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CUBBY

One picture is worth a thousand words!



Ch. Southland 'N Bev-Nor's Tar-Baby
 (Ch. Southland's Toasted Fudge x Bev-Nor N' Southland Poasty)
 Grandsire of Cover Dog!

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December...Dot and Ed Martin
La Cherie Pomeranians
February...Mildred Patrick
Mr. and Miss Poms

Cover Story



Cubby after his last glass of champagne!!

Cubby (Ch. Linchris Genghis Pom) and Curtiss are pictured at Cubby's retirement party. He began his career at the Superstition / Kachina Show weekend with a Group I and retired one year later with a Group 2. Though not campaigned heavily, he was Number 4 Pom last year.

Some highlights of his career were his Back to Back Group I's, 2 Specialty wins, and a Best in Show.

So, Cubby enjoys a glass of champagne and retires to Toad Patrol at the Ponderosa. Bye, Bye!

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The Jake (Ch. Rock 'N Tradition of Oakridge) kids went to the Des Moines Pom Specialty and did they ever have a good time!
BB. Star haven's Righteous Rock owned and bred by Janice Young; WD. Ozark's Spirit of Oakridge owned and bred by Nina Epps and co-owned with Karen Crouch; WB. Kenney's Rockette of Oakridge bred by Sallie Sajonce and owned by Nina Epps and shown by good friend and pom breeder, Diana Nolan.

Thank you, Breeder/Judge Ken Miller. Congratulations to Sharon Hicks and Brenda Turner on their three majors on Rock Come of Oakridge.





Jan-Shar's Braveheart
(Jan-Shar's Apple Jack, Jr. x Jan-Shar's Spit-Fire)

Many thanks! to **Judge Melissa Dahlenburg** for this exciting win. And many thanks! to the members of the **Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore** for a great time!

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Recording Secretary's Report

by Beverly Henry

95-04-01

Al Williamson made a motion, seconded by Charlotte Creed, that a rule be made that such comments and/or articles such as Sally made not be published in the **Pomeranian Review**. Motion passed with 1 absent, 1 abstention, 2 no votes, and 8 yes votes.

95-04-02

Jim Shearer made a motion, seconded by Charlotte Creed, that the **Pomeranian Review** be allowed to accept Master Card and Visa as a method of payment. Motion passed with 1 absent, 1 no vote, and 10 yes votes.

95-04-03

Jim Shearer made a motion, seconded by Charlotte Creed, that Sally's "Much Ado About Anything" article not be published and that it be returned to her. Motion passed with 1 absent, 1 abstention, and 10 yes votes.

95-05-01

Beverly Henry made a motion, seconded by Sharon Masnick, that the Board inform Sally Baugniat that she must immediately turn over all materials compiled while acting as JEC to Linda Brogoitti and as Chairperson of the Standard Revision Committee to Charlotte Creed. Motion passed unanimously.

95-05-02

Dolly Trauner made a motion, seconded by Beverly Henry, that we forgive and forget the infraction of the Sweepstakes rules by Tony Cabrero at the 1994 Winter Specialty. Motion passed with 2 abstentions, 2 no votes, and 8 yes votes.

95-05-03

Tim Goddard made a motion, seconded by Mary Allan, that we give Metro Interactive Software permission to reproduce the contents of our APC Information Booklet on CD-ROM for worldwide distribution. Motion passed with 1 abstention, 1 no vote, and 10 yes votes.

95-05-04

Beverly Henry made a motion, seconded by Sharon Masnick, that, beginning with the Roster distributed in 1996, it contain the Minutes of the Annual Meeting in their entirety, the President's Report, the Corresponding Secretary's Report, the AKC Delegates Annual Report, the Treasurer's Report, and the Minutes of the Board Meetings held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: We have been accused in the past of a lack of communication with our members. The Roster is one of the items we publish that is distributed to all APC members. We owe them that information—whatever the cost. Cost can be reduced considerably simply by using a smaller font. I realize that most of the above information is published in the Review, but not all APC members subscribe to the Review.

95-05-05

Margaret McKee made a motion, seconded by Mary Allan, that Sally's second article, "Leaders and Followers" published in the **Pomeranian Review**. Motion passed with 1 abstention, 5 no votes, and 6 yes votes.

95-05-06

Margaret McKee made a motion, seconded by Mary Allen, that APC give a rosette for "Best Bred-by-Exhibiter" to Regular classes at the February Specialty. Motion passed with 2 abstentions and 10 yes votes.

95-06-01

Tim Goddard made a motion, seconded by Jeanne Blank, to approve the Central Carolina Pomeranian Club for the 1996 Summer Specialty. Motion failed, 11 no votes, and 1 yes vote.

95-06-02

Fran Stoll made a motion, seconded by Tim Goddard, that Central Carolina Pomeranian Club be approved to host the 1996 AF Summer Specialty and Puget Sound Pomeranian Club be approved for the 1997 Summer Specialty.

Janesa's Pomeranians



Janesa's Forever the Star

(Ch. Jan-Shar's in Living Color x Ch. Janesa's Glen Iris Star Struck)

Thank you, Judge Mr. Caviness, for Ringo's first win. Thanks, Maria, for handling him so beautifully.

Jerrie Freia
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*In Memory of
Karen A. Blackwell...*

1947-1995

owner of

JK'S Country Poms

Adam, Jerrie, and John

Specialty. Motion failed, 11 no votes and 1 vote.

5-06-03

Dolly Trauner made a motion, seconded Sharon Masnick, that Puget Sound Pom Club be approved to host the 1996 APC Summer Specialty and that the Central Carolina Pom Club be approved to host the 1997 APC Summer Specialty. Motion passed, 3 no votes and 10 yes votes.

5-07-01

Jim Goddard made a motion, seconded by Sharon Masnick, that the top 4 Specialty Judges for 1997 Judge be included on the ballot for the 1997 Sweepstakes Judge. Motion passed, 5 no votes and 7 yes votes.

5-07-02

Mary Allan made a motion, seconded by Anne Blank, that APC send a full and complete list of acceptable colors to all judges licensed for Poms, the Toy Group and Best in Show, together with a cover letter explaining that there has been some confusion in some quarters as to acceptable colors and for them to note that all colors on the list are to be judged on an equal basis. This motion was withdrawn.

5-07-03

Beverly Henry made a motion, seconded Sharon Masnick, that Metro Interactive Software include a statement to the effect that the Information Booklet is the property of the American Pomeranian Club and may not be copied for personal purposes without the express consent of the Board of Directors. Motion passed, 1 no vote and 11 yes votes.

5-08-01

Linda Brogoitti made a motion, seconded Sharon Masnick, to donate \$1,000 to the Canine Health Foundation. Motion passed.

5-08-02

Jim Shearer made a motion, seconded by Sharon Masnick, that the Corresponding Secretary receive all the APC Information Booklets for distribution. Motion passed.

95-08-03

Jim Shearer made a motion, seconded by Sharon Masnick, that APC Information Booklets be given to any APC member free of charge. Motion passed.

95-08-04

Jim Shearer made a motion, seconded by Dolly Trauner, that a maximum of 25 APC Information Booklets be given to any Regional Club free of charge. Motion passed.

Around the Waterbowl

by Linda Brogoitti
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I always thought of seven as my lucky number until today. Seven rescue Poms in one day isn't what I call lucky. Mats, fleas, ticks, and nails grown into the skin does not a pleasant day make! Of course NONE are spayed or neutered so we have a busy week ahead of us. I believe this last group brings up to 184 rescues since September, 1993.

On a happier note were two dogs whose first few hours with their adoptive family will long remain in our memory. I had a newspaper ad running before Thanksgiving for Rescue. They always sell turkey by the pound so I thought, hey, why not try it! The ad read **Poms by the Pound. \$10 to \$30 per pound. Pre-owned, now homeless. \$85 to \$150. For the perfect dinner and family companion call Pom Rescue....**

One call came from 125 miles away and they were coming down to look at Napoleon. This was a dog turned in by his family after 6 years 'cause no one could control him. Spoiled from puppyhood, the only one he tolerated was Grandpa. This was most unfortunate for Grandma, however. She hadn't been able to get near her husband for a LONG, LONG, LONG TIME! The granddaughter wouldn't put up with it anymore, so it was decided he had to go. A small cream male marched into my house at the end of his lead and actually thought he owned the place. I couldn't even get close to him so I had them place him in his crate while we did the paper work and

then they left.

About an hour later I approached the crate and he hit the door with teeth flashing. Fortunately for me they left his lead on so I thought, "No problem, I'll just open the door, he'll walk out, and I'll pick up the lead." That dog had as much inclination to leave the crate as I did to reach into it! Now wouldn't you think if you turned a crate upside down the contents would come out? NOT SO! Not about to be outsmarted by a dog, I embarked on my best idea since he arrived. I took the bolts off the crate and lifted the top off. BAD IDEA! He just sat and growled and turned around every time I tried to get the lead. With the help of a kitchen tool, I finally got the lead and got his teeth out of my broom handle!

What followed is how he became known as Napoleon. Though I had the lead at arm's length, he still kept charging and trying to get me. I finally got hold of him by the hair on his neck, pulled him right up in front of my face and literally gave him an Army boot camp welcome!! I yelled, "You may think you're Napoleon, but you just met your Waterloo!"

He went limp as a dishrag and I thought I'd really done him in. I pulled him to me and touched his head. His eyes opened and he looked back at me, but it was a different look. I think he actually relaxed in my arms and wagged his tail. We worked with him for months, taking him to all the matches and asking different people to walk him around. I always say there's someone out there for every rescue dog and I prayed I'd find that person soon!

They drove 125 miles one way to find a dog and sat and played with the group for at least 30 minutes. I noticed the man kept looking at Napoleon in the pen (he still wasn't trustworthy around strangers in an uncontrolled situation). He asked about him so I told him the whole story, including his history of biting and all the stitches his owners had endured. This guy was actually fascinated and I grew hopeful as I reached in and picked Napoleon up. He wanted to hold him so.....True to form Napoleon nailed his finger and the guy just laughed. I went and got some band-aids, the whole time keeping my fingers crossed, which

was more than he could do since he now had two fingers and a thumb in need of band-aids!

He finally settled down and quit biting, and they really hit it off! He said he wanted him so he began the paperwork while I went to answer the door. A couple who had adopted a dog 4 days earlier were returning him because he wasn't good with kids. When she adopted the dog I told her he didn't like small kids (smart dog!) and she said she didn't have any. She forgot to mention that her sister WHO SHE SAID SHE LIVED WITH DID HAVE TWO SMALL KIDS! Needless to say, the adoption did not work. Napoleon's new owner was listening to all this and after she left, he asked to hold the dog and his wife said she didn't see any reason why 2 dogs would be any more trouble than one. HA! Remember this last sentence, folks, then read on!

Paperwork on the 2 dogs completed, they were ready to leave for home. As I carried their supplies to their nice, new Cadillac, the wife asked directions to a restaurant nearby. I told them and suggested they leave the dogs with me until they were ready to leave town. I said they were liable to tear up the car or mess in it, but they pooh-pooed my suggestion and said they'd be just fine.

Less than an hour later my phone rang. Yup, it's them! He says, "Ma'am, do you think you'all could come up here to the restaurant, I got me a little problem. I can't get my car door open." I explained to him I didn't know how to unlock it either but would call AAA for him. He said, "Well Ma'am, that's not exactly my problem. Every time I try to open the door that little Napoleon throws himself at the opening and I'm afraid he'll get out, and if I try to grab the little----, he'll nail me!" I suggested he keep Napoleon busy at one door while his wife opened the other. His response was, "Ma'am, that little ----'s got the other dog stationed at that door. We can't get either door opened."

When I finally quit laughing, I said I'd be right there and asked where he was parked. "Real easy to spot us, Ma'am, it's the only car with about 30 folks standing around it."

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Brad and Lorene Bradbury

In Memoriam
Lorene Bradbury

1924-1995

With the deepest regret, we announce the death of a very dear friend, Lorene Bradbury. Lorene, afflicted with lung cancer, passed peacefully in her sleep.

Lorene, together with her husband Brad, owned the famous Jubilee Kennels of Turlock, California. While she did not show, her breeding was prestigious in the show ring. A few of her most notable Poms were Ch. Moreno's Critic's Choice, Ch. Apolloette Foolish Pleasure, Ch. Lessard's Shangri-La of Jubilee, UD, Ch. Jubilee Twinkling Starlet to name a few. Her influence was widely felt particularly in California but elsewhere as well.

A truly good person, she went about helping people she knew, and many she didn't know. She never objected when one of us called in the middle of the night for assistance in a difficult whelping. She was always obliging and cheerful. She was especially skilled in whelping and raising difficult puppies, and many of us took advantage of that skill.

Lorene not only loved the Pomeranian, but all breeds. She was the unofficial rescue person for the entire area--all breeds. She was truly a dog's best friend.

She will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to husband Brad, and we hope he will be able, in time, to recover from this tragic loss. Brad plans to continue, in a limited way, the kennel which Lorene loved so well.

With fondest remembrances...

Dolly, Julie, Wanda, and Dudley

JULIAN KENNELS



Am / Can Ch. Chinadoll's Terminator

"Arnie, a dream come true!"

VIN KENNELS, REG. / Joan and Melv Beech / RR6 Aylmer Ontario Canada N5H2R5 / (519) 773-2471
Handler: Susan Malek / Breeders: John and Darlene Boyd



Raglan's Ginger Snaps

"Ginger, the Pom with the 'Sporting Dog' movement!"

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Breeder: Penny Belle Scorer

Vednesday morning began with the APC
 edience Trial, judged by Mr. Ken
 gler. Nine Poms competed in 12 entries
 the lovely ceramic clown poms which
 re awarded throughout the day. Four
 edience entries went home with legs and
), Megan's Spitfire owned by Marti
 lifko, and Black Magic's Samuri Warrior
 ned by Dr. Sandra K. Woods, finished
 ir CD titles. Mr. Dana Plonkey then took

over the ring to decide the winners of the
 APC National Summer Specialty. The day
 ended with a scrumptious Maryland crab
 feast and Bar-B-Que, many "so longs" and
 "safe homes."

From all of us in the PCGB, thank you for
 attending. We hope you had a great time
 and that we'll see y'all again when we do
 this all over again in the year 2000.

Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore Specialty

Frederick MD

Sweepstakes--9/4/95

Judge: Mrs. Melissa Dahlenburg

Puppy Dog 6-9 mos. (11)

Jan-Shar's Braveheart..... Barbie Kutilek / Sharon Hanson

Puppy Dog 9-12 mos. (4)

Ch. Beta Star Stopper..... Joe Daubenspeck

Puppy Dog 12-18 mos.

Ch. Lynnwright's Make Room For Daddy..... Donna Lynn Wright / Diana Plichta

Puppy Bitch 6-9 mos.

Ch. Absolute's Regal Kisses..... Roberta Grinnell

Puppy Bitch 9-12 mos.

Ch. Dolanne's Promises To Keep..... Frances J. Stoll

Puppy Bitches 12-18 mos.

Ch. Forever Gidget Goes Western..... Marge Kranzfelder

Best Junior Puppy: Jan-Shar's Braveheart

Best of Opposite Sex: Absolute's Regal Kisses

Best Senior Puppy: Forever Gidget Goes Western

Best of Opposite: Lynnwright's Make Room For Daddy

Grand Sweepstakes Winner: Forever Gidget Goes Western

Veteran Sweepstakes

Veteran Dog 6-9 years (2)

Ch. Shyacres Our Man Friday..... Audrey M. Roberts / W.A. Smart

Veteran Dog 9 years and older (1)

Ch. Great Elms Firestarter..... Dolores A. Watts

Veteran Bitch 9 years and older (1)

Ch. Southland's Toast To Bev-Nor..... Charlotte Creed

Grand Sweepstakes Winner: Ch. Great Elms Firestarter

Regular Classes

Judge: Mrs. Jane Forsyth

Puppy Dogs 6-9 mos. (14)

Ch. Ariscendo Classico..... Christine D. Hartz

Alden's Celebration In Kelly	Puppy Dogs 9-12 mos. (5)	Alden A and Janet Domrase
Whispering Lane Nevada	Puppy Dogs 12-18 mos. (4)	Carol J. Baldwin
Dimonde's Satin Satan	Bred-By Exhibitor Dog (2)	Diana M. Downey
Alden's Celebration In Keith	American Bred Dog (2)	Alden A. and Janet R.Domrase
Chriscendo Cliffhanger	Open ROCS Dog (10)	Wiyung Sarta Tjakra

Winners Dog: Chriscendo Classico
Reserve Winners Dog: Chriscendo Cliffhanger

Jan-Shar's Glory Glory Halleluyah	Puppy Bitch 6-9 mos. (7)	Sharon Hanson
Jolvin's Pieces Of Eight	Puppy Bitch 9-12 mos. (8)	Joan and Melv Beech
Raglan Ginger Snaps	Puppy Bitch 12-18 (4)	Joan and Melv Beech
Watts' Little Peaches & Cream	Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitch (6)	Dolores Watts
TLC Lady Nala Goldsun	American Bred Bitch (1)	Margaret and Daniel Ontiveros
Mar-Vic's Chocolate Cookbook	Open BBB Bitch (1)	Mary Vickers
Nansan Demi Plie	Open AOAC Bitch (1)	Nancy Marshall and Leona Strain
Alden's Celebration in Karen	Open ROCS Bitch (6)	Alden A. and Janet R. Domrase

Winners Bitch--Raglan Ginger Snaps
Reserve Winners Bitch--Jan-Shar's Glory Glory Halleluyah

Ch. Watts' Little Dakotah	Veteran Dog (2)	Carol J. Baldwin
Ch. Shy Acres Our Man Friday	Stud Dog (1)	Audrey M. Roberts and W.A. Smart
Ch. Southland's New Year Toast	Brood Bitch (1)	Charlotte Creed

Best Bred-By-Exhibitor: Dimonde's Satin Satan

Best of Breed (18-3): Ch. Glen Iris Castle Rock: Nina Work, Cheryl Jackson and Joel Taylor

Best of Winners: Chriscendo Classico

Best of Opposite: Ch. Strutting To The Moon: Howard Skylar

Junior Showmanship

Judge: Mrs. Jane Forsyth

Open Junior (1)

Jennifer Rusnak

Open Senior (2)

Elizabeth Kerr

Best Junior Showman: Elizabeth Kerr





Gidget Went East!
Ch. Forever Gidget Goes Western

Thank you, Judge Dahlenburg, for this exciting win! Gidget completed her championship here next show at home.

Forever Yours

Marge Kranzfelder
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Obedience Classes

Judge: Mr. Ed Gillespie

Novice B (3 qualifiers)

Megan's Spitfire (188.5)..... Marti Halifko

Highest Scoring dog in Regular Classes: Megan's Spitfire

Graduate Novice (1)

Bev-Nor's Ragtime Cowboy CD, CGC (195)..... Jean R. Barnes

BALTIMORE WINNERS



Best of Breed
Ch. Glen Iris Castle Rock



Best of Opposite
Ch. Strutting To The Moon



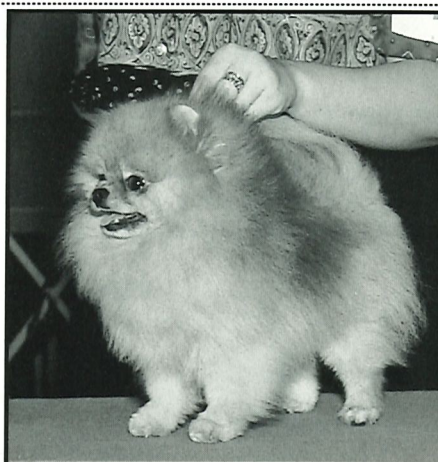
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Chricendo Classico



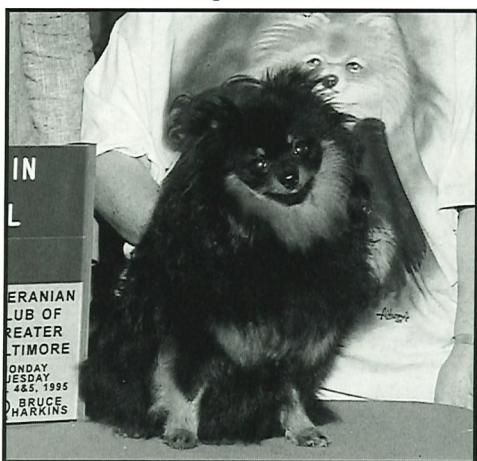
Winners Bitch
Raglan Ginger Snaps



Best in Sweepstakes
Forever Gidget Goes Western



Best Junior Showman
Elizabeth Kerr



High in Trial
Megan's Spitfire



American Pomeranian Club

Frederick, MD

Sweepstakes--9/4/95

Judge: Mr. Frank Wolaniuk

Puppy Dogs 6-9 mos. (11)

Shy Acres Sweet Lovin Man..... Russell and Joanne Kern

Puppy Dogs 9-12 mos. (4)

DAR's Foxridge Robbie For TR..... Rosemary Regoni and Deena Swinney

Puppy Dog 12-18 mos. (3)

Dimonde's Flynn Fire Crown Diana M. Downey

Puppy Bitch 6-9 mos. (7)

Jan-Shar's Glory Glory Halleluyah Sharon Hanson

Puppy Bitch 9-12 mos. (5)

Stolanne's Promises To Keep Frances J. Stoll

Idlewyld Koh-I-Noor Topaze Margaret R. McKee

Puppy Bitch 12-18 mos (3)

Best Junior Puppy: DAR's Foxridge Robbie For TR
 Best Opposite: Jan-Shar's Glory Glory Halleluyah
 Best Senior Puppy: Idlewyld Koh-I-Nor Topaze
 Best Opposite: Dimonde's Flynn Fire Crown
 Grand Sweepstakes Winner: DAR's Foxridge Robbie For TR

Veteran Sweepstakes

Veteran Dog 6-9 years (2)

Cedarview's Prime Time Linda T. Birch

Veteran Dog 9 years and Older (1)

Great Elms Firestarter Dolores A. Watts

Veteran Bitch 9 years and Older (1)

Southland's Toast To Bev-Nor Charlotte Creed

Grand Veteran Sweepstakes Winner: Ch. Southland's Toast To Bev-Nor

Regular Classes

Judge: Mr. Dana Plonkey

Puppy Dog 6-9 mos. (13)

Southland's Jack In The Box Charlotte Creed

Puppy Dog 9-12 (5)

DAR's Foxridge Robbie For TR Rosemary Regoni and Deena Swinney

Puppy Dog 12-18 mos (4)

Whispering Lane Nevada Carol J. Baldwin

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dog (2)

Wright's Make Room For Daddy Donna Lynn Wright and Diana Plichta

American Bred Dog (2)

Men's Celebration In Keith Alden A. and Janet R. Domrase

Open ROCS dog(7)

Chriscendo Cliffhanger Wiyung Sarta Tjakra

Winners Dog: Chriscendo Cliffhanger

Reserve Winners Dog: China Doll's Sudden Impact: John and Darlene Boyd

Puppy Bitch 6-9 mos. (9)

Absolute's Regal Kisses Roberta Grinnell

Puppy Bitch 9-12 mos. (8)

Fire's Wonder Woman Regina Nunn and Barbara Nagy

Puppy Bitch 12-18 mos. (6)

Glenn Ginger Snaps Joan and Melv Beech

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitch (5)

Philbrook's Magic Pixie Dust Susann Philbrook

American Bred Bitch (1)

CC Lady Nala Goldsun Margaret and Daniel Ontiveros

Open BBB Bitch (1)

Mr-Vic's Chocolate Cookbook Mary Vickers

Open ROCS Bitch (6)

Men's Celebration in Karen Alden A. and Janet R. Domrase

Open AOAC Bitch (1)

Msan Demi Plie Nancy Marshall and Leona Strain

Winners Bitch: Raglan Ginger Snaps
Reserve Winners Bitch: Absolute's Regal Kisses

Veteran Dog (3)

- Ch. Shy Acres Our Man FridayAudrey Roberts and W.A. Smart
Stud Dog (1)
Ch. Shy Acres Our Man FridayAudrey M. Roberts and W. A. Smart
Brood Bitch (1)
Ch. Southland's New Year Toast..... Charlotte Creed

Best Bred-By-Exhibitor: Philbrook's Magic Pixie Dust

Best of Breed: (16-3) Ch. China Doll's Terminator owned by Joan and Melv Beech

Best of Winners: Raglan Ginger Snaps

Best of Opposite: Raglan Ginger Snaps

Junior Showmanship

Open Senior (1)

Elizabeth Kerr

Best Junior Showman: Elizabeth Kerr

Obedience Classes

Judge: Mr. Ken Nagler

Novice B (3 qualifiers):

Ch. Idlewyld Basic Black 'N Pearls Margaret R. McKee

Utility B (1 qualifier):

Razzle Dazzle Concerto CDX (190) Lillian Zentgraf and Judy Green

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes: Razzle Dazzle Concerto CDX

Graduate Novice (2)

Bev-Nor's Ragtime Cowboy CD, CGC (129)..... Jean R. Barnes

Veterans (1)

Ch. Mar-Vic's Dazzling Rascal CD,CGC (152.5) Mary Vickers



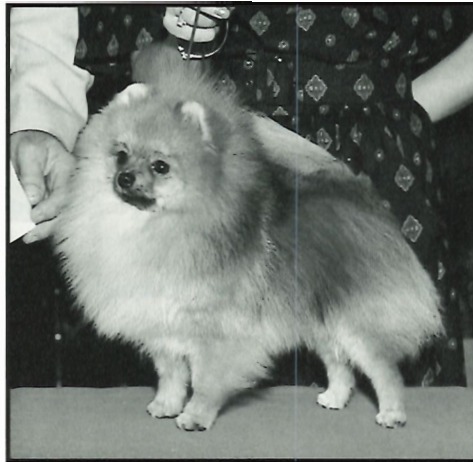
Best of Breed
Ch. China Doll's Terminator



WB. BOW, BOS
Raglan's Ginger Snaps



Winners Dog
Chriscondo Cliffhanger



Best in Sweepstakes
DAR's Foxridge Robbie For TR



Best Junior Handler
Elizabeth Kerr



High In Trial
Razzle Dazzle Concerto CDX

Rescue Committee Report

by Diana Downey

The Iroquois Pom Club has recently contacted me with the name of its Rescue Coordinator: (Upstate NY) Karen Shaver; 124 Justin Ave.; Syracuse, NY 13207; (315) 6-2776.

I still have not received the names of rescue coordinators from the following clubs: Natural State, San Diego, City of Angels, Metro-Denver, Mid-Florida, Pom Club of Hawaii, Greater Des Moines, La Cajun, Greater St. Louis, Carolina, Greater Pom Club, Columbia, Greater Houston, Get Sound, and Mt. Ranier.

Individual members, not associated with any club, who do rescue work are also encouraged to contact me.

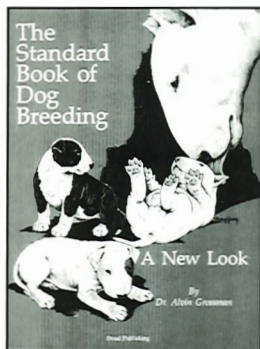
I would like to start compiling the various policies and paperwork of the clubs and individuals who are currently active in rescue work. I occasionally receive phone calls from individuals who would like to start a rescue in their area. I would like to send these folks some sample paperwork to help them get started. Also, if any of you active rescuers have any suggestions for newcomers, please send them along to me at my new address: 7226 Fenton farm Lane; Warrenton, VA 222186; (540) 341-4380.

Hope you all have long waiting lists and no "rescues" to fill them.

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Flash!! Thanks to Judge Mrs. Curtis Humphries for awarding Pixie Reserve Winners Bitch (to a 5 point major) at the Carolina Pom Specialty. Pixie won the largest bitch class. Looks like we're on a roll.

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EVALUATING YOUR PUPPIES

by Dr. Al Grossman

If you're going to be a successful breeder, you must be able to assess properly your puppies and quickly sell those who don't qualify as show-quality stock. If you cannot do this, you become bogged down with a group of "could've been" puppies. Your costs for maintaining them rises and their salability goes down as they lose their cuteness and appeal to the pet-buying public.

You must also learn the basics of salesmanship and merchandising so you can move those cute and cuddly puppies early. You must also combine your evaluation talents with your salesmanship skills to sell those show prospects to the right show homes.

If you can do this, you will have completed the ring of all things necessary to become a winner--go for it!

Most breeders, after years of breeding within one bloodline, are reasonably able to predict the development and outcome of each puppy in a litter. Typically, they can estimate a puppy's ultimate size, when a puppy will go through its awkward stage of development, and whether or not the puppy can be considered show quality.

Most of the time, breeders base their predictions both on gut feeling as well as many years of experience. However, there is a way to assess each puppy's potential without having had many years of dog-breeding experience. By maintaining careful records of their puppies' developmental stages, breeders can quickly begin to understand the maturation process of their own bloodline. For example, they may discover that most of their puppies go through an awkward stage between three and eight months of age, or they may find that their puppies generally reach adult height at 10 months.

However, no system is fool proof. Puppies that start off looking like excellent show prospects may end up being only pet quality. Or a puppy may be sold as pet quality and then end up as a top winner in the show ring. It is impossible to predict the

future of each puppy with 100% accuracy. But, by maintaining accurate, detailed records, a breeder can substantially improve the odds.

To assist in predicting the puppies' potentials, breeders should record accurately the weights and measurements of each puppy in every litter, including weight, height (floor to withers, and floor to elbow), and length (withers to tailset, point of shoulder to end of buttocks, etc.). These measurements should be taken at birth, two weeks, four weeks, and then every four weeks until maturity is reached.

Also notes on head development, heaviness of bone, and personality should be recorded, as well as any other features the breeder may wish to track. Typical comments should be like this:

- 5 1/2 weeks: At this age all four puppies in litter #6A look like peas in a pod--great heads and good coats--neck and shoulders are good and all appear short backed--Such A Corker's head piece is outstanding--looks like it may be and all champion litter--which one is best? Only time will tell.
- 7 weeks: All still appear outstanding. At this stage Such A Corker seems to be the pick of the litter. He is beautifully marked as a B/T, has good bone and substance and his conformation, except for a slight steepness of shoulder, is excellent--he has a plush head with very good ear set--his coat is full and thick--measures one inch shorter down the back than his height at the withers. Such Class is a thick heavy set puppy with a massive head that has potential, but seems to lack chiseling--an excellent coat, neck and shoulders are good but a bit heavy--short backed and very strong, well developed thighs--overall, he as good balance, one part blending well with others--just seems to be "too much"--measures one and one-half inches shorter down the back than his height at the withers. Such Brass is a substantial dog, less thick

throughout than Such Class, but excellent bone and substance--poorly marked for a B/T but markings are in all the right places--thick and luxuriant coat--head is plush with excellent chiseling--measured the same down the back as his height at the withers. Such Cham, a lovely headed black bitch--her bone and substance are in proportion to her size--she appears somewhat on the small side but plush looking with less coat than her three brothers--the best neck and shoulders of the litter--she measures three-quarters inches shorter down the back than her height at the withers. Such A Corker rated #1, Such Class a close #2. Such Brass very promising but does not seem all together yet.

- 12 weeks: The tide has taken a definite turn--Such Brass's markings are much clearer and he has knit together--when on the ground, he handle's himself like a master hunter--light on his feet and seems very assured--his coat is thick and luxurious and his head has become what breeders dream about. Back now measures one inch shorter than height at the withers. Such Class has also come into his own--he is now better chiseled and has grown into his thick square frame--an excellent topline and still the great bone and substance--on the ground, he too seems to move with grace. Such A Corker stayed where he was at 7 weeks--still good but the other two males have passed him--on the ground he seemed awkward in comparison with the others--his gait is more plodding while they seem to float--length to height ration remains the same. Such Cham is not going to make it as a show dog--her head is still beautiful but she is beginning to show signs of greater body length and no apparent improvement in coat.
- 6 months: We have two flyers, Such

Class and Such Brass. Such Cham is finishable but compared to the other two he is a plodder. Such Cham sold as a pet. Her coat did not come in and her length of back was excessive. This was a fault in the line we wished to eliminate.

- 7 months: Such Brass, other than full coat, looks totally mature. Entered in Open class at a very late Specialty show--went on to win for a 5-point major--finished at 10 months of age with four majors. Went on to win 100 Best of Breed numerous BIS and Specialty BIS and sired 37 champions.
- 10 months: Such Class, having been sold at 6 months of age, went to his first Specialty show--placed in the group three times enroute to finishing with four majors, lost only once when he went reserve. Such A Corker was never specialed. Such A Corker finished his championship at 12 years of age. He had a modest show career.

The changes we saw as the puppies matured was a marked increase in chiseling and head development of Such Class and Such Brass. They never went through the classical awkward stage like their two other littermates. Corker and Cham lost their chiseling and lengthened in back as they went from 12 weeks to 6 months. They looked like gangly teenagers while the other two looked sleek and suave.

Our experience tables, upon reflecting indicated that Such Class would turn out much the way he did. Other puppies from similar breedings had followed that pattern and were early champions. How good the mold would be was not evident until 7 months of age. Such Cham followed the mold exactly. We knew she wasn't going to make it early on. Such Brass was a sleeper. Her measurements led us to believe he would conform to our norms and be a good dog. However, at 12 weeks he magically began to emerge, especially when one watch



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on the ground playing the other
ies. He was fearless as was Such Class.
A Corker was definitely a follower
e Such Cham just chased along.

re are some questions that you need to
ertain from your own breeding program.
r will stand you in good stead when it
es to making predictions about selecting
est puppies:

- what age will this puppy attain ultimate
- At what age will the puppy attain ultimate development?
- Can ultimate size be predicted by size at birth?
- Do all puppies in this bloodline go through growth spurts?
- When will the growth spurt most likely occur?
- Will one part of the body develop sooner than another part?
- Will this puppy go through an awkward stage? If so, when?

the ability to answer these questions can
breeders to predict the development of
a puppy and determine which puppies
be considered the best show prospects.
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se: they maintain beauty, balance, and
portion throughout their first year. These
opies are often called "flyers," outshine
r gangly siblings. If one of these rare
ividuals comes your way, let's hope you
recognize and treasure it. Don't
look their awkward littermates,

however, for sometimes they can also
develop into outstanding show dogs.

It is impossible to predict the exact timing
of a puppy's awkward stage. It can start as
early as eight weeks, but may not start until
the puppy is three or four months old. Most
puppies emerge from this metamorphosis as
early as six or seven months.

Generally, the timing of the awkward
stage is consistent within the same
bloodlines. For example, from past
experience with a particular bloodline, a
breeder could determine that the progeny of
that bloodline usually experience the
awkward stage between three and seven
months. Knowing when to expect its onset
and how long it typically lasts can help
reduce the anxiety level of the breeder. This
breeder may mentally lock away this pup
until he is seven months of age, and then
pull him out for re-evaluation.

The two main causes of the awkward stage
in puppies are their rapid growth and
dentition (the loss of baby teeth). During
this time, the puppy's head and body may
part company, and typically, lose their
previous beauty and balance.

Fortunately, the head and body usually
begin to improve as the puppy approaches
maturity. Generally, the improvement
becomes noticeable at about six months of
age, and continues until the original lines
and proportion have been restored.

If the head stays in balance during the
awkward stage, the head in all likelihood
will turn out nicely. If, however, the head
loses its original balance, the puppy may not
grow into a top quality show dog. Some
breeders have been able to abolish the
awkward, or "paining out" phase in their
stock by selective breeding. Their puppies
never go through this phase; their heads are
good as little puppies and they remain that
way.

The rapid rate growth during this time can
cause many puppies to develop awkward
uncoordinated bodies. To make matters
worse, different parts of their bodies can
develop at different rates. One puppy's legs
may develop before his chest, giving him an
"up-on-leg" look; he may walk around
looking like he is on stilts for months before
finally filling in. Another pup may develop

his forechest early; this may cause a low-to-the-ground and "dumpy" look until his legs catch up.

Usually the body parts even out by the time maturity is reached, but not always. Many a breeder's dreams have been shattered by a puppy whose development just never caught up with his early promise. When this happens, try to take it in stride; learn from experience which dogs to pin your hopes on.

A good rule of thumb for beginning breeders is to evaluate your puppies at eight weeks of age, before the onset of the awkward stage. At this time puppies will usually reflect their adult potential more accurately than later during the awkward period. More experienced breeders can draw from past experiences to determine the appropriate timing for assessing puppies from their bloodlines.

When appraising eight-week old puppies, rank most highly those with overall balance rather than those with a few great parts. For example, imagine you are comparing two puppies. The first has a great head and spectacular markings, but is a little weak in the body and coat, and seems a bit shy. The second has a pleasing appearance: nice--but not great--head, good coat and body, and a winning personality. Which has the greater likelihood of success in the show ring? Though the first has a better head, the second possesses overall symmetry and balance, plus an outgoing demeanor. Therefore, the second has greater show potential.

Base a puppy's evaluation not only on how he looks in a show pose, but also how he looks while moving on the ground. There are several reasons for doing this. First of all, when arranging a puppy in a show pose, you may inadvertently manipulate the puppy into looking better than he really is; you may actually end up deceiving yourself as to his worth. Also, you need to see how the puppy moves and how he handles himself with other puppies. The best "movers" are the ones who are well-coordinated, who can cut and turn easily, and who appear light and nimble on their feet.

Along with the puppies' physical

appearance, you also need to consider his personality. A dog must have a certain magical spark to be a top winner. This elusive spark adds life and spunk to an otherwise empty, though lovely, animal. Without it, a dog may never be able to handle himself with confidence in the ring. A winning dog is flashy in appearance and spirit. He prances into the ring and says "Look at me. Aren't I something!"

In order for a show quality puppy to fulfill his early promise, his environment must provide all the necessary conditions to insure ultimate growth and development both physical and mental. The person responsible for providing such an environment is you, the breeder or owner.

A puppy's first contact with the world can have a significant effect upon his later development. Some bitches are simply poor mothers and are unable to get their puppies off to a good start. Luckily, normal healthy puppies that do get off to a poor start will usually catch up with those that are in a more positive environment. They may not grow as quickly and their growing period will usually be longer, but by the time they reach maturity, there should be little difference in size.

The same usually holds true for the older puppy which has received a setback due to illness. Growth may be temporarily halted during the illness, but such puppies have been known to make up that period of growth at a later date. Many breeders are tempted to write off puppies such as these--and many do, only to discover later that they made a mistake.

The quality and quantity of food a puppy receives is vitally important; poor nutrition can result in a puppy's failure to live up to his potential. The limits of a puppy's eventual size, bone, and development have been predetermined by heredity. This development can either be fully realized through proper diet, or never reached because of poor nutrition.

Because appetite and eating are important habits, the good eaters are one step ahead in developing their potential. On the other hand, the poor eater may be penalized through his own lack of effort. One of the most difficult tasks imaginable is to get a



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poor eater to develop properly. Any possible physical cause of a lack of a healthy appetite, such as infected tonsils, or worm infestation, should be investigated thoroughly. Unfortunately, there are some puppies that will never eat more than what is required for marginal subsistence. These will never be great show dogs.

A puppy who is a good eater will often be a bit chubby. Should this puppy go through the awkward stage, his awkwardness will be more pronounced than his slimmer littermates--the chubby puppy usually looks loaded at the shoulder and also looks soft, sloppy, and cumbersome. The unknowing owner gives up on this specimen before a proper diet has a chance to work. It is important to note that extreme obesity can cause permanent structural damage. This is especially true in the large breeds.

At the other extreme, the too thin puppy, while retaining a semblance of his original promise, often will never fill out enough to make a good show dog. This puppy will often appear frail--for lack of proper nutrition can have an adverse effect on physical well being. This puppy, too, may be discarded as a potential show dog without the owner attempting to uncover the cause of his diminished appetite.

For breeds in which an outgoing personality and good disposition are highly desirable, breeders must help to develop their dogs' personalities. A show specimen must have something more than physical beauty--the show dog must possess "heart." Without this extra spark, the most perfect specimen is nothing more than a shell. The responsibility for developing personality and disposition is just as important as providing proper food and medical care. The personality problems of most shy, snapping, wetting puppies can usually be traced to environmental factors rather than inherited ones.

Leaders and Followers

by Sally Baugniet

There are those who lead. There are those who follow.

Let us discuss the leaders. There are

many definitions of the word "lead." The one most suitable for today is taken from **Webster's Illustrated Dictionary--1** performance done as an example....5 to guide by influence....as, to lead someone astray...." We have had some good leaders--good leaders who have made mistakes. Because we are human, we all are prone to make mistakes. Perhaps you can recall some excellent kings, queens, and presidents. They had the best interest of their subjects at heart and acted accordingly.

Then, there were those leaders who were driven by power, prestige, and glory. Those are the "bad and nasty" leaders, for they are there for themselves, not for the persons for whom they are to represent. Some of those, who you might consider "bad," may be names like Attila The Hun, Adolf Hitler, Fidel Castro, etc. Those were the leaders who may have originally had good intentions, until they learned the ropes, got a taste of power, and let it go to their head! Those were the people who wanted not only to run their country, but to dominate it, all of the people in it, and anyone who might want to do business with it. Dungeons were filled, and heads rolled, if anyone challenged, disagreed or questioned the leader. That was typical of a dictatorship.

Today, we live in a country that gives us the right to challenge, disagree, and question our leaders. It is called a democracy. What gives us that right? Our Constitution!

What happens when the enforcement of our Constitution no longer exists? A dictatorship, with one person calling the shots, and no one man/woman enough to challenge, disagree, or question the leader. That person surrounds him/herself only with people who agree with him/her, so that what Lola wants, Lola gets! People who were assumed to be leaders, become followers.

How can that happen? The followers let it happen. How? They allow the leaders to misguide and deceive them. They fall for lies and distorted facts. They become complacent. It is automatic. No checking is done. No questions are asked. The attitude is--"Why bother, I'll trust 'em." The excuse is--"I don't have time to check." The follower does not realize that type of leader

is shrewd, deliberate, and calculating in his/her manipulation of people. The "bad and nasty" leader is a master at manipulation, and knows the follower will go along with whatever is presented for their OK.

What does this have to do with dogs in general and Pomeranians in particular? Does it have anything to do with AKC in general or the APC in particular? Does it apply to any dog club? It can and does happen in many clubs. Be Prepared! Be a leader. Don't be complacent. Take time to get the facts. Then, make wise decisions!

Barney Remembered

by Cindy Bouleware

My name is Cindy Bouleware. I am the Rescue Chairperson for the Dallas/Fort Worth Pomeranian Club. I am writing to tell the story of a rescue pom that recently died. His name was Barney. Barney was what we call on of the "unadoptables." We don't know anything about his past, only that it was probably a miserable one.

Barney came to us through the North Texas Humane Society. He had been taken there by a woman claiming to have owned him for three weeks. The woman said that Barney did not like her husband and because of this, she could not keep him.

I brought Barney home in March of 1994. It was apparent from the beginning that he had no trust in humans or other animals. He would flinch and try to bite when you raised your hand to pet him. When another dog approached him he would snap and look for a place to hide. The first weeks we hoped that with time and caring, we might be able to bring him around. Soon the weeks turned into months, and we realized that Barney would either have to be put to sleep or live out the rest of his years with his rescue family. We chose the latter. I say we because I am talking about my family. Rescues live in our home so that they can be in a family environment. When a decision of this kind is made, everyone must agree. Although no one was particularly attached to Barney, we all agreed that putting him to

sleep was not the right choice. speculated on what might have happen make Barney what he was: had he physically abused, or had he been part puppy mill with very little human or contact?

I continued to work with Barney, but seemed to no avail. In August, 1994 family took a week long vacation rescues were left in our rescue kennel our neighbor coming in twice daily to for them. We returned late one eve. Upon our arrival I brought all the dogs into the house. Everyone was happy to us except Barney, who acted his usual that is...until bedtime a couple of later. My husband and I had been in bed a few minutes when I felt some between us. Feeling around in the dark could tell it was a dog...but which dog? more I ran my hand across the dog more it felt like Barney! Not believing own sense of touch, I turned the bed lamp on, and sure enough...there he was. He had missed us after all! From that forward Barney sat with one of the family every evening and insisted that we pet We made our movements towards him and easy, as he was easily spooked would still bite. Barney never slept with again, nor did he ever become friends any of the other dogs. He only learned to tolerate them. Eventually Barney started visit with guests who came into our home. He would jump up on their leg for a quick pat on the head and then disappear for the rest of their stay. I cannot say that Barney ever became the well-adjusted happy-go-lucky dog that he deserved to be but he did become calmer and more settled as the months passed.

Barney died the last day of July, 1994, an apparent heart attack. He was approximately seven years old. I have resolved what purpose Barney's tragic served on this earth. Who will remember him? Who will mourn him? Who will "I once had a wonderful dog who did that?" I am sorry, Barney, that all we ever had was a rescue family with too many dogs on their hands. You deserved better. I pray that you will find happiness in your after life and I pray that you will be the

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Thank you also to the following judges who have acknowledged James' quality:

- Merrill CohenWD, BOS
- Frank Oberstar.....WD, BOW
- Ken Miller.....WD (Major)
- Dawn Vick HansenBOB (Major)
- David McIntyre.....WD, BOW
- Betty MooreWD, BOW

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A belated thank you to Mrs. Michelle Billings and Mrs. Marlene Scott for pulling Flynn in the 9-12 month classes at the APC National Specialty and Sweepstakes 2/1/95 and 2/12/95.

Thank you also to the following judges who have recognized Flynn's superb movement, type and showmanship:

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I would like to ask all Pomeranian lovers everywhere to help me remember the Barney's of our world. Please be careful of the homes in which you place your precious babies, and let's all try to do our part to educate the public about puppy mills and responsible pet ownership. If we can teach one person the correct way to care for his pet or put a "puppy mill" out of business because no one will buy from them, then maybe Barney's life will have meant something.

ANECDOTE:

I have asked Cindy several times over the past year to write an article for the **Pomeranian Review** about our Rescue Program. Cindy doesn't like to "pat herself on the back," but in reality, she deserves a **STANDING OVATION**. Of the 56 Poms rescued in the last 21 months, all but five have been adopted, and because of severe health problems or old age, we consider three of these "unadoptable" and they reside in Cindy's home. We did lose two rescues to death before they could be in good enough health to put up for adoption. One died from distemper, and one died under anesthesia while undergoing surgery for a severely deteriorated jaw bone. Cindy currently has two Poms ready for adoption.

Cindy and her family go "above and beyond" for each and every little Pom that comes to them in need. Cindy is very careful to match the Pom with the right home. She even gives the adopting family a thirty-day adjustment period, and if the "fit" isn't there, the new owner can return the Pom for re-adoption to a more suitable environment.

Cindy runs a boarding kennel from her home...a relatively new business having opened only 23 months ago. Cindy lives 40 miles from Dallas, and must come to the city several times a week to rescue those unwanted Poms. Yet, she finds time in her busy schedule to do her best for these rescues. She has a lovely log home in the

country with spacious lawns and big shade trees—a real **Pom haven**. Even though our club has helped her build and air condition a nice rescue kennel, she prefers to keep the rescues in her home when at all possible.

I cannot tell Cindy enough times how grateful I am to her for all of her hard work and her "caring" for these homeless Poms. I recently took a trip to the United Kingdom to visit Pom friends and attend some dog shows. I had a newborn cream female pup who was a bit premature and needed extra supplementing in addition to her mother's milk. Cindy cared for mom and pup in my absence. When I returned home, I couldn't believe my eyes to see the fat little robust pup looking at me! Cindy pulled her through with flying colors. In Cindy's honor, I have named the puppy "Yellow Rose Heart of Gold" and she will be called Cindy. I hope that she and I can live up to the goodness and unselfishness that makes up her "Godmother," Cindy Bouleware. Cindy and family...my hat goes off to you!

Lynn Heise

President, Dallas/Forth Worth Pom Club

Performance News

by Lois Morkassel

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I have received very interesting phone calls and letters in response to the last article about soundness in Poms.

There have been breeders willing to share information on breed dogs that are good prospects for obedience but are flawed for the breed ring for one reason or another. There are obedience exhibitors who called to tell me of lines or dogs that they have found to be sound for their performance purposes. One breeder lamented that the larger, sound Poms are being passed over in the breed ring for "smaller, more petite Poms, that have neither the stamina or soundness that some of the larger Poms have." This breeder said that many of these potential performance Poms are being

placed in pet homes.

I am keeping a list of the dogs, lines, and contact people for future reference for myself and for others who contact me. I am not set up on computer, so will keep this information in a notebook or filebox.

Some breeders have been kind enough to offer me their dogs, and I hope that they will consider me in the future. I am hoping my 9 and 11 year old dogs will live another 6 to 8 years. Until these 8 dogs are down to one or two, I will not add any more to our family. They are a very tight pack, since 5 were from Dande's litter. Neighbor kids teased them and threw things in at them over the fence when they were very young. They approach new situations as a pack, unless there are only one or two of them. When I have "babysat" for our friends' dogs, my dogs have had to be carefully supervised, as they will back the new dog into a corner and hold him there. I don't want to add a new dog into my household under these circumstances. So, thank you for all the kind offers. I will keep these breeders in mind when the time comes. Now, I also have some leads for people looking for performance Poms. The more information I have, the more choices I can give people who call.

Julie Clemens has a puppy from Blake Jones and Victoria Lovely and is excited about working with them in the future. It turns out Julie and Blake work in the same company, but in different buildings. A small world, isn't it? I hope we keep hearing from Julie and how she and her Pom puppy are doing.

I also had an interesting conversation with a Pom person who has served on specialty committees. This person told me that when obedience was added at the National, it was necessary to add a second day. There was no way of knowing how many entries would be there. At that first show, only 6 obedience poms were entered. The additional day's room rent plus the other expenses was quite a lot.

The one Regional specialty I have attended was in Des Moines, and the Judges for obedience were shared among several breed specialties on the same site which makes it more cost effective.

The obedience person I spoke to made the point that the obedience people need support the specialties with training donations, advertising in the catalog as well as entries.

The Pom person I talked to said they have been breeding for 30 years and have several dogs. They do not let their dogs jump on stairs because they see no reason to chance broken legs.

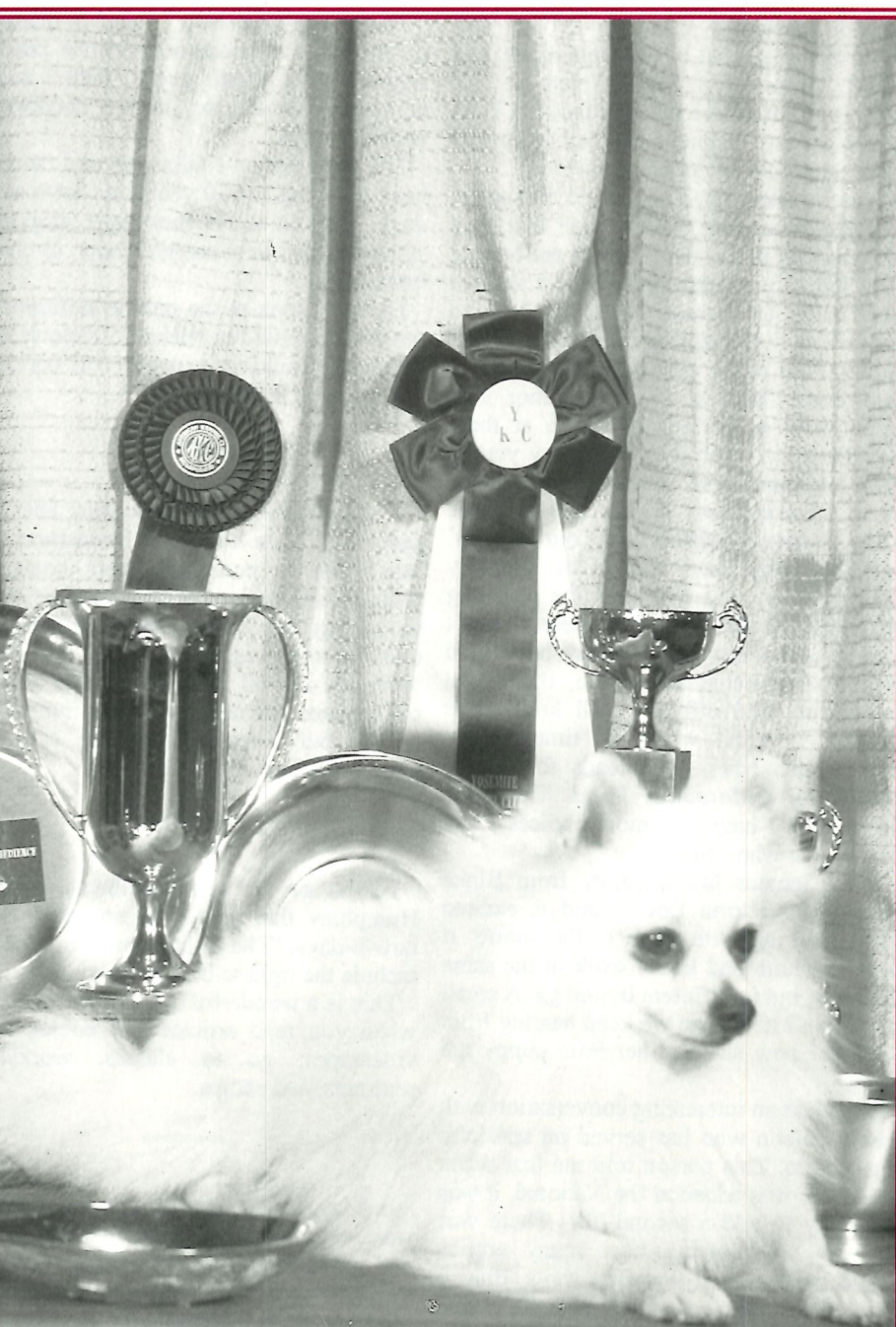
I guess I look at the picture differently. I see jumping (within reason) and doing so as muscle building exercise and necessary to keep muscle tone.

The suggestions for increasing entries in specialties were a form of brainstorming. I don't like to complain about something without offering solutions. Perhaps others with ideas may find a way to help increase entries. In the beginning stages, it is best to write any and all ideas down. The weeding out process can take place later. Some times a "far out" idea can be the seed that germinates into a workable idea.

I came across a quote attributed to H. L. Humphrey that applies to so many things now-a-days: "The right to be heard does not include the right to be taken seriously."

That is a wonderful quote to keep in mind when you read articles and books, view videotapes, go to classes, workshops, seminars, and camps.

In May, I went to a Dawn Jecs seminar and was very impressed with this lovely woman and her assistant and their dogs. Dawn is the director of the "Prison Pet Partner" program in Washington for 8 years. This program involved women inmates training dogs as seizure alert dogs and service dogs for handicapped people. Dawn rescued 500 dogs from the Humane Society for a training program. The reason this program impressed me so much was because



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ram used individuals who didn't have a ground in training, and dogs who had experiences before they came into the ram that had to be dealt with and sed around.

own uses inductive methods. She admits a dog that is not food motivated would problems in this program.

ost of the training is done off lead. The of her program is "Choose to Heel" re the dog figures out where "heel tion" is and is rewarded when it is in the ect position. The dog learns to find heel tion before it is asked to heel. It is a t solution for a dog who becomes nentarily distracted in the ring during a ing pattern. Dogs trained in this manner find their way back to heel position n anywhere without additional umands.

awn also has a revolutionary idea of hinging dogs how to work the articles. She ts with 8-week old puppies to indicate article that has cheese or hot dog on it. does not want the dog to retrieve. The cated article is lifted and drawn out of huge pile into a "front" position with the py following for another food reward. e puppy is learning when it is ok to iff" and that the straight front entation is good--all without stress.

you have a chance to go to one of her minars or if you are in her area and can nd her classes, RUN! don't walk to get ned up.

another Pom exhibitor has been to 2 minars in her area. She admits she is a minar junky, which means she has ended lots of them.

this exhibitor had attended a Barbara dler seminar and rated it as excellent for ovice A exhibitor. It tells how to enter a w and what to do there. It is not a ning information seminar. The exhibitor that any one who has been showing has st of the information covered in this minar.

this exhibitor was also at a Gloria and ily McGrath seminar and reported that methods presented are those which have

been around for 20 years. The exhibitor felt that there were no surprises, but that it was well presented.

Other seminars I have enjoyed were the Karen Pryor and Gary Wilkes seminar which shows how to shape behavior and ow to use a clicker to tell the animal when it is right. Karen has worked with dogs, horses, cats, goldfish, porpoises, whales, seals, and more. She told of one of her students who worked with a clam to get it to squirt water on cue. Now there is true patience.

I find that I like to try to find better ways to communicate my ideas to the Poms and better my skills at telling them exactly what it is I like the moment it is right! Karen's games that seminar goers play are enlightening. It was at her seminar that I figured out how much my leaning reactions are like Dande's. We both try hard and don't want to be wrong. Karen's games also enlightened me as to the fact that what the trainer thinks they are teaching the "animal" isn't always what the "animal" thinks they have been taught. This lesson really increased my patience.

Another similar seminar was the Ian Dunbar seminar. At the seminar I attended, he said he was going to concentrate his future seminar efforts on educating veterinarians and their technicians about dog behavior to help the every day pet owner. When I was at his seminar, I was just starting Dande on articles and was not satisfied with the tie down board. I felt that the dog is being taught to choose the unrestrained article, not necessarily to pick the scented article. Ian teaches scent work by starting with 2 articles: one scented, one not. The dog is told to choose and when the response is correct, the dog is praised and rewarded. When it is incorrect, the article is taken in silence and the dog is allowed to make the correct response for the reward and praise.

I waited until I had 5 correct responses in a row. Other work or play was done in between sessions, or sessions could be at different times of the day. Then a new article was introduced. I waited for the 5 correct responses before adding another article. This worked great for us. Dande understood the formula and we both gained

confidence in her ability to use her nose. If we had trouble getting a correct response at a new stage, we would drop back 2 steps and work up again. This took a lot less time than it sounds like it would, and our confidence level soared.

I really enjoyed the Karen Pryor and Gary Wilkes seminar and the Ian Dunbar Seminar. I highly recommend these seminars if you want to learn more about how learning takes place and how to shape behavior to what you want.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation--at the Gerianne Darnell Camp for Small Dogs in Iowa, from August 31 to September 3.

A friend with a Belgian Sheepdog puppy and I with my 3 Poms drove from Fargo to Council Bluffs, Iowa, for our vacation--small dog camp. My friend was one of the few "token" large dogs at camp. The campers stayed in a hotel in town, 15 minutes from the camp at Gerianne's property. She has a lovely old home with a huge fenced in yard for her Papillons, full of trees for shade. Her gorgeous flower gardens run between the driveway and her fence. At the end of the drive is the Sunshine Vet Clinic and connected to that building is the Sunshine Obedience School. It is a spacious, airy building with a fully matted ring with baby gates front and back, 2 walls of mirrors, windows for cross ventilation, good lighting and skylights and air conditioning.

The camp was scheduled to have two rings outdoors in a storage building that had just been constructed, as well as to use the indoor ring. But due to the heat, the outdoor rings were moved into the yard under the trees, to take advantage of the shade and breezes.

There were 28 campers with about 50 dogs from all over the states. There were Corgis, a Cairn, a Norwich, lots of Paps, Yorkies, and IG, Shelties, a Chinese Crested, Poms, a Maltese, Shih Tzu, a Westie, Chihuahuas, a Standard Manchester Terrier, Miniature Schnauzers, Miniature Poodles, and an American Cocker, with the Token Belgian puppy and a couple of

Greyhounds.

We had lectures and broke into 3 work groups for trying the given information. We were exposed to working with dowels to help our dogs' positions, chutes for fronts, chutes and shelves for go-outs, article practice, glove work, foot work, fun recalls to access recall speed, and much, much more. Gerianne had two assistant instructors to lead 2 of the 3 groups, which rotated each work session. There were 4 other assistants to help keep things running smoothly.

On Thursday, a guest speaker came in and spoke on conformation. On Friday, a guest speaker discussed Agility and showed some video taped runs.

Anybody who wanted to, got a chance to expose their dogs to Tracking and Agility. Dande has informed me that we will be working on tracking. She has a real joy in that sniffing! We were introduced to "targeting" in agility. I am excited about it for my dogs and for my students' dogs.

Thursday evening we were treated to an Iowa barbecue with fresh picked sweet corn, in Gerianne's yard. Her husband proved to be a fantastic cook! He is also a small animal veterinarian. (Isn't she a smart lady to have planned so well?) The second night we carpooled to a near by town (population 200) for supper. We were all wearing our camp t-shirts for pictures during the day. We must have been quite a sight! The town's people were friendly and curious. (I now have a clue what aliens invading earth might feel like.)

Saturday night we were treated to a riverboat cruise. We got the upper deck with the breeze and a 3-piece band. The band asked for requests, and it was tempting to ask for a late 60's rock anthem, but I behaved myself. The band did a great job of "How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?"

We had carpooled over, and when it came time to return to camp, the motorhome wouldn't start. Fortunately, one of the campers who had driven over had a full size pickup with a passenger bench in the cab. 6 people rode up front and 7 of us rode in the back under a full moon and the stars. Boy, was the reminiscent of camps I had gone to



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is a kid. We accused Gerianne of planning the breakdown to add adventure to the evening.

Sunday was the last day. We had been told to bring a VCR tape so we could have our performance in a match situation critiqued in private by Gerianne. Most campers found it very helpful. The afternoon finished up with any remaining questions. Gerianne discussed how to use matches, not sanctioned matches, to help get the exhibitor and their dog get ready to show. She also talked about trainers and showing and exhibitors and morals and ethics.

We had a wonderful, tiring, enlightening, exhilarating and challenging time. We met many people who have had similar experiences with their small dogs. Many voiced common concerns. New doors were opened that we weren't sure about before. A lot of people got bit by the tracking and/or agility bugs when they saw how enamored their dogs were with these games.

If you have a chance to attend a seminar or camp by Gerianne Darnell--GO! GO! GO!

She is personable and encouraging and willing to share her mistakes as well as her successes. She showed us how she would work through a problem which cropped up with Zack (the most titled Pap in history) when she was doing a demonstration with him. She understood that we wanted to see an OTCH dog that could make a mistake so we could believe she had to work for that title. She was concerned with his error, but not upset by it. She told us how she will work through it with Zack.

Perhaps the most valuable thought Gerianne gave us was a statement she credited to Bob Self: If your dog makes a mistake and you crate him overnight, the problem won't go away: it will still be there in the morning.

NEW OBEDIENCE TITLES from the July, August, and September issues of the AKC Awards Magazine:

UD

Charmin's Royal Flush UD (bitch) owned by Barbara Dressler and bred by Judith Mehciz. The scores came from Utility A: 191 (first), 195.5 (first), and 188.5 (first).

CDX

Pettistree Maximum Overdrive CDX (dog) owned by Helen Tyler and Ginger Burrison and bred by Dorothy Martin and Christine Mullen. The scores came from Open A: 193.5 (third), and 183.5.

Razzle Dazzle Concerto CDX (dog) owned by Lillian Zentgraf and Judith Green and bred by Judith Green. The scores came from Open A: 195 (first), and HIT, Specialty and Open B: 189, 189, and 193.5.

CD

Chips De La Paix CD (dog) owned by Gully Moresjo and bred by Christa Hansen. The scores come from Novice A: 188, 192 (fourth), 191.5 (second), 196.5 (second) and 190.5 (fourth).

Marydon's Mischief Maker CD (dog) owned by Dixieann Bennett and Donald Daniels and bred by Donald and Mary Daniels. The scores come from Novice B: 194.5 (second), 192 (second), and 190 (fourth).

Michelle's Tiny Ted E Bear CD (dog) owned by Dee Nichols and bred by Betty Floyd. The scores come from Novice B: 172, 172, and 184.

Tim Sue's Flying Mickey CD (dog) owned by Irene Saipe and Patricia Guertin and bred by Linda Saball. The scores come from Novice B: 186.5, 180.5, and 184.

Valentino Feigelstock CD (dog) owned by Luana and Erwin Feigelstock and bred by David Deluna. The scores come from Novice A: 190 (second), 195 (first), and 192.5 (second).

CKC TITLES from the August issue of **Dogs in Canada:**

CDX

Bifrost's See'n Choco Spots CDX

Brady Dancin In the Dark CDX

CD

Valentina CD

UKC TITLES from the July-August issue of **Bloodlines**:

U-CD Del Sol's Harbor Patrol owned by Noelle Pilat and bred by Sue and Phillip Conlee.

Congratulations to all the new title holders. There are a lot of hard working Poms and handlers out there who have focussed their energies on attaining these titles.

Attaining a balance between life and the focus on earning a title is the trainer's challenge. I hope these teams have found a pleasant balance and that they will want to continue to work in that balance to pursue more titles on their wonderful Poms.

Driftwood Love That Bob UD has added 2 more legs toward his UDX title for a total of 4 legs. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

The #3 Obedience Toy in Canada was Sharian's Twinklil Lil Rock CDX: the #2 Pom.

The #5 Obedience Toy in Canada was Cheyenne's A Diamond Chip CDX: the #3 Pom.

Tied for #10 Obedience Toy in Canada was TINYTALE Indiana Jones CD.

From the July-August 1995 issue

Bloodlines:

Alice Richardson with her Pom, U-Dover Holihouse Kahlua from Mons MA, was the Highest Scoring Senior Saturday at UKC's Top Gun Obedience Competition. They earned a 197.5 from Open Class which gave them 8th place overall in Open.

From the September 1995 issue of **Freedom and Finish** the top 10 Poms in the 1995 Delany system are:

- #1 Joal's Charles of Kilmarnock--Harding
- #2 Ollie Blue Bluster--R. Morris Griffith
- #3 Captain Pug White--H. White
- #4 Driftwood Love That Bob--Lazzara
- #5 Puff Ball's Lil Pretty Girl--and R Neuway
- #6 Hot To Trot Truffles--Lawrence
- #7 Painters' Passion Diamond--Falcone
- #8 MC's Chocolate dawn K Bar--M Chastain
- #9 Menage Sonata Foxy Lady--Greendale-Paveza/M Lazzara/L Lazzara
- #10 Dover-Holihouse Fire N' Ice--Winchatz

Until next time....

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Pat Cummings and Lois Morkassel with their Poms at Small Dog Camp.

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Thank you to Dudley Roach and the American Pomeranian Club for producing such a nice magazine. I really love all the color you added to spice things up.



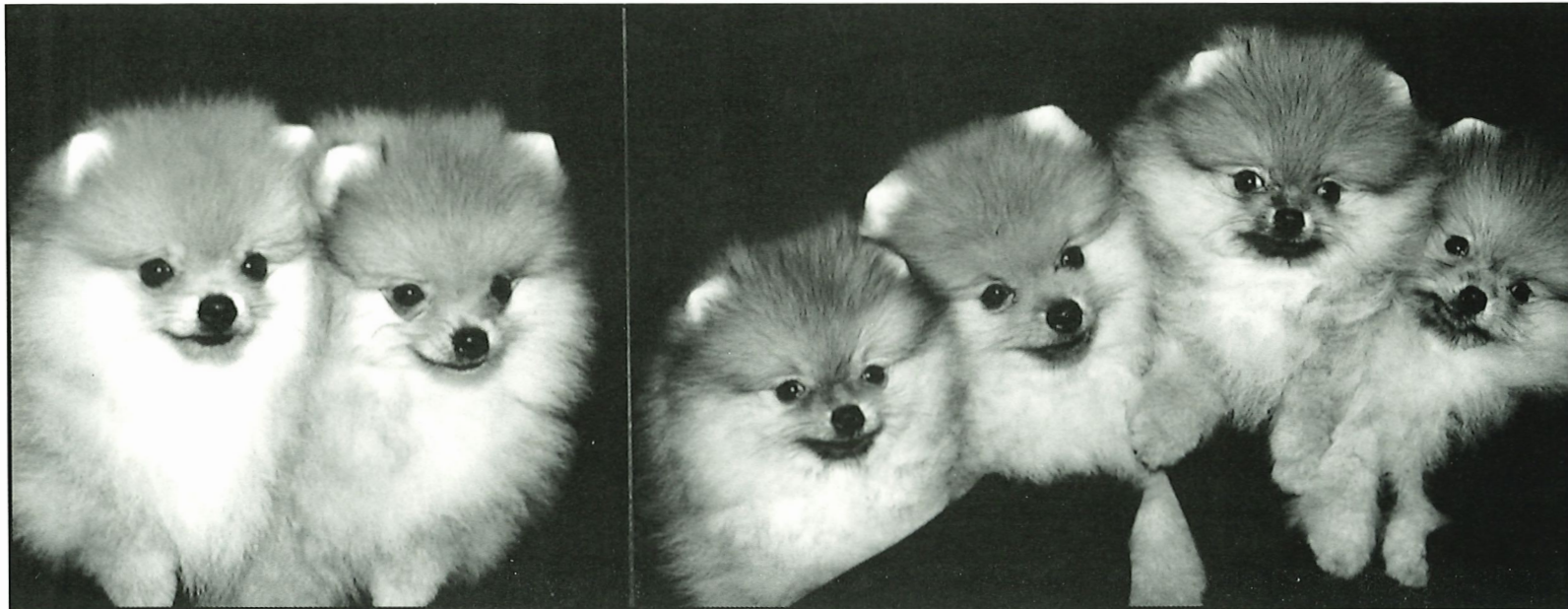
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We offer the above puppies for your consideration. Several very nice show prospects in these 7 puppies. Rebel is sired by Ch. Cedarwood's Image of Diamond, brother to Ch. Great Elms Prince Charming. Dance is sired by Ch. Apple's Traveling Rambler who is half-brother to Image. We are continuing to line breed with Image and Diamond bloodline. All of our Poms are heavily bred with the Great Elms Bloodline. Pictures and pedigrees available on request.

Congratulations to the following with their Lenette Poms: Don Daniels for Ch. Marydon's Tobias (Great Elms Tiny Tim x Arbees Vivian of Lenette)--Dixie Bennett for her second major on Beaver's Buster Boy of Lenette (Ch. Beaver of Lenette x Yolanda of Lenette)--Joyce Corriher for Jeanette of Lenette. Jeanette, Great Elms Little Tiger x Penelope of Lenette) picked up her first major the first weekend out as a puppy.--Ourselves and our west coast handler, Diane Stevenson, are doing so well with Great Elms Top Choice of Lenette. He lacks just a few points to finish. He is sired by Ch. Great Elms Little Tiger and out of Lydia of Lenette.

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become
dedicated and knowledgeable breeders,
with their pretty, little Poms,
handled by Kathy Sawyer,
they do
their share of winning.
The Pom World
is all the better
for their having entered!

Best wishes, Art and Linda,

Mrs. Norma Creider

CAROUSEL POMERANIANS

by Kathy Bucher Sawyer

Art and Linda Gustafson saw their first Pomeranian on top of an enormous mound of snow that had been piled fifteen feet tall by a snow plow. No, it wasn't Oklahoma, this was in Minnesota in their pre-Oklahoma era. The little Poms were scampering, playing, and just generally having a grand time while Linda sat quietly falling in love with those two little fur balls. The year was 1960, and the place was Northbranch, Minnesota. To quote Linda, "They were the cutest little things we had ever seen!"

The Gustafson's were showing a few Irish Setters at the time and began the quest for a show Pomeranian. Alas, the dog hobby had to be put on hold for approximately 12 years since the new baby son, Scott, was born with severe, chronic allergy problems. Fortunately, the allergies got better, and they were able to resume the search for a show Pom in earnest.

In 1981, they moved to Oklahoma and the next year purchased a male and female from a kennel in Florida. They had no idea how to groom or show them and many times were the only Pom people at the shows, so learning was rather difficult. Eventually, they met Mildred Patrick, who became a good friend in the Pom world. Mildred, so gracious and kind, took them under her wing and taught Linda how to groom her dogs and the good and bad points of "Dutch" the male. After a couple of litters of puppies, the bitch was placed in a pet home.

Very soon thereafter, they spoke for the first time to the Creiders, Jim and Norma, about the purchase of a bitch. They were fortunate in their timing, for very soon they owned a fun, happy, little girl fondly named Carousel's Leaping Lucy. So named because of her outstanding Houdini skills! Lucy has been a loving member of the family and has had some very pretty puppies. At the ripe, toothless age of nearly fourteen, still rules the roost at Carousel. This was the beginning and things have

steadily grown in love and commitment since.

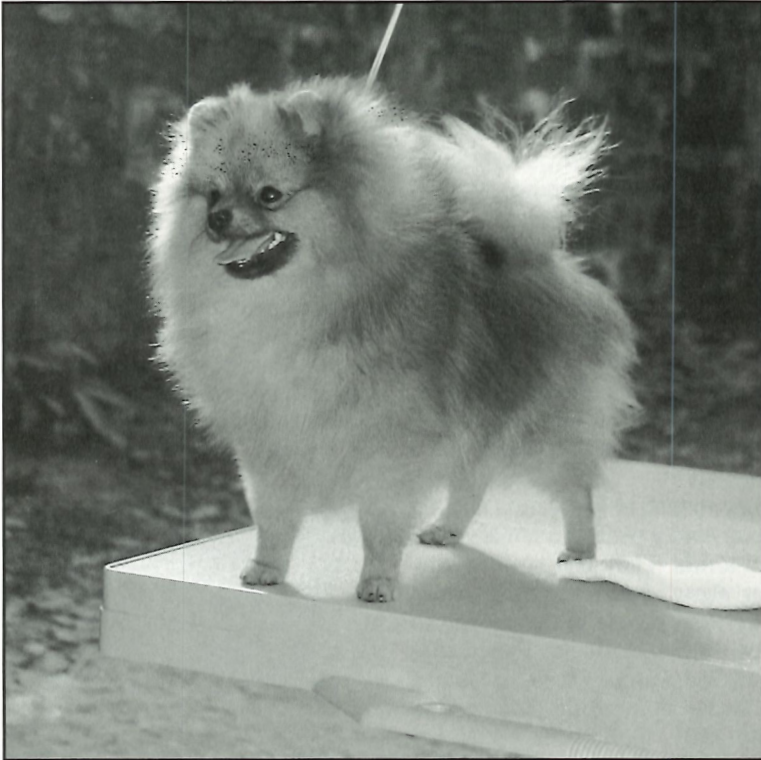
In the fall of 1983, Art and Linda acquired three more girls from Mrs. Creider--Missy Tootsie, and Angel. Missy, a black show by Nadine Hersil, became the first Carousel champion--Ch. Carousel's Miss Bo Jangles. The other girls sired by Ch. Creider's Smoke 'N Flame and Ch. Creider's Rhinestone Cowboy became their foundation bitches.

This kennel visit would probably never have been possible had it not been for the deep, ongoing friendship between the Gustafsons and the Creiders. Norma and Jim have been their mentors all these years and, as far as Art and Linda are concerned, are the finest role models any up and coming breeder could hope for. Through the years, they have continued to incorporate the Creider family of Poms into their kennel.



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CHRISDEN POMS MANILA



Ph. Ch. Chrisden's Major of Empee

(BISA Ch. Bi-Mar Sunny's Gee Whiz x Jan-Shar's Hillbilly Heaven)

Finished with three majors in five shows at nine months of age.

Congratulations to Linda and Art and the beautiful Carousel Poms.

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Co-Owner / Breeders

Dennis and Mario Litonjua



Angelica (a Gabriel daughter)

In 1984, they bought a beautiful orange sable puppy bitch from Norma, Creider's Jessica. Jessie finished at a little less than one year old. Now enters two more names which have had an impact on their kennel. One, a lovely little dog, Ch. Precious Petite's Gabriel and the other their good friend and Pom handler, Kathy Bucher Sawyer. Kathy has shown and finished every Carousel Pom beginning with Creider's Jessica in 1984. Well, except when Art wants to fine tune his ring skills, then Kathy always steps aside temporarily to let him do his thing.

The first time Art and Linda saw Gabriel was when Kathy was showing him in Texas. The little guy was barely a year old. Linda fell in love and the decision to breed Jessie to him was made. The ensuing litter produced three puppies, two of which finished very quickly, Ch. Carousel's Angel for Allayn, owned by Mary Allen of Wagoner, Oklahoma, and Ch. Carousel's Glass Tiger, the male they kept. Butch, as he is called, finished with **THREE MAJORS IN ONE WEEKEND!!!** Claudia Pfeffer, Gabriel's owner, took the other little girl. Gabriel was bred to several of their Creider and Creider-bred bitches. Another really outstanding little dog to come down from this cross is Cowboy, Ch. Carousel's Little Big Man.

Another bitch which has had a really important impact on the Carousel breeding program is Creider's Carolina Cricket. Cricket was the dam of Pokey, Ch. Carousel's Coca Cola Cowboy, and the grandam of their beautiful specials bitch, Ch. Carousel's Candle in the Wind, affectionately known as Kelsey. Kelsey's sire is another of Gabriel's sons, Ch. Shadomountain One Man Show. Kelsey really is a blending of Creider, Gabriel, and the Great Elms breeding. She has taken time out from her specials career to produce a wonderful little black and tan son named Tomi, Carousel's Dream Catcher. Kelsey is working on getting her specials coat back so she can hit the road again!

When asked about their views on trimming, it was area where opinions were quite strong. Art said, "If people want them to look like Chows, breed Chows! Too many in the ring have had all their guard hairs cut off to make it look like they have a profuse undercoat and then they don't have either one!" Linda said in her calm, easy way, she likes them more natural, not ragged, to quote her, "I just think they are so pretty in their natural state. They have such beautiful coats it just ruins it when it's been cut off." The final comment on trimming came from Linda, "We've both been against changing the standard to



Carousel Puppies



Ch. Precious Petite's Gabriel, Ch.Carousel's Glass Tiger, and Ch. Carousel's Angel for Alla

match how some of the exhibitors like to trim dogs. That's one of the few things Art and I agree upon regarding these little dogs!"

When asked if they had a favorite color, Linda without hesitation, replied red sable and black. She also clarified this even further by stating color wasn't a deciding factor, that her favorite colors are just that, favorite. Art said he wasn't as crazy about the blacks, but really does prefer the sable.

This led to recommendations for novices in getting started and some pitfalls to avoid. They recommend attending shows, watch lots of dogs, then decide upon the type they like and then contact a breeder to get that type. Notice they recommended breeder--not necessarily owner. The next recommendation was if they are going into it for profit, just forget it. You must do this out of love for the breed. After these things are all settled in their mind and the novice knows breeding and exhibiting is for them, the novice should check and see if there is a Pom club in his or her area. Through the club they will get lots of help and information from established breeders about raising and showing Pomeranians.

Art wanted to give his advice to newcomers here, this was food for thought. He advises the beginner to get a male first, once the type preference is established. His reasoning for starting with a male is

because most people won't show a female long enough to learn anything. They are anxious to have puppies. Just starting you have three or four years to learn grooming techniques, handling, etc. if you are starting with a male. If the novice is starting with a female, then they are beginning to be concerned by the third heat cycle about whether or not they should breed her. (Interviewer's comment here--of course we all have to give Art a really hard time, but although we hate to tell him



Ch. Carousel's Little Big Man



Ch. Carousel's Candle In The Wind (Kelsey)

IMES he can and does make sense!)

One of the pitfalls to watch for when just starting out is when speaking with established breeders. Listen to what they say, not what you WANT them to say. Art and Linda feel the biggest pitfall for novices is over confidence in their knowledge. Stay open to new theories and ways of thinking regarding the entire dog game. There are millions of pitfalls and heart breaks, to list them all would take the entire interview space, but they feel the novice now has an easier time because there are more breeders and clubs to help the beginner get off on the right foot.

Another important aspect of Art and Linda's contribution to the Pomeranian breed is their dedication and selfless commitment to the Sooner Pomeranian Club of Oklahoma City. Art and Linda are founding members and Linda has held every office except Board Representative. Linda has headed the Pom rescue since it was implemented in the Oklahoma City area. She and art have personally cared for TWENTY-SIX rescue Poms within the last

three years. All are now placed, for which Linda has been largely responsible. You will find Art at every show and every market doing his thing, helping with ring grounds, and anything he or anyone else can thin of that needs to be done. Two more unselfish and caring people could not be found, and the Pomeranian breed can surely be considered fortunate that these good folks so ardently support it.

I could not close this interview without first saying it has been an honor and privilege to know and work for Art and Linda. The handler so much of the time simply remains detached and only discusses regarding the show careers of their clients' dogs. This relationship between handler and client has, from the beginning, been one of caring friendship. I am so happy to have the opportunity to introduce you to my friend. I hope you find them as charming and generous hearted as I have. CONGRATULATIONS ART AND LINDA, ON YOUR WELL-DESERVED KENNEL VISIT! I AM SO PROUD OF YOU!



Ch. Creider's Jessica

Yips and Yaps

Dear Editor:

Michelle, Dianne Johnson! I like and admire many sculpted breeds such as Bichon Frise, Kerry Blue Terriers, Soft Wheaton Terriers, and Portuguese Water Dogs to name a few. However, for various reasons their standards allow for this trimming and the Pomeranian standard does not.

Poodles (Standards) were originally trimmed to allow them to perform their function as a retriever; some coat was left on the joints and in other areas to keep them from freezing in cold water, and the rest was removed so that they would not be weighed down by their ever-growing coats. Because of their standards, the Poodles, Bichon Frise, Kerry Blue Terriers, etc., are presented in the ring on an equal footing with one another as they are ALL expected to be sculpted.

The Pomeranian standard is intended to provide entries equal advantage in the ring as they ARE NOT ALLOWED to be excessively trimmed. It also allows more owners to exhibit their own dogs as they are not dependent on handlers who are "scissors artists."

Unlike sporting, terrier or working breeds, or those whose coats grow to unmanageable lengths, there is no utilitarian purpose to trimming off a Pom's coat. Due to the fact that their ancestors came from severely cold climates, the Pomeranian standard describes a dog designed to survive bitter cold (small ears, dark eyes, DOUBLE coat, pantaloons, tail over the back, etc.....) The outer coat on an arctic dog is especially important as its texture permits snow and ice to slide off rather than sticking to the softer inner coat.

Personally, I prefer to breed a dog to conform to the standard not design one which departs to. Why do I so rarely see other breeds whose standards do not allow any, or only minimal, trimming shown to their standard and a flagrant violation of the rules in Poms? Are Pom exhibitors and judges exceptional in that they believe the rules were meant for other breeds not for them? Why do the same judges who will not put up a sound, typey, trimmed dog at the AGV put up obviously sculpted Poms? Why does the APC and AKC allow this? Standards are written by breeders, not by judges. In my opinion it is time for the APC to request that the AKC sternly instruct its judges to follow the standard.

For those exhibitors and judges who want to change or ignore this part of our standard--get

with the program or get/judge another breed. The rules WERE meant for YOU!

Diana Downey

Dear Editor:

The reason for this letter...a Yip and Yap note for the Review...Daniel and I attended the APC Summer Specialty in Frederick, MD, by way of our first trip to Washington, DC. We wish to send many accolades to the Greater Baltimore Pom Club for their efforts in hosting the two shows. They were great. Many familiar faces were absent, but that enabled those attending to become better acquainted. The four judges really had to work...good experience for them. The judges seminar was most interesting, especially the discussion of the breed standard and its semantics. Looking forward to the 1996 summer APC Specialty next August 8 and 9 with the Puget Sound Pom Club in Olympia, Washington.

Daniel and Margaret Ontiveros

Dear Editor:

In response to the comments written by Lois Morkassel in her column "Performance News," regarding the purchase of a sound Pomeranian, I understand her frustration in searching for a fit Pom to show in the performance ring, but going to the animal shelter is not the answer! There are no guarantees to be found in finding a sound dog; we are all dealing with a certain amount of fate whatever the breed of dog. You are not alone in your search.

I have been showing in both competitive obedience and in conformation for the past 15 years; having obtained Utility titles, High in Trials, and Group Placements on my Pomeranians. I try to duel title all my Poms with scores of 195 or higher. I have worked hard, paid my dues, and record stands on its own. I have earned the respect and admiration of many Obedience and Conformation people, both in and out of the ring. Out of love and respect for the Pomeranian breed, I have a standard that I will not show anything less than show quality, nor will I show any dog that is not "show ready" for the rings in either Obedience or Conformation. And I would never breed any K-9 whatever the breed that I did not think was sound in body and mind.

Lois, whether you like it or not, you've got to

pay your dues and be sincere to the Breed. Going to the "pound" and/or breeding a Pom as you quote "bears little resemblance to the conformation Poms" is not only against the Code of Ethics for APC, but you are perpetuating a sub-standard Pomeranian. You must earn the trust of breeders that you are going to do the best for the Pom as a breed as a whole whether it be obedience, conformation, or just being a wonderful full-time couch potato.

There are sound and fit Pomeranians being shown and bred, but too many obedience people never check out the conformation rings nor watch the groups, and their knowledge of structurally sound dogs is very limited. Obedience and conformation can go hand in hand; a sound dog is a sound dog.

There are members in the APC who breed not only wonderful pets but great obedience Poms that can jump! You might be put on a waiting list, but to receive that special Pom, the wait is worth it! I am proof that you can have a sound dog in both conformation and obedience.

Alice Lessard

Dear Editor:

I'm looking for some information on Pom colors and hoping maybe some fellow breeders can help. I'm not new to Poms as I have been breeding and showing for 20+ years although many don't know who I am as I don't advertise. I'm not a whiz on genetics either. I have enough trouble keeping up with the oranges, reds, and occasionally blacks and black and tans. But about 4 years ago, I had a light orange bitch show up in a litter. I registered her as an orange, but was unhappy about her pigment; it was a grey. As she got older it turned somewhat pinkish. I dismissed it as just having poor pigment. Low and behold in her first litter was her clone, plus 2 black puppies. This bitch's dam was black. The puppy, a male, grew up and was a darker color, but had a dark grey with a liver tint to his pigment. In the meantime, I ran across an article in an old *Review* on color genetics applied to Poms and it discussed "Beaver." I came to the conclusion from the article that these two dogs are of this color. They contain no black hairs anywhere, and I understand they genetically cannot produce that color in themselves.

A friend of mine has a related female, who is a red, but she has a blue mask. She was bred to my orange male and produced 2 red females with blue masks and a male who was blue at

birth but has turned orange. Since they are still young, we don't know what color they will be as adults.

What I would like is some information from breeders who are more knowledgeable with the more exotic colors. What do you register this color? What happens with constant dilute breeding? I would appreciate any information.

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Dear Editor:

With due respect and no disrespect intended to any person or issue, I would like to comment on the article that appeared in the June/July issue of the *Pom Review* on the Breed Standard Report. I was very concerned with the word "cobby" being suggested to be eliminated from the revised standard by your committee. The justification, rationale as it was put, was the absences of the word from many dictionaries and or its current meaning not seeming appropriate today. I have always accepted the word to be one of those doggie terms with its usage being somewhat colloquially used in the dog world. Much as other terms like "racy," "cheeky," "layback," etc., which are not to be found in most dictionaries, or if found, do not correspond to the meaning used today in the dog world. A rebuttal to this kind of rationale would be whether we should question deleting "nice" from our vocabulary for its ambiguous meaning. When one looks up the meaning of that word, they are astonished to find some of the more truer definitions: superficial, foolish, ignorant, silly, lewd, lascivious, stupid, etc. Your article asks the question to anyone who would like to take the challenge of defining the word cobby to someone unfamiliar with the Pom. Here are some of the meanings I found in my dictionary: a top, a tuft, a roundish lump of anything, which would satisfy my definition to describe our breed.

I also understand the committee is toying with the idea of dropping "shortback" to replace it with "square?" I think this would be a grave error. The proportions will become even more diversified from original Poms. Poms used to have a body structure of a three dimensional circle (round in height, width, and girth) and could move in a silhouette "to fit in a dime." The ones like the narrator in the AKC's standard video says, "one adjective often used to describe the Pom's structure is chunky." A correct structure, a well rounded deep ribcage, with the correct coat of correct

Lorene Bradbury

(1924-1995)

I first met Lorene Bradbury of Jubilee Pomeranians fourteen years ago, when my veterinarian recommended her to me. I had previously purchased a pet Pom I was training in Obedience but after going to a few dog shows, I knew I wanted to do competitive obedience with a Pomeranian that was not only a good obedience dog, but one that also well-represented the breed standard. I went to Jubilee Kennels because of its close proximity to my home and its excellent reputation.

On my first visit to Lorene's home, I was immediately impressed with the care and condition of her dogs. Not only was everything clean and neat, but she treated each dog like it was the "One and Only." What really stuck in my mind were the great temperaments I saw in each dog she showed me.

Lorene was the only breeder I contacted who was open and friendly after finding out I wanted a show quality Pomeranian to do obedience with. Because of her honesty and frankness, we immediately became friends.

After sometime, Lorene contacted me about a puppy that might be "the one." The Pom was sixteen weeks old, and already showed promise of becoming a nice show dog. When evaluating the pup with Lorene, I was not only pleased with her looks, but her temperament really knocked my socks off. She was animated, attentive, and outgoing. Jubilee's Natsu Takara went on to great things; she was not only major pointed, but was also a wonderful obedience dog, averaging 198 out of 200 in seven novice trials.

"Natsu" became ill at an early age and had to be retired from both breed and obedience competition. At that time, Lorene did not feel she had a dog that would make an adequate replacement. When I contacted other breeders, I felt I had proven myself as being dedicated to the breed both in obedience and conformation. As soon as breeders discovered I wanted to do both breed and obedience, all they were willing to offer me were their oversize pets. After months of searching, Lorene contacted me about a prospect. As usual, Lorene knew exactly what I wanted--Ch. Lessard's Shangri-la of Jubilee UD, HOF.

Over the years, Lorene became a very dear friend and mentor. She was interested in all my activities, whether or not they included Pomeranians. Lorene was the first person I telephoned when my Border Collie placed 5th at the Gaines Classic. She hung our picture of the Gaines win along side pictures of her Pomeranians. My Pekingese and Pomeranians were always treated like her own when I had to go out of town. Lorene would go to dog shows to watch my performance whether I was there with one of her dogs or someone else's breeding. Lorene seldom left her home due to the unselfish way she cared for not only her own dogs, but also the dogs of many other breeders. She was well known for her ability to whelp and raise litters.

The Pomeranian fancy has truly lost a great breeder, and I have lost a very dear friend. Lorene, I'll love you always. I miss you.

Alice Lessard

DUPRE'S

Sparkling Gold Pomeranians



Ch. Dupre's Sparkling Gold Barlo (Ch. Dupre's Sparkling Gold Buck x Dupre's Sparkling Gold Sequin)

**Barlo is pictured completing his Championship with three majors.
He was handled by Jerry and Betsy Owens.**

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length, with right amount of leg creates a three dimensional round appearance which is what I have always thought all Pom breeders wanted. A square Pom will start to become slab sided and longer in outline and will seemingly need more trimming to give us the desired look we are long familiar with. Taking out the word "shortback" a word which I think we all have come to mean "short topline" would create longer necked dogs that would really start to look like "little sled dogs" charging around the ring with necks in front of the shoulders much like true sled dogs. I hope this is not what the committee is looking to achieve, a diminutive version of a working dog instead of the proud, cocky, unique little toy dog I have long loved.

Josephine Ching

Dear Standard Committee:

It was suggested to me that I reprint a portion of the article I wrote in 1967 for **Western Kennel World** concerning Pomeranian color. Here it is....

I have just finished reading the very fine article written by Rita LaVerne, editor of the Columbia Pomeranian Club bulletin. I was especially delighted because I had been thinking about exactly the same thing--colors of Poms. We had just been forced to make a decision on a particular breeding. The dog and bitch in question were genetically and structurally suited to each other. However, I knew from experience that both animals carry a gene for a dark muzzle (a major fault). Had I mated the two, the resultant offspring would most certainly have had shaded muzzles. I was forced then to select a lesser stud because of that one insignificant point. By "lesser" I mean that--although he is structurally sound, good mover, good coat and the like--I did not feel that that particular mating would produce as good quality puppies as the other. In my opinion the color section in our standard is outmoded, antiquated, and in many cases a definite hindrance to the breeding of fine Poms. I cannot see that a dark or shaded mask or a white spot is unattractive--many breeds prefer a mask. Who decides when a sable is a true sable and when it isn't? Sables, as described in the Standard, are few and far between. We are getting a preponderance of washed out oranges with black hair, and the like. If our standard were strictly adhered to, there would be very few exhibits which would escape color penalization by the judges. This

fact, alone, causes me to wonder if the color standard is any where near realistic.

"I have heard somewhere that the reason, for example, that the black and tan is so heartily frowned upon is that it wasn't one of the original colors. That is a weak argument to say the least--and I might add, hardly accurate. I have just finished typing stud registers from 1890 to 1924. There were a predominance of blacks and chocolates with a few browns, blues, and whites. However, there were as many black and tans and chocolate and tans as parti-colors. The oranges and orange sables appeared several years after 1899. I should like to ask, then, which colors were nearer the original colors. Another thing I should like to know is, are the parents of the black and tans to be abrogated since they obviously carry the despised gene?

Rita LaVerne writes: "I cannot stand bad conformation--bad rears, slab sides, out at the elbows, and the like, so I asked myself what is more important to me? Is a beautifully colored cripple what I want, or a Pom who can move on four legs with a gait characteristic of the breed? I chose the latter, and I have never been sorry.

"Don't sacrifice," writes Dorothy Guild of Spokane, WA, "structure for color. I do earnestly hope that you, in your club, may feel free to advocate that the APC allow all colors to our Standard as are normally produced in our Pom breeding. Further, would you recommend that no single color be chosen for exclusion? Something which I feel should be of more serious concern to all of us, is the increasing evidence in the show ring of poor structure (unsoundness). I have a rather wide correspondence and am hearing complaints of this problem from all parts of the country."

I join with Rita LaVerne, Dorothy Guild, and many other breeders in saying let the Standard show in the color section, "**Any color permissible.**" I strongly urge that the Board of Directors of the APC poll its members and discover what the majority feel on that subject.

Dudley Roach

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter to serve as a reminder to Pom breeders all over the US and possibly even abroad to please check references on anyone they hire to care for their precious

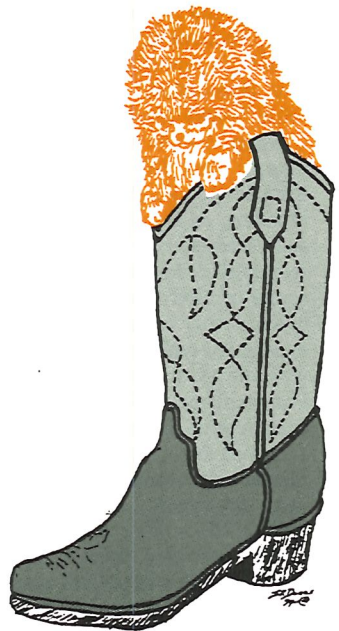
Poms. My story is too lengthy to write in its entirety, but I am a sadder but wiser person today because of this experience. A man from California called me to inquire about white and blue Pomeranians. He said he owned a cream sable female sired by Pen's Porcelain Pip O' Cinquay--which was a full brother to my Fame's Ima Lil' Buddy and Ch. Cinquay Yankee Doodle Dandy, and was interested in breeding to my Buddy. He was soft spoken and seemed so nice over the phone. He represented himself to be a Christian and spoke of God often in what turned out to be quite a few conversations. He said he had experience with other breeds of dogs and had a real desire to breed and show rare color Pomeranians. I felt we had become phone friends even though we'd never met. When he broached the subject of coming to work as my kennel help ostensibly to learn more about the care, grooming, and showing of Poms, it seemed like a good idea. I didn't realize I was putting my tiny charges in jeopardy. What followed when he arrived was a nightmare for all of us. Most of the girls in my kennel were due to whelp in June and the first tragedy occurred on June 21st. Two of my girls went into labor that afternoon. One had two puppies and the other had three. When I got home from work that afternoon, this man, Mr. X, met me with the news that the girls had whelped but the puppies were dead. I was shocked as the girl who had three was a free whelp who had delivered puppies without assistance before. I checked the girls and there were no retained puppies and they were both fine. Mr. X was full of excuses but I had five dead puppies in two trouble-free whelpings. Needless to say he was instructed that I was to be paged to come home and whelp my puppies in all future cases. Instance by instance I discovered this man knew none of what he should have known if indeed he had been raising and caring for dogs of any breed. Cleaning chores were slighted, grooming was never done, and socialization and leash training of show prospects just wasn't happening. Mr. X had a white female Pom that he claimed to have purchased in California that went into labor in July. I delivered the puppies, one large dead female born breech, and one live male also born breech. I cautioned him to make sure the live puppy nursed several times per day as the mother was excitable in nature, and the puppy might need some help. Three days later, the puppy was dead from dehydration/starvation. I am very familiar with fading puppy syndrome and the appearance of the puppies and this pup simply hadn't gotten enough to eat. I had a

calm if somewhat angry talk with him and he said he had been too busy with other things. He told him he should never breed dogs unless his heart and head were right there with the dog. He replied that he came first and not the dog. I replied that I found that was obvious, but that he should find other employment as it just wasn't working out. I was tempted to evict him from the premises at that point, but I found the prospect of turning out a human being a little dogs on the street to be too much guilt to be dealt with. I should add at this point that he had refused to allow even close friends to talk to me on the phone when they called to talk to me, money in small amounts had come missing, and my future son-in-law's wallet had mysteriously disappeared with over \$400 in cash never to be found. Mr. X had instructed people who called to buy a dog from me to send the money addressed to him via Western Union. There is much more but I think you get the picture of the type of human being I'm talking about. This man disappeared mysteriously one day while I was at work. He took items with him that did not belong to him and the AKC litter papers were missing. I contacted AKC and placed a block on him registering a possible litter from Buddy. Sure enough, he called my friend Evelyn Newyear and offered to sell her a cream sable female that he said was bred to my Buddy for an asking price of \$1500. I recently said she was huge with puppies and that if Evelyn bought her, he was sure she could talk me into signing the litter papers for the puppies. Another dog breeder from Columbus paid me a visit recently and mentioned she had run into the guy who used to be my kennel manager, and he wanted to sell her some females, but when she got there he upped the asking price to a ridiculous figure. Running into her was sure providential as two days later, my three Pom girls were stolen and I was told that to recover them I'd have to locate them, go there and identify them and then the police would arrest the person and get them back to me. Needless to say I went to Columbus in a borrowed car as not to be recognized, but found that I had missed catching him by about an hour. The owner of the motel told me he had fired him for taking money. The other employees were willing to talk and from their descriptions I believe he could have my dogs. My babies are missing. I'm not sleeping well these nights and I'm worried sick. I'm a much sadder person and wiser, but oh what that wisdom has cost me, and my precious little girls. Breeders beware--don't be taken in by a con-artist. I



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Cyndi Wallen
Beau James Pomeranians

You Know You're Supporting Your Vet When....

by Cheryl Graham

...his receptionist knows your voice on the
phone.

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a new Porsche.

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appointment--and you always need it.

...there's a kennel run with your name on it.

...his letterhead has you as a partner.

...you just make monthly payments.

...his kids send you letters from Princeton.

...your dogs think his office is home.

...he asks you to select the colors for his new
office.

...you know where everything is--and the
staff doesn't.

...he tells you he is going to retire--and he's
only 35.

...even substitute vets know you by name.

...the staff knows every member of the "dirty
dozen" by name.

...your kids check there first when they get
home.

...you have direct deposit to his account.

Beau James Pomeranians.

MISSING!

**When someone you love is missing it feels as if
part of you is gone. I know because in September
of 1995 three of my much loved female Poms just
disappeared. If you have any information about
Pomeranians matching this description, PLEASE
contact me right away. A reward is offered.**

Beau James Ima Lil White Dove
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AKC reg. no.-TM935231/04
Tattoo right belly: TM935231/04

Beau James Pompuf Snowy Venture
White female Pomeranian
Date of birth: Dec. 31, 1994
AKC reg. no.-TN196689/01

Beau James Gorgeous Gretchen
Orange female Pomeranian
Date of birth: Aug. 16, 1993
AKC reg. no.-TN016893/01
Tattoo right belly: TN016893/01

Beau James Ima Lil White Dove is bred and could be expecting puppies
the week of November 3, 1995.
Thank you for any help in finding my babies.

Cyndi Wallen

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Membership Report as of 9/15/95

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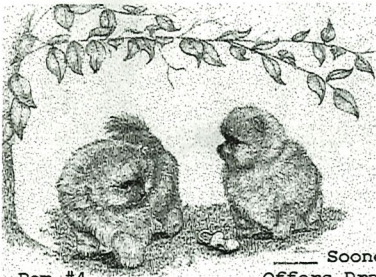
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SUMMER , SHOWS, AND SUFFERING

by Thomas C. Conway

Summers seem to be hotter and hotter, shows seem to grow and grow and suffering seems to be worse and worse! Will the dog fancy never ever learn! Each summer we hear stories of dogs being dragged to dog shows in horrendous heat at show sites with conditions that make survival a near impossibility. Again this year we are hearing stories of handlers losing dogs due to the heat. We are hearing stories of exhibitors being rushed to hospitals with heat prostration. There has to be something very wrong in this whole summer show scenario! Showing dogs is not like fighting or winning a war, armed men are not being forced into battle on blazing deserts or in steamy swamps when the temperature is killing in itself. Dog shows are supposed to be a sport where pleasure is derived and not a scene of suffering for animals and humans alike. Has the craze to hold more and bigger dog shows gone so far astray that we the fancy are forgetting our des to civilized humanity?

We hear a story from one of our most level headed and conscientious lady judges where it is learned that four clubs went into a cluster and still were not able to either find a suitable indoor facility nor provide for proper heat protection in an outdoor setting. Somehow this sort of thing boggles the mind, four clubs with between 2,000 and 3,000 dogs each not being able to provide a facility in which to hold a safe show! We are told that crates were not allowed under the tenting near the rings and there were no tents for holding within commuting distance of the judging rings. When an exhibitor attempted to have her dogs in crates near the ring, under the tent in the stifling shade, one of the club members came and removed the crates to a spot in the sun.

Hats off to this judge who objected to this brash treatment of an exhibitor and her suffering dogs. Varied personnel from some sort of protection office to an AKC Field Rep came to talk to this judge about her attitude and to her great credit she insisted that dog shows should not be a place for dogs to come and die! What is wrong with some of these clubs? Are they supposed to have the best interests of dogs at heart?

This scribe found himself among many hundreds of other sufferers at a Midwest dog show weekend a few days past. The thing that really got to me was the overall cavalier attitude of the show giving club officers. Sure they sid all the supposedly acceptable things like, "it's really hot" and "maybe the breeze will come up this afternoon," but there seemed to be no real concern for the basics which is suffering and survival!!

The two clubs have had problems with the heat in the past, yet they appear content to go on year after year doing the same thing, blaming only the weather and not their own inaction to provide a proper site or facilities for a show. We asked one of the club people why they did not hold their show indoors at a climate-controlled facility and once again our mind was boggled when we were told that "places were so expensive and this year the Convention Center was having a Cat Show." Well, common folks, if your show year after year has a heat problem, do you think it prudent to do something to eliminate the conditions! Why the hell even have a show if it cannot be conducted in safety and with health concern for man and beast?

This particular weekend had the heat index well near 115 with of course a 90 plus humidity reading. The flies were horrendous and the poor women who chose to act lady-like and wear dresses came away with legs raw! One if the lady judges walked up to the Superintendent's desk to turn in her book at the end of the day in judging to but glance down at her ankles that were covered with blood spots where the flies had bitten her all day. Evidently the blood had spread into the stockings and the good-natured judge commented that she need a blood transfusion. But dear friends why oh why are these situations allowed? If climate controlled facilities are not convenient or within financial reach why not consider the alternative of no show! The poor dog will not object as they are the uncomplaining losers of life, they can but stand and pant while exhibitors and judges prod and position them in order to distribute a ribbon and a win. It made me sick to go over dogs as they were in a stack while the flies ate away at their exposed hocks. Were these shows examples of man's inhumanity to man as well as beast?

The AKC has now come forth with a letter suggesting that dog clubs may cancel their show when the heat becomes too great! Tremendous, but who will make the decision as to when a "cancel" or termination is to take place? If the club officers cannot assume responsibility to provide proper facilities in the first place, will they be able to exert enough common sense to cancel a show? Will they face the wrath of the vendors who lose money, will they face the unhappiness of the handler who cannot charge a handling fee or the "don't give a damn exhibitor" who needs a major? Some exhibitors are kinda stupid and they go into these parts of hell with the attitude of it can't happen to me, my dog will not die, but beware ye of little understanding, it may be you who is carried off in the next ambulance!

Should shows be a place to suffer?



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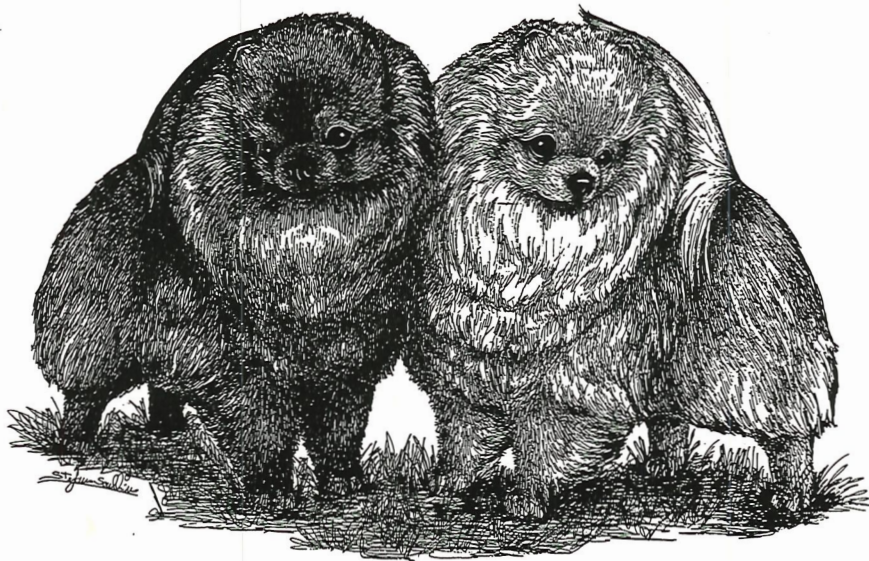
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