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CH. ROCK N TRADITION OF OAKRIDGE

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Jan-Shar's Johnny Yuma (Ch. Jan-Shar's Mr. Nice Guy x Jan-Shar's Apple Of My Eye)

Yuma is pictured here with his handler, Barbi Kutilek, and judge Dorothy Welch.

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KENNEL VISITS

June....Linda Brogoitti Linchris Poms

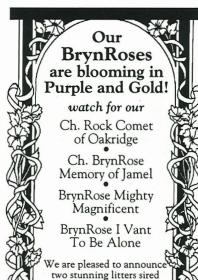
August....Annette Rogers-Rister Majestic Poms



Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge

My thanks to all my friends for yo support of my Kennel Visit. "Jake" and value each of you greatly.

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Congratulations, Nina, to you and your Oakridge Poms.

Many congratulations to "Jake" fo being named Top Producing Sire by APC for 1995.

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proudly presents our 16th champion



Ch. Idlewyld Koh-I-Noor Diamond (Ch. Idlewyld Marquis Cut Diamond x Watts' Little Pollyanna Girl)

Caitlin was First in Open ROCS Class at the APC National Specialty under Annie Clark. The next weekend, Mrs. William Kendrick awarded her WB, BW, and BOS for 4 points to inish her title. Thank you to all the judges who appreciated her sound body and gorgeous rait.

Caitlin is already the dam of one champion, Ch. Idlewyld Koh-I-Noor Topaze (Tribble) nd we have repeated that breeding, due in April. Look for Tribble's litter sister, Kitten, lmost cream, a free-whelping 3 1/2 pounder who loves to show.

Look for Caitlin's pedigree in "Behind the new Titlists."

Beauty and brains in one well-balanced package.

EVAN





BIS, BISS CH. GLEN IRIS CASTLE ROCK

#1 Pomeranian 1994, 1995

currently at Stud with Nina (419) 221-0046

Thank you, Mrs. Clark, for this nice win.

THANK YOU, NINA, FOR A GREAT JOB!

OWNERS: Nina Work, Cheryl A. Jackson, and Joel Taylor HANDLERS: Mike and Nina Work

Annual Meeting

February 10, 1996 by Beverly Henry

President Dolly Trauner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Dolly said that she had suffered a stroke last April, and it makes it very difficult for her to talk, but she would conduct the meeting the best she could.

She called for a roll call to establish a quorum. There were 58 members present:

Roberta Podolin, Leonard Podolin, Donna

Megenhardt, Carol Galavich, Segelken Becky Siberian, Donna J. Machniak, Joyce Urban, Derial Jackson, Patty Chapman, Olga Baker, Darrell Baker, Goddard, Bronya Johnston, Jill Cookston, Alison J. Brewster, Arlene Benko, Lynn Heise, Matthew J. Heindl, Chris Heartz, Marit Hattori, Jim Hattori, Rachal McKee, Margaret McKee, Susann Philbrook, Gail Rodgers, Peter Galindo, Sam Zaneoff, Judy Shearer, Julie Moreno, Diana Downey, Juan Gomez, Jose Cabrera, Tony Tellez, Jacquelyn Klein, Joan Jerell, Benson Ray, Judy Green, Rose Keller, Thelma Dunn, Carolyn Crockett, Fabian Arienti, Annette Rogers-Rister, Fran Stoll, Dolores Watts, Donna Lynn Wright, Suzanne Berney, Barbara Nagy, Linda Brogoitti, Charlotte Creed, Sharah Lisebeth,

Visitors present were: Lael Ellis (LA) Darrell Stoll (IN), Carol Leemhuis (PA), Charlene Waters (UT), Greggory Waters (UT), Anne Wylie (TX), Sean Carroll (Ireland), Eve Smail (Scotland) Sandra Plum (PA), Pamela Dodworth (Canada), Larry Fox (Canada), Judith Meliz (WI), Jackie Walker (UK), Margie Ehmann, Karen Shaver (NY), Carles Wills, Robert Nunn (VA), Regina Nunn (VA), Shari Shields, Cheryl Roseboom, Pat Miller,

Sharon Masnick, Al Williamson, Tim

Goddard, Jim Shearer, Dolly Trauner,

Beverly Henry, and Mary Allan.

(TX).

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes as published in the Review.

Brian Incorvaia (NY), and Sherry Henry

Tim Goddard reported on the status of the By-Laws revision. They have been modified per AKC's request and will be

ready to go to the membership for approval within the next 30 days.

Dolly announced to foreign members, including Canadian members, that AKC will no longer permit these members the right to vote. This will be spelled out in the revised By-Laws.

She then gave the Recording Secretary, Beverly Henry, special recognition for her hard work this past year in getting the Agenda out every month and the added responsibility of being Show Secretary again. She wanted to give her a hand.

Al Williamson gave the Treasurer's Report. He said he is having computer problems, but reported that at the beginning of 1995, the balance in the checking account was \$6316, at the end of 1995, the balance was \$3480. At the beginning of 1995, the balance in the saving account was \$24,495, and at the end of 1995 it was \$12,302. The total for both checking and savings at the beginning of 1995 was \$30,811 and at the end of 1995 was \$15,782.

Dolly introduced 1st Vice President, Jim Shearer, as her right hand and inspiration this past year. He said Dolly certainly did not need any inspiration. She did have trouble expressing herself, but could still think and was very much a part of the running of the club. He further stated that she was a grand lady and it has been his privilege to work with her.

Charlotte Creed thanked the membership for their tremendous participation in the Breed Standard revision. She announced that the Board had accepted it yesterday at the Board Meeting and now it will go to AKC for their approval. Once we have that, it will be sent to the membership. Special emphasis was given to correct coat, health, trimming, color, and movement. Trimming received a lot of attention, most people wanted mention of it removed. Regarding color, only one person out of 46 responding, was against allowing all colors. Linda Brogoitti, our JEC, was introduced.

Linda Brogoitti, our JEC, was introduced. She reported that we are going to form a Judges Seminar Committee. Members of this committee will be Linda Brogoitti (chair), Derial Jackson, Ruth Beam, Julie Moreno, and Beverly Henry. We are going



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Proudly Presents...



Ch. T-Js Miss Mischief Maker (Pixie)

(Ch. Willowbred's Vegas Monsoon (Stormy) x Apolloette Kopy Kat)

Superbly handled by **Janet Lucido**, Pixie finished in grand style by going Winners Bitc and Best Opposite under esteemed judge **Mrs. Georgina Lane** for a 4-point major at the Kings Kennel Club on March 3, 1996. Thank you for this FANTASTIC win. Pixie alread had 11 points while handled by **Marlene and Marlin Presser**.

Our thanks to all the judges who appreciated our little girl....

Breeders/Owners

Therese L. and John R. Reeder Lt. Col. USAF ret. 7990 Cook Riolo Road Antelope, CA 95843-3915 Home Phone: (916) 726-POMS FAX: (916) 722-9045 try to compile a complete history of the eed in this country. Derial Jackson has aterials dating back to the 1920's.

Dolly announced that Jeanne Blank was sing to be in charge of putting together a elcome Packet for new members. It will clude a copy of the roster, code of ethics, e standard, by-laws, subscription form for Review, and a card with information on the total order a club pin.

Recognition was given to Julie Moreno, elissa Dahlenburg, and Judy Shearer for umming up ads for the Review.

A big round of applause was given to ga Baker and Sharah Lisebeth for the utstanding hospitality Friday and Saturday enings.

Diana Downey reported on Rescue. She eds phone numbers of rescue contacts, ubs don't have to be AKC recognized d you don't have to be a member of any ub. Please use her PO Box number when riting to her. She asked that you do not all her about dogs going up at auction—we not have the funds to buy them. She also ks that member clubs and individuals no do rescue work send her copies of eir rescue contracts and information eets. They will help her help those just ginning a rescue program.

Dolly read committee appointments (see pard minutes for details). Sam Zaneoff anked the membership for continuing to point him as delegate. He reported on his ntact with Dr. Hiritzo regarding skin sease.

Judy will present the APC awards at the nquet.

Linda Brogoitti gave her Public lucation Committee report.

The Recording Secretary gave her annual port. She noted that there were 30 new embers approved in 1995.

Charlotte gave a report on the Standard exision Committee. She wanted to tell embership that the Standard was revised the the intention that it would be directed ward a positive method of judging. Also perienced exhibitors and breeders should ld grooming workshops to teach womers proper grooming techniques. Ley should charge \$5 per person, and this proper should be sent to APC to be put in a

fund for research toward the cause of the skin disease. She said Jane Lehtinen has already donated the first \$5.

At his wife's request, Tim Goddard gave the Corresponding Secretary's annual report.

Rachal McKee was curious to find out if there was some sort of set ring equipment. What she was really asking is if the club can buy a table for examination. Jim mentioned that he got up late and that is why the table was not present. He drives a subcompact car in which he has to carry a giant chest full of ring and equipment. Jim said the placemarkers have been missing for the past two years. He picked them up at the summer specialty in Baltimore, but he had no idea where they were prior to that. The person who had them had not attended the New York specialty. An attempt will be made to find out who has possession of ring equipment owned by the club and try to make sure it gets to all future shows.

Peter Galindo asked some questions regarding high liter and individual registrations. He asked if the Board knew who is doing all the breeding and was there any way Board could control growth? He said the numbers do not add up and he does not understand how Poms can be up there with Labradors, Rotties, etc.

Sandra Plum said she lives in Pennsylvania and had a written a letter to a state representative and was called from his office in Washington DC to get permission to use her letter in a Congressional committee meeting to explain the differences between a breeder and puppy mill.

An unidentified person spoke on the problem, but was not at the microphone and she cannot be heard on my tape recorder.

Mary Allan said she has worked on a task force in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, for 2 1/2 years and stated that those puppy mills have more money and influence than you think. If you want to have influence, you must be organized, have money, and must be able to put your money where your mouth is. The puppy mills have lawyers,

pay the fine, and it's no big deal. To fight them, we must be committed.

Linda Brogoitti said spay/neuter contracts are fine, but if the contract is not lived up to, they can still be bred.

Olga Baker asked where next 3 winter specialties were going to be. The answer was that it will have to be in New York in 1997, but no plans have been made for future years at this time.

Darrell said he has been an AKC delegate for the Houston KC for the past 18 years. AKC is a registering body, and they cannot control puppy mills except through the Department of Agriculture. Several years ago, a health guarantee was defeated by BREEDERS not puppy millers. He said AKC investigators found some puppy mills much cleaner and better kept than some of the individuals they have investigated.

Dolly said the show today was wonderful, but that it was unfortunate there was no leg in obedience.

Dolly asked the sweepstakes judge, Sue Goddard, to comment. Sue began by telling a story about her first trip to New York many years ago in a snow storm with one companion who did not drive and the other did not drive in snow. After crossing the PennsylvanIa T1rf')cEan &inall'ivingew York, sa0c' 0heM \$ T(!gd0a(!fh'g'51 y& CH' C)d she nitel@ dun judging the swdeps andwas mech(appier to be judging than having to compete in that kind of competition.

There being no further business, Bronya Johnston moved to adjourn. Seconded by Derial Jackson.

Plan Ahead For Warm Weather Care

As the weather warms up, plan ahead to provide the attention dogs need to help them get through the summer comfortably and in good health.

Dogs At Risk

Certain dogs are more vulnerable to heat stress and other heat-related illnesses and may require special attention. Puppies and geriatric dogs are susceptible to heat str. Short-nosed breeds, like bulldogs and pu have difficulty panting and are unable dissipate heat as well as other dogs.

Dogs recently moved from cooler warmer climates require a period adjustment to the heat are more at risk. D with a history of cardiovascular respiratory disorders may be stricken ur conditions which would not be hazardou normal healthy dogs.

An obese dog's layers of fat insular reduce the radiation of heat from its b surface, making it likely to be affected the heat.

Health Precaution

Unless a dog is on year-round heartwo control, begin preventive heartwo treatment early. A springtime phys examination by the veterinarian include fecal examination for internal parase helps ensure that dogs are in general gueral that health as they face the hot summer de ahead.

Clipping a long haired dog's coat r make that dog a candidate for sunburn dog's haircoat serves as insulation aga the sun's rays.

Summerizing Your Kennel

In kennels, replace all frame doors we screen doors. This allows proper or ventilation, and at the same time, prevening the building. Electron frame will also help circulate air and keep dogs comfortable. More and more kennare becoming air conditioned. conditioning is especially important in climates and in veterinary and board kennels.

Provide shade for kennel runs. Tr planted around the kennel will provexcellent shade, but their falling leaves clog drains in hard-surfaced runs. practical shade cover is a perforated plantation stretched over the top of the runs blocks out the sun's heat while allowing ventilation. A solid panel would hamper movement. The fabric can be stored dur the winter. Cleanliness of kennels is







Ch. Mi Babe Rain Beau's Glamour

A perfect way to finish--with back-to-back majors! My thanks to handler Lori Wilson for hese two special wins. She was pointed to her other wins by Betty Claire Peacock and nyself. Many thanks to the judges who appreciated her beauty and style, especially Ken Miller and Mrs. Lena Wisemanfor her majors. She has been a delight to show!

Congratulations to Nina Epps for her beautiful Champion "Jake" being named APC's stud dog of the year! Congratulations also to Nina for her well-deserved Kennel Visit.

Glamour's litter sister, "Misty" was bred to "Jake" and has two lovely boys. Watch for hem later this year.

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Mi Babe Charmin Carmin

(Ch. G.E. Prince Charming II x Ch. Mi Babe Charming Heiress)

It was so exciting for Carmin to win back to back Majors at the Arkansas Kennel Club Shows, January 6 and 7, '96. This is definitely starting the new year out right!

Thanks to judges--Mrs. Betty Munden and Mrs. Beverly Lehnig for recognizing he quality. She needs just a few more singles to finish.

Breeder / Owner Babe McCombs Mi Babe Pomeranians



RR1, Box 1266 Ola, AR 72853-9524 (501) 489-5510 necessity at all times--and even more so during the summer. A thorough "spring cleaning" will remove any debris that has accumulated and could attract flies and mosquitos during the summer months.

Dogs Housed Outside

Prepare your outdoor dog's environment for summer. Be certain its doghouse of chain is located in the shade or that it has access to shade throughout the day.

Painting a doghouse white provides added comfort. (Only nontoxic paint should be used.) A study at the Purina Pet Care Center was conducted to determine how extensively the outside paint color affects the interior of a doghouse. A doghouse painted white was 15 to 20 degrees cooler

green is most practical.

Ralston Purina Company is offering free information about heat-related illnesses, poisonous plants, and other warm weather care tips. To get this useful information, send your name, address, and your request for Warm Weather Care to:

than an identical black doghouse. In

climates with seasonal changes, a moderate

Purina News Service Ralston Purina Company Box 88988 St. Louis, MO 63188

Rescue Committee Report

I recently received a letter from Barbara Whiddon who has been getting calls from individuals looking for a local Pomeranian Rescue. Barbara is a past club secretary for the La Cajun Pomeranian Club. I am including a portion of my response in hopes that it will enlighten those who don't understand how the "system" works.

"...for those clubs that apparently have no rescue coordinator, the club secretary is given as a contact in the hope that they will

know of individuals within their local club who may be of help...."

Each club should notify the APC and the

AKC of its elected officers whenever new elections are held. Breeder and rescue referrals may come from several different AKC's automated information service (1-919-233-9767), AKC's home the internet (HTTP://WWW.AKC.ORG/AKC/), AKC's breeder referral service (1-900-407-PUPS, AKC's annual rescue guide in the AKC The APC National Gazette. Referral Coordinator (Jane Lehtinen), The APC National Rescue Coordinator (myself), the APC annual Membership Roster, and the "Project B.R.E.E.D. Directory" to name a few. The APC and the AKC should be notified of each local club's breeder referral coordinator and rescue coordinator so that computer inquiry, telephone inquiry and printed information can be updated. The notice should include the contact's address. phone number, fax number, and internet address. This applies to both recognized and un-recognized clubs. Once a year I send an updated listing of local rescue coordinators to the AKC as well as to the APC. I assume that Jane Lehtinen does the same for local breeder referral coordinators.

I'm sure I speak for Jane Lehtinen as well when I tell you that we both spend many hours on the telephone (and "on-line") responding to inquiries for local breeders and rescues. Many calls must be returned at our own expense as we both work during the day. It is much faster (and therefore less expensive) if we can simply give the inquirer the name and phone number (or internet address) of their local coordinator, rather than every individual within their search area. The local coordinator can then inform the person about members (some of whom are not APC members and therefore are not in the membership roster) within their club that have dogs/puppies for sale or are members of the rescue committee. Those inquiring through AKC's automated information service or breeder referral service can save themselves an extra long-distance phone charge to the national coordinator by dialing their

coordinator directly, if the club has notified AKC as to who represents them.

The APC Rescue Directory is also printed by several all-breed clubs who have requested it for inclusion in their own directories. It is also available on internet and has been sent to Chris Galley of London, England who edits an on-line Pomeranian newsletter. Since all these sources are updated or published at different times during the year, it may take awhile for your name to be replaced. Of course, it will take forever if no tells us otherwise.

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

Helpful Hints

by Margaret R. McKee 2426 Sandy Hook Road Goochland, VA 23063

Protect Your Pom

It is impossible to protect your dog too much. While our Poms are sturdy and brave, as dogs go they're relatively tiny and any trauma to their bodies can be devastating. Big dog owners have admitted to me that they think toy owners are paranoid. Maybe so, but it is necessary! One chomp from a big dog or a swipe of a big paw can be fatal. We simply cannot take chances.

This is why it makes me so annoyed to see Pom people letting a dog dance around at the end of a lead at ringside and, worse, bark or snap at other dogs. This is irresponsible behavior on the part of the handler. Whose fault will it be if a big dog snaps back? And who cares whose fault it is if the Pom is killed? All Poms should be carried to ringside in crates. If you carry them in your arms, you offer an enticing target to curious big dogs. I have seen large dogs leap and grab fur from a Peke and a Crested that were being carried in arms to ringside.

I am enraged by shows that stubbornly enforce a "no crates" at ringside rule, but

permit spectators' chairs and baby strollers I have even seen a toddler's playpen set u under the ring tent where crates are banned At one show Jackie Rayner and I argue (very politely!) with an official who insiste the space our crates were taking up wa needed for spectators. We pointed out that (a) without exhibitors, there would be n reason for spectators to come; and (b) th spectators had paid \$3 each to get in; I ha paid \$40 for my two Pom entries to b there. Who should be inconvenienced? N one complains when an exhibitor throws blanket down at ringside for a Mastiff to li on, but the Mastiff represents only on entry fee. My two stacked crates take u less space than would be required by one of two people holding my dogs up in their arms.

Even sillier are outdoor shows which rudely keep crates from under the ringside tents, but permit spectators with chairs who have paid no admission fee. James Rive Kennel Club last fall only got one entry from me instead of three or four because of this. Speak up! This is not just a matter of convenience or of preserving the grooming jobs on fluffballs, but it is a safety issue We toy people must complain and keep or complaining to show committees, and give entries to shows which remember the importance of being considerate and courteous to exhibitors.

Post Script The unnamed show mentioned above was held in 1995. In February of 1996, I returned to the same site with a few misgivings. On Saturday, the Annapolis Kennel Club was gracious and tolerated toy crates at ringside. On Sunday the official of the Baltimore Kennel Clul was unbelievably rude. When I tried to explain that the only announcement we had heard had only mentioned the main aisles he said the announcement had said all aisle (in effect calling me a liar). He was insisten that all crates and grooming tables be immediately. moved He was ver unpleasant about it. Nothing was done about the nearby strollers. I moved my crates (note 3 entries, two hands) next to a column beside a concession where they weren't in traffic. While I was in the ring he returned to announce to a nearby handle

Mestmood Homerantans

Best wishes to Nina Epps on her Kennel Visit and Happy 80th Birthday. Congratulations to BIS Am. Can. Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge on being named top producing sire of 1995.



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Mestwood Jomeranians

Westwood's Amazing Grace, named in memory of my late grandmother, has finished her championship with 3 majors, 2 of which were back-to-back 4-point majors. THANK YOU's go: to my family who've supported and encouraged me in this endeavor; to Nina Epps for allowing us to use BIS Am. Can. Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge to create this stunning girl; to Diana Nolan for finishing her; to all of the judges wo made the tough decision of selecting Grace from so many worthy candidates; and finally to all of our Pom friends and fellow competitors for the hugs and kisses and many words of encouragement.



(Left to right)
Mrs. Bistrim, friend
and handler – Diane
Nolan, Nina Epps—
friend and owner of
Grace's sire, and
Pam West—owner
and breeder



(Left to right)
Mr. Reasin, friend
and handler–Diane
Nolan, breeder and
owner–Pam West,
friend and assistant
handler–Lucy Nolan





at if the crates weren't moved he'd call a sinch show committee. All so very apleasant and all so unnecessary. If these ows would set aside a small staging area ringside for toys, it wouldn't cost them sectators, and they would keep the toy atries. As it is, I and several other handlers all think long and hard before entering axt year.

By the same token, obedience exhibitors sed to be very careful where they warm up their Poms, especially if the trial is part of a all-breed show. A confrontation with a g dog before entering the ring will do our dog's performance no good. It may be the eal to heel your dog up to the gate, but in owded conditions, it is not practical. I'll the property mine to the ring and set her down attitude the gate. I can get attention once me inside the gate.

Last year, a breeder called me, in great stress, to tell me of a Pom that she had ed and sold that had been murdered. I hared her horror and offered sympathy and livice. A few minutes later the owner of e unfortunate dog called to talk at length, again suggested things he could do, and he to gue me to put the story in this column. The young couple had bought the

omeranian puppy before they had children, d they doted on him as a child-substitute. nen they had a baby and moved to a new ouse. The fence had not yet been put up at e new home, so the dog had to be walked leash. On that fateful day, the young other had tied the Pom's leash to the itio, then gone upstairs to check on her aild. She returned to find the Pom had en beaten and hanged--deliberately. There emed to be little doubt about who the alprit was. A neighborhood child had itnessed a 7 or 8 year-old boy who was siting next door do it. The young visitor as staying with an uncle and had been ere for several weeks. He had also--ah, ndsight!--been seen hitting the couple's ddler and destroying property.

The couple felt there was little they could be about the situation. The child's parent and uncle had denied responsibility. The athorities said little could be done since the Pom was just property. Besides, the boy

and his mother were foreign nationals and would be leaving the country soon.

I told the young man that **nothing** could

bring his beloved Pom back, but it was his responsibility to do everything possible to protect his child, and other children and pets in the neighborhood. I encouraged him to pester as many authorities as possible; file reports; document, document, document. I suggested that he:

- report the assault on his child to the police
- report to the neighborhood association or neighborhood watch
- call the immigration service to complain and file a report. Make sure the mother's visa was not extended and that the child did not remain the country.
- hire a lawyer and file a civil suit against the neighbor. While it might not result in any damages, it would indicate to the uncle how serious the young father was, and maybe they would keep a closer eye on the perpetrator.

Was I over-reacting? Not all. Remember, I work with disturbed teenagers. From what I was told, that young boy was showing several signs of disturbance. Animal cruelty is a common denominator in the histories of violent people. I was seriously concerned about the welfare of the couple's child. What can you learn from this? Secure fences are essential. There should be padlocks on every gate. Poms should be supervised or in crates at all times! It worries me when I see small dogs in X-pens at shows and nobody is watching them. It would be far too easy for someone to pick them up and walk off. I don't padlock my toy crates because someone bent on mischief can just pick up the whole crate. At shows, it is a good idea to be friendly with the handlers next to you and keep an eye on each other's setup. Vigilance is the watchword at all times.

New York Dogs

Between Christmas and New Year's

several members of my family went to New York City to do a little sight seeing and see a couple of shows. From a tour bus window, I spotted a couple of Poodles, a cut-down Shih Tzu, and a male Greyhound. I was disappointed that we didn't see many dogs. The next day, we were walking down 5th Avenue looking in the windows of exclusive and expensive stores when my sister spotted a Pom looking out the door of a boutique. A little cream pet, I went over and said, "Hi, Beastie." He wagged his tail as if he recognized a Pom person. Then my mother and sister came over and he began barking furiously. Apparently, he suddenly remembered that he was supposed to be on guard duty!

Do let me hear from you. The job is still pretty demanding but the answering machine is on.

Performance News

by Lois Morkassel 1412 2nd Avenue S Fargo, ND 58103 (701) 280-1413

Some readers have asked about the time frame that this column takes place in. I try to have this article written and in the mail in the first week of the month it is due. This article will be in the mail the first week of March for publication in the April issue. When I report new titles, I list the date of the issue(s) of the magazines where titles and/or legs are published. There is a lag of about three months or more between the show reports and their publication. This makes for quite the delay in reporting titles in this column.

The process of collecting information from these publications is rather labor intensive. The scores and legs I report are only as accurate as the source is. I report information from the Dogs in Canada supplement when titles are published. They are not consistent with publishing new The UKC titles obedience titles. published in Bloodlines. I do not check and

keep track of the legs earned. For AK titles, I use the Awards Magazine. T obedience and performance titles a published. The legs needed to earn the titl are not published with the titles. To get the information, I have to go through t section where obedience show results a published. Each show is individually. All the qualifiers are listed their classes. There is no special section f Pomeranians, so I have to go through the lists of every show to pull Pom result Then there is the frustrating situation whe the breed is incorrectly listed and the results in my not being able to correct

report

on the card physically when I need to!

Isn't this a glamorous picture? Anyway, I ask your indulgence as understanding if not all legs are listed.

report all legs earned. All my records a

kept in a card file (no high tech for th sci-fi fan)--but I can always put my finge

you can give me corrected information, will gladly note it, and as a bonus, as lor as you are writing or calling, tell me abo

your Pom and yourself. Kim Crowell of Eureka, CA, called to te

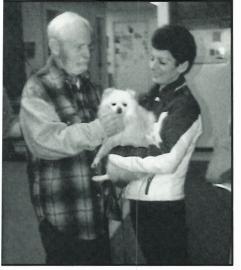
me of score corrections for Baron's Arist Aurora Cd, CGC, TDI (Rori). The corre scores for Rori were from Novice A: 17 195 (first), 195 1/2 (first), and 193 (2nd (Please note: this is the only way I can fin out about other titles Poms earn. Canin Good Citizens, Therapy Dogs, etc. are n published where I have access to them.) Since Kim was nice enough to call wi

the corrections, I wanted to get mo information. I was very curious about the disparity of the first score in relation to the next three. (I always look for possib training tips.) What a story to tell!

The first show Kim and Rori were at, German Shepherd almost took Rori's hea off in an attack. Kim decided to show ar Rori did a good job in the individu exercises, but nged in the sits.

The next show they went to, Rori wa sitting on Kim's lap, when a crated Germa Shepherd being brought into the show we "nuts" trying to get to Rori. Rori did qualit with 176. The next day, Rori qualified with the 195 for first place.

It is amazing that Rori was able to



Richard, Rori and Kim's first meeting.

bounce back" from these "encounters" on show sites and not be traumatized. A lot demands on the dog and a lot depends on the handler and how they react to the situation. Evidently, Kim and Rori are a deep special team to be such horrendous occurrences. Congratulations for not only surviving, but

for coming through with confidence and style!

Kim noted that Rori is a therapy dog and

s registered with both Therapy Dogs International and Therapy Dogs, Inc.

I'll let Kim tell you a heart warming story n her own words:

It all started in 1995 when a friend, Stacy Gaunt and her TDI Samoyed, Kelsey, nvited us to the Adult Day Health Care Center in Mad River to do some therapy visits. Of course we would, so I loaded up my truck with my Pom, Baron's Aristic Aurora CD CGC TDI, call name Rori and off we went. We were filled with excitement thinking about visiting with new friends.

When we arrived, Stacy and Kelsey were waiting for us. We went into the building where Stacy introduced Rori and me to the staff. We proceeded into the main room, where a wild game of Bingo was in action, and the residents oohed, petted, kissed, and squeezed both dogs. It was great that we had two different sizes of dogs. Kelsey

would politely sit at the side of a wheelchair to be petted while Rori was placed into waiting laps or on a table for a "Bird's Eye" view. Our next stop was the side room where residents could watch television or We were instantly welcomed, especially Kelsey and Rori. It still amazes me how both dogs picked up on the feelings of those around them. A short time later, I noticed a man standing in the doorway staring intently at Rori. He didn't say a word but continued to stare. I gathered Rori up in my arms, went over to him, and introduced ourselves. He told me his name was Richard. He started to pet Rori and continued to do so while we chatted away like two old friends. While we were talking, one of the staff members stopped to listen and then stated that the director needed to see this. She was excited, and I thought to myself, "What did I do WRONG?" Richard and I continued talking when all of a sudden there was a flash--someone had taken a picture of Richard, Rori, and I. There were several staff members talking excitedly and smiling at us. I still didn't have a clue as to what was happening to cause all this fuss.

Soon it was time to leave. As Stacey, Kelsey, Rori, and I headed for the door, I questioned one of the staff members as to what had just transpired. She explained that Richard hardly said anything except for "yes" or "no" and here he was chatting up a storm. While petting Rori, Richard was speaking complete sentences and asking questions about Rori.

Rori and I barely made it back to the truck before I completely lost it. Yes, I broke down and started bawling like a baby. I then reached over and gave Rori a hug. To me, this is what it is all about.

If you and your TDI dog can bring a little joy, comfort, laughter, love, and happiness to those you visit, you can leave with the experience that truly warms the heart.

Thanks for sharing this experience with us, Kim. Just think all this wonderful information stemmed from clarification and correction to my reporting. Anyone else want to share?

Since we are on the subject of Therapy

visits, I have a story. I take Dande (12), Man (12), and Katie (9) to visit at Bethany, a retirement home down the block from us. Dande does tricks (actually it is another training session for utility with distractions) and Man and Katie go as "pass around" dogs. Their job is to sit in laps and make people interact with them. They do a great job.

The Poms look forward to visiting and we always get a warm reception. We get a lot of questions. The most common is, "How old are they?" I tell the residents and they are always impressed at the dogs' great ages.

One resident caught me. When asking the age question about the dogs, she asked me my age. She claimed she was sure I was a teenager! I'm 42, and you can bet I go back looking for that very special resident every time we visit! (Does this sound like a "jackpot" for reinforcing desired behavior?)

In our phone conversation, Kim asked if I had my Poms' eyes checked and/or OFAed. She has had Rori's eyes examined and registered with CERF. She has also had Rori OFAed and registered.

In novice classes, I have never had my dogs' eyes or hips checked, outside of the routine checkups that my vet does. I observe my dogs in their everyday life. I have caught things like eye injuries due to grass and other foreign objects in the eye as well as the damage a cat's claws can do. (The cat lost her front claws for that reason. I don't have time to train "seeing-eye gerbils" for the Poms.)

I watch stifles carefully because my second dog sustained an injury that resulted in surgery, and my third dog had to have surgery on both of her knees. I am quick to take my dogs in for bumps and lumps I don't recognize (ie: How I learned about dew claw scar tissue.) If a dog limps or doesn't look "right"--I am all over it. I have found metal shavings, thorns, and slivers in pads. In one instance, I found a cough drop that someone had spit out in an ex-pen that stuck to the fur between Dande's toes before we went into the open ring. We didn't go in until I got that out! Just

recently, I found a hard growth on the edg of one of the dog's pads. When I had the v check it, he said that sometimes when a pais injured, the cells will be triggered to gro in a hard nail-like manner. This needs to be cut or trimmed down for the dog's comfor I had very good results using the dremm tool to "sand" down that area. I maintatheir toenails by "sanding" them down.

When Dande and I got involved.

When Dande and I got involved Agility, I became even more aware ar conscious of Dande's physical condition. watch carefully for physical as well a mental stress. Every time we go in for routine check up, I ask to have her carefull gone over. When I teach my agility classe I stress safety and the dog's comfort. If dog even favors a foot, we look carefull and usually will not permit further flootime until the dog is recovered. We have found quite a few problems early on that the vets have been able to correct.

All my dogs have had annual teet cleanings until last year. One of my gir scared the vets when her heart starte giving strange readings while under anesthesia. They stopped right away an decided that we would avoid using anesthesia with any of them from now or So now I brush 8 sets of teeth ever Teeth are important fo performance dogs and need to b maintained for their comfort. Can yo imagine a cavity coming in contact with article during the scent wor exercise? That would sure be hard to wor past.

When Dande turned 8 and we decided to go for the utility titles, I got her teet checked and had my vet really look her over carefully. I got her eyes checked at a CER clinic, but did not register her, since owned her only litter. I wanted to make sur she had the depth perception for jumpin and could see my signals. I have continue to have her eyes checked every year since then. The Doctor kindly tells me that I don't have to do this every year. I will though because a change will dictate when we quidoing certain activities and go on to others.

I believe that the dog's health and comfor supersedes my desire for titles. I was/an

BIS Am/Can Ch. Rock N Tradition and Ch. MNM's Mystic Trace O' of Oakridge Goldcrest of Oakridge

Owned and Bred by Nina Epps

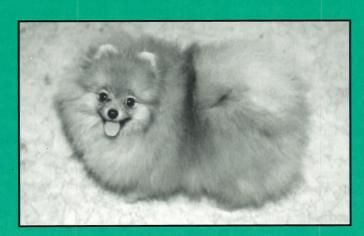
Owned and Bred by Mary & Gene Wells





are thrilled to introduce their son:

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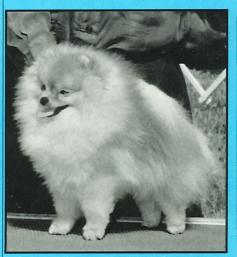
Rev, his litter sister, MNM's Classic Rock Rendition, and everyone at MNM Poms wish to congratulate Nina Epps on her well deserved Kennel Visit and wish her many years of continued success in her breeding program. We also wish to thank Nina for her wonderful friendship and for allowing us to use her gorgeous boys.

In the near future, we may have a "little" girl available to a show home who is a BIS Jake great granddaughter. Inquiries are invited.

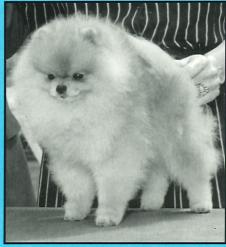
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FORBES POMS



Forbes Merry Rock of Oakridge (Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge x Merry Rock Music of Oakridge)



Forbes Puf-Pride Firechips (Puf-Pride Tempting Spitfire x Puf-Pride Royal Goldmist)



Forbes Dolly Sets-Em On Fire (Puf-Pride Tempting Spitfire x Forbes Texas Rose on Fire)

Congratulations and best wishes to **Nina** on her 80th birthday and on her richly deserved Kennel Visit. Thank you for your friendship and for entrusting me with my Jake son, **Forbes Merry Rock of Oakridge**.

Eddye Forbes / 6814 NCR 16C / Shallowater, TX 79363

ady to quit when my dog wants out or on the strength of the seen Poms and other breeds shown in the seen Poms and the seen Pom

open and novice which were limping and eir owners KNEW it!! I can't imagine hy the judges permitted the dogs to ontinue. I can't imagine what motivated e handlers to ignore their dog's pain!

The more the handler asks the dog to erform, the greater the importance of the og's well being. All events put the sponsibility of monitoring the dog on the andler, except in extreme cases where the dge can excuse the dog. This is a sponsibility that we as handlers must take eriously.

The information gained by training a dog or a title is never lost or wasted, even if the arsuit of the title must be called off due to ealth or any other reason.

Observing your dog is so important.

Jayne Homeke and her Pom, Cocoa, had a care. For some unknown reason, Cocoa arted sneezing and having explosive nose leeds. Trips to two different vets netted no seful information along with some lovely et bills. Jayne was preparing herself to ithanize Cocoa after a week of suffering y chance, the light was just right when she cked him up, so she was able to see a tip of a blade of grass stuck up his nostril. Off the vet they went to have several long lades of grass removed. Cocoa recovered and they earned their CDX. It's amazing that trouble a little blade of grass can ause.

reas that chemicals may have been sed-herbicides or fertilizers, which can be sangerous for dogs, especially for our small ogs who take less to overload their vistems and who are down in that stuff and an't get up out of it. Use your nose. Before ou set up to work, try to detect chemical mells. You need to get down to the grass wel or pick up a hand full to be sure. If yo an, ask maintenance people or owners if ney have used chemicals, and what their chedule is. (Also, be aware that breezes an allow neighbor's use of chemicals to

Keep in mind when you train on grass

drift. I lost wild flowers to a neighbor's use of a commercial lawn care service, whose personnel assured me that there would be no problem due to their chemicals. Thank God I was suspicious and confined my Poms!)

Also, check the area for debris. Small wires can be hard to see at a distance and can tangle you or your Pom while working. Glass! Need I say more? Discarded food or dead animals or insect or other animal presences can be bothersome or fatal. (Toads, snakes, ants, etc.) If you are out in the fields, be sure to take care around fences. There can be loose boards or wires that can hurt you or your dogs.

All in all, you need to be very aware of the environment (indoors or out) that you are in. You need to think defensively (like driving) for both of you.

Last year, I mentioned Dot Nelson and her Poms, Gypsy and Dede, when I got information from Jane Sohns of Clever Canine Companions. Dot sent me a wonderful letter telling of how she got Gypsy and what they were doing together.

"We (Dot and her husband) got her from a Virginia kennel whose owner was starting a 'rescue' operation. I saw the plea for Pom rescue in the Bay Colony Pom Club paper called the **Pom Pow Wow.**

"After a lengthy wait, we got her at the Manchester Airport. She had been stripped of her coat, had fleas galore, and didn't bark for three days. But I held her, petted her, talked to her, etc., as did Duane. We really didn't think she was a Pom, and after nearly a year, I took her to my obedience trainer and she wasn't sure either. However, we kept her. I talked on the phone quite a bit to the kennel owner of whom I asked if she were lame or limped. I was told that as a tiny puppy, a large dog bit her leg. The lady wanted to know why? So I mentioned I took most of my dogs to obedience training. Well, she told me not to do that--the Pom couldn't do that. She ate only "table" food, etc. I trained Gypsy slowly and gently on the sofa. Her sits and downs, come, etc., she first learned on the sofa-just a few steps each exercise.

"October 1st, she took first place, highest score in an all-Pom match. Her score was 195 out of 200, sub-novice. The day before we left for Florida, she won 189 1/2 out of 200 in an All-Breed obedience match. She has done quite well. She has won her CGC, TDI, and VCC. Hopefully, she'll get her CD this year.

"She is a love and both my husband and I love her. Her coat is nice and plushy now and she loves to be brushed and talked to. Both Poms love to be fussed over.

"My obedience trainers have said she could go far because she watches me all time. We all, people and animals, respond to love. I think Gypsy knew. When we got this Pom we wanted a special name. Our male is DeDe for Dot and Dewey. So DeDe needed a playmate--so DeDe's Golden (color of coat) Gypsy (was in 4 different homes) Charm (what she was) got her name."

In her p.s., Dot says she is 80! She says her daughters tell her she has always been younger in dress, thought, and deed than they. She credits the Lord and her love of animals.

What a lucky little Gypsy! What a bright future.

Dot and Gypsy are a wonderful illustration of how love and patience can achieve big changes. The idea of training on a sofa where the amount of response Gypsy had to make was small and doable is startlingly creative. It made the dog's chances of "winning" when asked to do something go up. I can see why Dot's daughters are so impressed with her. Such a simple thing to help Gypsy be able to do what is asked. I am going to keep that in mind for the next batch of trainees.

I never cease to be amazed at the wonderful people I meet through dogs. Every one is so different, but share the common bond of love for their dogs.

On another track:

outdoor steps or deck edges with miniatu indoor/outdoor Christmas lights. This c help prevent accidents for both you a your dogs and has the added benefit looking pretty.

We have had a lot of ice this winter due rains which we don't usually get. I fin bags of children's sand box sand, which a available at lumber supply and landscaping outlets, work well. It is coarse enough give traction, convenient 20# bags and not harmful to dogs or to surrounding plants. You might be able to find it on sa in the summer or fall.

Wow! Another Pomeranian "Super Dog U-CD Driftwood Love That Bob UI CanCD and Marian Lazzara qualified both the utility and Open B ring on the same day to earn Front and Finish's Sup Utility Award as written up in the Fel 1996, issue. Marian and Bob have earne another UDX leg (Feb. Awards Magazin for a total of 7 UDX legs now.

Titles from the New Performance January and February issues of the AK Awards Magazine:

CDX

Frog Hollows Dark Princess CD (bitch) owned by Catherine Thompson at bred by Daniel and Angelena Gulisano. The scores were earned in Open A: 188.5 at 193 (2nd).

CD

Ch. Idlewyld Basic Black N Pearls C (bitch) owned by Margaret McKee and bro by Margaret McKee and Fran Warren. Tl scores were earned in Novice B: 188 (first 186.5, and 180.5.

M And M's York Peppermint Pom C (dog) owned and bred by Mary Morris. Th scores were earned in Novice B: 181, 17 and 175.5. These scores were earned in or weekend.

Tiny Tim of Kandee Land CD (dog It is easy and inexpensive to illuminate owned by Ann Hill, an ILP Pom. The

BROWN'S KENNELS

In memory of CH. DIXIELAND ROCK OF MILLAMOR



Rocky

In memory of Ch. Brown's Rock N Robin

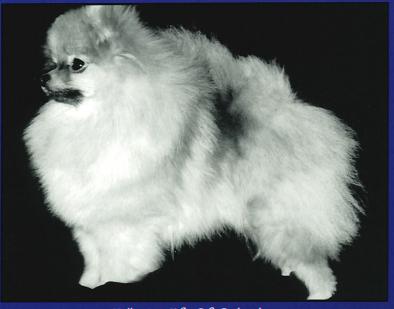


Robbie

Congratulationsto Nina Epps "Oakridge" on her Kennel Visit. My best wishes for her continued success at Oakridge.

Wilma Jean Brown 8820 Rockville Road Indianapolis, IN 46234 Congratulations to Nina Epps and her Oakridge Poms

on her Kennel Visit. Nina epitomizes
what a breeder should be. I feel very
fortunate to own a beautiful "Jake"
daughter. Nina, thank you for the opportunity to
do so. "Halley" is truly a gift and I cherish her.



Halley's Cift Of Oakridge
(A/C Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge x Fancy Gold Kandee of Oakridge)

"Halley" was reserve winners bitch in her very first show. Watch for her!

Congratulations to Halley's half sister and new AKC Champion, Westwood's Amazing Grace and her owner Pam West. Pam, thank you for your friendship and support.

Halley was bred by Nina Epps; 600 N. Gregg Road; Nixa, MO 65714.

Owner
Jonna Hickcox Payne
126 E. Lexington Cir.
Blue Springs, MO 64014

ores were earned in Novice B: 172.5, 179, 33, and 180.

AKC Agility Titles

Karen's White Kiley Guy OA (dog) when do by Karen Gottschall and bred by an Suplee. The scores were earned in the pen 18" division: 100 (3rd), 196 (4th), and 00 (2rd).

Ra-Joy's Dixie Darling CDX, OA bitch) owned by Carol Fatheree and bred by Ann Sullivan. The scores were earned in the open 8" division: 96.30 (first), and 100 first).

NA

Dover-Holihouse Fire N' Ice UD, NA log) owned by Sandra Winchatz and bred y Kathryn Hartz and Patricia Foley. The cores were earned in the Novice A 12" ivision: 98 (4th), 95, 93, and 95.

New UKC Performance Titles from the an-Feb issue of Bloodlines.

U-CDX

U-CDX Menag Sonata Foxy Lady wned by Marian Lazzara and bred by Lori ink.

U-CDX Dover Holihouse Kahlua owned y Alice Richardson and bred by Patricia oley and Kathryn Hartz.

U-CD

U-CD Sirius Brandy Skye Raven owned y Stephen Gendron.
U-CD Hot to Trot Truffles owned by

mmie Lawrence.

U-CD Dover-Holihouse Fire N' Ice wned by Sandra Walsh.

UKC Agility Titles

United Agility II

U-AGII Frog Hollows Dark Princess wned by Cathy Thompson and bred by D. Julisano and A. Gulisano.

U-AGII U-CD Black Magic's Samuri

Warrior owned by Sandra Woods and bred by Gary Davis.

Congratulations to these new title holders. It is so exciting and so satisfying to get to this stage of a goal. Enjoy the achievement. Then comes the time for decisions: is this the pinnacle of the obedience career? Is the highest degree attainable desirable? Is the Pom physically and mentally capable of training for and earning the next higher degree? Is another registry's titles something to pursue? Is another direction in the future? Tracking? Carting? Therapy? Couch Potato? What will family, job, health of the human part of the team, determination, and focus allow the next

So be sure to remember to take time for savoring the moment of achievement! You have met this goal. Congratulations and good luck in achieving your next goal.

1995 OTCH Point Ratings from Front and Finish, March 1996

- 1. Dover-Holihouse Fire N' Ice--S. Winchatz...14 points
 - 2. Captain Pug White--H. White...6 points

Congratulations on your hard work and precision, as these points indicate the number of dogs beaten when placing first or second in the Utility B or Open B classes after earning the UD.

One of life's little truths: Fudge never spoils when properly eaten!

Until next time...
There's Joy in Pom-

There's Joy in Pom-de-monium!

Corrections

Dec./Jan. issue, page 8...Tom Gaila and Laura Calhoun should read Tom and Laura Calhoun.

Feb. / March issue, back cover. The photographer is Bill Kohler

A Kennel Visit With Nina Epps

by Nancy Smith



A front view of Nina's home in winter.

Loving pomeranians has been a major part of Nina Epp's life for more than 55 years. During this time she has bred three BIS poms, numerous champions, and has been a wonderful friend and mentor to other fanciers of the breed.

Nina was hesitant to do a "kennel visit" because she really doesn't have a kennel. Her dogs are all house babies and spoiled rotten! Nevertheless, we have convinced Nina to share her thoughts with us.

Nina has loved dogs and horses all her life. Nina's first dog was a collie. She had him from the time she was about two years of age until she was ten. Her dad made him a set of harness and a small wagon he could pull. Her next dog was a small white spitz that she had for years and years. In 1938, when she lost her spitz, she saw a pomeranian, and it was love at first sight. That is the only breed Nina has had since.

When Nina was looking for her first pom, she visited a kennel that only had pet quality dogs. However, there was one little girl huddled in a corner that took her eye. She asked why she was in with pups, and

the owner said he had sent her to Marga Tankesley to breed and other dogs had rover her. Because of that he let Nina ha her. Nina took her and ran, feeling velucky. That was the beginning of a life-lo love of poms. Though circumstances has sometimes forced Nina to be less active breeding and showing, she has never be without at least one pom.

When Nina started her kennel in the 40



Sun Room.

MILLAMOR



Ch. Millamor's Mark Tradition
(Sire of Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge)

Congratulations to Nina on her Kennel Visit and her success over the years as a Pom breeder. Also, congratulations to her Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge on being awarded Top Producing Sire for 1995.

Eleanor and Ken Miller 3545 NC 152 East Salisbury, NC 28146 (704) 857-1197

CH. FINCH'S PASSIUNATE KISSES



CUBBY continues his winning ways under the expert guidance of Cathy Anderso Thanks again to all the judges for recognizing this special boy, placing him over twinning specials and to Group wins over top winning toys.

CONGRATS to friend Nina Epps on your kennel visit....our wonderful Poms ha certainly benefited from your dedication....JAKE IS WONDERFUL!!!!

Donna S. Riehm 669 Ava Road Murphysboro, IL 62966 (618) 684-4644



Handler: Cathy Anderson Breeder'' Dianne Finch



Nina's half acre back yard.

nsidered

e bought a Ducal male who would be

adorable even by today's

andards. Then she purchased ampion studs. One was Ch. Aristic oneybox Paycheck and the other was Ch. ttle Me of Chasmont. They were both oneybox breeding. Then Nina introduced e Julo line. Younger breeders asking Who ever heard of Moneybox and Julo?" ould be assured that they were the top in those years. Two other boys ntributed enormously to the breed in ose days were Ch. Dixieland's Spun Gold d Ch. Dixieland's Shining Gold. Spun old may have been the basis of Ruth eam's line, according to Nina. Nina ught a son of his from Mrs. Tankesley d bred a bitch to Shining Gold, owned at at time by a Mrs. Luker of Oklahoma

Sadly, for personal reasons, Nina quit eeding after this and that was the end of r kennel. She didn't start breeding again til the late 1960's. At this time, she had ished two girls, and she took them to ouston and bred one to the Baker's mous "Duke." The other one was bred to s son, Ch. Duke's Lil Red Baron of Kala. These were both BIS boys!

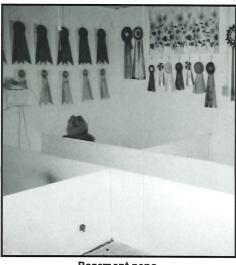
While in Houston, Nina visited Sue oddard and fell head over heels in love th a little guy she had there called Ch. illamor's Fancy Gold Dancer. minded her so much of her first Julo

champion. He had a real short body and beautiful head. Nina left Sue's with a son of Fancy Gold Dancer.

From the breedings to Duke and Baron, Nina got two girls. After they finished their championships, she bred them to the boy she bought from Sue. From these two breedings she got BIS Ch. Lil Gold Dancer of Oakridge, BIS Ch. Fancy Gold Dancer of Oakridge, and Ch. Lucky Gold Dancer of Oakridge.

Then, due to the death of Mr. Epps, Nina again quit breeding. Velva Van Hoozer had Ch. Lucky Gold Dancer of Oakridge, Joyce Ortman had BIS Ch. Lil Gold Dancer of Oakridge and Janice Luginsland acquired BIS Ch. Fancy Gold Dancer of Oakridge. Thanks to Janice breeding intensely to all three boys, she established her own LLL line, and Nina is grateful that Janice carried on when she couldn't. Later Janice let Nina have a granddaughter of Ch. Fancy Gold Dancer which allowed her to continue the breeding program started so many years earlier.

Nina is grateful to Sue Goddard for letting her have the sire of the two BIS boys and then mentioning there was another dog of similar bloodlines in Indianapolis belonging to Jean Brown. This dog turned out to be Ch. Dixieland Rock of Millamor--the sire of more than twenty champions--whom Nina used numerous times. Rocky is gone now, but Fran Stoll has one of his sons.



Basement pens.



Ch. Starhaven's Righteous Rock was APC #2 Pom for 1995.

"Thor," and Nina has Ch. Wee Robin's Dancer of Oakridge (from a father/daughter breeding). Nina had four champions sired by Rocky and numerous other beauties. Thanks are due to Jean for letting Nina use this beautiful dog.

Now comes "Jake" (Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge). Nina is indeed fortunate to have him. He had ten champion get finish in 1995. Two of these were in November and December, so they won't give him credit in the awards of 1995. But they will be his start in 1996 along with other pointed kids ready to go. Nina gives a big THANK YOU to Nancy Burnette for showing Jake for her. They were truly a beautiful pair! Of course, people began using Jake because of his fine show record, but now they use him because of what he is producing. Nina is especially proud of Heartland's Top Notch Tradition, bred and owned by Dianne Kieffer. Sired by Jake, this boy won the Sweeps at our National Specialty this year, and then went on to be WD for a 5-point major from the puppy class the next day! Is it any wonder Jake was awarded the distinction of being named Stud Dog of the Year, 1995, by the APC! Nina is about to "pop her buttons!"

Jake's sire is Ch. Millamor's Mark Tradition owned by Eleanor Miller. While loaned to Nina he produced about twelve champions, and he has sired more since returning to the Millers.

Bitch in 1992. Her champion sire's breeding was half Ch. Fancy Gold Dancer C Oakridge. The other half was Dixieland's Rock of Millamor. Her da also had Ch. Fancy Gold Dancer Oakridge on both sides. Nina feels gratef to Ken and Eleanor Miller for her third sta in Poms. Ch. Dixieland's Rock of Millam was sired by Ch. Moon Rock--a grou winner. Ch. Fancy Gold Dancer of Oakridg and Ch. Lil Gold Dancer of Oakridge we sired by a son of their Ch. Millamor's Fand Gold Dancer.

Nina will be 80 years old by the time the article is in print, and she often says that slewill probably not do any more breeding.

Jake's dam was APC Top Producing

a matter-of-fact, she didn't breed at all 1995. This wasn't due to her age, but to the fact she missed going to the shows which she couldn't do with babies in the whelpin box. Three poms of her breeding finished 1995, and she does enjoy watching other finish offspring of her two wonderful boy Jake and Dancer. Not ready to stop you will be a sagerly awaiting her litter sired to Jake out of his daughter. This is a repeat to a breeding that produced Ch. Ozark's Spir

As I mentioned earlier, Nina's dogs enjoy the finest accommodations. She has on five females. One of them is her 12 year on the Ch. Gidget who is comfortably retire. There are two boys, Jake and Dancer, and

of Oakridge, owned by Karen Jolley.



Ch. Kenney's Rockette of Oakridge finished i less than 30 days.



(Ch. Wee Robin's Dancer of Oakridge x Shady Park Tinker Bell Rock)

Thanks to Judge Darrell Baker, Noel left Dallas last year "smiling a lot and meaning t!" A 5-point major out of Bred-by-Exhibitor Class was great!

Noel wishes to congratulate her "other mom," Nina Epps on her Kennel Visit. Noel and the other Legendary Poms always enjoy a trip to visit their Oakridge friends.

Congratulations to Nina and Jake on his being named Stud Dog of the Year, 1995, by APC. Noel wants fanciers to remember that Oakridge has two great boys--her dad, Dancer is one of them!

Noel's breeding has been repeated. Two promising girls are growing up now. We hope o see you at the shows soon!

Ch. Ozark's Spirit of Oakridge BEST OF BREED / VARIETY COLUMBIA (MO) KENNEL CLUB OCTOBER 1995 PHOTO BY DOWNEY @

(Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge x Merry Rock Music of Oakridge)
Congratulations, Nina! You have been more than just a great friend.

Karen (Crouch) Jolley Ozark Poms (417) 753-7677 Nina Epps Oakridge Poms (417) 725-5658



(Left to right–Back Row) Pam West with Westwood's Bright Victory and Westwood's Jock of Oakridge; Mary Wells with MNM's Classic Rock Rendition; Karen Jolly with Ozark's Saranade of Oakridge; Shirley Garrison with Westwind's Little Big Shot.

(Left to right–Bottom Row) Diana Nolan with Ch. Westwood's Amazing Grace and Shady Park Dancing Rhythm; Nina Epps with Ch. Ozark's Spririt of Oakridge; Lucy Nolan with Rock Star of Oakridge

suppy (a Jake daughter). The dogs spend as much time outside as is possible, playing in Jina's Half-acre backyard. Nina feels trongly that exercise is an important factor in developing correct movement. The tunroom provides a resting place when the veather is bad, or temperatures are too evere. Nights are spent in 8' x 8' pens in the climate-controlled basement. There is

heat for the winter, air conditioning for the summer, and a dehumidifier as needed. The pens allow for separate feeding. Nina does not crate her dogs except when traveling, as she wants them to have more room to move around.

Puppies have the run of the family room and kitchen during the day and sleep in pens in the family room at night. Bitches



Lucy Nolan and Nina Epps presiding over the birthday table.



Thanks Pam West for the beautiful birthday cake.

due to whelp sleep in moveable pens in Nina's room. She keeps them close if they need help feeding during the early part of their lives, too. Otherwise, the mom's and babies stay in the family room where they can meet with sights, sounds, and smells to socialize them.

Nina is always willing to help those of us who know her. She will change her schedule to accommodate visiting girls in season, babysit puppies so their humans can travel, and is always available to give advice and comfort when we need her. She has been a patient teacher for those new to the breed as well.

Nina was so surprised and pleased when many of her friends gathered to help her celebrate her birthday during the weekend of the Kansas City shows. She is grateful to those who organized this event making the weekend an extra special time for her. At this same show, Westwood's Amazing Grace, a Jake daughter, finished her championship. Grace is bred and owned by Pam West, and was beautifully handled by Diana Nolan. This made the celebration even more special for Nina.

Nina and Jake wish to send congratulations to all of his winning offspring-especially the group winners and specialty winners:

Ch. Starhaven's Righteous Rock-#2 winning dog (APC) in 1995. Besides his group wins, he was BOB at the Des Moines specialty in September, 1995.

Ch. Kneisler's Secret Tradition--#6 winning bitch in 1995. She was BOS at the APC specialty in October, 1994, in New Orleans.

Ch. Shady Park Trace Tradition—#7 winning bitch in 1995. She finished from the puppy class with a group placement.

Heartland's Top Notch Tradition--winner of match, sweepstakes and WD at the APC specialty in New York in February, 1996.

Ch. Brilliant's Golden Glory--BOB at

the Des Moines specialty in Februa. 1996. She also has Group 1 and placements.

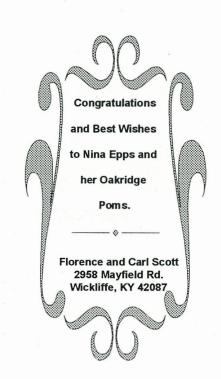
Ch. Kneisler's Nicki's Tradition--Wat the APC specialty in New Orlean October, 1994.

Ch. Kenney's Rockette
Oakridge--WB at the Des Moines special
in September, 1996.

Ch. Chas-T-Dees Peppermi Patty--BOS at the Central Arkans specialty in January, 1996.

Ch. Rock Comet of Oakridgemultiple group placer!

Nina sends apologies to any who have been omitted. Jake and Nina send their be wishes to all Poms and their proud owner Nina is a special lady--not only in Pombut in life. We wish her a wonderful 80 birthday and lots more purple ribbons in the years ahead.



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Heartland's Walks Like An Angel "Brook"



Heartland's On The Money "Cash"

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Congrats to friend Nina Epps on her Kennel Visit. Jake has always been one of my favorites.

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HEARTLAND'S TOP NOTCH TRADITION



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h. T-J's Miss Mischief Maker

Orange Sable Female
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Owner: Therese L. and John R. Reeder

Ch Fanfare's Twinklin' Red Robin
Ch Sharian's Ruben James
C/Ch Norlee's Fireside Cricket

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Ch Fanfare's Twinklin' Red Robin
Sharian's Arizona Rose
C/Ch Christyhill's Carmen O' Sharian
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Ch Apolloette For Your Eyes Only
Apollo's Golden Pebbles

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T-J's Strut N Tom Dooley Ch T-J's Calamity Jane Ch T-J's Angel's Annie Oakley

Ch Moreno's Believe It Or Not

Orange Male Breeder: Julie Moreno

Owner: Linda Brogoitti and Julie Moreno

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Ch Sun-Dot's Command Performance Ch Sun-Dot's Ramboling Holly Moreno's Phyner Golden Jubilee

Queenaire Whiskey Tenor Phyner Jubilee Happy Hellion Phyner Morgana Le Fey

Ch Kilpatrick's Wee Rebel Rouser

Orange Male Breeder: Lorraine Kilpatrick Owner: Lorraine Kilpatrick

Ch Emcee's Chips of Diamond Ch Emcee's Terrific Wee Chips Emcee's Golden Girl of Tammy Emcee's Shaws Wee Sunny

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Chip-A-Way's Golden Patty
Sweet Betsy of Timstopper
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Ch Vesta's Magic the Dragon Ch Jolly Wee Magic of Tim Sue

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Ch Pitti Pom's Lil Sir Lancelot

Light Orange Male Breeder: Mrs. James F. Swimme Owner: Mrs. James F. Swimme

Ch Nan K's Mr Macho of Tim Sue Ch Nan K's Golden Nugget Nan K's Golden Girl

Pitti Pom's Ace of Hearts Ch Nan K's Red Jasper

Pitti Pom's Pixie Vixen
Nan K's Golden Ginger
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Ch Nan K's Red Jasper Pitti-Pom's Pixie Vixen Nan K's Golden Ginger

Nan K's Golden Girl

Ch Sharian's Hi Beam

Orange Male Breeder: Carolynn and David Berry Owner: Carolynn and David Berry

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Ch Great Elms Beam of Sunshine Cedarwood's Gold Nugget

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C/Ch Cristyhill's Carmen O' Sharian

Sharian's Rockin Ronda
C/Ch Fanfare's Twinklin' Red Robin
Sharian's Twinklin Lil Crystal
C/Ch Norlee's Fireside Cricket

Ch Mi Babe Rain Beau's Glamour

Orange Sable Female Breeders: Babe McCombs and Jean Cook Owners: Babe McCombs and Jean Cook

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Ch Idlewyld Koh-I-Noor Diamond

Orange Sable Female

Breeder: Margaret McKee and S.R.White

Owner: Margaret R. McKee

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SHADY PARK POMERANIANS



Ch. Shady Park Trace Tradition

(BIS A/C Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge x Ch. Nolan's Shady Park Casie Rock)
#7 Top Winning Bitch

Congratulations to **Nina Epps**, Oakridge Poms, on your well-deserved Kennel Visit. A very special thanks for your honesty, friendship, love, and support, also for allowing me to own some Oakridge Poms.

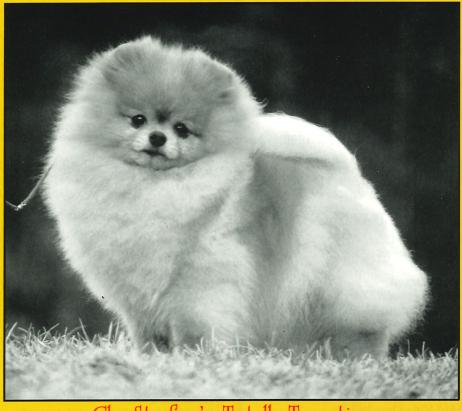
Thanks to **Pam West** of Westwood Poms for a great grand-daughter of Jake's.

Pictured on the opposite side is **Ch. Jessica**, a litter sister to BIS A/C Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge "Jake."



Diana L. and Lucy Nolan 5122 N.W. Parkdale Road Kansas City, MO 64151 (816) 741-1650

Thanks! with a Capital "T"



Ch. Starfire's Totally Tempting
(Ch. Coy's Top of the Mark x Starfire's Jackelyn)

photo by Kim Baxstrome

We would like to Thank Joe Sarta (Indonesia) for lending "Mr T" to us for the past 5 months. We have Truly enjoyed his visit and are Totally Thrilled with our Two litters by him. We are Tempted To keep all of Them! "Mr T" also won Two Groups while here in Canada with us.

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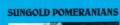
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Ch. Brilliant's Golden Glory

(Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge x Patty's Morning Sun)

This lovely "Jake" daughter is shown winning the Toy Group at the Key City KC with her owner-handler, Jean Baker. "Lacey" retires by going BISS at the Pomeranian Club of Des Moines 1996 Winter Specialty! Special thanks to Nina Epps for her kindness and generosity to "new" Pom people, and also to Nancy Burnett for all her encouragement!

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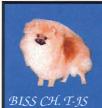


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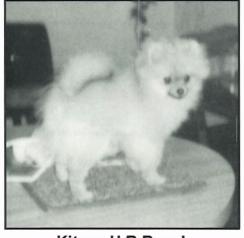
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Kitsan U R Royal (Kitsan's Kandi Man Rogueland x Kitsan's Sun Maid Bess)

Many congratulations to the Northern California Pomeranian Club on their Specialty held at Cal-Expo in Sacramento on April 13, 1996. A job well done!

KITSAN

Trilvie Haynes (916) 221-4056

BENRAY -- GOLDEN AIRES

PRESENTS....

Ch. Golden Aires True Reward (Ruddy)



(Ch. Golden Aires Moonwalker x Golden Aires Mira O Millamor)

Ruddy is shown taking a BOB win in January, 1996, shown by owner, Benson E. Ray. Ruddy is at stud to approved bitches.

Congratulations to Nina Epps (Oakridge) on her kennel visit. We wish to thank her for the wonderful foundation stock we have. Wally, half brother to Jake, was bred by Nina and has been a wonderful producer for us. Wally's son, BenRay's Masterpiece is taking BOB wins over specials shown by Dale Adams. Ch. Golden Aires Moonstruck (Zak) a Wally son, is the sire of BenRay's Style Stepper who is soon to hit the show ring.

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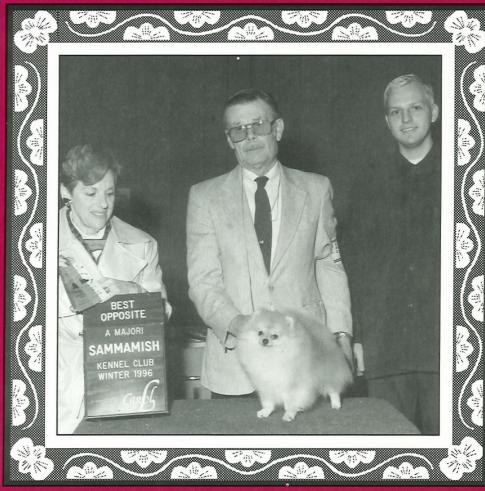
(Ch. Guys N Gals Bravo for Amours x Amours Legacy of the Heart)

Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a 4-point major under Judge Mrs. Sharon Francis at the Orchid Island Dog Fanciers Club on Sunday, 2/18/96.

Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a 3-point major under Judge Mrs. Elaine Mathis at the Hawaiian KC on Saturday, 3/9/96.

Hottsie finished at just one year of age. Many thanks to all the Judges who found him worthy of these wins.

NOBLE POMERANIANS



Pominique Dream Chaser

(Ch. Sun-Dot's Pominique Starchaser x Ch. Sun-Dot's Galactic Dream)

"Dee-Dee" is shown here going BOS for a 5-point major over 2 bitch specials--one of which is the #1 bitch in the country. Thank you, Judge Mrs. A.K. Summa.

OWNER: Noble Inglett (Pictured next to handler) / 4440 Sepulveda Blcd. #206 / Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 / (818) 981-3747

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"Rebel" is pictured finishing in Arizona! Thank you, Judges, for these important wins and for overlooking my mistakes. Many big **Thank Yous** to **Evelyn** and **Rollie Conley** for bringing him to within 2 points, and letting me have the thrill of finishing my First Champion. Without you, and your very capable handling, my dream would not have come true. Rebel's first litter is due 4/96.

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Presenting....

"Nike"



Ch. Odyssey's Just Do It

Nike won't be ready to compete for his Companion Dog title until next year, but in the meantime, he has received his Canine Good Citizenship title.

When he is not busy with Obedience, Conformation, Agility Training, or chasing Labradors, he is a real "Lady's Man." Watch for offspring sired by him in the conformation ring this summer.

Instructor, Handler, and Loved by: Alice Lessard (209) 667-2648

CHRISDEN



Valcopy-Wakhan Scarlet Letter

Scarlet is pictured here winning a 4-point major and Best Opposite Sex.

Thank you, Maria Kneisler, for your very capable handling.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Nina Epps and her Oakridge Poms.

Dennis Litonjua (632) 632-7025 FAX 631-6658

Ch. Mercer's Exotica



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Nina Epps and her main man "Jake" on their Kennel Visit!

Dan and JoEllen Mercer (308) 889-3109

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CHEAUX'S FASHION STATEMENT

(Ch. Janesa's Showcase O'Fanfaire x Rodi's Valkyrie of Cheaux)

Diva is posing here to show off her BOW and BOS ribbons out of the puppy 6-9 class under Judge Dana Plonkey. Thank you!

This stylish gal virtually shows herself and really knows how to "work it, girl!".

Stay tuned for more 'high fashion' events featuring Diva this spring, as well as the hot upcoming summer line! (Repeat litter of 3 whelped in February '96).

Congratulations Nina!

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SHAMAI POMERANIANS

MNM's Golden Gift for Shamai

(Westwood's Jock of Oakridge x MNM's Onyx & Gold Heirloom)



Much congratulations to Nina Epps on your Kennel Visit. It's been a pleasure having the chance to get to know you.

Kiska, pictured above, is a Jake granddaughter. On her first out, she took a Reserve to a major from the puppy class. Keep your eyes open for her this summer.

Much thanks to Pam West for letting me acquire a Jake son from her. Asti will be in the ring later this summer strutting his stuff.

Thank you everyone for your support and friendship.

OWNER/HANDLER / Kelly Machkovich / 188 Ocean Park Drive / Anchorage, AK / (907) 349-4968



Ch. Haiku's Akuna Ma Ta Ta

(Chriscendo Conspiracy x Bavanew's Anna Alicia)

Ta Ta took the Breed at Orchid Island Kennel Club to finish his championship at 8 months of age.

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