.

Chrisman's book differentiates between seizure types:

An acute onset of severe, frequent seizures could indicate an infectious, toxic, nutritional, metabolic, or neoplastic process.

An intermittent seizure disorder with no other neurologic abnormalities in between the seizures, which has been going on for a year or more, it is most likely epilepsy."

Causes of Seizures

Rather than go into great detail about all the problems which can cause seizures, I point to Dr. Chrisman's Differential Diagnosis table, (Problems in Small Animal Medicine, p. 83). It summarizes conditions common at different ages:

Young (under 9 months of age)--congenital hydrocephalus; lissencephaly; lysosomal storage disorders; distemper...and other causes of encephalitis; trauma; toxicity--lead, organophosphates, etc." hypoglycemia; hepatic encephalopathy--portacaval shunt; other congenital defects with associated metabolic disorders; thiamine deficiency.

Adult (9 months to 5 years)--distemper...and other causes of encephalitis; trauma; toxicity--organophosphates, etc.; hypoglycemia; hepatic encephalopathy--portacaval shunt, cirrhosis; other acquired metabolic disorders; true epilepsy; acquired epilepsy; cerebral neoplasia--rare.

Old (5 years and older)--distemper...and other causes of encephalitis; trauma; toxicity--organophosphates, etc.; hypoglycemia--insulinoma; hepatic encephalopathy--acquired cirrhosis; other acquired metabolic disorders; acquired epilepsy; cerebral neoplasia."

One point which might be made here is that hypoglycemia is the most common metabolic cause of seizures in small animals. The causes of hypoglycemia are myriad; here infestations of parasites, stress, excessive insulin during treatment of diabetes mellitus, insulinomas (pancreatic tumors secreting excessive insulin), hypoadrenocorticism (Addison's disease), hypopituitarism, chronic liver disease, acute pancreatitis, and sepsis.

Dr. Clemmons did state, however, that metabolic sources are not the most common cause of seizures. "If you look at all mechanisms behind seizures, infectious/inflammatory brain diseases are probably the most common cause of seizures," said Clemmons. He placed trauma and post trauma as the second most common cause of seizures. Metabolic problems, toxicity, and neoplasia (cancer) probably stand in third, fourth, and fifth places, according to Dr. Clemmons. He does remind us that a cause like cancer can move up in rank order within specific breeds that have a higher incidence of cancer, or in old dogs that are at greater risk for cancer.

Probably 40% of seizures are idiopathic," said Clemmons. "That doesn't mean that they are inherited, but that we can't say they aren't. The majority of seizures we see are acquired ones." He noted again that infection/inflammation, either current or past, are some causes.

Numerous other conditions can cause seizures. Just one of these of special interest to Scottish Terrier breeders is the fact that hypothyroidism can be a precipitant of seizures. VMD researcher, Dr. Jean Dodds, has identified Scottish Terriers as a breed with a high incidence of hypothyroidism as well as von Willebrand's disease.

Most frequent toxic causes of seizures are lead and organophosphate poisoning. "Actually," said Dr. Clemmons, "lead is a fairly rare cause of seizures these days because of decreased sources of lead contamination. Still, lead toxicity might be considered if a dog lives in an older home where lead-based paints were used." Dr. Chrisman's chart of chemicals that cause convulsions lists 128 substances, just a few of which are ethylene glycol (anti-freeze), theobromines (chocolate), castor beans, narcissus bulbs, nicotine, and strychnine.

Especially worrisome to breeders is the fact that idiopathic epilepsy can be the "easy"

diagnosis if an incomplete work-up is done, or if the key "clue" has been missed. "Did I just not find the cause?" is the question many dog owners end up asking themselves, hoping that's the answer instead of idiopathic epilepsy.

High Incidence Breeds

Inherited epilepsy does have a higher incidence in some breeds. It has been studied in Beagles, German Shepherds, Keeshonds, Tervuren Shepherds, and Irish Setters. Miniature Poodles, Golden Retrievers, Siberian Huskies, Wire Fox Terriers, Cocker Spaniels, and Saint Bernards also are suspected of having inherited epilepsy (Chrisman text). Veterinary Medicine's July, 1993, issue adds Alaskan Malamutes, Collies, Dachshunds, Labrador Retrievers, Lhasa Apsos, Mastiffs, Miniature Schnauzers, Standard Poodles, and English and Welsh Springer Spaniels as breeds with a high incidence of primary epilepsy. Boston Terriers and Shetland Sheepdogs also are listed among affected breeds in Willis' Genetics of the Dog.

In addition to the above breeds, Veterinary Medicine (July, 1993) records breed predispositions to seizures caused by inherited or congenital disorders which include many of the above breeds as well as Chihuahuas, Boston Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers, Chows, Pomeranians, Toy Poodles, Shih Tzu, Irish Wolfhounds, Border Collies, Boxers, Hounds, English Setters, and German Short-Haired Pointers. Still no Scotties listed.

Interestingly, male dogs are affected with true inherited epilepsy to a greater degree than females. The Merck Veterinary Manual's 1986 edition quotes the incidence of epilepsy in Beagles as 11.9% in males and 2.6% in females, and suggests involvement of a sex-linked suppressor gene. Other studies corroborate these figures. Willis' book mentions a 1971 Keeshond study which showed seizures about 4 times as prevalent in males as in females, a 4.6 to 1 male-to-female ratio among Beagles with clinical symptoms of epilepsy in a 1971 study; and a 3.6 to 1 ratio weighted toward males in a 1974 British study of German Shepherds.

General frequency of epilepsy? Chrisman's text states: "Acquired Epilepsy: Incidence Frequent."

"True Epilepsy: Incidence, Frequent in Certain Breeds."

Scottish Terriers are listed by neither Chrisman nor in any of the other literature examined, as one of the breeds with a high frequency of epilepsy!

Dr. Clemmons seconds that: "Seizures aren't a big problem in Scotties. My gut reaction about Scotties is that incidence is probably 1% or less, certainly not like in other breeds where epilepsy is commonly documented." However, Clemmons adds that there is no breed of dogs, or even non-purebred group of dogs that is free of seizures.

The overall incidence of epilepsy in dogs is, in fact, about 1%, according to Clemmons. He put the incidence of Beagles at 5.9%, one reason being Beagles' former use in highly inbred laboratory colonies.

Control of Seizures

For those who do have dogs with epilepsy, control is the interest.

Relatively normal lives are possible for most seizure-affected dogs, if medicated with appropriate anti-convulsants. Stephen Ettinger's Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine (1989) quotes one study which shows seizure control achieved about 60% of affected dogs when phenobarbital is used. Ettinger defines seizure control as a 50% decrease in seizure frequency without drug intoxication. Phenobarbital is the drug of choice for seizure control. "Always use it first," asserted Clemmons. Ettinger goes so far as to claim, "Phenobarbital is the only anti-convulsant with proven efficacy in controlling seizures in dogs."

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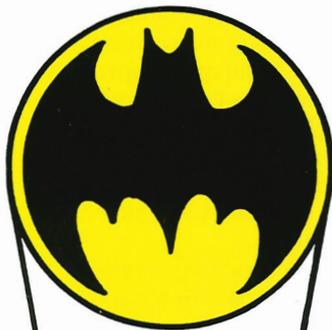
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mentioned in seizure control. There are other less commonly used pharmaceuticals which may be tried in hard-to-control cases. Clemmons rarely uses primidone because of its potential liver toxicity. Also, though diphenylhydantoin still is listed among veterinary anti-convulsants, Clemmons said it is probably an ineffective drug in dogs, even in combination with other medications.

Liver toxicity is, in fact, the most common problem of long-term anti-convulsant medicine. With Scottish Terriers are at greater risk of liver problems than many breeds; this fact can make control of seizures in some Scotties a challenge. Clemmons tempered this by saying, "Toxicity from anti-convulsants is somewhat independent of usual causes of liver disease. Even if a dog has liver disease, it still may do well on anti-convulsants, with modified dosages." Unfortunately, "all long-term anti-convulsant therapy has some negative effect on liver functions, but phenobarbital may have the least effect." (Taken from the Chrisman text.) Serum drug levels should be monitored at least every six months after steady state and seizure control have been achieved," directs Ettinger.

Fortunately, treatment with phenobarbital is not expensive. Chrisman lists a 1990 sample cost of phenobarbital therapy for a 14 kg dog (30 pounds) as 14 cents per day for a starting dose.

When should dog therapy be started? Ettinger suggests: "As a rule, anti-convulsants should be considered when single seizures are occurring more than once every six weeks or clusters of seizures are occurring more than once every eight weeks." This is not a hard and fast rule. According to Clemmons: "Single severe seizures of clusters must be treated. You have to look at the severity."

A different angle is given in Veterinary Medicine's "Symposium on Seizure Disorders" (July, 1993): "There is convincing experimental evidence that repetitive seizures may reversibly lower the seizure threshold in some patients, a phenomenon referred to as kindling....Therefore, early aggressive anti-convulsant therapy might result in better long-term seizure control."

"However," amplified Clemmons, "it is important to get enough frequency of seizures to know if medication is effecting a change. When medication is started," said Clemmons, "I don't like to play catchup." He suggests beginning with high dosages and working down to minimum levels which will control seizuring.

New Drug Therapy

An interesting new therapy which Clemmons pointed out is the use of potassium bromide in conjunction with phenobarbital. This treatment is not described in all vet texts. I checked Ettinger's, the Bible of many veterinarians. Potassium bromide therapy is not mentioned in its chapter, "Seizures." Your own veterinarian may be unaware of the advantages of potassium bromide. Chrisman's text discusses it extensively.

Phenobarbital/potassium bromide is a combination especially helpful in dogs with severe cluster seizures not controlled well with phenobarbital alone, according to Clemmons. He also indicates its value in dogs having liver problems which preclude receiving the necessary control levels of phenobarbital. "With potassium bromide, you can usually reduce phenobarbital to 1/8 the normal dose," said Clemmons.

One investigator Veterinary Medicine quotes (July, 1993) even estimates that 50% of epileptic dogs can be managed with bromide alone. The same report declares that bromide is the most satisfactory secondary anti-convulsant. It estimates that about half the dogs that continue to have seizures on what should be adequate phenobarbital dosages will benefit from addition of bromide.

Potassium Bromide has been in use with human epileptics since 1857. For dogs, its use is more recent. The special value of potassium bromide lies in the fact that it does not induce production of liver enzymes and does not interact with drugs which the liver metabolizes (e.g. phenobarbital). Veterinary Medicine calls bromide the anti-convulsant of choice for

dogs with liver disease (July, 1993).

The down side of potassium bromide therapy is that it may not be easily available to you as a veterinarian. This chemical is not approved for use in dogs, and an investigational drug license is needed to legally dispense it. There can be human toxicity with excessive handling of the raw chemical. Not commercially available, potassium bromide must be purchased from chemical supply houses as an American Chemical Society chemical grade reagent (addresses of five chemical supply houses which carry it are listed in the Chrisman text). To try potassium bromide therapy, you may need to work with your nearest veterinary medicine teaching facility. However, it would be worth checking to see if your own veterinarian might obtain the investigational drug license necessary to dispense potassium bromide.

To apply for an investigational drug license, contact Marcia K. Larkins, DVM, Chief, Companion and Wildlife Drugs Branch, HFV-112, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, Rockville, MD 20857.

The simplest course of action, according to Clemmons, is for a local veterinarian to locate a pharmacy within his state which has the investigational license to formulate a compound chemical like potassium bromide. The veterinarian then can prescribe potassium bromide from that particular pharmacy, even though he himself doesn't have an investigational license. Dispensing can be done by mail-order if necessary. Chrisman's text lists the following information about potassium bromide therapy:

Suggested dosage is 25 mg/kg (effective serum level, 500--1,000 microgram/ml). If used with phenobarbital, give orally once daily. If used alone, give twice daily. Sedation noted as a side effect (no other side effects listed). Cost (1990) for 14 kg dog (30 pound) \$.07 daily.

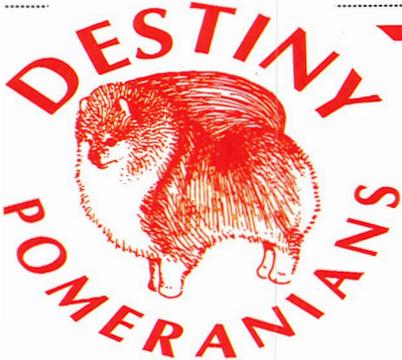
Dr. Clemmons commented that potassium bromide can be dosed at a higher level, but that Chrisman's suggested dosage is the usual starting level. He emphasized that if a dog is already on anti-convulsant when potassium bromide is started, the anti-convulsant should be cut by half after the second dose of potassium bromide to avoid excessive sedation. Clemmons said that quantitative blood levels should be done after the first month on potassium bromide and then every six months for dosage adjustment.

Other Ideas for Control

- Balance a maintenance diet, low in protein.
- Heartworm preventative--Use diethylarbamazine (DEC) products (like Filarbits) rather than once-a-month preventatives.
- Clemmons suggests avoidance of Filarbits Plus^(R). Chrisman text says Ivermectin should not be used.
- Avoid organophosphates for flea/tick control. Instead, use pyrethrin products, carbamates, or products with Precor^(R) insect growth inhibitor. He mentions Vet-Kem's Ovitrol Plus^(R) as a good pyrethrin/Precor^(R) product.
- Avoid drugs known to interact to lower seizure thresholds. A number of drugs can either increase or decrease anti-convulsant concentration. (Chrisman's text lists drugs to avoid if a dog is on anti-convulsant therapy: digitoxin, dipyrone, griseofulvin, phenylbutazone, chloramphenicol, amphetamines and phenothiazine tranquilizers. A common tranquilizer which should be avoided is acepromizine.)

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Because of age at onset and severity of seizures, this puppy likely was not a case of idiopathic, inherited epilepsy, according to its veterinarian. Breeder B emphasizes that diagnosis was lacking, however. There was no autopsy, not any final determination of cause. Breeder B had no previous seizures in his own dogs, but set about checking dogs and families of dogs behind his for possible existence of seizure disorders.

A Tragic Dog Fight

Breeder C describes his own tragedy with seizures, the loss of a beloved homebred champion. Seizures started about 1 1/2 months after a monumental attack on this Scottie Stud by a male of one of the large terrier breeds. Breeder C calls the fight "horrible" with both dogs covered in blood/mud/saliva. The Scottie suffered a deep gash below his ear and bad punctures on top of his skull.

This Scot died about two months after its first seizure. Breeder C described one of the dog's final seizures as a terrible hour and 15 minute affair. After that seizure, the dog showed no comprehension of the breeder and exhibited bizarre behavior. "He started 'tasting'--tasting carpet, tasting me, my clothes, the bedspread. When he got to the bottom of his dish of food, he just kept licking. He was mentally gone. Soon he lost bowel and bladder control and went in circles."

Breeder C does not worry about these seizures being hereditary. Veterinary diagnosis of seizures caused by trauma to the head suffered during the dog fight.

Allergy/Immune Problems

Breeder D has groomed many pet Scotties. He told of several with seizure problems which, if dewormed, would cease having seizures--until they contacted tapeworms again.

"Maybe the breed doesn't have a problem with true epilepsy," speculated Breeder D. "Maybe many seizures are the result of reactions to other primary problems--like allergies or immune problems."

Breeder E: "There are many, many forms of epilepsy. All of us love our dogs. If you've been breeding for a long time and it doesn't show up until late in a dog that you've used extensively, what do you do?" He left his comments as a question.

Oxygen Deficit?

Breeder F: "We lucked out....had only one epileptic, from a complete outcross. I'll never forget it. I walked out with a bucket of food, and she keeled right over. She was about 18 months old. We did all kinds of blood work. She started seizing routinely under stress (An old terrier man) looked at her and said it was definitely epilepsy. We tried various medications. Nothing would work. She would be fine. Then, with a loud noise, she'd go down. We had her spayed. Finally, she was down more than up." The bitch was euthanized at three years old.

Was hypoxia the cause of this bitch's seizures? Breeder F later remembered that, at birth, one bitch in that litter couldn't get going right away and was probably oxygen-deprived. None of the litter mates developed seizures.

Four-Hour Seizures

Breeder G: "One of our main dogs had seizures forever, and we eventually lost him. T

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Seizures started as 2-minute episodes when this dog was two years old. "First, it was every 6 months, then every month, then every two weeks, and by 8 years old, every 2 weeks." Breeder G described the terror of a 4-hour seizure. Ice packs were kept in the freezer to pack this dog during long seizures.

The dog finally died of liver failure. "Phenobarbital does the liver in," said Breeder G, "Scotties' livers are iffy."

Breeder G mentioned that the dog had received combination shots as a puppy: "I have a feeling that in pups given combo shots, bang-bang-bang, something happens. I now stretch shots forever, and give killed parvo and killed vaccines whenever possible."

After living with seizures, Breeder G feeds what he terms "environmentally correct food" and never uses flea/tick sprays or dips. He did suggest that seizures may be familial in the breed.

"Epilepsy is no fun," asserted Breeder G. "I wouldn't wish it on anybody, but I guess it's around us. At a Scottie party, I heard new owners (pet people) talking about their dogs having epilepsy."

Breeder H thinks Scottish Terrier breeders should worry about acquired seizures, too.

He said: "If our breed has certain tendencies toward conditions which can produce seizures, we need to take the seizures as point-blank warnings to breed away from those conditions. Sure, a breeder may truthfully claim he hasn't had idiopathic, inherited epilepsy. But perhaps his dogs have had seizures that are inherited second-hand, as children of other problems to which the Scottie is predisposed. We need to accept seizures as a red flag to deal with dirty laundry."

A Wake-Up Call

Breeder I: "The problem with epilepsy is it's hard to distinguish idiopathic, inherited epilepsy from seizures brought on by a specific cause. Unfortunately, people always want to give themselves the benefit of the doubt. When a breeder has a dog with seizures, he is inclined to blame anything but inheritance. Because of the seriousness of the problem, he should assume the worst."

At a time bomb," Breeder I calls the problem of seizures in Scottish Terriers. "I have a file on pedigrees of dogs that have seizures." Flipping through the file, Breeder I said he sees definite tendencies.

Distilling Breeder I's evaluation of those files into one simple sentence of my own wording: "If a popular stud dog produces a condition like seizures, the problem eventually compounds itself."

There is no doubt that some forms of epilepsy are inherited," said Breeder I. He, himself, has had a few dogs with seizures. Unlike many other breeders with whom I spoke, he not once tried to assign the blame of those seizures to any acquired cause.

"We feel like we have to be ruthless," Breeder I said of elimination of any problem dog from a breeding program. "It's easier for breeders who haven't painted themselves into a corner," he continued about the values of diversity versus extremely tight breeding.

One idea that would help is an open health registry. People who don't have the problem would cooperate. Once you do it (share information), you find out it's not so hard."

"It's definitely time for a wake-up call for our breed," warned Breeder I. "Epilepsy is not something we can live with. You can't deal with seizures in pet puppies. A dog with seizures: you're selling a major heartache and a major headache. If Scottish Terriers get a reputation for epilepsy, our pet puppies will be hard to sell."

Diversity, But Accord

There is certainly no lack of diversity in type and cause of seizures in Scottish Terrier nor in our breeders' opinions as to whether the seizure disorders in their own dogs inherited. I wish space permitted even more breeder interviews.

What no one claims is that seizure disorders can be taken lightly. There is unanimity of accord there! From that consensus, perhaps, Scottish Terrier breeders can move forward together. I discovered in my interviews that there is already a certain degree of openness about the subject of seizure disorders. Why not take the first step and discuss seizures yourself with other breeders? Especially, if you are willing to share your own experiences, you will often find someone willing to share right back.

Inheritance Studies

What might you get if you were to breed two dogs that have idiopathic epilepsy? Clemmons stated earlier: Maybe 100% normal dogs. However an interesting case study in Veterinary Medicine (November, 1991) reports a litter produced by the accidental mating of two related Labrador Retrievers which each had idiopathic epilepsy. The puppies started having seizures at an unusually early age. Dr. Valerie Gerard and Dr. Cliff Conarck explained that the onset of seizures in dogs with idiopathic epilepsy usually occurs between one and three years of age, but rarely before six months of age.

In this particular litter, three puppies of the 10 started seizing between 54 and 63 days of age. Two others began seizing at 18 and 20 months old. With two puppies having died of unrelated causes by the time the study was written, five of eight surviving litter mates (63%) were affected by seizures. The authors report similarly high percentages of epileptic offspring (30% to 100%) in other litters from two epileptic parents. Of particular interest was the authors' recommendation: "The occurrence of seizures in unusually young puppies warrants checking the family tree for the presence of idiopathic epilepsy."

Clemmons pointed out that the Gerard/Conarck study and recommendations are based on a small amount of data. He reiterated that in young dogs infection, metabolic disease and trauma are the primary causes of seizures; and that true inherited epilepsy usually does not appear until puberty or perhaps two years of age or later.

Another article tracing the incidence of epilepsy through four generations of test-bred epileptic dogs is, "Inheritance and Idiopathic Canine Epilepsy," by Dr. James Cunningham and Dr. George Farnback (Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association, July/August 1988).

Cunningham's and Farnback's conclusions: "genetic mechanisms play an important role in transmission of some and possibly most cases of idiopathic canine epilepsy, although the mechanism for this inheritance is not yet known. Until the genetic mechanisms involved are more clearly delineated, the authors recommend that veterinarians advise owners of dogs with idiopathic epilepsy that:

1. the idiopathic form of canine epilepsy may have a major genetic component;
2. it is generally impossible without considerably more test breedings to determine the degree of involvement of either dam or sire in producing epileptic offspring;
3. it is unwise to breed an epileptic dog or repeat the breeding that produced it, and it is unwise also to breed its litter mates."

Norwich Terriers are a breed, like our own Scottish Terriers, which has not been mentioned yet in any of the veterinary literature I examined as having a high incidence of epilepsy. Norwich breeders are getting concerned, though. Wrote breeder Knowlton Reynders in "Epilepsy in Norwich" (Dog News, January 1992): "I feel very strongly that we have it, visibly and less visibly, in many lines of our breeding--old and new. In fact, one can say with certainty that one is entirely clear of the problem. The evidence strong,

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gests that idiopathic seizures are genetically inherited. And the solution is diligently breed away from any animal with a history or lineage containing suspicious seizures."

Make Intelligent Choices

The problem with epilepsy: this is not simple Mendelian genetics. You cannot breed it," reiterated Clemmons. "All you can do is make intelligent choices. If you breed two dogs and you get seizures, don't do it again."

Maybe, looking back, you might discover that when you get epilepsy is with long-nosed Scottish Terriers," hypothesized Dr. Clemmons.

A far-fetched idea, I thought to myself. However, what did I run across in research? The current article, "Differential Diagnosis of Seizures in Dogs and Cats," in Veterinary Medicine (July, 2003) lists seizures due to primary brain tumors (meningiomas) as predispositions of dolichocephalic dog breeds.

What is that "d" word? I checked the dictionary: "Dolichocephalic: long-headed; having a breadth of head small in proportion to the length from front to back." Isn't that the Scottish Terrier? True, seizures due to primary brain tumors like meningiomas would certainly be an acquired seizure disorder. However, who can say what future research will turn up as far as special breed characteristics that might come associated with primary epilepsy? It might not be long noses, but Clemmons did point out eventually we could discover that certain visible traits are linked with epilepsy.

A practical problem hindering learning more about epilepsy is research funds. "One day, dogs were a model of human epilepsy," said neurologist Clemmons. "Since they aren't any more, funding is less."

One program active in the study of epilepsy is the American Canine Epilepsy Service, directed by Dr. Betsy Dayrell-Hart, VHUP, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, PA 19104. The service offers advice on treatment and gathers data on the disease. You may wish to contact the service.

Good Advice: Share Information

"Epilepsy is so complicated," asserted Clemmons still again. "The only thing you can do is pass information that, 'Wasn't a good match.'"

Clemmons reminds Scottish Terrier breeders that, until there is gene mapping, we can't say with absolute certainty that a case is inherited. We can only guess. Here's where Clemmons thinks an open registry might help.

"If you're a breeder, and you're getting a problem, you want to find out where it is. Make reasonable choices and pass information back and forth between breeders. We should be saying things to each other like: "You're doing a lot better than I. What are you doing better?"

The perspective Clemmons puts on epilepsy for individual Scottish Terrier breeder is: "If you're getting more epilepsy than Beagles (5.9%), you're not doing as well as the Beagles can do on their own." Clemmons likes the comment he once heard from a knowledgeable person in one of the national hound clubs: "In all honesty, all you can do is make your best guess, try to make a better guess next time."

A final personal note I might put on the subject: Scottish Terriers are not yet in the textbook lists of those breeds highly affected by seizure disorders. Will it stay that way?

Currently Scottie Cramp and sensory neuronopathy are the only two disorders listed under the Scottish Terrier breed in Chrisman's comprehensive neurology text. I'm betting a veterinary text from 40 to 50 years ago would not have listed Scottie Cramp. We did not deal with that disorder. We are in the textbooks now. Will we deal with seizure disorders.

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Performance News

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HOT TOPICS: This summer, we have had some incredibly high temperatures--100 to 95 for about two weeks in June which is out of the ordinary for Fargo, ND. Our air conditioner in the shop on the main floor and the air conditioner for our home, the upper two stories of the same building, went out at about 10 a.m. on the same day. My husband was out of town, so I opened every thing up and turned on all the fans. Having read a disaster story in a dog publication, I am careful to make sure all the fans I own are UL listed and directly plugged into the socket or a heavy duty extension cord to minimize the chances of fire. Lots of water was available for the dogs. We survived until Saturday when my husband got back in town, and we got two new air conditioners.

With the hot weather, remember that air conditioners in homes, cars, and motorhomes can malfunction and stop working. Please be careful in the heat.

One of my Poms overheated a few years ago, and my vet showed me a way to drop the dog's body temperature fast. Turn the dog over on its back and pour rubbing alcohol over the "arm pits" and the groin area and fan with a paper or a magazine. This really helped cool my dog off. I carry a couple of bottles of rubbing alcohol whenever I travel. You do need to know that the rubbing alcohol can cause stains on fabrics and flooring--so if you have the time, move the dog to an area where the environment won't be damaged.

Pedialite will help to get the electrolytes back in line after dog overheats. It can be found in children's sections in grocery stores like K-Mart and Target. I also carry

Nutri-Cal for this purpose. If your dog has trouble, try to get the body temperature down and then get the dog to the vet. Other problems can develop depending on how severe the episode is and how long it lasts.

An easy way to keep track of your Pom's comfort level when training out doors in the sun is for you to wear full length jeans and a black t-shirt. It will help to keep training time reasonable.

How about "Pomsicles" or "Pupsicles"? Make a batch of ice cubes with 1/2 streptococcus bullion water. Add a "Pomsicle" to a dog's water or offer a cube to your Pom.

When traveling I use 1/2 gallon pop containers or 2 liter pop bottles filled full and frozen for cooling my ice chest. I have less water sloshing around in the cooler, and as the ice melts, I have less water from home for my dogs or me. The pop bottles can be emptied, so I don't have the "dead weight" of the blue ice packs or the possibility of them breaking or leaking fluid.

These containers of ice can be wrapped in a towel and put in the Pom's crate so the Pom can choose to be next to it or away from it. Various size pop and water containers can be used to fit your crates. Using these frozen bottles, you can cool your Pom's crate and create air conditioned dog rooms. Just remember that they do melt and the "room" will start to heat up again.

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ow for a topic that raises my temperature. I was talking with a friend in Michigan last week and she was commenting on the number of attacks by dogs in classes on other dogs and people. A lot of attacks occurred in her 4-H classes and the rest in their club's classes. A lot of instances occurred when instructors were working with students' dogs and they misread the dogs. There was one person who was in her class with a dog that was dog and people aggressive. The handler would not follow instructions and would not take the role of pack leader. After two class sessions, he was forced to leave with his dog and not come back.

I admire her willingness to protect her club members and their dogs from this situation. I also admire her for knowing her limitations. She recognized that she couldn't help the dog because the handler was in the block. She has worked with other handlers and their families to get their dogs under control when the families were unwilling to do the work. She has been able to help many people and their dogs.

I wish she had been in some of the classes I have attended. Especially when I was new, I was gaining and admired and respected the instructors and believed they knew better than I.

The school in Moorhead will only teach beginners classes if there are 30 dogs in the room. This is in a room about 35' x 35' fully matted so that there are circles of mats and handlers about 3 or 4 deep. Since I was training 2 dogs at the time in novice, I had one the one night that our club had red classes and took the other one over to his "dog fight waiting to happen." Needless to say, we got dogs dragging their handlers over to my Pom and others that would hand us over. I learned to walk with a hand in a perpetual fist which was necessary to nail the dog behind us as I put my hand in the sit. I did connect a couple of

times after I had warned the handler to control his dog. It was interesting how the handlers would learn to control their dogs to avoid having me bop them, but not before.

Now, of course, I wouldn't have enrolled and wouldn't have put my Pom in that situation. I did cause a lot of problems that I still deal with. Remember the screaming Pom that was the hold up for working in open? He came out of this training situation.

Our advanced beginners class found my Pom "Man" in a very tight stay conditions. There was barely enough room for all the dogs and handlers in the line-up. Of course, we got positioned next to an out-of-control rescued doberman and his non-alpha owner. As we were lining up, the handler looks at Man and says to her dog that Man looks like the little stuffed kitty that he has at home and dearly loves to "kill." Guess who was peeved?! The instructor would not change our position, so I spoke directly to the Dobe (the handler was useless) and told him if he moved or even looked at my Pom, his nose would be shoved out through his tail courtesy of my fist. I went 6' away off leash, and his handler went about 10', everyone else went the full 25' distance. It was the first time the Dobe stayed through the sits and downs in 20 weeks of classes. Do you think it was due to his handler? He did not look at Man once. He kept his eyes on his handler because I was out of control!

Another time, in a beginners class with Cymer, we were next to another doberman that the elderly couple couldn't control (they wanted protection). During the final test for the 8-week beginners class, which was a run through, we were lined up next to IT in sits and downs. The instructor wouldn't move us, because if we moved, no one would do the stays next to IT. Today, I would have walked out and let the instructor explain why I was doing my stays away from everyone else. Back then, I held my place, but insisted and got more space between our dogs with Cymer set back to where the Doberman's butt was. I also made sure the couple heard my statement to the instructor that I would kill the Doberman if anything happened. I only went 8' to 10' away from Cymer, which put me in the 6' to 8' range from IT. Nothing did happen--but

there shouldn't have even been a question!

Man has no clue that he is small and doesn't hesitate to tell off a big dog that enters "his Space." I watch him carefully, but a lot of bigger dog owners don't watch their dogs so carefully. at one show, the last exhibitor for our novice group was performing the individual exercises and the steward was lining the rest of us up for the stays in a very crowded area. A Terv was behind us and his handler wasn't paying attention when he decided to sniff Man. Man went into full threat with teeth bared and growling, which got the same response from the Terv. The Terv's handler was fast and neither of our dogs connected, but it was loud. Loud enough that the judge stopped judging and came over to see what was going on. We still had to do the stays next to each other. Both dogs refused to look at each other during the sits and downs! Thank God they were in sight and that both dogs saw their owners as alpha! I learned a lot about dogs and eye contact and avoidance that day. We each qualified, but at what price? I am not sure I would leave my dog on a stay in those conditions now.

If I were facing a stay situation that I didn't like, I would not leave my dog if the judge wouldn't make allowances. I would tell my Pom to heel when I left the line for the stays. If I didn't return and participate in the stays, the judge would have to report me to AKC. By not telling my dog to stay and heeling him with me, we NQ, but I have removed him from harms way.

I am having trouble justifying the out-of-sight stays to myself with Poms. I pray the stewards and judges have enough brains to stop problems. Problems for big dogs that is, and injury or death for small dogs.

Margaret McKee told me of a dog that she trained with that had it in for Poms. The two trainers tried to avoid each other in class, but had to be constantly alert. When they showed, they ended up next to each other in the stays. The judge insisted on catalog order, but did allow space between the dogs and the handlers told the judge how they planned to intervene if it became necessary.

At a match, Margaret had to stand up for

her Pom's rights when two larger dogs had an altercation outside of the ring before the out-of-sight stays. The judge wanted to put her Pom BETWEEN them! I couldn't believe it and preceded to tell NO in no uncertain terms. This was a MATCH, folks! The judge could have placed the dogs at opposite ends of the ring or excused them! What kind of thought solution is putting a Pom between two dogs that want to fight? (That is polite for what I think of that solution.)

What kind of decisions have you made about how and when you will let your Pom face "situations" on stays? I won't gamble my dog's life and well being for a piece of ribbon or trinket I can buy or a score.

Recently, I heard about two dogs that thought breeding was better than staying in the out-of-sight stays. Wouldn't you respect a judge a lot more if they decided to exclude those dogs for the downs?

The contract I have with my Poms reads: *The dog will do my bidding in the stays because I desire him to and in return I will guarantee his health and safety.* I take that contract very seriously. How does your contract read?

All self-defense and safety awareness is based on envisioning a situation and how you will react. When you are under stress, it is hard to make up a plan. Think of the things you need now, so you have resources you need them. This is as important to a dog as how I would react if I were physically attacked.

Speaking of things we don't like to talk about: "How do I get a sound Pom? Performance work? Where can I get a working Pom?"

These questions have left me at a loss. When I have been called or asked by other exhibitors about finding sound Pom, I have had to tell people to look at rescuing a Pom from a shelter so that they can appreciate the Pom's soundness as an adult.

Dande, who I am currently showing, is extremely sound. She is "A no-good Pom but a damn good dog!" She bears

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AIMEE

Red Sable "Aimee" was
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Greenville, MS, on
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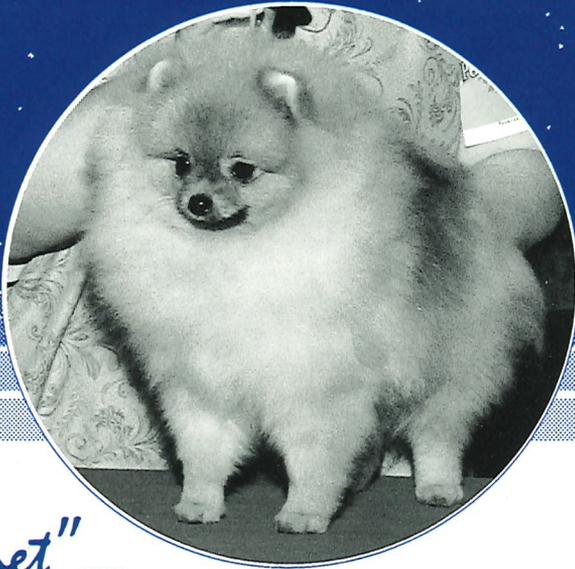
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mbulance to the conformation Poms. She is strong and leggy. Her face is wedge-shaped with large ears and a dudley nose. She has 12 teeth at 11, but has a sparse coat. Her body which hid 3 of her 5 puppies were the vet's palpations enabled her to whelp them in two hours. Her long legs enables her to reach when jumping. She is bright and eager to learn. She enjoys challenges and learning serious stuff in the parlor tricks. She has heart! I've been glad that she could have been an OTCH dog, though the speakers kindly left off the part that would have required another trainer and handler. Thankfully Dande has patience and doesn't consider placing me out and starting with a more promising human. I have had many compliments on her and inquiries as to whether all Poms are like her in soundness and attitude. I have had many requests from performance people for possible offspring. I am concerned when people I talk to, who are trying to find Poms for Obedience or performance, tell me breeders are telling them to EXPECT the stifles to go. I am concerned when I hear about breeders that don't permit their Poms to jump or to do sprints because they will put out their knees. I spoke to Julie Clemen, from the West Coast, who was inquiring as to where she could find sound Poms to breed. She has been breeding German Shepherds for work and has been importing them from Europe. She is willing to consider importing German Shepherds and is researching the possibilities. I can't be much help. I did give her the name of a breeder I hope to find a sound Pom from in the future. We also discussed the show dog versus performance dog that shows up in most performance breeds. There are a few exceptional individuals that are beautiful and can work. This is true in humans too. If someone has more helpful information, Julie's number is (360) 383-1010. If someone has a consistently good line of Poms that can be worked in performance events, please let me know. My dogs are in demand. I want such a Pom and so do others.

This seems to tie into another ominous thought that I have heard about lately. I have learned that there is talk about no longer offering Obedience classes at the

National and Regional Specialties. There was a lot of effort by dedicated and persistent people to get Obedience at these shows. There are reasons for Obedience classes being small at the Specialties.

- There aren't a whole lot of Pomeranians in Obedience. There were 48 obedience titles and one tracking title earned by Poms in 1994. How many of those were APC members? How many breed titles were earned in the same time period? If there are 2 or 3 Poms entered in obedience at the same all-breed obedience show, it is unusual.
- How many breeders encourage their Poms to be shown in Obedience, OR even suggest obedience training at all?
- How many potential Pom exhibitors are laughed out of training schools and told to get an "obedience breed"?
- How many Poms have started in obedience work and then cannot jump for structural reasons?
- How many obedience exhibitors find the travel to a specialty time and cost prohibitive? There isn't the prestige awarded to obedience people that there is to breed people for having competed at a specialty. Many times a leg earned at a specialty is scorned by other obedience people.
- Obedience classes can't be "loaded" or "built" like breed classes can for points. If a Pom is not ready to show in an obedience class, damage can be done for future work, as well as taking a nice-working dog out of the running for a Dog World award. If an Obedience dog earns 3 qualifying legs, it has 60 days to continue showing in the class before it must move up, or discontinue showing. Theoretically, Open B classes could be loaded, but there aren't that many Open Poms out there.
- there is always the problem of bringing a not-to-breed standard Pom where breed people help you see how far off your Pom is.

Hopefully, the Conformation people won't force Obedience out of the National and

Regional Specialties. It is one way to educate the public that the American Pom Club and Regional Breed Clubs respect their Poms enough to think they are smart enough and sound enough to be included. Perhaps with encouragement and incentives and recognition there could be more Pom Obedience exhibitors in the future.

For those who want to discontinue obedience at the National and Regional Specialties, does this mean you don't want to take the time to nurture those who want to work with their Poms in Performance events? Does this mean you don't think Poms have the willingness, attitude, and intelligence to work in Performance events? Are you willing to tell the world that after the Nationals and Regionals were opened to Obedience that the numbers competing in Obedience MAY have a relationship to the soundness of the Poms being bred which are available to obedience exhibitors?

I hope the decision is to continue Obedience classes at the National and Regional specialties. These are showcases of breeding. Obedience classes are showcases of breeding too! They showcase the trainer/handler's dedication and desire to train and show Poms in obedience. They showcase the breed's intelligence, heart, and impishness. They showcase the Pom's mental and physical soundness.

The American Pomeranian Club could acknowledge Breed Champions who have earned Obedience titles as the true treasures that they are. A dual titled Pom could carry a title designation from the APC which could become coveted by breeders as well as exhibitors.

Most trainers find that positive methods of training result in better and more desired responses. Negative methods create confusion and a decrease in the desired response over time.

If the APC wants increased Obedience entries at National and Regional Specialties, I would suggest using positive methods. Possible incentives could include or go beyond:

- Lower entry fees.
- A lottery for airfare to the National for Obedience.

- Celebrating Obedience dogs at Specialties.
- Developing a Title for E Champions with Obedience Title any level that could become desirable for breeders as well as the Obedience exhibitors.
- Developing a Title for E Champions with Performance other than Obedience. This would indicate the soundness of the Pom could be something breeders could strive for.

Pedigrees of Poms that have Performance titles should be as desirable as those of Obedience Champions, if not more so. I'm sure others have more ideas how to raise the numbers of Obedience Pom exhibitors and ways to encourage them to come to Regional Specialties. Hopefully, Obedience exhibitors will let their voices be heard through Margaret McKee, our Performance representative on the APC board.

But remember, when the statistics for 1994 show 26,991 litters of Poms registered and 48 AKC obedience and 1 tracking trial earned for the same time period, the National and Regional entries cannot be high.

Now to really fantastic news!

In the May 1995 issue of the United States Dog Agility Association (USDA) Dog Agility Report, President Kerrie Tatsch announced the first dog ever to earn the title of *Agility Dog Champion (sm)* by a Pomeranian by the name of Cody, owned by Linda Yarbrough of Dallas, Texas. Cody's *Agility Dog Champion* was made available in January, 1994. It represents earning a total of 29 qualifying scores at the major level in Standard, Gamblers, Jump, Snooker, and Pairs Relay divisions.

Other breeds were first to earn the Major *Agility Dog* title in early 1993. In early 1994 shows, Cody earned his first Major *Agility Dog* title.

Cody qualified in 4 out of his next 5



Ch. Stolanne's Hazy Image
(Ch. Bea Mary Hazy Day x Ch. Stolanne Mica Rockelle)

Hazy is the last puppy sired by Ch. Bea Mary Hazy Day and has continued in his sire's tradition as a very sound, well-moving dog. Thanks to the judges who appreciated his quality: Miss Anna K. Nicholas, Mrs. George John Wanner, Sr., Mr. Robert J. Moore, Mr. Stephen Shaw, Mrs. Kathleen B. Kolbert, Mr. J. Robert Jacobsen, and Mr. Charles C. Gott.

I am especially grateful to Mary Keeling for allowing me to use her Hazy to produce two wonderful champion Poms.



Ch. Stolanne's Bearly Made It
(Ch. Stolanne Thunderbolt Thor x Ch. Stolanne's Tequila Bandette)

Bearly was born as a 1 1/2 ounce premie with a very uncertain first week. She has since proven her worth, first in the show ring and now in the whelping box, as she has successfully whelped two very promising puppies.

Special thanks to judges who awarded her points: Mrs. Bettie Krause, Mrs. Lena Wiseman, Mrs. George John Wanner, Sr., Mr. Timothy Catterson, Mrs. Heywood Hartley, Mr. Charles S. Deer, and Mr. R. Stephen Shaw.

attempts in 1994 to become the only Mini-dog (12" to 18") to earn the Gamblers Master (sm) in 1994.

By the end of 1994, Cody needed 1 Jumpers and 2 Pairs Relay qualifications to complete the Agility Dog Champion title. He earned those in February and March of 1995 to become the very first Agility Dog Champion (sm) ever!

Congratulations to Linda and Cody!

After several years of looking out for information about Clever Canine Companions, I found the address in **Off Lead Magazine**. I wrote for information and received a wonderful, inviting response:

DeDe and Gypsy, owned by Dorothy and Duane Nelson, are the first Pomeranians registered with CCC. The female, Gypsy, was a rescued Pom.

Dorothy Nelson got her information on the Clever Canines Versatility titles from an article in the New England Obedience News. She corresponds with a former Versatility title holder who helped her attain the titles for her 2 dogs. That person tells me Dorothy is in her 70's.

This is a service oriented program. The purpose is to reach the public to show how much more valued a socialized and trained dog can be. The program requires owners to show others what pet responsibility is; to show others the rewards of patience and perseverance. This program welcomes mixed breeds as well as purebred dogs.

There are three titles offered. The Versatile Canine Companion (VCC) needs five points from three categories. The Versatile Canine Companion Excellent is earned by completing ten points from 5 categories. And, the O-V or Outstanding Versatility title asks for 6 categories and at least 25 points. All phases of dog performance are considered. These are divided into ten categories with many "Open" portions in the program to allow for variations. The dog owners are a shared part of the title. Category I, reaching and educating the public to responsible dog ownership, is required. This may be assisting your training club in any manner.

Mrs. Nelson had several articles published about rescuing her second Pom and about their earning their CGC. With her dogs she does much pet therapy visiting. This counted for her required part.

Category II is called HEALTH. Mrs. Nelson's dogs are spayed and neutered. CGC proves their mental stability. Here she added two points. Other suggestions would be OFA, CERF, and Tattoo.

DeDe and Gypsy again matched points to fulfill their 3rd category. Both are registered with Therapy Dogs Incorporated in Wyoming. Another point was added because they are working therapy dogs and regularly visit nursing homes to add a little spark to the lives of the residents.

Dorothy took advantage of the beautiful Pet Assisted Therapy certificates offered by CCC to dogs that have completed a minimum of 6 therapy visits, whether to hospitals, homes, or schools to add another point. The Certificate of Recognition is offered by CCC as a gratitude for the work and time spent giving joy to others less fortunate.

Other categories included in the program are Obedience, Tracking, Conformation, Herding, Protection, Draft, Soundness which is hiking, backpacking, agility. Category ten is for anything that might have been forgotten or that doesn't fit elsewhere.

All charges by CCC are modest. They cover expenses including a year-end newsletter. One superb picture is selected for the color cover. It tells who got the plaque for High Score Dog of the Year and who chosen for "The Extra Mile" plaque. Chapters include "An Appreciation Page" for those registering more than one dog, "Tidbits" that are points of interest offered from the title holders. It informs what each had done the previous year.

You can be a PATRON and receive the newsletter for \$5.00 by request without registering with Clever Canine Companions.

Just as every dog should be able to attain the CGC title, these titles, too, are in reach of everyone. Size is no matter. There are Chihuahuas and King Charles Spaniels that backpack, Papillons that cart, several Boston Terriers that had agility with their

titles. Another small pair exercise by taking neighborhood children for rides on their skateboards. Size is not an excuse. Dogs that DO, have heart. Give them an opportunity to explore.

In the future, Dorothy wants to take her Poms to schools. Many children are raised in a No Pets environment. Others that have, or want, pets need to know the responsibility that comes with ownership. Children need to know what to do when meeting a strange dog.

Gypsy attends church Prayer Meetings with Mrs. Nelson. When Papa picks them up, he says, "Say goodnight to the ladies," and Gypsy starts barking. The ladies love her company and think she is so smart.

For more information on how you and your dog can be eligible for titles, send SASE for rules to Jane Sohns-Poms; 140 Weidler Ln.; Rothsville, PA 17543. Phone (717) 626-5805 between 9 and 10 p.m. Eastern time, or leave a message and she will call back collect.

New Obedience Titles

CD

Frog Hollows Dark Princess CD (bitch) owned by Catherine Thompson and bred by Daniel and Angelina Gulisano. The scores came from Novice B: 189, 191, and 195 (4th).

Neeko CD (dog) is an ILP dog owned by Lynn and Richard Hedger. The scores come from Novice A: 182 (4th), 191 1/2 (2nd).

Ch. Traildusters Lady Houdini CD (bitch) owned and bred by Lois Campbell. The scores come from Novice B: 188 (3rd), 184.

NA

Karen's White Kiley Guy NA owned by K. Gottschall. Scores come from Novice B--18" division: 100 (first), 100 (first), and 95 (2nd).

Kassel's Dandelion Down UD, NA

owned by Lois Morkassel. Scores come from Novice B--12" division: 95, 90 (3rd) and 95 (3rd).

CKC Titles

TD

Aprildew Nelson of Pomhaven TD owned by B. Dick.

USDAA Titles

ADCH

Cody owned by Linda Yarbrough Agil Dog Champion (sm).

Congratulations to all the new title holders! The ability to motivate your Pom to show is evident. It is such an individualized solution for each Pom and handler team. Finding out what the dog will work for and what the handler is willing to give their dog is the key. Some dogs work for food, others for voice and/or touch, others for toys. All the best motivators are indicated by each dog, and the handler has to be sharp enough to figure out what the dog finds necessary to play "the game." These handlers have learned how to motivate their Poms so that they are willing to perform the way the handlers want. This is quite an interspecies accomplishment.

Other handlers have taken up the difficult and physically, mentally and emotionally demanding challenge of the UDX. The current standings of the Poms working toward the UDX, as of the reports in the June issue of the AKC Awards Magazine, is:

- Captain Pug White UD--8 legs
- Dover-Holihouse Fire N' Ice UD--2 legs
- Driftwood Love That Bob UD--2 legs
- Painter's Passion Diamond UD--3 legs
- Shawn of Brockton UD--1 leg

Dande and I have tried for UDX legs many times. From our experiences, I know it is difficult enough to qualify in Utility Open each time, let alone to qualify in both on the same day. It becomes a very long climb for the dog to wait to show in both classes.

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roblems. The go-outs in the directed
mping can always be confused with the
irected retrieve. And then there are the
ut-of-sight sits and downs!

I greatly admire the dog--any dog--that
an earn 1 UDX leg. The dog that can earn
0 legs are in a whole other dimension!
hat one of our Poms can do so is
reath-taking!

Good luck to one and all!

Just trying makes you a winner, because
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he commitment that is called for.

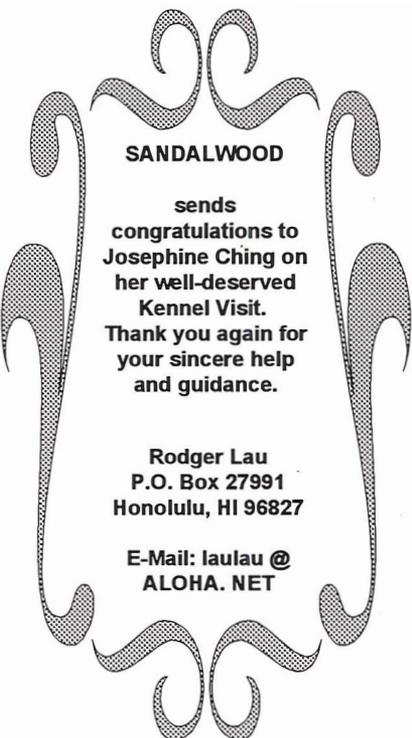
To the teams earning legs: Fantastic work!
You are an inspiration to us all. Each of you
tarted in Novice and have come so far! Did
ou ever in your wildest dreams believe you
ould be doing what you are doing?
Celebrate your winning! You deserve to,
and if you nq--celebrate too! You are
pecial.

Until next time....There's JOY in
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**Many Congratulations to a lovely
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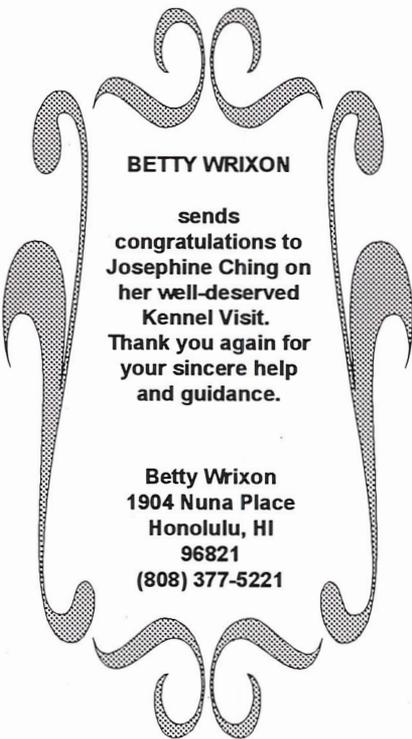


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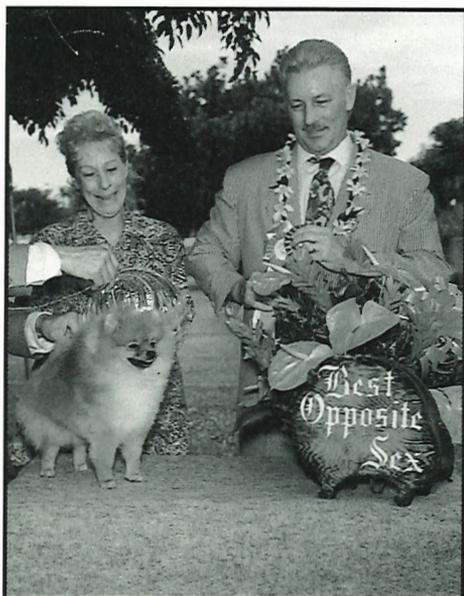
Pictured is our first homebred champion. She finished from the puppy classes.

Ch. Queenaire Classy Darlin' is our first champion. She is pictured in the April Review.

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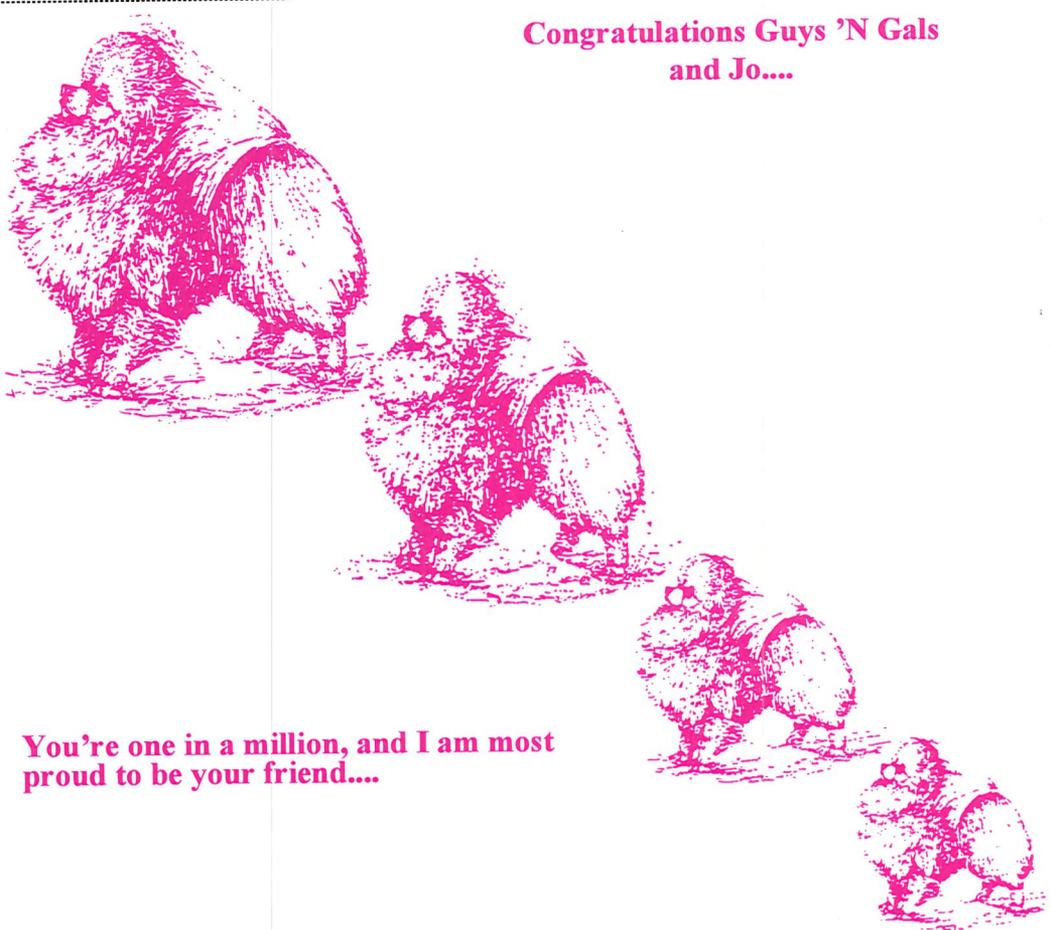
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**after 10 a.m. our time,
please...**



Ch. Alden's Cajun Spice O' Woodrose (Spice)

Spice is shown here with Judge Harvey Yamashita giving him Best in Sweepstakes at the Pomeranian Club of Hawaii Specialty. Later, Judge Dana Plonkey gave him BOW for 5 points. He is capably handled by his co-owner, Yvette Oganeku.

Congratulations to Jo Ching on her Kennel Visit.

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Ch. Queenaire Coup de Grace

at the Santa Clara show. Dudley had brought Jo to the show so she could see her new boy in action. Dudley and Wanda were more nervous than anyone. Here was the new owner, and the dog was making his debut. It was anyone's guess as to what he would do. He went into the

ring under Mrs. Anne Rogers Clark and won first in Open. That was a good beginning so Dudley and Wanda relaxed a bit. Jo was pleased. When he won the points, everyone was thrilled. When Mrs. Clark gave him the breed over several outstanding specials, we were ecstatic.



Ch. Queenaire Whizzle Stik



Ch. Guys 'n Gals Megaton on Four



The 3 pals...Ellen, Jo, and Betty

The group showing was almost more than we could stand. Group I at one of the largest shows in the country was unreal. We all had a wonderful time, and Coude stayed around for a time until he finished his championship, going back and forth with my Smokey for the big wins, but Coude did it first, and was I ever glad. He was off to the islands and out of my hair. Through it all, Jo and I became great pen pals and exchanged long letters for a long time. Jo will never forget that first visit to our bay area in winter which they really do not have in Hawaii. Here it was rainy and cold, and even for us, a bad winter. That was the beginning of a friendship that I will hold dear and cherish for my lifetime.

Jo invited me several times to come and visit her in Paradise, but it never happened until I was invited to judge their Pom specialty several years later. Oh, my, what a wonderful time I had with Jo and all of the Pom folks there on the island. That was the first of my now yearly visits for the past 10 years. Along the way Jo and I have become almost like sisters. Of course, much has transpired over all the years in her Poms. Many have come and gone, and for a long time, Jo was the Top Exhibitor of the island as well as the top breeder. Ch. Queenaire Whizzle Stik came along and provided her with many

great wins as well as a great foundation for her Poms of today. Jo is active in the Pom Club, and has held offices in the club. She has been the breeder of 7 champions, and the owner of 5 she bought and finished, as well as the breeder of the foundation stock for other breeders on the island. Because of circumstances, Jo to take a little time off from breeding and exhibiting, but she did not remain out of it. Betty Wrixon, who had purchased a Pom from Jo several years ago, called wanting another one. Jo told her about a darling little fellow she had seen at Marit Hattori's home. Off they went to see the puppy, and they came home with KoKo, who is now Ch. Haiku's Visp of Swiss Mist. KoKo has had a very successful show career thus far culminating in a Best in Show this spring at the Windward show. I had the pleasure of being there to see it all myself. What a thrill for us all, especially for me, who said last year, if KoKo keeps up like he is, he will do very well next season.

Through it all, Jo has helped many obtain stock from the mainland--something that is not always easy to do because of the quarantine. Many breeders will not sell to Hawaii because of it. Jo has made a definite impression on the Pom breed in Hawaii.



Ch. Guys 'N Gals Heartbreaker

Many of the champions stem back into her lines with many more to come. Jo herself has one new little show girl who at a recent match was first time out BOB and Group I. Trust me, I think this is a good one; watch for her in the near future. Several others are just waiting in the wings to make her proud all over again as their breeder. My own Rusty stems from her Ch. Orange Krush, and I couldn't be more pleased at what he is doing for us here.

I feel I must list her Champions which she has bred or owned as tribute should go to her in that manner also: Ch. Guys N Gals Dolie Patches, Ch. Guys N Gals Orange Krush, Ch. Guys N Gals Megaton On Four, Ch. Guys N Gals Humbug Buzzy, Ch. Guys N Gals Bravo for Amour's, Ch. Guys N Gals Heartbreaker, Ch. Alani's Nanakuli Flasher, Ch. Queenaire Coup de Grace, Ch. Queenaire Whizzle Stik, Ch. Wee Squeakie of Lenette, Ch. Jubilee Twinkling Starlet.

There is a Hawaiian saying, "To talk story or to talk stink." Jo always talks story NEVER STINK. Jo is a mellow, mild, kind person, easily hurt by others, but always takes it in her stride, and says, POW (which means, its done with--just forget it). No, my friends, there are not many Josephines on this earth, so when you meet one, remember to treat them like you would wish to be treated.

In closing, remember Jo and the name Guys N Gals, for you will be hearing a lot about them in the future. To quote Jo, "It's fun to breed; it's fun to show; but it's the very best to be the breeder of the winners no matter who owns them." I couldn't agree with her more.

If you ever go to Hawaii, plan to call on Jo; you will be oh so glad you did!

Comments from Hawaii

Jo has been an inspiration to many Pom fanciers. She is always willing to help others with grooming and breeding tips. Newcomers to the breed are made welcome with a smile.

"Josephine introduced me to the dog show world which eventually led me to

the most incredible year and a half of my life," said Betty Wrixon.

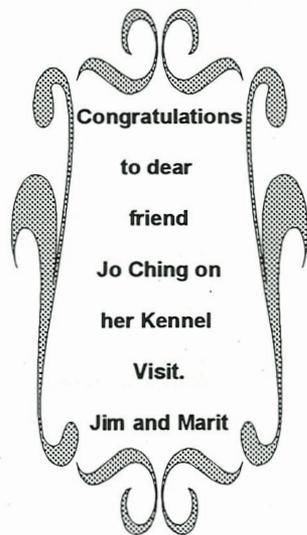
"When you think of sportsmanship and kindness, Josephine Ching comes to mind," commented Ellen Takayama. "Her help with grooming and other kindnesses helped me to finish my first champion."

Shirley Ann K. Leu writes: "Jo is a very wonderful warm-hearted person who gives of herself and her time to help out people and their dogs. My first bitch was from her that started my Amour Poms 'Guys N Gals Delights of Amour's' and she has helped me out in more ways than I can say.

"I've know Jo since the 1980's; I started handling for her, and it was a pleasure and an honor to finish her first home-bred champion, 'Guys N Gals Megaton on Four,' Then came 'Guys N Gals Dolie Patches,' 'Wee Squeakie of Lenette,' and helped point others. I enjoyed showing for this very special lady--my mentor and my friend. She has been very successful in her breeding program having finished 7 champion home-breds and 3 from the mainland.

"Jo is always there to lend a helping hand to others grooming their Poms and helping them at whelping time any time of the day or night. She has a true love for the Poms.

"Congratulations and best wishes on a very well deserved kennel visit.





In Memoriam
Dwan Elizabeth Aona

6/17/38 – 5/14/95

Brian Elizabeth Aona

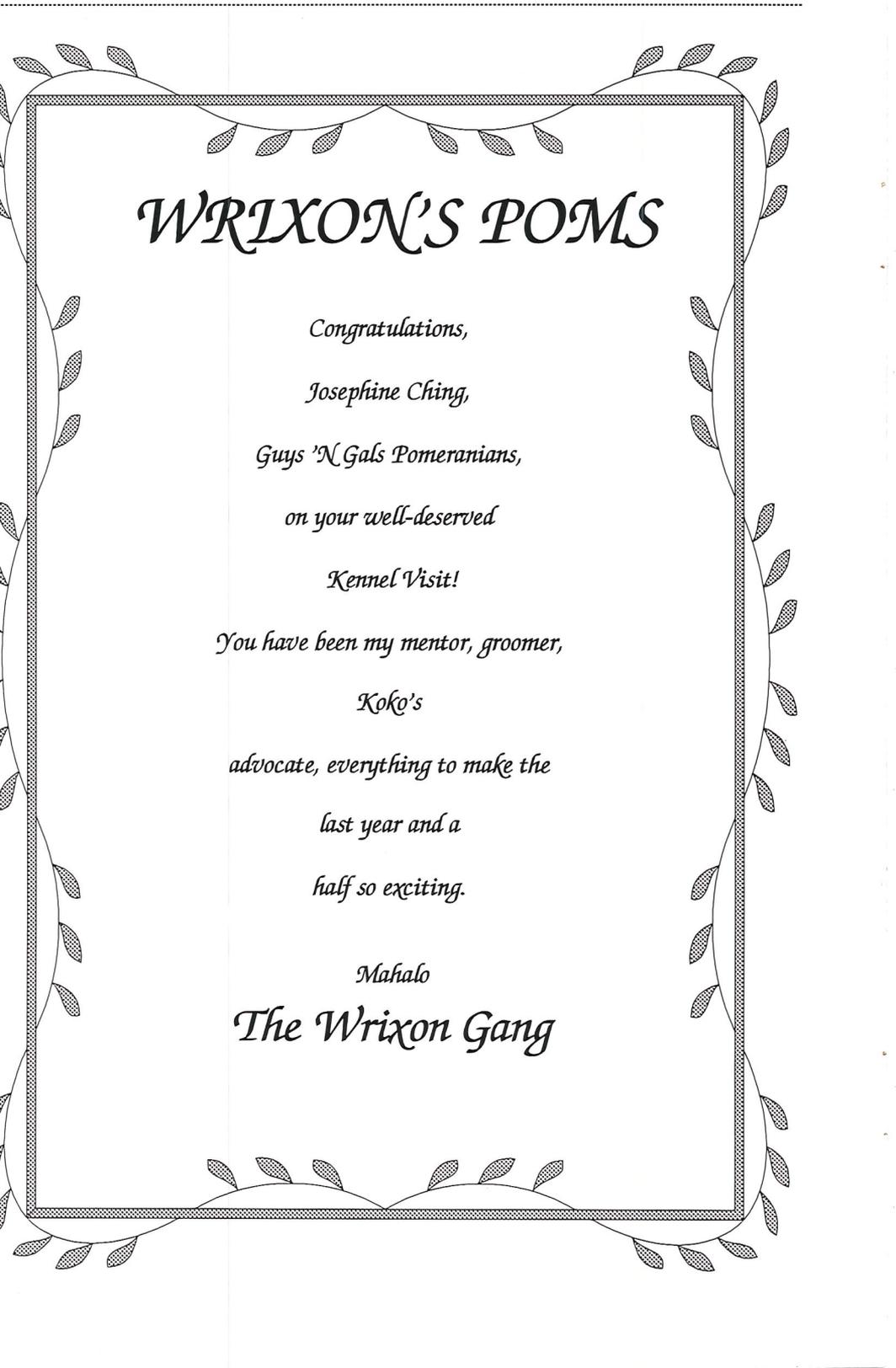
6/17/38 -- 5/14/95

Betty Aona of Alani Kennels was a remarkable lady and Pom lover. She grew up in Coronado, California, and came to Hawaii for a vacation after graduating from high school. She fell in love with the islands and made Hawaii her home. Betty was an active member of the Pomeranian Club of Hawaii since its inception in August, 1974 until her illness forced her to disband her kennel last year. Her first champion, Ch. Woodrose's Free 'N Easy was shown by Bradley Odajiri to top Hawaii toy dog in 1978. She later showed and finished the following Poms: Ch. Lennis' Native Dancer (owned by Cookie Inosencio), Ch. Alani's Nanakuli Flash, Ch. Flame N Sun Rebel Rouser (Hawaii's top toy dog), Ch. Guys 'N Gals Heartbreaker, and Ch. Woodrose Hana Holi Rusty.

Betty is survived by a son, Wailani; three daughters--Mikilani, Rosalind, and Brenda and eight grandchildren. She will be missed by her family as well as the many friends she has made in over twenty years of showing dogs. Betty was widely respected for her sportsmanship, honesty, and fun-loving spirit. This picture was taken at our Pom Specialty held on April 9, 1995.

Aloha, Betty, and thanks for all the fun times and the wonderful memories. I was truly blessed to have you as my friend.

Ellen Takayama



WRIXON'S POMS

Congratulations,

Josephine Ching,

Guys 'N Gals Pomeranians,

on your well-deserved

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You have been my mentor, groomer,

Koko's

advocate, everything to make the

last year and a

half so exciting.

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on her

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Ch. Creider's Prince Dom Perignon and his handler Curtiss Smith join with Marvin and Margo Koga in congratulating Josephine Ching on her Kennel Visit.



Ch. Wee Heart's High Fashion

(Ch. Wee Heart's Can't Touch This x Ch. Wee Heart's Miss Hannigan)

Ch. Wee Heart's High Fashion finished in style in April, 1995, with back-to-back 5-point majors. She was groomed and handled to perfection by Randy Gemml of Valcopy-Wakhan Kennels. Thank you the following judges who appreciated her qualities: Edna Voyles, Mr. F.W. Braun, Dolly Ward, Dr. Robert Smith.

A special thank you to Cindy Castillo for handling Fashion to a 5-point major in March, 1995 and to Mark Iseki for all his help and for introducing me to Randy. Finally, words can never express my gratitude to Cassandra Evans for sharing her good ones with me.

Congratulations to Josephine Ching on her Kennel Visit!

VINTAGE

Owner: Vintage / Ellen Takayama

Breeder: Wee Hearts / Cassandra Evans

Behind The New Titlists

Three generation pedigrees of new Pomeranian Titlists will be printed free if sent in by the owner. Please send the dog's name, sex, owner's name, and breeder's name on a separate sheet of paper. Please type or print legibly. Send copies of pedigrees that don't need to be returned. Mail all information to the Editor.

h MNM's Heroic Captain Marvel

Cream Sable Male
Breeder: Mary E. and Eugene W. Wells
Owner: Kelly Machkovich/ Mary Wells

Ch Sun Ray's Bat Man ROM
Sun Ray's Diamond Jim
Joart's Madonna

h Sun Ray's Gold Strike

Rap's Black El Toro
Rap's Misty-Nite
Rap's Pearly Dawn
Ch Sun Ray's Bat Man ROM
Ch Del Sol's Lil' Babear
Del Sol's Ruth

NM's Sweet Lil Baberi

Ch Tomboy's Pico Chico ROM
Texcan's Honey Berry
Cheryl's Rosann Rosanadanna

h Obsessions Angel the Dragon

Orange Male
Breeder: Juan Gomez
Owner: Juan Gomez

Ch Jeribeth's Dragon Killer
Pedrons Dragon Deuce
Sunray's Patty Cake Girl

h Pedrons Dragon the Conqueror HOF, GC

Ch Pedrons Dragonmark
Pedrons Dragon dawn
Pedrons Fury of the Dragon
Ch Great Elms Timstopper Too
Ch Watts Little Chipper of G Elms
Great Elms Honey Bun

atts Little Tina Tyrant

Ch Watts Little Chipper of G Elms
Ch Watts Little I'm a Raisinette
Ch Moe-Best Constant Attention

Ch Stolanne's Hazy Image

Orange Sable Male
Breeder: Fran Stoll
Owner: Fran Stoll

Ch Theldun's Almond Fudge
Ch Bev-Nor's Double Fudge
Bev-Nor's Tarred and Feathered

Ch Bea Mary Hazy Day

Ch Mar-Len's Toby D of Browns
Bea Mary Trinka of Early Day
Mar-Don's Spice
Ch Millamor's Moon Rock
Ch Dixieland Rock of Millamor
Dixieland's Veronica

Ch Stolanne's Mica Rockelle

Ch O My Patty Touch-O-Pepper
O My Starmist Minuette
Joda's Starkist of Patri-Ark

Ch Stolanne's Bearly Made It

Orange Female
Breeder: Fran Stoll
Owner: Fran Stoll

Ch Millamor's Moon Rock
Ch Dixieland Rock of Millamor
Dixieland's Veronica

Ch Stolanne Thunderbolt Thor

Ch O My Touch-O-Pepper
O My Starmist Minuette
Joda's Starkist of Patri-Ark
Ch Dixieland Rock of Millamor
Ch Flame of Wright Way
Ginger of Wright Way

Ch Stolanne's Tequila Bandette

Stoll's Peperino Popple
Stoll's Tequila Margarita
Stoll's Babetta Nicole

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We invite our Readers to express their views on all pertinent subjects.

Ch Wee Hearts High Fashion

Red Orange Female

Breeder: Cassandra Evans/Estil Evans

Owner: Ellen Takayama

Ch Emcee's Sparkling Chip
 Ch Chricendo Western Express
 Ch Chricendo Chatelaine

Ch Wee Hearts Can't Touch This

Wee Hearts Teakie Too Too
 Wee Hearts Run for the Roses
 Wee Hearts Funny Valentine
 Ch Tomboy's Pico Chico
 Ch Texsun's Lone Star
 Zachary's Lady Sheba

Ch Wee Hearts Miss Hannigan

Wee Hearts Different Drummer
 Wee Hearts Almost Paradise
 Lennis Luv-A-Prima Vista

Ch Pinyon's Shining Glory

Orange Female

Breeder: Jean Focke

Owner: Jean Focke

Ch Millamor's Rock Concert
 Ch Chricendo City Lights
 Ch Chricendo Chatelaine

Ch Tim Sue's Shining Light

Ch Jolly Wee Pistol Pete of Peppi
 Jolly Wee Lady of Pete
 Jolly Wee Melody of Rock Music
 Ch Chricendo City Lights
 Ch Tim Sue's High Lights
 Ch Tim Sue's Angel Sabrina

Ch Tim Sue High Lights Chablis

Ch Millamor Copyright
 Tim Sue's Pink Champagne
 Jolly Wee's Lil Pizzazz

Ch Pinyon's Chardonnay Harbor

Orange Male

Breeder: Jean Focke

Owner: Jean Focke

Ch Millamor's Rock Concert
 Ch Chricendo City Lights
 Chricendo Chatelaine

Ch Tim Sue's Harbor Lights

Jolly Wee Duke of the West
 Tim Sue's Duchess Sabrina
 Ch Tim Sue's Angel Sabrina
 Ch Chricendo City Lights
 Ch Tim Sue's City Lights
 Ch Tim Sue's Angel Sabrina

Ch Tim Sue High Lights Chablis

Ch Millamor's Copyright
 Tim Sue's Pink Champagne
 Jolly Wee's Lil Pizzazz

Ch Sha-Mar Forever Kalypso Kate

Cream Sable Female

Breeder: Alesha Marie

Owner: Jean Focke

Golden Glow Dr Pepper
 Ch Forever Luxton Misty Mickey
 Forever Happy Misty Morn

Forever Sha-Mar Pick Pocket

Be-Mar Happy Hooligan of Bradley
 Sha-Mar Sillys Summer Odyssey
 Austin Sha-Mar Soot 'N' Silver
 Golden Glow Dr Pepper
 Forever Luxton Perry Pickle
 Forever Happy Misty Morn

Forever Sha-Mar Sillys Legacy

Ch Shadra's Battery Not Included
 Austin Sha-Mar Soot 'N' Silver
 Austin's Southern Belle Star

Ch Yellow Rose Exotic Spice

Cream Sable Male

Breeder: Annette Lynn Heise

Owner: Annette Lynn Heise

Ch Bonner's Co-Starlyn Newsmaker
 Chesai News Flash
 Collier's Golden Charlene

Ch Mercer's Exotica

Ch Mercer's Touch O' Duke
 Mercer's Starlett Touch
 Mercer's Dark Star
 Desiree's Smokey Mt Boy
 Ch Desiree's Smokey Mt Prince
 Desiree's Model Brooke Shield

Yellow Rose Smokey Mt Desaree

Ch HHH High Speed Bandit
 Yellow Rose's HHH Hotlips
 Krystle Koala Bear

Ch JK's Bayou View Wild Willie

Orange Male

Breeder: John Lewis/Adam Verrett

Owner: John W. / Karen A. Blackwell

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 Bayou View Just An Illusion
 Ch Bayou View Sugar 'N Spice

Ch Bayou View Brass Bandit

Elaine's Little Treasure
 Bayou View Brandy Kisses
 Elaine's Mischief Maker
 Ch Bayou View Front Runner
 Bayou View A Moment in Time
 My Precious Mindy

Bayou View Bit-O-Honey

Pompuf Myas Touch of Maxim
 Bayou View Summer Sunshine
 Bayou View La Mirage

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MORENO'S

Moreno's sends congratulations to Ch. Moreno's Suni Sahuaro Blossom (making her finishing points) owned by Gloria Rock. (left) On the right is Moreno's Believe It Or Not (Ripley) owned by Linda Brogiotti. Thank you Mrs. Sharon Krough for liking the pair.



Moreno's



Pomeranians

Watch for these dogs soon in the ring....

Moreno's Finnegan

(Am / Can Ch. Moreno's Perri Winkle x
Ch. Moreno's Sweet Pea)

Moreno's Serena

(Jubilee Trooper x Moreno's Potpourri)

Moreno's Double Deal

(Moreno's I Lan Warrior of Hy Jan Le x
Moreno's Zinnia)

Moreno's Harriton

(Am / Can Ch. Moreno's Perri Winkle x
Moreno's Phyner Golden Jubilee)*

*Harri is proudly owned by Jan Wilhite in Arizona.

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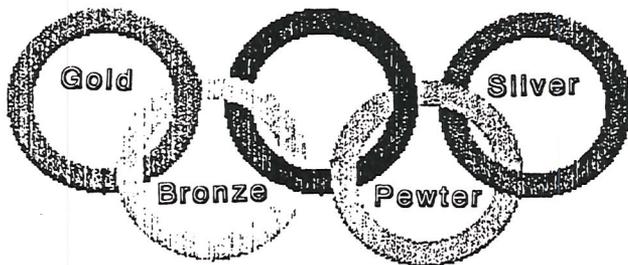
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Champion Odyssey's Just Do It

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Ch. Odyssey's Just Do It "Nike" (Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz x Queenaire Christi) finished by taking a Group II from the Classes at the Sacramento Kennel Club show under Judge Toddie Clark. Nike was bred by Janet Manuszak-Lucido.

Nike is presently being speialed and is in training for his dual title in obedience. He awaits girls by private treaty only. All our obedience dogs have been show quality, sound, and easily trained. Most have both titles.

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Ch TLC Magical Minuette

Red Sable Female

Breeder: Carol and Tom Gillespie

Owners: Margaret and Dan Ontiveros

Ch Great Elms Prince Charming II

Ch Jane's Wee Prince O' Jeribeth

Jeribeth's Toastie

Ch TLC I's A Prince Too

Singleoak Image of Great Elm

Ch Singleoak Ity Bity TLC

Singleoak Little Debbie

Ch Emcee's A Chip of Diamond

Emcee's Sparking Gold Nugget

Chip-A-Way's Terrific Windy

TLC Brigette

Yap Yap Timmy Too O Great Elms

Singleoak Little Debbie

Great Elms Blondie

Ch Odyssey's Just Do It

Orange Male

Breeder: Janet Manuszak-Lucido

Owner: Alice Lessard

Ch Model's Bit-O-Whiz

Ch Moonshadow's G Wiz Wee Bad

Queenaire Ruby Ruby

Ch Odyssey's Keno Wiz

Queenaire Whiskey Tenor

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Jubilee Darin' Do

Ch Sun-Dot's Ramboling Sunset

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Ch Sun-Dot's Holly

Queenaire Christy

Merrymont Spirit O Great Elms

Queenaire Blaze of Glory

Ch Queenaire Glory Huntress

Ch DAR's Foxridge Eric Paddison

Red Sable Male

Breeder: Rosemary Regoni

Owner: Curtis Mack

Ch Millamor's Rock Medallion

Ch Criscendo Calvin Klein

Chriscendo Confetti

Ch Merrymont Patent Pending

Ch Coble's Traveling Bear

Merrymont Cameo Keepsake ROM

Ch Chip-A-Way's Diamond Keepsake

Ch Model's Timstopper's Echo

Ch Beaver of Lenette

Tinker Bell of Lenette

Yolanda's Twinkle of Lenette

Ch Cedarwood's Image of Yolanda

Yolanda's Twinkle of Image

Yolanda's Traveling Tequila

Ch Mack's Meavens to Betsy

Orange Female

Breeder: Curtis Mack

Owner: Curtis Mack

Ch Chriscendo Calvin Klein

Ch Merrymont Patent Pending

Merrymont Cameo Keepsake ROM

Ch DAR's Foxridge Eric Paddison

Ch Beaver of Lenette

Yolanda's Twinkle of Lenette

Yolanda's Twinkle of Image

Ch Apple's Traveling Diamond

Ch Apple's Traveling Rambler

Ch Jan-Shar's Charming Becky

Mack's Rambling Kate

Wee Heart's Solo Flyte

Munchkin's One-Fifty-One

Munchkin's Wish O' Wee Hearts

Ch Mack's Me No Sissy

Orange Sable Male

Breeder: Curtis Mack

Owner: Curtis Mack

Ch Chriscendo Calvin Klein

Ch Merrymont Patent Pending

Merrymont Cameo Keepsake ROM

Ch DAR's Foxridge Eric Paddison

Ch Beaver of Lenette

Yolanda's Twinkle of Lenette

Yolanda's Twinkle of Image

Cedarwood's Gold Nugget

Ch Great Elms Timstopper Pride

Great Elms Bunny Rabbit

Great Elms Timstopper's Ellie

Wee Heart's Solo Flyte

Munchkin's One-Fifty-One

Munchkin's Wish O' Wee Hearts

Ch Mac's Absolutely No Regrets

Orange Female

Breeder: Curtis Mack

Owner: Curtis Mack

Ch Rhea-Na's Country DJ of Jan-Shar

Ch Jan-Shar's Mountain Dew

Great Elms Mountain Mama

Ch Absolutely's Magic Mountain

Ch Bev-Nor Toastmaster

Jan-Shar's Madonna

Jan-Shar's Semi Sweet

Ch Apple's Traveling Diamond

Ch Apple's Traveling Rambler

Ch Jan-Shar's Charming Becky

Mack's Rambling Gypsy

Wee Heart's Solo Flyte

Munchkin's One-Fifty-One

Munchkin's Wish O' Wee Hearts

CH. MNM'S HEROIC CAPTAIN MARVEL



Marvel displayed his heroic abilities by finishing in 3 shows with 3 back-to-back 5-point majors, 3 BOB, and 3 Group Placements. All owner/handled! Marvel is an extremely sound boy and is producing beautiful offspring with heavy coats and his soundness.

We wish to thank Kelly Machkovich, Marvel's handler and owner, for doing such a marvelous job in presenting Marvel in the ring. We'd also like to offer congratulations to Kelly and MNM's Captain TJ of Cheyenne for his RWD placement on a 5-point major and WD for a 4-point major. TJ is also owned, handled, and loved by Kelly.

A tremendous thank you to the Judges who appreciated Marvel's soundness, beauty, and positive comments:

6/24/95 Alaska Kennel Club	Sari Brewster Tietjen	5-pt Major, BOB
	Robert Sharp	Group 1
6/25/95 Alaska Kennel Club	Robert Sharp	Group 1
	Sari Brewster Tietjen	Group 4
7/08/95 Cook Inlet KC	Dr. William Houpt	5-pts, BOB, Group 2

Watch for Kelly and Marvel out and about as a Specials Team and Marvel's son, TJ, in the Breed Ring.

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Condor Pomeranians

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Condor Ebony's Nightflame

(Panda Bear)

The winner of both Southern California Specialty Sweepstakes in 1994 is back with a BOB over specials at Malibu KC and BOW at the first Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California show. Panda Bear combines the very best of Jolly Wee and Bonner in his lineage. Thank you Mitchell Wooten and Mrs. Peggy Dillard Carr for appreciating his outstanding qualities.

Puppies are available from the following litters. The first litter is almost 100% Jolly Wee and the second, 1/2 Jolly Wee and 1/4 Scotia, 1/4 Bonner.

Ch Del Sol's Lil' Babear
Ch Goldcrest's Crown Prince
Maranatha's Lil Maggie Rose

Goldcrest's Crown Dragon (Sire)

Ch Pepper CF
Sue's Misty Dawn of Pepper To
Cobb's Babe of Pepper To
Ch Camelot's Whispering Shadow
Ch Alexand's Golden Whisper
Alexsand's Jolly Wee Amberglo

Condor Ebony's Nightwind (Dam)

Ch Doctor's Pepper CF
Sue's Ebony of Pepper To
Cobb's Babe of Pepper To

Ch Bonner's Starlyn Prissy Puf
Ch Camelot's Whispering Shadow
Camelot's Nigra Et Formosa

Alexsand's Merlin of Camelot (Sire)

Ch Scotia JD's I'm the Pied Piper
Scotia Honey Rose Serina
Ch Scotia Braun Chintilly Lace
Ch Jolly Wee I'm A Pepper To
Ch Doctor's Pepper CF
Ch Olivia

Sue's Ebony of Pepper To (Dam)

Ch Jolly Wee I'm A Pepper To
Cobb's Babe of Pepper To
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ROCK HAVEN POMS

New Champion
(Pending AKC Approval)

Ch. Moreno's Suní Saḡuaro Blossom

(Moreno's I Lan Warrior of Hy Jan Lee x Ch. Moreno's Sweet Pea)



"Suní" has great conformation, temperament, and soundness! HEARTFELT thanks to my mentor, JULIE MORENO, for breeding this lovely Pom. Also, a special thanks to Linda and Tina Brogotti for your moral support and guidance.

Loved, owned and proudly handled by Gloria Rock!

Gloria Rock
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Ch. Forever Hatfield

We are quite happy winning this 5-point major by going Breed at the Mission Circuit under Judge Wanner. The Specials competition was high in quality and quantity. Hatfield went on to finish with 3 majors. All his wins were from the "Bred by" class.

Forever Yours,
Marge Kranzfelder
(415) 572-0149



Ch. TLC Magical Minuette

"Magic" finished at the second Camellia Capital Kennel Club Show on Saturday, May 13, 1995. She is mahogany red with excellent black points. She weighs a solid 10 pounds. To her credit, she won 10 single points and 2 5-point majors. The first major was awarded by Mr. Edd Bivin, the second by Mrs. Joy Davison. She also has BOB, BOS's, and group placings. Thanks to all the judges who found her worthy!

See pedigree in "Behind the New Tittlists."

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Ch. Chas-T-Dee Born To Show

(Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge x Mac's Lady Courtney Royale)

"Chip" is pictured here taking a 4-point major and Best of Breed under Judge Betty Moore at 7 months. Chip finished his championship quickly and will be returning to the ring now after coating out after his year-old shed. Please look for him with his Co-owner/Handler Charles McNeice.

FLASH.. Congratulations to Tim and Sue Goddard who have purchased and will be showing a Chip son, Chas-T-Dee Showtime at Tim Sue.

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New Champion

Pinyon's Chardonnay Harbor

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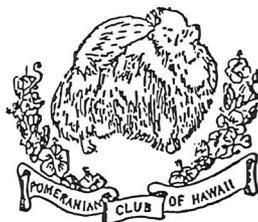
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.....	3.00	APC Decals (set=one large and two small)

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The Pomeranian Club of Hawaii is proud to congratulate long-time member Josephine Ching of Guys 'N Gals Pomeranians on her well-deserved Kennel Visit. Josephine has been a member of our club since 1977 and has always been willing to share her knowledge and grooming skills with others.

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