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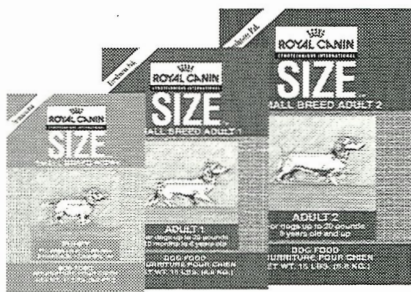
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Thanks to Judge Rodger Pritchard for his auspicious start with a Group I, then on to Back-to-back BISA/BISS wins.

Many thanks to long-time friend, Donna Gunter, for her expert handling.

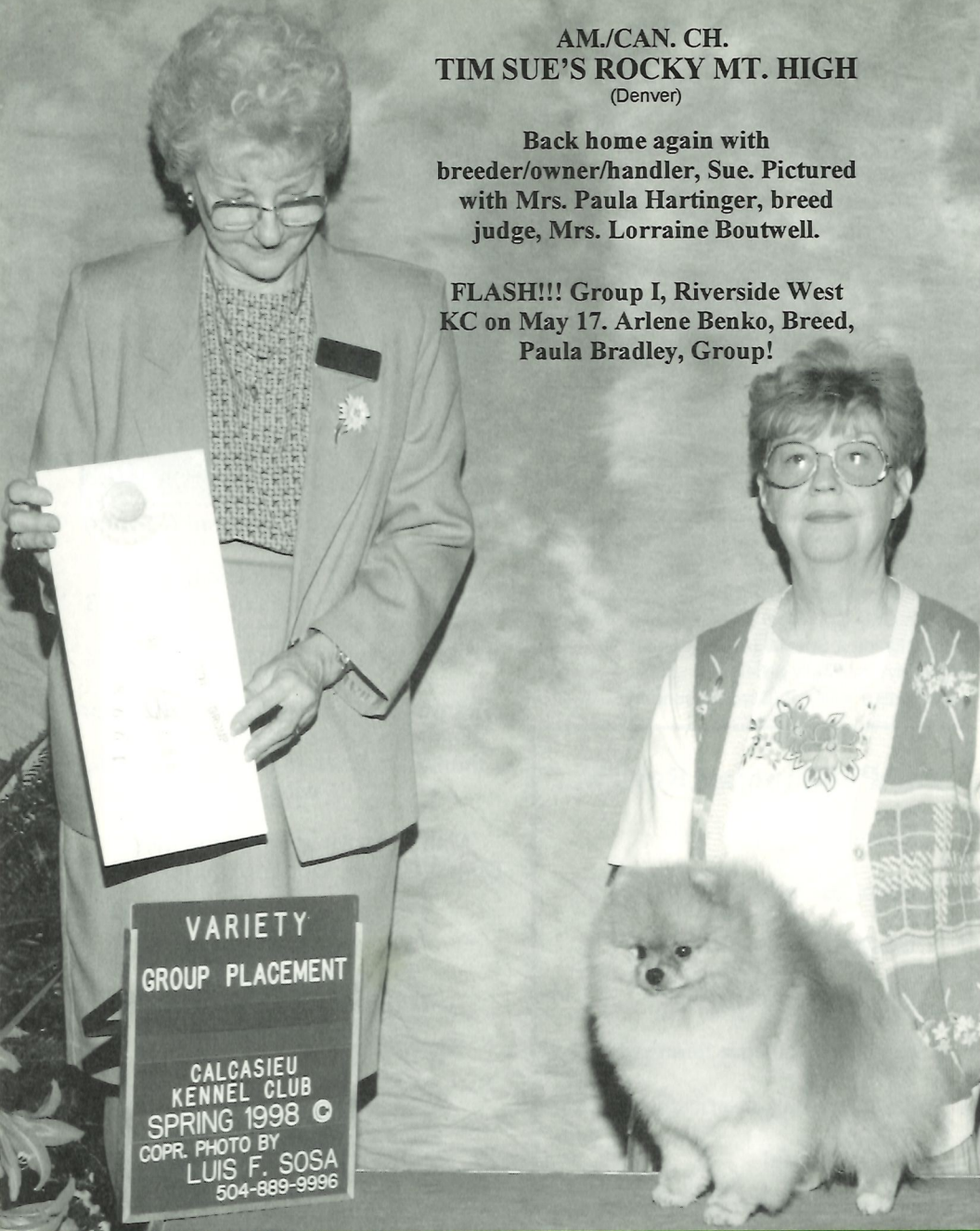
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TIM SUE'S ROCKY MT. HIGH
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Back home again with breeder/owner/handler, Sue. Pictured with Mrs. Paula Hartinger, breed judge, Mrs. Lorraine Boutwell.

FLASH!!! Group I, Riverside West KC on May 17. Arlene Benko, Breed, Paula Bradley, Group!

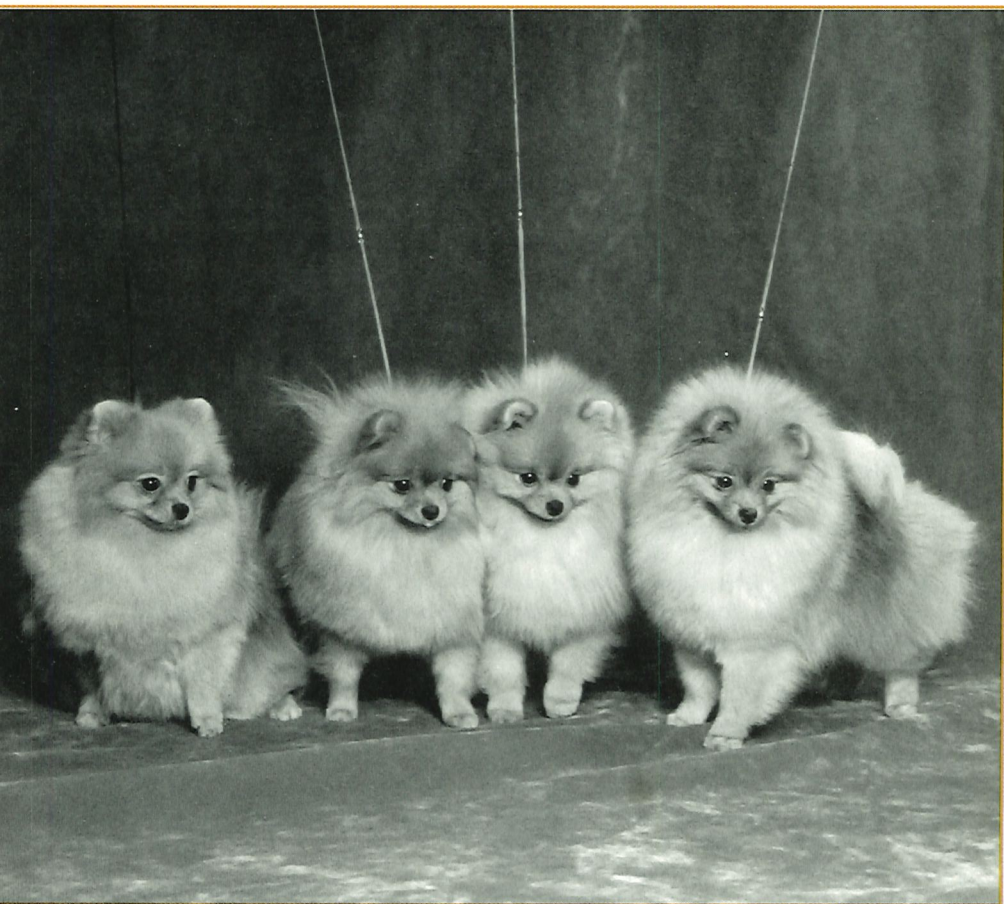


Special thanks to Chris Hertz for taking him to his Canadian championship with a Best in Show and for his exciting wins in Texas.

Best wishes to Tony and Fabian!

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Congratulations to Tony and Fabian!

Deepest sympathy to Janet Lucido. So sorry to hear about Keno Wiz.
He was truly one of the great ones.

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Ask Us Anything

by Annette Davis

The question for this month is: **“How can I help keep my Pom’s teeth clean?”**

It is extremely important to keep your dog’s teeth clean. Dirty and decaying teeth cause a number of health concerns such as heart and kidney problems, bacterial toxicities, and extremely bad breath. However, with toy dogs like Poms, this is often easier said than done. Toys have a propensity for bad teeth, and extreme care must be taken to prevent serious decay.

Following are some suggestions to help:

1) Give puppies toys early. If they get in the habit of chewing on toys, they will keep their teeth much cleaner. Make sure any toys given do not have small pieces that could be chewed off and choked on.

2) Feed premium dry food as much as possible. Canned food, low quality foods that contain sugar, and many commercially prepared “doggie treats” promote tooth decay. If you want to give treats, you can boil liver or beef heart, cut it into small pieces and keep it in a zip lock baggie in the freezer. Your liver or beef heart will last several months in a freezer baggie. You can also give small bits of cheese as treats.

3) Give marrow bones often. (Beef femur cut into 1" slices at the butcher.) Be sure there are no sharp edges and boil to eliminate germs before giving. You can also offer things like chew toys, chew hooves, rawhide chews, and pig ears (watch pig ears, they give some dogs diarrhea). Julie Moreno suggest boiling your marrow bones and then keeping them in a plastic bag in the freezer for 24-48

hours before giving them to your dog. This cuts down on the greasiness and makes them last longer. For puppies, she interlocks one or two plastic colored shower rings through the bones to make excellent chew toys.

4) If your Pom’s teeth are very dirty, the only way to get them completely clean is to have them professionally done at your veterinarian. After a professional cleaning, you can scale them yourself every month or so to keep them clean. Some people use a doggie toothbrush and toothpaste to clean their dog’s teeth each day. Other alternatives to a toothbrush are gauze or a “finger brush.” Dental instruments for scaling, and dog toothbrushes/toothpaste are available from most pet supply catalogs.

Our question for next month is: **“What is eclampsia and how can it be prevented?”**

You may direct new questions or answers to these questions to:

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Fox Fyre's Stormchaser



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"Little Man" and his handler, Tammy Sharp, are "raising up a storm" charming the Judges with his great movement and his flashy style. [Did I mention attitude?] A special Thanks to J.P. Cavallero for giving him Winners Dog and BOS and to Alan Harper for his Best of Breed. We're looking forward to more wins in the future.

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CH. BAR-JON'S 'N' JANESA'S ATTITUDE



(Ch. Janesa's Very Special Jan-Shar x Berry's Jubilee of Bar-Jon's)

We would like to thank Charlotte Patterson for the 3-point major that finished Atti. Atti is a great mover with a striking tri-sable coat. She was bred to a beautiful clear orange boy bred and owned by Jerrie Freia and is due to whelp in May.

Congratulations to Jose Cabrera and Fabian Arienti...

THE BALANCING ACT

by Cindy Vogels

A good sense of balance is the cornerstone of any visual art. From the ancient Chinese scroll painter to the contemporary illustrator, properly visualizing the balance of proportions is essential in making aesthetic evaluations. Likewise, as dog fanciers and breeders, we need to nurture this ability and acquire an artist's eye in assessing our dogs.

In dogs, the interrelation of body-part proportions creates a visual image unique to each breed—and in each dog within a breed. These relationships exist on many levels, and the more you develop your eye to see these relationships, the keener your discernment will be.

A PYRAMID OF PROPORTIONS

Think of balance as a pyramid of proportions, the foundation of which is the dog's overall outline. To assess a dog's proportions it is useful to follow a step-by-step procedure, measuring key anatomical landmarks to determine whether the dog is in balance. First, take the distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground and compare it to the distance from the point of the shoulders to the point of the rear.

If these measurements are equal, the dog is square in outline; if length is greater than height or vice versa, the dog is off-square or rectangular. Next compare the length of leg from the withers to the elbow to the length from the elbow to the ground. Now look at the length of the head compared to the length of the neck. See how those two measurements compare to the length from the withers to the set-on of the tail.

Once these basic measurements have been assessed, you can look more closely at the structure of the dog. For instance,

measure the width and length of the skull and compare it to the width and length of the muzzle. How does the length of the tail compare to the length of the topline? Is the angulation of the front equal to the angulation of the hindquarters?

The further you delve into a dog's anatomy, the more measurements you can compare. Individually, they relate to one another. Together, they determine the overall balance of the dog. The broad base is the length-to-height ratio, which determines the basic outline. But many other measurements—down to the smallest calculations, such as the size of the eye—contributes to form the basis of individual breed type.

Now that your head is full of visual measurements, calculations and comparisons, you must determine the proper balance of the individual dog's parts, how those parts blend to create a whole and, in particular, how they compare to the specific breed standard.

APPLYING THE BREED STANDARD

The breed standard must be consulted to determine proper proportions. If the standard is well-written, it will prioritize the measurements that determine type. Not all breed standards, however, provide details about proportion. This leaves breeders and judges to determine good balance on their own and makes the evaluation of proper type elusive.

The Norwegian Elkhound standard, for example, is extremely clear, calling for a dog that is "medium in size and substance square in profile, close-coupled and balanced in proportions." Concerning the head, the standard says the dog's nose is straight, parallel and about the same length as the skull." The body, it says, "i

short and close-coupled with the rib cage accounting for most of its length." Legs are "medium in length: substantial but not coarse." These details are a great aid in visualizing the ideal Elkhound.

Going one step further, the Fox Terrier standard gives actual measurements, stipulating that a "well-balanced dog should not exceed 15 ½ inches at the withers...nor should the length of back from withers to root of the tail exceed 12 inches, while to maintain the relative proportions, the head should not 7 1/4 inches or be less than 7 inches. A dog with these measurements would scale 19 pounds in show condition."

Under balance, the Fox Terrier standard states, "The chief points for consideration are the relative proportions of skull and fore face; head and back; height at withers and length of body from shoulder point to buttock—the ideal of proportion being reached when the last two measurements are the same." These statements leave little room for interpretation as to the correct proportions of a Fox Terrier.

The Lhasa Apso standard, on the other hand, leaves considerable room for interpretation. It calls for a 10- to 11 inch dog and says, "The length from point of shoulders to point of buttocks longer than height at withers." Although somewhat vague in its discussion of head characteristics, the standard calls for "the length from tip of nose to eye to be roughly about one-third of the total length from nose to back of skull." These are the only two measurements mentioned in this brief standard.

The Greyhound standard makes no mention of proportion or balance at all. In its listing of points to consider, only 10 out of 100 points are allocated to "general symmetry and quality." This lack of detail forces breeders to look elsewhere to determine the Greyhound's correct proportions.

Many breeds are required to be square in outline, although the correct proportions may be described without using the word "square." No matter what the wording, a square dog's measurements from the withers to the ground and from the point of the chest to the point of the buttocks are equal. The distance from the withers to the set-on of the tail is dependent upon the front and rear angulation of the dog. Beware of any standard that uses this measurement in defining the length-to-height balance. Note that the Fox Terrier standard *does* use this measurement, but as describes a square dog (with proper angulation), the length from the withers to the tail is shorter than the distance from the withers to the ground. Most often a square dog has legs that are equal in length from the withers to the elbow and from the elbow to the ground. Many of the square breeds are balanced so that the length of head, the length of neck, and the length of back are roughly equal. With the brisket reaching the elbow, the depth of the body equals half of the height of the dog.

Off-square is easy to see, although some standards describe this proportion without naming it.

A rectangular dog is created when the length exceeds the height or vice versa. While many breed standards call for a dog longer than it is tall, none specify to select for a dog that is taller than it is long.

With small dogs, you must determine which proportions are appropriate. In some breeds, such as many of the short-legged terriers, short legs hang on small frames and the dogs have proportionately small heads. These breeds must also be distinguished from miniature breeds, such as Pomeranians, which have the proportions of a long-legged breed in scaled-down form.

"The Pom is a diminutive of a northern breed," notes well-known judge and longtime Pomeranian breeder Edd Bivin. "All parts of the dog, including the head, must remain in proportion without exaggeration." On the other hand, true

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CH. MILLAMOR'S MAKE A STATEMENT



“Barkley” salutes some of his outstanding offspring--Jan-Le’s Make A Lady, Jan-Le’s Grumble Teaser, and Patricia’s Passion Play (pictured on page 82).

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dwarf breeds, such as Scottish Terriers and Corgis, have all the measurements and substance of a large dog, only with short legs. These dwarf breeds certainly possess their own unique balance of proportions.

Substance also plays a major role in determining balance. Most breed standards address substance, and in many it is essential to correct breed type. Variation in the ratio of size to substance can greatly affect the overall picture. Consider an overboned 12-inch Papillon, compared to a dog of the same size with the proper "fine-boned structure." If the mass of the overdone specimen could be spread over a larger frame, the overall balance might be fine, although the dog would be too tall for the standard.

On the other hand, a weedy, slight Mastiff hardly appears "massive, heavy-boned, with a powerful muscle structure." If the dog's size were reduced to make its proportions correct, it would no longer be big enough to be typical. In some breeds, such as the English Toy Spaniel, the standard gives only weight considerations without height guidelines. For the novice, this complicates the process of evaluation.

THE TEST OF MOVEMENT

It is said that movement is the true test of conformation. In other words, the balance of proportion will dictate the dog's movement. Noted judge and lecturer Quentin LaHam stresses that "nature designed the breeds to work efficiently; and that an unbalanced dog cannot do its job. LaHam sees many dogs rewarded that are incorrectly proportioned; dogs that should be longer than high are becoming square, and many have too much rear angulation to balance their fronts. Since their functions vary, each breed must be allowed its own individual balance so it can perform its appointed task.

A dog's movement is determined by the

proportion of the length of leg to the length of body, coupled with the amount of substance appropriate to the breed. The moderate proportions of the Golden Retriever give the breed an easy, moderate way of moving. On the other hand, most short-legged dogs have a distinctive gait because their legs wrap around their chests. The Scottish Terrier is a good example. It definitely doesn't have the square trot desirable in long-legged breeds. Its forelegs don't move in exact parallel planes; rather, in reaching out, they incline slightly inward because of the breed's deep, broad forechest.

The Alaskan Malamute is constructed for pulling heavy loads short distances. Its standard calls for a dog that is "powerful and substantially built." To do its job, the dog must have "sound legs, good feet, [a] deep chest and powerful shoulders." In contrast, the Siberian Husky, an endurance puller, is a "medium-sized working dog, quick and light on its feet and free and graceful in action. Its body proportions and form reflect this basic balance of power, speed, and endurance."

Some breeds, because of their balance of proportions, are most efficient at the gallop, even though dogs are evaluated in the ring at a trot. Sighthounds, for example, are built to chase game at high speed, utilizing a double-suspension gallop. Some dogs are not made to be efficient movers. The Fox Terrier standard dictates a straight front assembly; therefore, its legs should move "like a pendulum." Bull breeds, on the other hand, are constructed to stand their ground; they are front-heavy, with wide-set legs.

In general, similarly balanced breeds will move alike. Although unrelated, the Brittany and the Norwegian Elkhound are remarkably similar in proportions, and both move with a dramatic ground-covering style. The Pekingese and Bulldog also move similarly. Although the Bulldog has longer legs, both breeds have big heads, short necks, narrow rears and wide, heavy fronts. These attributes give rise to their unique rolling gaits.

EXAGGERATION IN MODERATION

Other factors beside structure can contribute to the perception of balance. A dog of magnificent heart and character is going to present a different “whole” than a lesser showman that may be equal in structure. Showmanship does away opinion of a dog. Coat can also fool people; the more glamorous the “bloom,” the more easily we’re wooed. Although outstanding conditions should be rewarded, it is critical to check under the coat for structural balance.

If the muzzle is supposed to be equal in length to the back-skull, make sure it is actually the same length, not just a length of whiskers masquerading as bone. Be sure the dog’s body is long of rib cage and short of loin allowing for fortitude and efficiency. Being overweight or underweight can wreak havoc with balance, as out-of-condition dogs present a very different picture. Many standards address weight and overall conditioning; both are essential in creating breed type.

In nature, there is a tendency toward symmetry and moderation. That’s why many breeds are square or slightly off-square, with equal proportions throughout. The parts blend together without any one being visually dominant. There are always exaggerated individuals within any breed, but it’s important to recognize the excess as such and realize that for a breed to remain moderate, some exaggeration must be incorporated. “Exaggerated dogs shouldn’t set type, but [should] be used to maintain it,” notes Bivin.

In some breeds, exaggeration plays a major role in defining type, and those specific proportions must be maintained. The Pekingese should have a big head and a short neck with a heavy, distorted front end and a narrow rear. Once our eye is accustomed to the correct proportions, a Peke without any of these exaggerated traits seems out of balance.

Determining the overall outline is of utmost importance in assessing balance. If a dog’s outline is incorrect, no excess of breed characteristics can make it typey. “I can send a class around the ring once and know which dog will be at the head of the line,” says judge Frank Sabella. “When I examine a dog, I confirm what my eye has already told me.”

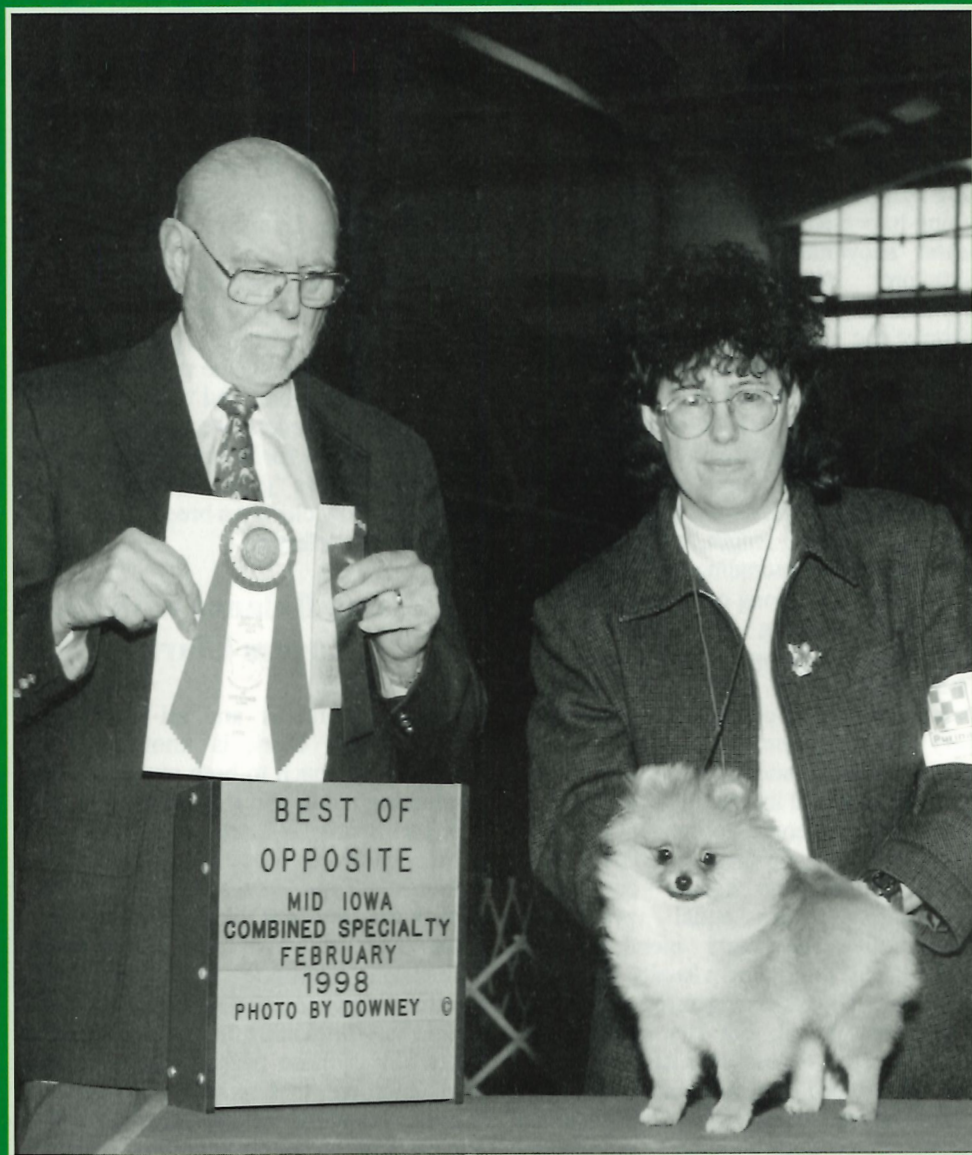
Both Bivin and Sabella believe that the ability to see balance is an innate gift. Certainly, everyone’s perception is unique. Nevertheless, the proportions of a dog *are* measurable, and to be successful fanciers and breeders, we need to develop an objective eye for balance of proportion. Only once we’ve “gotten our balance” can we assess how closely a breed comes to its standard of perfection.

Assessing Balance with Anne Rogers Clark

Longtime breeder and all-breed judge Anne Rogers Clark is known for her balanced approach to both pursuits. When evaluating a dog—in this case, an English Cocker Spaniel—Clark goes through a rather involved process in a matter of minutes. “Type,” says Clark, “is what makes the dog look like the breed, and I must, from my own logic, start at one point and continue from there. The English Cocker standard states. “The whole is worth more than the sum of its parts.” It is those parts, in balance with one another, that create the pleasing whole. The ability to see the whole dog is the basis of the sport of purebred dogs.

“Correct type in an English Cocker,” she continues, “is apparent in examining the animal in direct profile.” When doing so, Clark asks herself a series of questions: “What is its proportion? Its balance of height total length? Its balance to bone to size? Its balance of neck length to back length? Its length of foreface in proportion to length of backskull? Its depth of head in proportion to length? Are the head planes level? Does the topline slope naturally?”

JAN LE'S MAKE A LADY



At just 6 months and 3 days old, Lady wins back-to-back 4-point majors at the Des Moines Specialty and South East Iowa Kennel Club. She needs just a few points to finish. Her sire, Barkley, is very proud of her!

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“Does the elbow appear to be just underneath the highest point of the shoulder? Do the shoulder and forearm balance in approximately equal lengths? And is there an angle formed that’s somewhere near 100 degrees between these two bones? Does the hindquarters stand comfortably just behind the body with a well-bent stifle and a short hock? [If] all this is pleasing, the animal on first impression is typical, or can be considered to be within the guidelines in the standard, which makes it an acceptable animal to do the work intended.”

Clark then poses more questions to herself, keeping in mind her opinion that side movement is the true test of the sum total of a dog’s parts: “How does the dog move from the side? Does the topline remain gently sloping? Does the tail come up to fill the rest of the slope? Can the head be carried in many attitudes? Up, as the dog would hold it if it were retrieving a bird. Slightly out in front of it for speed at the trot. And, while moving, will the dog be able to put its head to the ground to [retrieve] or to make a scent check? Does the front leg freely extend with no laboring action? Does the rear leg take a good stride underneath the body? And is it able to follow through its arc, unimpeded by too sharply sloped a croup?”

Following this, and before even touching the specimen or really looking at the dog’s head or rib cage, Clark observes temperament. “[The dog should be] merry and eager, very typical by the standard. [I ask the handler to] put the dog up on the table; I check its head, eye, ear, and mouth. Next, [I check the] fit and placement of the dog’s neck and shoulder, and [look for the] correct heart-shaped rib [cage], tail-set, muscle, hindquarters and feet.”

When she has finished her examination, Clark has succeeded in judging the overall picture, making her first cut on type and rewarding the soundest of the typical specimens. After all, she notes, “An untypical Cocker that is sound is useless.

A typical Cocker that is sound is priceless.”

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FROM THE SKEPTIC TANK AND AT THE 6 FURLONG POLE by Dr. Al Grossman

There I stood in the middle of the ring with the Sporting Group thundering by and my head aching. My friend Danny the Tout, had kept me informed about galloping horses, but this was ridiculous. Who told these guys that this group was being timed with a stop watch? You would think the ones handling the Clumber and the Sussex would know they were never going to beat the Irish Setter’s time.

In all my years in dogs I have seen speed inch up every year, especially at the group level. When I watch the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500, I know that each year new advances in technology will allow speeds and risks to creep up. Pray tell, what technology has advanced the pace of those four-legged creatures? Oh, I guess better feeding and conditioning would allow for some dogs to run faster, but do they have to? The answer is NO! This is not a speed race. It is a contest to see which of them matches the standard of their breed best. So why is that Sussex Spaniel running his legs off?

I think I know the answer. NERVES, that’s what it is, nerves. No, not the dogs, the handler. Tension builds toward the group level win. It is the entry to the coveted final seven and a possible BIS. There it is, a big ring just waiting to be covered in record time and to impress the crowd. What a picture the Setters make

with their flowing coats as they stream around the ring. Beautiful, yes, correct, no. To the practiced eye, the overstriding dog is not a picture of beauty, especially when the handler has him strung up like a spastic alligator. The gait is all wrong. The dog does not have control of his front end and he waves his legs in all directions as he tries to land correctly without falling all over himself from the thrust from the rear quarters. Some of the smaller breeds look the worst. However, their handlers are so proud that they are keeping up with the pack. They pay no mind to their charges and the foam coming out of their mouths as they gasp for air on their tight leads.

Generally the problem is not as pronounced in the breed ring, which could be accounted for by the smaller size of the ring. I always tell my entrants that I want the dogs gaited at a light trot, speed is not encouraged. Do you know what? A clinical observation—when one puts on an armband their hearing goes south. Now I know this is true for it has been confirmed time and again in the ring. As a scientist I have been trained in scientific principles but I am baffled by this sudden loss of hearing. Perhaps I have used poor logic in reaching my conclusions.

Maybe it's a little like this: "A scientist testing a grasshopper removed one set of legs and pounded the table. The grasshopper leaped into the air, but with a little less height than when he had used all his appendages. The scientist recorded the information. He removed another set of legs and thumped again. Once again the grasshopper jumped into the air with even less height. This was duly recorded also. Finally, he removed the last set of legs and thumped the table. No movement. He thumped again...still no movement. He recorded the data factually. His conclusion—when you remove all the grasshopper's legs, he becomes deaf."

I believe that the thinking of the exhibitor is that speed impresses a judge and also the ringside. Ringside, maybe, a judge, seldom. However, when every entrant in the group is galloping at a pace

worthy of Olympic glory, it is pretty hard to stand in front of the herd and slow them down. Maybe all judges should mime their directions before the handlers begin their circuit around the track. That should be an interesting sight.

No, I believe that the tension they are feeling is best worked off by the large muscle activity of running. I their minds' eye, large scale exertions = large rewards. That equation does not always work. In fact, in the dog game, that often works in reverse. I am so pleased when I watch the Hound Group and see competent Dachshund handlers gaiting their dogs at a correct pace while the big hounds run amok.

Well, I have got this off my chest. It would be helpful if you could just see you way clear to sloooow down a bit and let the judge actually see you dog in its true gait.

How about it?

BEHIND NEW TITLISTS

Ch Tisha's Sina-A-Song

Orange Female

Breeder: Pat and Fred Dieball

Owner: Pat and Fred Dieball

Ch Rock N Tradition of Oakridge

Ch Valhalla's Rock-N-Roll of Oakridge

Ch DeArta's Golden Gina

Tisha's Ricochet

Ch Doo-Shay's Western Expose

Ch Tisha's U Betcha Buttons

Ch Doo-Shay's Funky Medeana

Ch Doo-Shay's Western Expose

Tisha's Grin 'N Bear It

Ch Doo-Shay's Funky Medeana

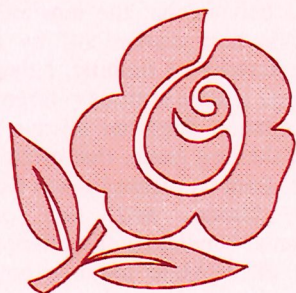
Tiosha's Jammin' S'more

Ch Doo-Shay's Wild Thing

Tisha's Wild Touch

Ch Doo-Shay's Funky Medeana

(Continued on page 41)



*La Belle of the South
met
The Grand Lady of the North
and together they created....*



Ch. "Scarlett"!!!



Ch. Raine's Rhett Butler's Dream

(Ch. Janesa's For Pete's Sake x Pomarainey's Lovely Lydia)
(Picture by Booth Photography)

"Scarlett" her championship under respected judge Dr. David Green Doane on Mother's Day in Bettendorf, Iowa. Many thanks to Judges D. Rogers, C. Webb, E. Jenner, N. Shapland, C. Hrbel, R. Holloway, D. Doane and all those who found our "Southern Belle" worthy.

Our sincere gratitude always to the "Northern Lady," handler Nadine Hersil, for making this dream for our darling "Scarlett" come true!!

Ch. "Scarlett" is now at home and retired and will be bred to Ch. AJ's Smokin' Joe "Frazier" later this summer. We're hopeful for some excellent show prospects from this Janesa duo to follow their parents in the show ring!

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BREEDER: Gail Rainey / (901) 352-2095

Northern California Pomeranian Club Specialty

Saturday, April 11, 1998

The NCPC held its annual Specialty at the Cal Expo Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 11, 1998. This specialty was held in conjunction with the Sacramento Kennel Club's two-day all-breed show.

There was a lot of support this year, producing entries of 16 in Sweepstakes and 51 for the Specialty Show. The Sweepstakes judge was Ms. Fran Smith. She did a great job judging these fine puppies. Noble's High Dollar Hobby was the BIS and T-Villes Honor Society took BOS.

The conformation classes were expertly judged by Dr. Samuel A. Draper. The BOB was Ch. Candyfloss Shall We Dance; BW was Sun-Dot N'Bonfire Sire Ceasar; BOS and WB was Apolloette Wee Hearts Desire.

All the exhibitors and visitors enjoyed a "Deli Dinner" hosted by the NCPC. The club had a raffle and displayed the beautiful prize "Baskets" that could be won. Tish Cannon was the grand winner of the television and Candee Freeman won a vari kennel and "large" Easter Bunny. Many other prizes also were raffled off. It was a great evening and wonderful to see so many beautiful Poms.

Sweepstakes

Judge: Ms. Fran Smith

Best in Sweepstakes: Noble's High Dollar Hobby owned by Noble Inglett
Best Opposite: T-Villes Honor Society owned by Tish Cannon

Regular Classes

Judge: Dr. Samuel Draper

Puppy Dogs, 6-9

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Jan-Shar's Be All You Can Be | Letitia Cannon |
| 2 Noble's High Dollar Hobby | Noble Inglett |
| 3 Apolloette Touch of Mystery | Marlene and Martin Presser |
| 4 Park Ave Lil Gigolo | Tom Wilson |

Puppy Dogs, 9-12

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| 1 Me Lady's Fresh Prince of RV | Karen Crawford and Richard Lane |
| 2 Jan-Shar's Dude With An Attitude | Sharon Hanson |
| 3 T-ss Ima Boot Scootin Plaboy | Peggy Spangler |

Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs

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| 1 Ellie Mae's My-T-Mite | Eleanor Wolfe |
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Open Dogs

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| 1 Sun-Dot's N'Bonfire Sir Ceasar | Bonnie McIntosh-Taylor and Daniel Taylor |
| 2 Devery's Bad to the Bone | Devery and Sandra Davis |
| 3 Stillcove's Hold My Hand | Cynthia and James Bradley |
| 4 Candyfloss Stardust | Hideko Strasbaugh |

Puppy Bitches, 6-9

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| 1 Odyssey's Butterfly Kisses | Janet Manuszak-Lucido |
| 2 Park Ave's Luv'n Spoonful | Christine Endow |

Puppy Bitches, 9-12

- 1 Sunray's Divine Wind CameoMichael Hefin and Karen Crawford
- 2 Finch's Petipom EnchantressDiane Finch

Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 T-Villes Honor Society Letitia Cannon
- 2 Apolloette I AimTo PleaseMarlene and Marin Presser
- 3 Candyfloss InsatiableHideko Strasbaugh
- 4 Shadowhawk's Margana The Red.....Mary "Kelly" Smith

Open Bitches

- 1 Apolloette Wee Hearts DesireJulie Cackette
- 2 Apolloette Seal'd With A KissRobert Crippen and Carolyn Crippen and Marlene Presser
- 3 Jan-Shar's Thank Your Lucky StarsSharon Hanson
- 4 Big As Champagne N Roses.....Sandra Davis

BEST OF BREED: Ch. Candyfloss Shall We Dance

BEST OF WINNERS: Sun-Dot N'Bonfire Sir Ceasar

BEST OPPOSITE: Apolloette Wee Hearts Desire



**Specialty BIS
Ch. Candyfloss Shall We Dance**

*Peggy and
Samson*



Shyacres



Shyacres Our Man Samson (5 months)
(Ch. Shyacres Deja Vu x Shyacres Fri's Kanned Genes)

At five months old, Samson went to Texas to watch a Specialty and never came home. He is now owned by G. H. Rumbaugh, Sheila Fields, Peggy Hendricks and me. He will be shown by Peggy of HHH.

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Best of Winners
Sun-Dot's N'Bonfire Sir Ceasar



Best Opposite
Apolloette Wee Hearts Desir



Best in Sweepstakes
Noble's High Dollar Hobby

NEW CHAMPIONS from the AKC GAZETTE

February Issue

Absolutes Magic Mist (B) by Ch. Absolutes Magic Mountain x Lyngayle's Sizzlin Wizz Kid. Breeder: Jeanne Blank & Gayle Vautaw. Owner: Becky Sabourin & Jeanne Blank.

Bohrer's Dream A Little Dream (D) by Ch. Finch's He Walks On Water x Lakewood's Sunni Of Bohrs. Breeder/Owner: Robert & Betty Bohrer.

Chas-T-Dee Show And Tell (D) by Ch. Chas-T dee Born To Show x Chas-T Dee Buff Puff. Breeder/Owner: Charles & Dee McNeice.

Citilites' Tuxedo-N-Tails (D) by Del Sol's Lil' Babear x Dia's Midnight Magic Bear. Breeder/Owner: Patricia Andrusenki.

Clairmont's The Piano Player (D) by CH Apple's Traveling Rambler x Clairmont's Carolina Lolita. Breeder: Lancy Bryson. Owner: Sharon Hanson

Damata Northwest Spirit (D) By CH Texican's Highball x Rosehill's Sweet Tribbles. Breeder: Rosemarie A. Schroeder. Owner: Darlys Flaata.

Dover-Holihouse Rogo's M E (D) by CH Finch's He Walks On Water x CH Rogo's Munckin From Oz. Breeder: Mary E. Rogozinski & Patricia A. Foley & Kathryn Hartz. Owner: Patricia A. Foley & Kathryn Hartz.

Goldkist Highly Delighted (B) by CH Tim Sue's High Lights x Goldkist Unchained Melody. Breeder: Beverly Bottoms. Owner: Dennis Litonjua.

Highwood's Blazin Zira (B) by Raintree's Beam Me Up Scotty x Nelson's Precious Pixie Girl. Breeder: Diana L & Julie A Wall. Owner: Kent E. Armstrong & C. Lee Koseck.

Jan Shars Your Royal Highness (B) by CH Jan-Shars Absolutly A Master Piece x Jan-Shars Bambi. Breeder/Owner: Sharon L. Hanson.

Jan-Shars It's The Real Thing (D) by CH Rock N Tradition of Oakridge x Jan-Shars Wynona. Breeder/Owner: Sharon L Hanson

T-J'S POMERANIANS



T-JS ROCK 'N WEE WILLY WIMZEE

(Ch. HHP's Glitter Rock Of Fame x T-JS Lil Rock 'N Hot Toddy)

A big thank you to Judge Mrs. Erika Moureau for this FANTASTIC win over 51 Poms. I would also like to thank the Texas CSA for the beautiful "Fitz and Floyd" china--Mrs. Bunny Coffee Pot and matching Mug--a real treasure. Thanks also to Joanne Reed for your EXPERT PRESENTATION of our little sassy red-headed Leprechaun.

FLASH!!! Willy finished in style, going Group III from the BBE class and a Group I from the BBE competition at the Camellia Capitol KC on 5/10/98.

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What a SUPER win. Our little Willy, who tips the scales at 3 3/4 pounds and was 9 months and 4 days old, won Best of Breed for a 5-point major over and entry of 67 Poms including 13 Specials.

Thank you to Judge MR. TERRY NETHERCOTT from England for appreciating Willy. Willy has "personality plus" and moves like a dream.

Many thanks to Joanne Reed for your outstanding performance in Texas!

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Pebblebrooks Copper Penney (B) by CH Wee Challenger Of Lenette x Creiders Countdown To Glory. Breeder/Owner: Patricia & Fred Philipp

Puf Pride Mystical Madison (B) Puf Pride Cloudbreaker x Puf-Pride K Bt-Ogld Samantha. Breeder: Virginia L. Dimick & Warren G Dimick. Owner: Coral Appleton.

Sambo's Black Power (D) by CH Valcopy Wakhan Valentino x Starfire's Rosa's Nite Live. Breeder: Jose A. Cabrera. Owner: Arlene Steinmentz & Jose A. Cabrera.

Tresstique's Walkin Treasure (B) by CH Finch's He Walks On Water x Golden Aires Billy Jean. Breeder/Owner: Bonnie Harris

March Issue

Antom's Angel On My Shoulder (B) by Mac's Code Of The West x Farr's Little Miss Munchkin. Breeder/Owner: Anita J. Farr.

Bar-Jon's "N" Janesa's Attitude (B) by CH Janesa's Very Special Jan Shar x Berry's Jubilee Of Bar-Jon's. Breeder/Owner: Barbara Messmer.

Daystar Fg Diamond In The Ruff (B) by Jan-Shars Ace in The Hole x Marengo's La-Cin-Da-Do-No-Vo. Breeder: Patricia Foxx. Owner: Karen L. Power

Heartland's She Walks Like An Angel (B) by CH Rock N Tradition Of Oakridge x Heartland's Almost An Angel. Breeder/Owner: Dianne Kieffer.

Hi-Crest Guysngals Tabriz On High (B) by Sandalwood Ce Guysngals Baron x CH Hi-Crest Chrisma Winsome High. Breeder/Owner: A Hirahara & Josephine Ching.

Jan-Shars Zsa Zsa (B) by Tookeyes The Gold Smith x Jan-Shars Little Liza Jane. Breeder/Owner: Sharon L. Hanson

Linetree Pom-Haven Patrick (D) by Linetrees Finders Keepers x CH K's Country Tick Of The Clock. Breeder: Mary A Bonnell. Owner: Patricia L. Miller

Mabins Eclipse Of The Hearts (B) by CH Carousels Little Big Man x Carousels Lady Clandestine. Breeder: Robin Khor. Owner: Marion Banding & Barbara J Moore

Sungold's Suzetta (B) by CH Sungold's Touch Of Speed x CH Sungold's Lil Suzie. Breeder/Owner: Anna Lafortune

Treasured Toys Thumbalina (B) by Mason's Randy Of Millamor x Pam's Pixie Pie. Breeder: Ethel Scazzuso. Owner: Cindy Landry & Pam Wischnef.

April Issue

Brynrose I Want To Be Alone(B) by CH Southlands Mighty Impressive x CH Brynrose Memory Of Jamel. Breeder/owner: S. W. Turner & Brenda Turner.

Finch's Floats On Land (B) by Burgundy Lil Casino x Finch's Ambrosia Mystery. Breeder/owner: Diane L. Finch

Gayel's Ki Ki Dee (B) by Valcopy Wakhan Son Of Sheik x Gayel's Party Doll. Breeder/owner: Gale A. Rivers.

Jan-Shars Just Call Me Fancy (B) by Tookeyes The Gold Smith x Jan-Shar's Wildwood Flower. Breeder/owner: Sharon Hanson

Jan-Shars Sinbad of Velvetouch (D) by Tookeyes The Gold Smith x Jan-Shars Janies Girl. Breeder: Sharon Hanson. Owner: Janet Bordelon.

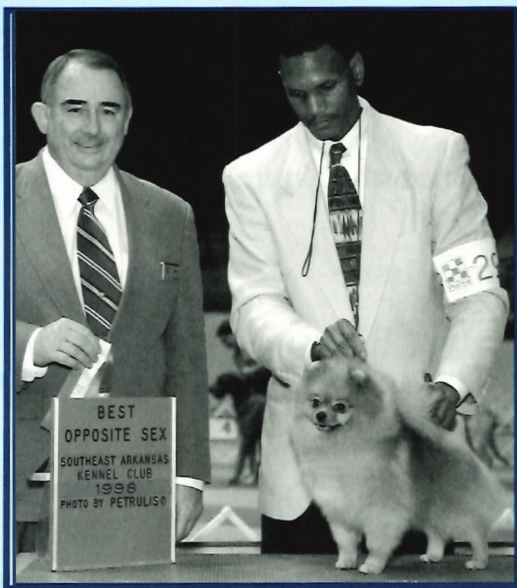
Janesa's Righteous Sundown (B) by CH Star Haven's Righteous Rock x Janesa's Rising Star. Breeder: Jerrie Freia. Owner: Camilla Knight.

Kneisler's Sweet Justice (B) by Janesa's Forever The Star x Ruby's Wee Toasted Bon-Bon. Breeder: Maria Kneisler. Owner: Robert S. Bohrer.

Metipom He Ain't No Saint (D) by CH Finch's He Walks On Water x CH Finch's Pearls And Lace. Breeder: Pat Cummings & Diane L. Finch. Owner: Pat Cummings.

Primetime Chip Ahoy (D) by Mac's Dark Image x Primetime Cooper Cricket. Breeder: Thomas McIntire. Owner: Thomas McIntire & Sandra Terck.

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CASCADE'S SUNKIST SHADOW

(Am / Can Ch. Cascade's Sunkist Goldenrod x Bev-Nor's Spanky's Ebony)

"Shadow" at 10 months is shown with Chris Schaffer Blair, his friend and handler, winning back-to-back majors on his second weekend out. Thank you Chris and judges Alan Kner and Mrs. Elaine Young for his wins! This breeding was just repeated.

Puppies occasionally

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Stol'N Tradition Carries On (B) by CH Rock N Tradition Of Oakridge x CH Stolanne's Thoradora Bella. Breeder/owner: Frances J. Stoll

Sun Ray's Bandalero (D) by Sun Ray's Sun Lance x Gad's Chula Mister's Honeybun. Breeder: Fern Rodrigues. Owner: Elsa Petersen.

Yellow Rose Black Eyed Susan (B) by Sweetheart's Wizard Of Ahhs x Yellow Rose Godivas Lil Girl. Breeder: Annette Lynn Heise & Peggy Auten. Owner: Clarice M. Oganeku & Yvette H. Oganeku.

May Issue

Big C's Classic Trendsetter (B) by Kneisl's Trendsetter x Big C's Caramel Tootsie Roll. Breeder/owner: Elizabeth Deuel

Chrisden's Ozark Tradition (D) by CH Rock N Tradition Of Oakridge x CH Valcopy-Wakhan Scarlet Letter. Breeder/owner: Dennis J. Litonjua & Mario J. Litonjua.

Fame Mr. Personality (D) by CH Fame Showtime x Bo's Charms A-Plenty. Breeder: Brenda Segelken. Owner: Marcia Cox & Bruce Cox.

Fan-C's Chip Of Tradition (D) by CH Rock N Tradition Of Oakridge x Star Haven's Terrific Sparkle. Breeder: Florence Scott. Owner: Ronda Wood.

Forever Flirtacious Firefly (B) by CH Jan-Shars Bearcat x Forever Lady Stetson. Breeder/owner: Marge Kranzfelder.

Gayels Candy Man (D) by Bev-Nor's State Of Affairs x Gayel's Miss Muffet. Breeder/owner: Gale A. Rivers

Heartland's Buried Treasure (B) by CH Heartland's Top Notch Tradition x Heartland's Misty Heather. Breeder: Dianne Kieffer. Owner: Beth Shattuck.

Itoba Ivory Tower (B) by Itoba Great Pumpkin x Itoba Coulda Woulda Shoulda. Breeder: Joyce B. Winkels. Owner: Joyce B. Winkles & Jean R. Baker.

Jan-Shars High Roller (D) by CH Jan-Shar's Absolutly A Master Piece x Jan-Shar's Ashley. Breeder/owner: Sharon Hanson

Kilpatricks Mighty Archer (D) by Kilpatricks Wee Rebel Rouser x Hallmark's Rockin' Savanna. Breeder: Lorraine Kilpatrick & Geanene Hall. Owner: Rhonda Archer

Kindreds The Big Chill (D) by CH Pompuf Fire Disco Carlin x Ch Pom Acres Mighty Midge. Breeder: Roxanne Chumbley. Owner: Heike Wehrie.

Love Joy's Rosa's Princess (B) by Sir Baron Bright Knight x Starfire's Rosa's Nite Live. Breeder/owner: Arlene Steinmetz.

Silver Meadow Jus' So Preshus (B) by CH Silver Meadows Jus' A Lil Reddy x Ch Silver Meadows My-T Preshus. Breeder/owner: Jacquelyn W. Klein

Stolanne's Light'Ning Flashes (D) by CH Stolanne's Stormy Sequel x Pompuf White Lily. Breeder/owner: Frances J. Stoll & Evelyn C. Newyear.

Sweet Charlotte Of Lenette (B) by CH Great Elms Mr. Chips x Priscilla Of Lenette. Breeder/owner: K. G. Griffith.

Tisha's Dancin' S'More (D) by Watts' Little Bullit x CH Tisha's Jammin' S'More. Breeder/owner: Fred & Pat Dieball.

Valcopy Wakhan Batman (D) by CH Valcopy Wakhan Valentino x CH Valcopy-Wakhan To Die For. Breeder: Dana Plonkey & Randy Gemmill. Owner: Janell R. Reich & Dana Plonkey & Randy Gemmill



Congratulations

to



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**Janine G. Pannell
Foxfire**

In Memory of...



Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz

In memory of Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz from the Northern California Pomeranian Club

A Tribute to

Multi BIS, BISS Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz HOF, GC, ROM
APC's #1 Pom for 1991

October 31, 1987 to April 24, 1998

There are plenty of statistics about this special little fellow including his 100th BOB won at the posh Beverly Hills Kennel Club. His joi de vie was never dulled by bringing home those 30 Group I's. His last two of 9 total BISS were received in 1996.

But there is so much more than statistics to remember about Keno. He arrived in Janet's first litter. NCPC members got to meet him in a meeting held in Tracy Park. The image is indelible to veteran and novice members alike. They unanimously felt their eyes were seeing something very, very special. At this tender age, he didn't look as you might expect. But that charismatic personality already was captivating. He was truly Janet's Best Bud, riding everywhere with her in her Corvette convertible.

By the time Michelle Billings bequeathed his first of three BIS's at Golden Gate Kennel Club, Keno's charm and command of the ring attracted a fan club representing fanciers of every breed.

He used that same proud strut as ring bearer when Janet wed Jim. What a delight to observe that special bond Keno and Janet shared. Whether on the group photo set-up or kickin' back at home, his aura just sparkled and glowed.

His legacy will continue through his offspring—13 champions presently. As God takes Keno from us, his last daughter will enter the show ring world.

He brought joy to so many and left this old world a better place.



MICRO CHIPS FOR DOGS

by Jill Warren

Like tattoos and collars with tags, microchips are a way of identifying dogs so they can be recovered if they are lost or stolen or if the owner dies. Microchips are the most permanent and most unalterable of the three identification methods and offer the greatest assurance of unique and positive identification.

Microchip identification technology has been in use for a little more than a decade as a way of making unalterable, permanent, unique, positive identification of livestock, laboratory animals, wildlife, and domestic pets. It also has commercial applications, such as helping track packages during shipping or verifying inventory. It is now a proven technology whose applications may extend even further as the chip becomes smaller, less expensive and can be scanned from farther away than the 4 inches currently required.

The idea for microchip identification of animals was conceived in the early 1970's by Hannis L. Stoddard II, DVM. Stoddard specialized in exotic birds, and he needed to uniquely identify his subjects. He ruled out tattoos because they don't work well with birds, and he had to have something permanent since birds have very long life spans. Stoddard conducted a patent search to identify potential technologies that would suit his needs and uncovered microchip technology. He asked engineer Mike Beigel to do the technical research and development for him to try to make the chip work for birds.

Their first microchip identifier—a chip 3 inches long and 1 ½ inches in diameter, was surgically implanted under the skin of a horse in 1979. That horse, incidentally, is still alive and is experiencing no trouble with its microchip implant.

Stoddard and Beigel continued

developing the chip for use in animals until it was shrunk to a size suitable for injection with a syringe; they also reduced the size of the scanner until it was highly portable and could be hand held. Stoddard made his own wish come true by developing a microchip suitable for birds. That chip evolved into the chip used today for nearly all animals.

Today, microchip identification technology works like this: a computer chip is attached to a coil that functions like an antenna, and the whole thing is encapsulated in the type of glass used in prosthetic devices for humans. The chip itself is passive; it has no battery, no power supply, no moving parts, nothing to wear out or replace—and it has an indefinite life span.

The reader, or scanner, which operates on batteries for field use or on standard AC power, emits a low-frequency (125 kilohertz) radio wave that is picked up by the microscopic antenna on the chip. (Radio waves pass through anything—including muscle, skin, and bone—except metal, and they function without a line of sight.) The signal from the scanner bounces off the chip's antenna and is picked up by the scanner again. It is then interpreted by the reader as a number that appears on a liquid crystal display (LCD).

Coding the Chip

Information encoded on the chips can be up to 16 characters long and any combination of symbols, numbers, and letters, yielding trillions of unique individual codes.

Manufacturers and the veterinary profession recommended chips be implanted by a veterinarian or other

ed professional so they are positioned ectly in a manner that does not urage migration. The injection takes a minute or two in the vet's office. If chip needs to be removed for any on, it can be taken out using a local ethetic.

st chips are not much larger than a of rice. The volume is about tenth of a cubic meter—approximately one-tenth of volume of the average combination ine dose.

hough the needle used to inject a chip is fairly large (about 14 gauge), le size is not what causes a dog mfort during an injection; rather, it is amount and nature of the substance ted. "Because a vaccine by nature is ive and stings, and because you're ng in a larger volume, a vaccination es your dog more discomfort than ting a microchip," Stoddard says.

e chip is injected between the der blades because there is soft tissue and because that location on the is easy to access with the scanner.

ause they are encased in a gically inert material that has been n in human medicine and surgery, chips do not harm the host organism, re they perceived as a foreign body e host. "Of the millions or so dogs ats that have been injected with the o far, I have not heard one report of -injection abscess or inflammation," Stoddard. "There have been a few s of chip migration. If it occurs, ion is usually the result of improper itation, and it happens within four to days of injection."

ough they are inexpensive and safe ise, microchips have some antages that have delayed their read adoption by the dog fancy. isadvantage is that they are not , so unless one has access to a r, it is impossible to know whether a carries a microchip. Another antage is the lack of standardization

among the different types of chips currently being marketed.

Perhaps the major disadvantage is the cost of the scanner, which can be several hundred dollars, depending on the source. If pure-bred dog owners and breeders can choose microchips for positive identification of their dogs, the AKC would require them to have a scanner on the premises.

This past fall, the AKC, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), the American Humane Association (AHA), and the National Animal Control Association (NACA) began discussing the possibility of defining exactly what features the ideal microchip and scanner would have. Their continuing mission is to agree on a set of specifications, then encourage the chip manufacturers to develop a standard chip and scanner that everyone can read, use, and afford.

"If we do this right, we could ask manufacturers for the ideal and get it," says Wayne Cavanaugh, the AKC's vice president of communications. "Every chip would be totally reliable and would have a unique number that would never ever be repeated in another animal. The chips would virtually never cause an adverse reaction in host animals.

"In time, the cost of the scanner could come down to the neighborhood of \$10 to \$25," continues Cavanaugh. "The size of the chip could be as small as the head of a pin, and the scanner could be made as small and portable as a flashlight."

According to the AKC's Vice President of Planning, John Mandeville, "From the AKC's point of view, this technology could prove valuable in maintaining the integrity of our Stud Books and our records. If we are to reap the full benefits of employing this technology, it must be embraced widely by dog owners, breeders, and veterinarians."

Moving Ahead

Some of the other issues that must be



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worked out if a standardized chip is to become a reality include how to incorporate dogs with chips already implanted and how to accommodate the needs of mixed breed dog owners. "The issues are challenging, but not insurmountable," says Cavanaugh.

The potential benefits of using microchip identifications far outweigh the disadvantages, which can be overcome with widespread use. The advantage for all dog owners is the ability to scan a chip and then link that dog's identifier to information about it in several databases. One database could keep stud book information, another show records, another health information, another genetic profiles of the dog's breed, and another nutrition data that spans the dog's life.

Although the potential uses of microchip identification technology are vast and seemingly limited only by the imagination, they are not a panacea. The technology cannot compensate for common sense and normal precautions. Owners will still need to keep files on individual dogs, which can be matched to their microchip numbers, and they will probably always need to use leads and fences to keep dogs from getting lost or becoming public nuisances.

Microchip identification can help the dog fancy take advantage of the revolutionary strides being made in information management. Microchip implants can be a tremendous aid for breeders and owners in terms of health, management, and record keeping. They can also aid the entire fancy in organizing and accessing the tremendous amounts of data available on genetic, nutritional and performance records of the species *Canis familiaris*—our beloved dogs.

Around the Waterbowl

by Linda Brogoitti

Dateline...Whiskey Gulch, Alaska

This is the farthest I've ever traveled without dog shows at the end of the trail. Before telling you about our destination, ya' gotta' hear this!

Driving over the backroads of Utah in winter, ice, sleet, and snow....my fault (caused by wanting to leave on time despite weather reports) we came upon a most unusual sight...*painted* cattle guards! For those of you who are going "huh?" a cattle guard is a device used to keep cows from going through certain areas. Used in place of gates, these roads that you would have to open up to close, these are like gates lying down in open ditches and look like many small tracks side by side. Cows and horses won't try to walk over them.

When I saw these painted guards, I couldn't wait to find someone to inquire if they really worked. He said, "Yep, just look and turn back."

I'd never heard of a geographic difference in intelligence of cows, but I'm a believer! No self-respecting Aribovine would fall for a cheap trick like that! He'd look at the white paint over the blacktop road, paint a picture of himself walking right over it and go on about his business on the other side where the grass is greener.

You've all seen Paul Newman in *Hustler*...well, I met *The Master Hustler* somewhere in British Columbia. I met him late afternoon and we had pulled into a very lovely rest area with houses on one side and a 5-foot wood fence separating the two. We had walked the dogs and I had to go over to use the pay phone when I saw him. A very large, very over-the-top Lab-mix was sitting by the water fountain, looking very sad, scared and abandoned.

Ha! What an actor! I watched "work" two truckers and a family like the pro he was...As they exited their vehicles, he's approach slowly with his head down, head down, and a light limp

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nd for their pats and as they walked to restrooms, he'd stay in place and imper. When they returned, he'd bow them to their cars and offer a paw. y would get food from their ice chests he took it all like he hadn't eaten for week. As they pulled away, he returned the water fountain to lie down awaiting next "mark"!

e watched him perform three times when no one pulled in for a time, he ded through the empty parking lot ard the houses. This I had to see! I owed him from a distance and he appeared into the brush. I finally found "well-trodden trail" and followed it to ble in the fence...looking through the s, I saw him going up the back steps to patio of "his house"! He lay down a one ear turned to the rest area waiting for his next sucker to pull in. "gotta' tell ya'...I've known a few Labs ny day and not one ever stood out for

their brains, but my hat's off to "Paw Newman." I hope to see him on the way back.

It takes days to drive through British Columbia and Yukon Territory and the whole time you're reading signs to look out for deer, cariboo, and moose. Well, I sat for days, camera in hand, to spot a moose. I saw deer, cariboo, fox, and even a black bear pooping in the woods but no MOOSE. I told Chris, "I'm writing the Queen; this is most deceptive!"

Then we got lost in Anchorage, AK...going through on a busy freeway, houses, business areas, and suddenly...there it was..A MOOSE!! Standing by the freeway, munching on the new grass...a perfect photo opportunity. After days of preparing for this moment, here I was...a fistful of maps in one hand and a clutch of wheat in the other. Needless to say....



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Congratulations to Tony and Fabian on their Kennel Visit. Thank
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Shown with judge Richard Thomas.

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Congratulations to Shari Shields of Monarch Poms on her wins with Monarch's Mini Gator who is sired by Ch. Reginapoms Luv A Gator.

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HEALTH & GENETICS

by Marge Kranzfelder

Taking Care of Baby

Last month's article was concerning dystocia. A natural continuance addresses some suggestions to help manage fragile neonates. We all know the importance of the saying, "A cold pup is a dead pup." For the individual that is frail, attention to detail is critical. A larger breed has more body mass and a healthy pup could be born with more body fat, both of which helps maintain body temperature. To be alive, chemical processes must occur throughout the body. The body expends energy to maintain temperatures. Besides the surface area of the skin, two other sources of heat loss are by breathing and digestion. The body expends one level of energy to maintain (stay alive), needs a higher level to overcome the problem, and still greater level to grow. This is the reason that frequent weighing of neonates tells us of which level is their present health. Only healthy puppies generally flourish.

One easy solution to keep pups warm is to take a small plastic picnic cooler to your Vet's to bring pups home after a C-section. Remember thermos principles work equally on keeping things cool or warm. With some toweling and a tied surgical glove filled with water heated in a microwave, this container will keep those newborns warm without drafts. The handle is convenient as you also have mother in her crate to manage as well. Only those in extreme northern climates need to use the cover loosely on top. This also can work as an incubator for the ill pup or to hold pups while mothers are in the final labor stage of having another pup.

If you ever discover a pup cool to the touch, warm it up! The very process of

breathing (oxygen exchange) can't otherwise.

On the subject of breathing, several have been impressed by my using a human body nasal aspirator. They are available at pharmacies. It helps clear the puppies aspirate during a breech, difficult or prolonged birth. Vets tend to discourage "slinging" puppies which use centrifugal force to clear air passages. They don't like the possibility of applying pressure to the delicate brain tissue, nor do they mention the fear of accidentally dropping or banged pups during this process. I use the baby nasal aspirator because it just fits over one Pom nostril at a time. It provides enough suction to work, but does not form a vacuum capable of collapsing a lung. Collapsing a lung is possible easily in a small breed if you use your own mouth to suck it clear. Oh, don't say yuck—it has been known to happen.

The nasal aspirator was designed to fit inside a human nose. I place it over one nostril at a time. (A larger breed could use it as designed.) You will be amazed at the quantity of fluid you can retrieve. The puppy visually before has been gasping and breathing arrhythmically. Once the airway has been cleared, their rapid appearance to normalcy is remarkable, including milk tone.

It seems that frequently after C-section bitches aren't interested in nursing or caring for their pups for 24 hours, probably due to pain. I have noticed this more apparent in the bitches that have been mothers before. Therefore, you must be responsible for keeping these puppies warm, fed, and assisted with elimination. Although there are various home-made formulae to supplement pups, I, along with many others, have been successful with *Just Born*, in liquid form. It can be safely stored on your shelf until opened for emergencies of newborn or debilitated animals. Make sure you use the amount needed to body temperature. An animal's body must heat it, you cannot actually cause an energy deficit. If an animal is very weak or ill, at first

centration by half with water. Hydration is more beneficial at first. Then in 24 hours as the animal is improving you need to return to full concentration. The small-sized pup needs concentrated energy to flourish. But the process is the blend of art and science. Your observation of hydration, stomach noises, and elimination must guide you.

If you have an apparently lifeless pup just after birth, besides using a stethoscope, have you felt for a pulse over a front armpit? After rubbing for stimulation, and clearing air passages of mucus, further observing for attempt of breathing (Dopram, a stimulant, administered?) Have you considered the pup's position? For a neonate, I place my thumb and second finger under each front armpit. The ribs of rib cage, pup is on its side, and I press lightly, in pump-like action to count of five, wait seconds, repeat. Check with the aspirator. Repeat as needed. I don't do mouth to mouth because too much volume of air could burst small sized lungs. The aspirator bulb should be put into the back of the pup's mouth and compressed. The volume of the air in the attached vinyl bulb seems to be correct.

Now that you have a warm, breathing pup, notice that within several days a pup may seem uncomfortable with a distended abdomen. You might wonder if it's toxic milk or plain colic. Toxic milk is caused by a low-grade infection in the mother that is benign to her but can be fatal to pups. In other words bacteria is passed through the mother's milk and is not strong enough for a whole other article. Even colic can be fatal in the small animal. Gas trapped in the intestines can cause toxins normally contained there to enter into the blood stream resulting in sepsis. Liquid pediatric Mylicon (1/4 cc) can relieve this.

The problem is often compounded by a hard stool. If you suspect this to be a problem, remember that Nutro-Cal is a natural stool softener which might be able to help. Or try pediatric Cotace (1/4 - 1/2 cc

suggested). Both Mylicon and Colace are available in pharmacies.

I just wanted to pass along these suggestions because we all would like to have more possible ways to try to save the pups in distress. May all your pups not need any of this assistance!

Evaluation of a Breeder

Thoughts from Marcia Burns' **The Genetics of the Dog**

If you assess the merits of individual dogs giving a number to represent a range of bad to excellent, plot these scores on a graph. The results of a breed would be a "normal curve." The aim of a breeder should be to produce a strain whose merit-curve lies above the breed as a whole. And, if success in competition is the aim, the curve can not consider the breed as a whole, but just those animals of other competitors. A breeder should judge his success by the range of merit in all his puppies rather than the production a few brilliant individuals. The importance of the worst puppy of each generation becomes apparent. If the worst puppy produced in the fourth generation of your strain are just as bad and just as numerous as your first generation, you have made no real progress, even though you have bred champions. The reputation of a breeder is often established (falsely) by producing one brilliant puppy. The serious breeder will reap benefits if his strain produces consistently high merits of his average stock.

Thoughts from Malcolm B. Willis' **Genetics of the Dog**

To many, success is the production of champion stock. Those that have been able to churn out a few champions in their chosen breed(s) consequently consider themselves successful. Occasionally, they carry this to the point of constantly telling everyone about their success to attribute it entirely to their own skill.

Success is not simply about producing

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Thank you judges for a wonderful weekend!

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Absolute congratulates two of our favorite people, Tony and Fab on their well-deserved Kennel Visit. You two are the best!

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I was overwhelmed and so pleased with the many kind wishes I received in the Tribute to me.

I cannot express the joy I felt.

I shall always treasure the February issue of the Pomeranian Review, and shall refer to it often, particularly when my spirits need reviving.

Thank you again!

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winners, but rather about producing a generally high standard of stock. Dogs that will not only win in the show-ring but are also well-adjusted animals fitting into the family life, and able to fulfill their original breed function or purpose. This does not mean they are necessarily trained but have the capability to be trained. Given sufficient time, money, and facilities any one with only moderate ability can churn out show-ring winners. A breeder is successful if the general standard of his stock is high in both beauty and brains, and has achieved what he wanted to achieve. This requires more than just financial backing, it also requires a fair measure of luck and a good deal of sound knowledge of his specific breed.

Ch Avalon-N-Moreno's Jasmine

Black and Tan Female

Breeder: Julie Moreno and Annette Davis

Owner: Julie Moreno and Annette Davis

Sweetheart's Wee Cinna-Bear

Ch Sweetheart's Forever Bravo

Sweetheart's Gold Dutchess

Ch Moreno's Perri Winkle

Ch Sharel's Southern B and B

Ch Moreno's Buttercup

Moreno's Blossom Elegance G.W.

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Orange Male

Breeder: Frances J. Stoll

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Ch O My Patty's Touch O Pepper

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Joda's Starkist Patri-Ark

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Dia's Brandy Bear

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
TONY AND FABIAN ON THEIR
KENNEL VISIT!**

"I Remember When"

by Dorothy Bonner

The Brownsville Kennel Club, at the extreme southern part of Texas, has long since disbanded having been at that time too far from every where. However, we used to attend their shows as Texas shows were few and far between. The family farm near Corpus Christi was about half way and an overnight visit there with my mother enabled us to enjoy her excellent home cooking. This time we departed from the farm early in the morning, gifted with a delicious lemon pie complete with a mountain of meringue, layed carefully in the vacant back seat. The several Poms, unkenneled, sat in the front with my husband and me. They slept soundly beside us (and on us) until there was a stop for fuel at a roadside filling station. As the attendants washed the windshield and did what attendants used to do, the Poms became excited, imagining themselves on guard duty. With the stress of the moment, Sunshine, who had never been able to jump anywhere before, gained the back of the front seat as the attendant filled the tank and with a quick leap in his direction, landed directly in the middle of our pie. Surprised, she just sat there until we pulled her out at arm's length, sweetly dripping, and put her under the hose.

Our lovely Sunny Cherub, on her way to her championship, was also with us. Cherub was one of the house pets and had been encouraged to walk on her hind legs, a talent of which she seemed enormously proud - a real attention getter. There was a long hallway to the show room and having an excess to carry--Cherub stood on her hind legs as she was lowered to the floor. Upright, she followed us proudly as would a small child, turning her head to the right and to the

left while laughing happily. A group passed us and stopped to admire, one one one man saying, "Now I've seen everything."

Weeks later, with the San Antonio, show coming up, Cherub needed a major to finish and there were seldom enough Poms to make a major in those days even though four would qualify. So I conscripted all of my Pom-owner friends, promising them free training, grooming and trophies. Too late for the trophies to be shown on the Premium List, it was agreed that I could hand them outside of the ring, one bought for everybody. Also, most of the Poms were entered in different classes, so that each could sport a blue ribbon. No strangers were expected. Most local Poms were closely related to the Aristic strain, all fairly good conformation-wise. Among them was a nice little black, discounted by everybody, as blacks seldom won. As each Pom received her class ribbon and started out of the ring, the owner was hailed with, "Hey, you forgot your trophy," and all were satisfied and proud. Winner's Bitch came down to Cherub and the black girl. The judge deliberated carefully, finally declaring, "These are two beautiful little Poms, but because one seldom sees a good black, I will give her the decision." The owner never realized what she had won, and never showed again. Later, Cherub was taken on a long drive to New Orleans, accompanied by several friends with their Poms, who were promised a free trip. Thus, she finished her championship. Cherub was our pride and joy, the dam of the two little original Showstoppers.



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Ch. Tisha's Sing-A-Song

"Song" did us very proud by finishing at the Michigan Pom Specialty in April of 1997. Her daughter, Tisha's Song 'N' Dance Gal was WB and BOS at the 1998 April Pom Specialty to follow in her Mom's footsteps.

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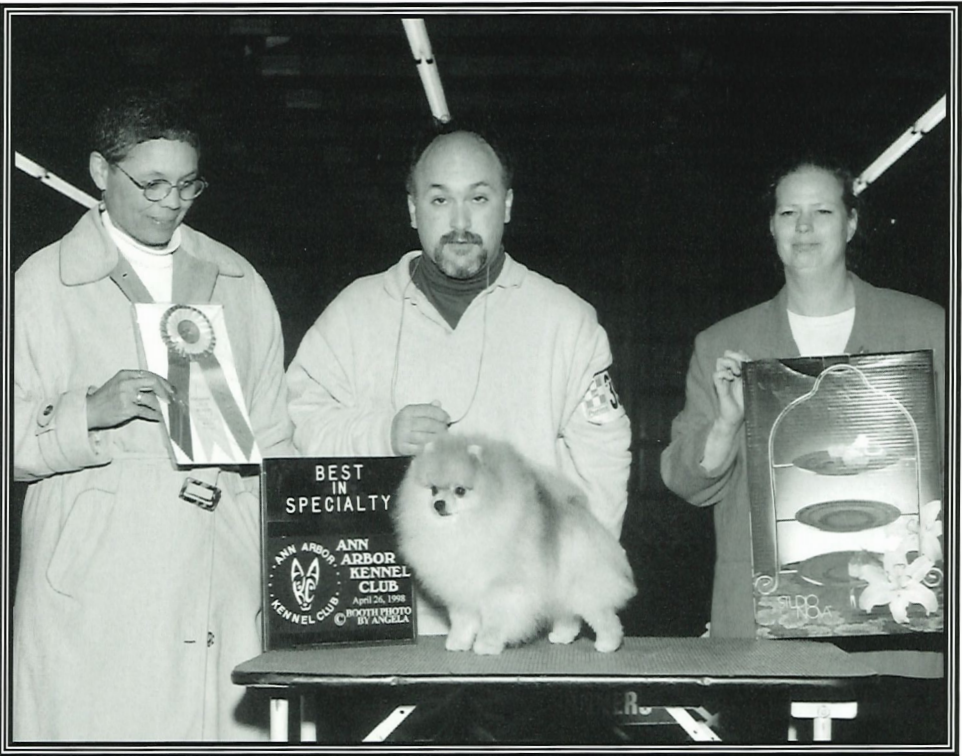
the Summer

American Pomeranian Club

Specialty on August 21 in

Akron, OH.

**The REVIEW is sent to all
judges who want to receive it.**



BEST OF BREED
Ch. Crystal Woodland Pin Oak E-O

POMERANIAN CLUB OF MICHIGAN
SPECIALTY SHOW

Sun Shines Through the Rain Drops

It was Sunday, April 26th, 1998, and it was raining.

So what did you expect? It's spring, and this is Michigan! And this was the Pom Club of Michigan Specialty at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

While our work crews were wringing their hands and looking skyward, they magically went ahead with the preparations for the day ahead. In getting the trophies ready for presentation, the hospitality area, and the parking we all

worked together in an upbeat fashion despite the rain and the cold.

Soon, it was show time, and the puppies made their way to the ring. Mr. Jeff Bazell, our Sweeps judge, was presented with some very lovely puppies. For Best in Sweeps, he put up JAN-SHAR'S ABSOLUTELY MAGICAL owned by Jeanne and Robert Blank. For Best of Opposite Sex, he put up a pretty little pup named HEARTLAND'S BOSA-NOVA DANCER owned by Pat and Fred Dieball.

With the Sweeps completed it was time for the Regular Classes with Sue Ellen Rempel judging. With the outstanding dogs presented to her that day, I didn't



Mahalo, Mrs. Lois Wolff White, for this nice win! Mahalo to all the judges who appreciated a quality Pom:

- Mrs. Jean Fancy, Group I and Best in Show
- Mr. Glenn Fancy, Group I
- Mrs. James Edward Clark, Group I
- Mr. Merlin Vanderkinder, Group II
- Mrs. Lois Wolff White, Group II

Where Quality Counts

Congratulations to Tony Cabrera and Fabian Arienti of the Starfire Poms on their Kennel Visit!

Dentons Pomeranians **CELEBRATES**

CH. JOARTS SUPER HARLEE DAVISON

"HARLEE"



THE BEST 8 DAYS

THANKS TO HARLEE'S SUPER HANDLER'S "BRUCE AND GRETCHEN SCHULTZ". IN THEIR MOST CAPABLE HANDS, HARLEE WAS WINNERS DOG AT THE CITY OF ANGELS POM SPECIALTY, FOR A 5 POINT MAJOR, AND TWICE WON BOB OVER SPECIALS, & BOTH WERE 4 POINT MAJORS, WHILE STILL IN THE PUPPY CLASS.

THANK YOU TO THE JUDGES THAT CONTRIBUTED, JUDGE SHARON

NEWCOMB, JUDGE FRANK NISHIMURA, & JUDGE EUGENE BLAKE.

Harlee is Owned & Enjoyed by Darlene G. Denton 714 281 1799 Fax 714 281 0888

envy her her job, but Mrs. Rempel was able to use her experienced eye and chose the cream of the crop, so to speak. For Winners Dog she chose ABSOLUTE'S ALL RILED UP owned by Jeanne and Robert Blank and Reserve went to Fred and Pat Dieball's WATTS' LITTLE BULLIT. For Winners Bitch, she chose TISHA'S SONG 'N DANCE GAL owned by Fred and Pat Dieball. Reserve went to JAN-SHAR'S ABSOLUTELY MAGICAL. Best of Breed went to a very lovely, typy dog named CH. CRYSTAL WOODLAND PIN OAK-E-O owned by Judy Shearer and Best of Opposite Sex went to TISHA'S SONG 'N DANCE

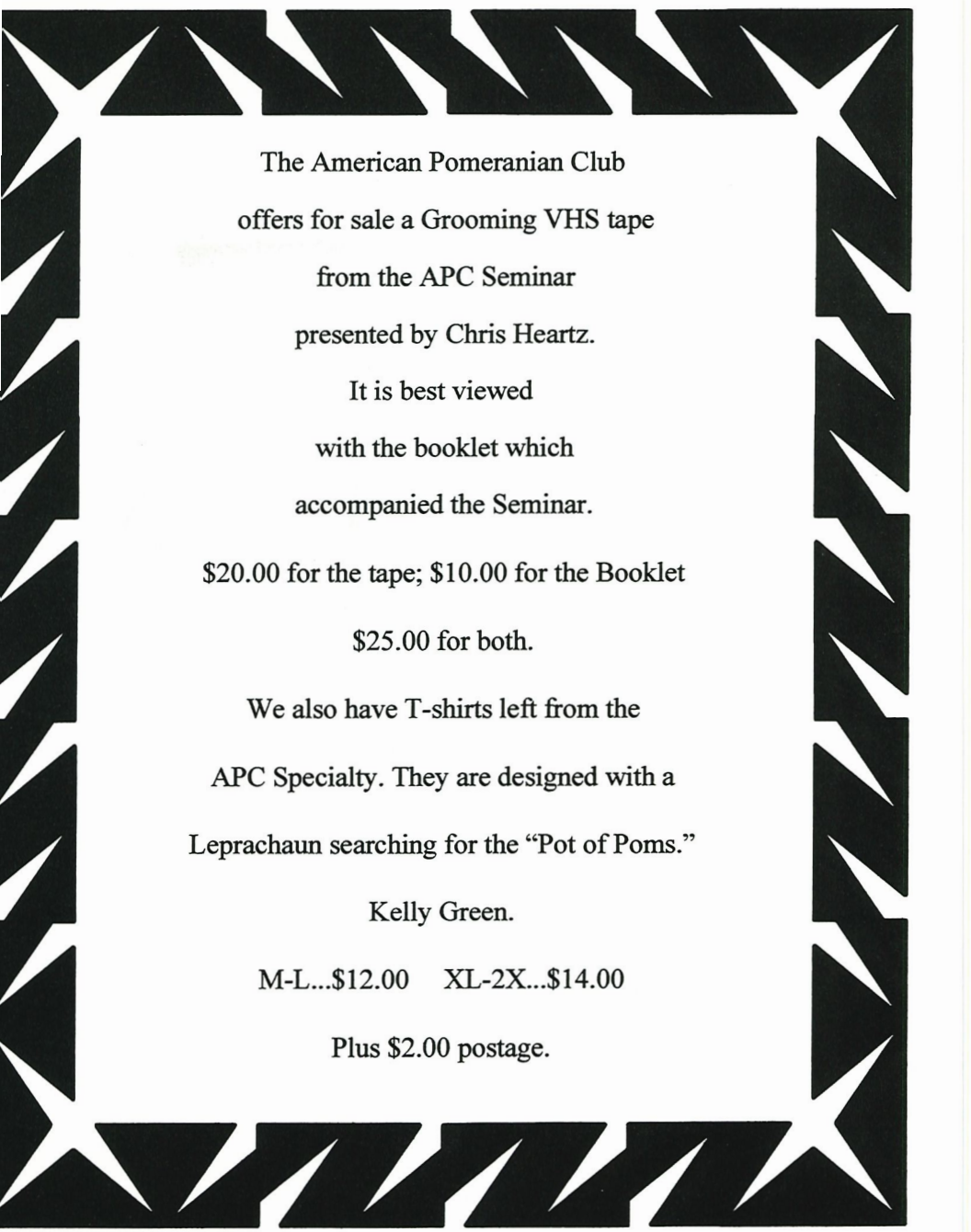
GIRL owned by Fred and Pat Dieball. For a real finish to our specialty, CH. CRYSTAL WOODLAND PIN OAK-E-O finished the day by going 4th in Group. Way to go, Noki!

After all the trophies were presented and pictures taken, all were invited to hospitality for good food and talk. We all visited and enjoyed what was left of the day. With the good company and fun stories we shared, no one seemed to notice the weather. Before we knew it, the sun came out and warmed the air. So, all in all, we again enjoyed another spring specialty. See you in the fall.



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Ch. Stolanne's Promises To Keep

(Ch. Stolanne Thunderbolt Thor x Dia's Ballerina Bear)

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More Champions For Thor!



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Starfire's Pomeranians



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Ch. Starfire's I'm Too Sexy

Kennel Visit to Starfire's Pomeranians

The love for animals is a beautiful gift. We are going to share this gift with the **Pomeranian Review**.

Starfire's Pomeranians started in 1987. We had two breeds in mind—Maltese and Pomeranians. We obtained a Maltese by answering a newspaper ad. She became our first champion, and of course, we got addicted to the show bug not realizing the changes this would make to our lives.

The Poms were always in my mind, and the search began. We had a picture in mind of what we wanted in the breed, and we began to develop an "eye" for a dog very early. We subscribed to all the Pom magazines available at the time. They were very helpful. We were able to see

pictures of many of the top winning dogs and could contact their owners and breeders of dogs from lines we were interested in, but there was nothing for sale.

Finally, I got in touch with Beverly Norris, bought a few dogs from her, and quickly finished their championships owner/handled. However, we realized it was not exactly the look we wanted. When we started using the Great Elms studs, we began to see our ideal emerge in the breed. We had the "triangle look" but we didn't have the coats or heads. With the new introduction, we were happier.

Their heads were better, and there were much better double coats. If we had to



Ch. Starfire's Superman

Ch. LoveJoy's Rosa's Princess

"Rosie" received her championship at 7 months of age. Her first time out as a special, she got a group placement.

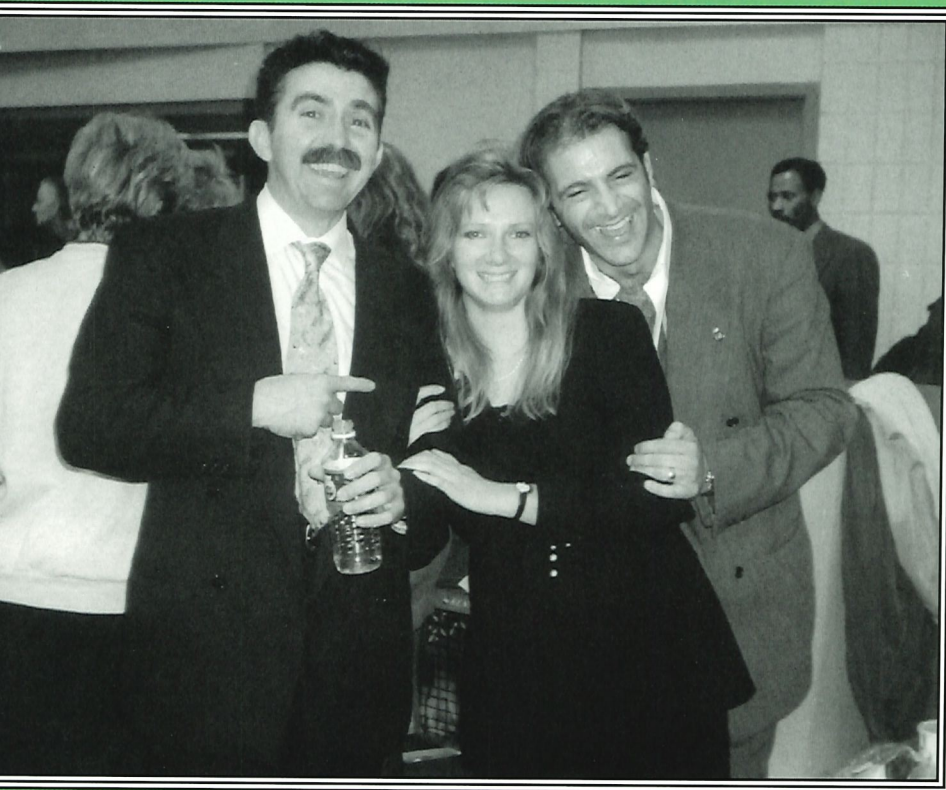
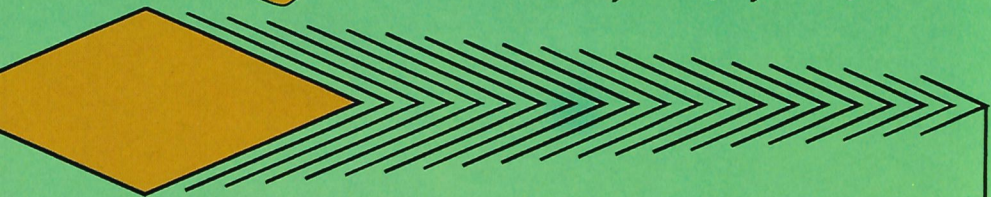


Judge Arlene Czech

To my best friends, Tony Cabrera and Fabian Arienti, thank you for all your help and for letting me have Rosie's mother.

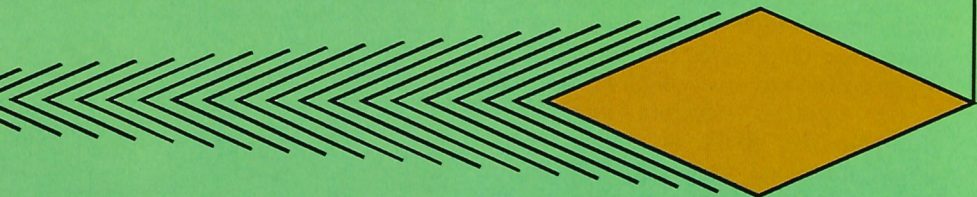
I love you both!

LOVELY POMERANIANS



SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY AND FABIAN
ON YOUR KENNEL VISIT!!

o up the good work, especially with those fabulous girls!! Vic...



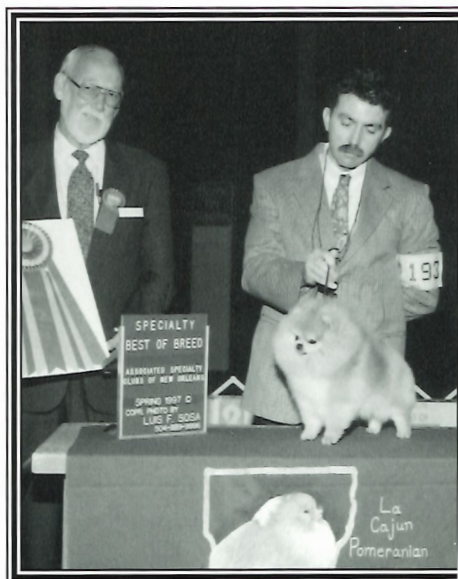
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Ch. Starfire's Aunt Jemima

create a recipe for excellent Poms, we would have to say that the most important ingredient is to work with well-bred dogs from an excellent background. We do believe in out-cross breeding to strengthen the breed, but you must use dogs of excellent quality regardless of whether you are outcrossing or line-breeding.

Our preferred size in the breed is about 4 ½ to 5 pounds, and of course, that perfect triangle look that the Starfire Poms are known for. We are constantly striving for it. For us to keep a dog, especially a male, his physique must be beautiful, and again, we emphasize the triangle look which consists of a very high tail set, with a very athletic structure that lets a champion rise above the others. These details described previously let Starfire Poms compete with the elite of the Pomeranian breed. Of course, our dogs are always owner/handled. This fact tells



Ch. Starfire's Superman



Ch. Starfire's Totally Tempting

T-Ville Pomeranians Presents...



Jan-Shar's Be All You Can Be

Pictured with Judge Ed Jenner. This puppy has eight points (two 4-point majors) at 8 months of age.

Not bad for a black and tan puppy. Thanks Sharon!

Congratulations to Tony and Fabian on your Kennel Visit.

CO-OWNER / BREEDER: Sharon Hanson / Jan-Shar

**OWNER / HANDLER: Tish Cannon / 12540 Indian River Drive
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Crystal Pomeranians



Am/Can Ch. Crystal Woodland Pin-Oak E-O

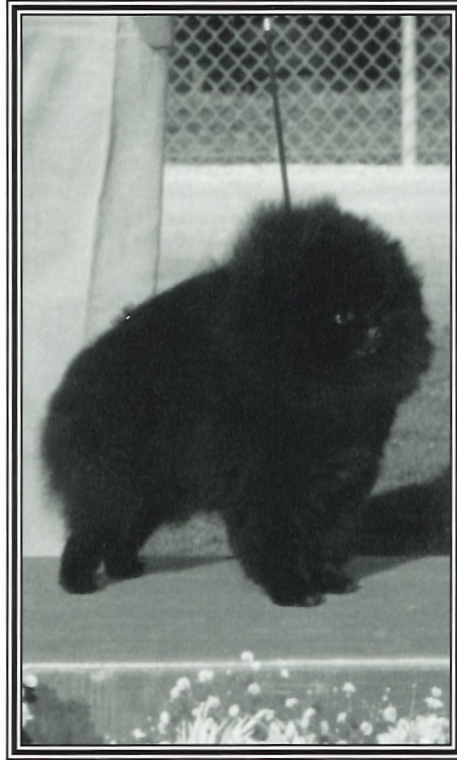
"oki" is pictured here going Group 4 under respected breeder-judge Mr. Fred Bassett, following a Best of Breed win at the Pom Club of Michigan Specialty. Thank you, Mr. Bassett and thank you handler Mary Ridenour!

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BREEDER / OWNER: Judy Shearer / Baltic, Ohio
ADMIRER: Louise Crowe / 25601 Haskell / Taylor, MI 48180



Ch. Starfire's Hercules



Ch. Sambo's Black Power

you, the Pomeranian fancier, that dreams do come true, but you must never stop learning. If we ever do, that's the end. Watch quietly, listen more, and talk less. It is absolutely critical that you be professional in and out of the ring.

When your dogs are groomed to perfection, handled to perfection, and you present yourself professionally, winning will follow. I am constantly watching other handlers, both professional and amateur, at dog shows. (There are many great breeder-handlers who can teach a great deal.) We learn something new at every show.

When it comes to selling our dogs, we are very picky about who gets them. We really want our dogs shown and in good homes where they will be cared for properly. I know that some people in the Pom world have concerns about selling Poms to foreign countries, but our



Ch. Star

xperiences have been very good. We
ave sold dogs to Argentina for some
me, and a couple of them have become
Number I dogs all breed. We have sold
everal dogs to Chile which have done
eautifully and have been Number I dogs
lso. These are the things that have paved
ne way there. Once you are known for
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resent themselves to you. We want to be
nown for being very honest and fair with
veryone.

Our biggest winners are Ch. Starfire

Totally Tempting, Ch. Starfire's I'm Too
Sexy, Ch. Starfire's Nicolas El Grande,
and Ch. Starfire's Superman.

We have won the Pomeranian Club of
American Best in Show four times making
this not a dream but a fantastic reality.
Hopefully, it doesn't stop there.

We love showing and breeding dogs and
thoroughly enjoy every aspect of the sport.

Thanks to all our friends for your support
and to the **Pomeranian Review** for this
special opportunity.



Ch. Starfire's Nicolas El Grande

Ch. Starfire's Superman

(Ch. Starfire's Nicolas El Grande x Ch. Starfire's Veronica)



This win makes back-to-back APC Best in Show wins for Superman. This win is our 4th Best in Show at American Pomeranian Club Specialties. All wins are breeder / owner / handled. Thank you, Mr. Norman Patton!

Starfire's Matilda

(Ch. Starfire's Nicolas El Grande x Ch. Starfire's Sophia)



A gorgeous baby is pictured winning at the National Specialty from the puppy class. Thank you, Mr. Norman Patton and Mrs. Frances Stoll for Best Junior Puppy in Sweepstakes.

LASH!!! Matilda was Best of Breed over 4 specials under judge Mrs. Dillin; Best of Breed over 3 specials and Group II, Mr. Dollar; Best opposite over a special by Mr. Ralph Lamoke and Best Opposite over a special awarded by Mr. William Cunningham.

Starfire's Poms / Tony Cabrera and Fabian Arienti / (305) 257-2818

Patellar Luxation

Among the concerns facing Pomeranian breeders today is a tendency in the breed toward dislocating kneecaps, sometimes called "slipped stifle," but more properly known as "luxating patella." Dr. William R. Daly, an orthopedic veterinary surgeon who practices in Houston, Texas, speaks about the mechanism, diagnosis, and treatment of luxating patella, and what breeders can do to prevent it. He is interviewed by Barbara McClatchey.

Q. What, precisely, is "luxating patella"?

A. Well, basically, all the muscles on the front of your leg, which we call the quadriceps muscles, connect to the kneecap, the patella. The patella then attaches to the tibia, the lower bone in your leg by the patellar tendon. The patella is supposed to slide up and down in a groove called the trochlea, which is in the end of the femur, the upper leg bone. The best way to think of it is as a rope and pulley. All the muscles attach to the top of the kneecap; the kneecap attaches to the tibial tubercle. In order for this to work properly, everything has to be in a straight line. In luxating patella, the knee-cap slips out of its groove where it's supposed to be. A "luxation" is the same thing as a dislocation. In small-breed dogs it's almost invariably to the inside, which we call medial patellar luxation.

Q. What is the immediate physical cause of this problem

A. What happens is that when puppies are young, before they start walking, there isn't any groove, and the kneecap is supported solely by soft tissue structures. The groove is then formed by pressure of the kneecap pushing down on the trochlea. Any time the dog uses the leg, the kneecap pushes down, and it makes that groove deeper and deeper.

The main problem occurs when the tibial

tubercle, which the knee-cap attaches to via the patellar tendon, is not lined up properly with the trochlea. And specifically, it's most commonly tipped off to the inside. So there's a tendency for the kneecap to want to drift to the inside. If the tibial tubercle, where the tendon is attached, is displaced too far to the inside then some of the force that is supposed to be forcing down to form this groove is directed medially, toward the inside of the knee, so you get a shallow, wide groove that does not tend to trap the kneecap. So we frequently see in the worst cases a wide groove that does not hold the knee in place at all. If you have a rope and a pulley and the rope is pressing to the inside, then it's possible that the rope is going to jump out of the pulley, and that's exactly what happens in patellar luxation.

The other way that it can happen is if there is excessive soft tissue laxity that would allow the whole tibia to turn too far to the inside, even though it may be lined up correctly. The result is the same.

Q. What are these numbers that people talk about when they talk about stifle problems?

A. There's a grading system that has historically been used. Grade one is a kneecap that can be pushed out of its trochlea when the knee is extended, but returns to its normal position without assistance. In grade two the kneecap can be dislocated when the leg is extended; when the knee is flexed, it will remain luxated, and it will not return to normal by itself. Grade three is one that is normally dislocated, but can be pushed back in. Grade four is one that is dislocated and cannot be put back into proper position. All of these are clinical diagnoses; some immediate judgments of serious problem can also be made from watching the dog walk.

Q. Can the weakness be present even though the knee is not actually dislocating?

A. The anatomic deformity can be present.

Q. So how and when can luxating patella be diagnosed?

A. Well, you can diagnose it as soon as the kneecap starts to dislocate, which can be as early as six weeks of age. If you are a student of bone anatomy, you get an appreciation for whether the tibial tubercle is placed properly: does it sit down below the trochlea, or does it sit too far to the inside? If you look at a knee and you see that the kneecap is in the middle of the trochlea and the tibial tubercle is displaced to the inside, then these dogs are going to have a tendency to have patellar luxation. If the outside joint capsule is strong enough to support the kneecap so that it doesn't dislocate, it may never dislocate. But, nevertheless, there'll always be a tendency for the thing to want to go that way, and what happens a lot of times is that those structures get loosened up and the joint actually tears, which allows it to dislocate. The joint capsule will heal again, but it heals in a lengthened position so it keeps on dislocating and pops in and out.

Q. How old would a dog have to be in order to be able to say, "this dog is not going to have any problems"?

A. I can look at a dog that's 8 weeks old and say, "This dog has nice conformation." But I've seen dogs at 8 weeks old that had great conformation, and I've seen again a 8 months old, and they've developed to have abnormal conformation.

It's just very similar to what they do with hip dysplasia. It used to be that OFA's were taken at a year of age, and they proved it; they've found out that they were only 85% accurate, so we raised it to two years of age, and we're only 93% accurate at two years of age, so as time goes on we get more certain.

To diagnose luxating patella, I think you could take a dog that was six months of age, and you'd probably be well into the mid 90 percents, and I could say, hey, this dog's got real sound conformation-nothing wrong with his knees.

Q. How do I identify these dogs—then? Do I have to go to an orthopedic surgeon to get them analyzed, or can my vet do it?

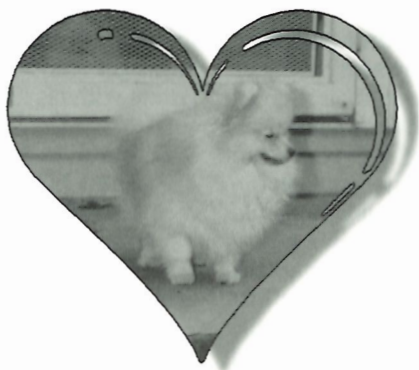
A. Well, that puts me in a tough spot to answer that. Some Veterinarians do great jobs, yes, at examining knees, but some of them just don't know what they're looking for. There's something to be said for someone who just looks at thousands of these kinds of things, you know. You get a feel for what a normal knee is supposed to feel like, and after a while you tell instantaneously whether they've got good conformation or not, and it's not anything special, it's just paying attention to it, knowing what "good" is in a knee. Anyone who has an interest in dogs could do it themselves. You don't have to be a veterinarian; you just want to know what "normal" is.

The differences are subtle. Think of it this way: when we correct a dog with a patellar luxation, the most important thing we do is to realign the tibial tubercle, put it back where it's supposed to be, so dig the patellar tendon and the kneecap line up with each other. I'd say the average amount that we move them is 3 millimeters. So we're only talking an eighth of an inch here, but it's an eighth of an inch that makes a heck of a difference. So you have to be able to feel some knees and say, well, this thing's an eighth of an inch out of line. It's a subtle change, but it's definitely something that we can learn to tell.

Incidentally, there's nothing like OFA for this problem. You can radiograph these things, but the best way to do it is a difficult process and doesn't always work. You can get a radiograph of a dog with a

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meet again.
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In Memory of Keno

Loving a Pom brings great joy and deep sorrow..., and so it is with a heavy heart that we say good-by, each of us in his own way, for we know not why he was chosen to be taken from the earth at this time. That power is above us.



With deepest sympathy to Janet on her loss of Keno.



Julie
Moreno

Those of us who were fortunate enough to have been a little part of his life, will never forget our happy memories...He commanded the ring and our hearts. His fan club was enormous.

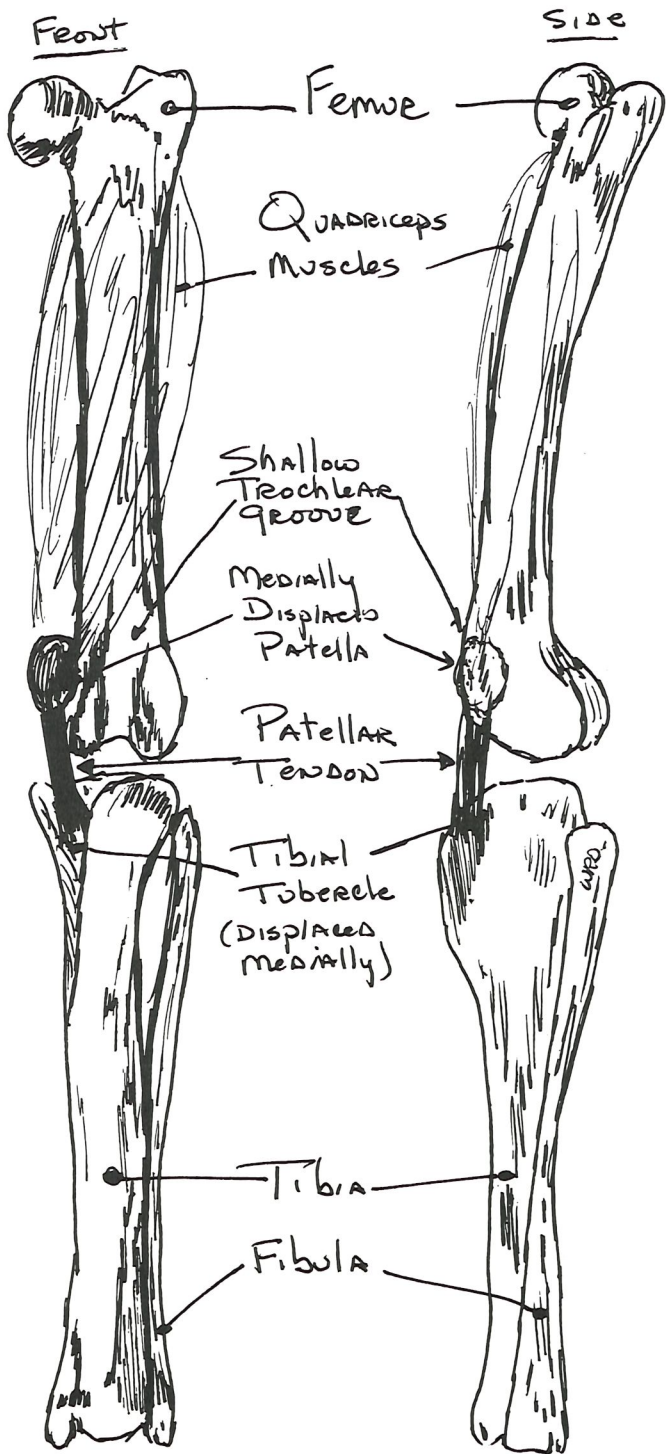
When I look up into the sky at night filled with a trillion stars, I believe that Keno will look down on us from afar.

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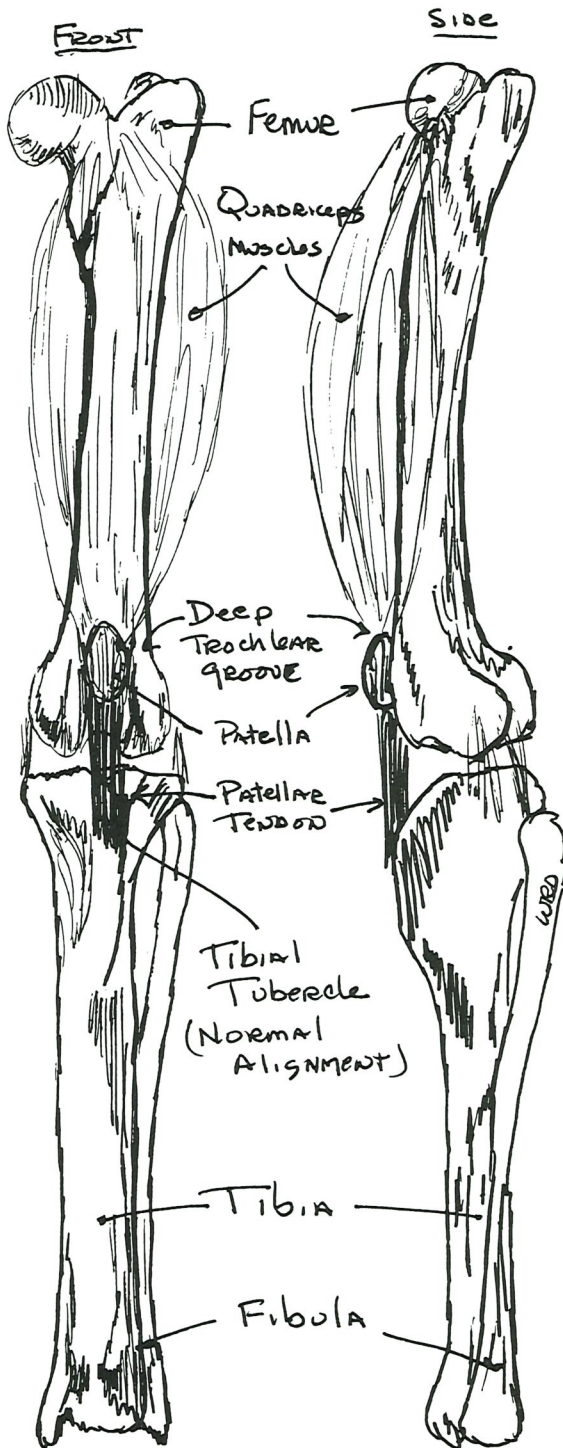
*Dear Janet,
Our heartfelt condolences
on the passing of "Keno."
He made quite an impression on
those of us who ever knew, or
came in contact with him. His
memory will always be with us.*

Therese and Jack Reeder





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Normal Patellar Alignment

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luxated patella, and it will look anatomically normal. It may be in a normal position for the 1/60 of a second that it took to get the picture.

Q. How do you repair the knee?

A. As I said, the main thing we do is to move the tibial tubercle to line up with the patellar tendon and the kneecap. Most of the time the dogs also have a shallow groove, not always though, and if they don't have the shallow groove, we would much rather not touch the groove; it's something we wouldn't do. But most of the grooves are kind of shallow, and honestly, when we repair them we probably make them deeper than normal, and what that does, it helps them capture the tendon a little bit better and makes up for our inaccuracy on knowing exactly where to put that tibial tubercle.

Q. How do you move that? You say you move it an eighth of an inch.

A. We take an osteotome, which is a fancy name for a chisel, and we cut a sliver of bone off the patellar tendon attachment, and then it's moved. You can move it anywhere you want it. We move it over to where it lines up properly. Then I take a single small pin called a K-wire and run it down through the small fragment into the tibia. This stabilizes the tubercle where I want it, and it heals there.

Q. Is it absolutely necessary to repair this if the dog isn't having serious problems? What happens if it isn't repaired?

A. I would say that one of the things that distresses me most is the dogs that have dislocating kneecaps and a lot of vets say, well, it's not causing a problem because they're not limping on it. And it's true, we see a lot of dogs that have dislocating kneecaps that aren't limping, and believe me, it is causing them a problem. By the time they get to be 7-8 years of age, they finally have worn all the cartilage off the bottom of the kneecap, and they don't get nearly as good results on repair as they do on dogs that are repaired early.

There are some other changes that occur with the dislocating kneecaps, too. This is a complex problem; it's a problem that doesn't involve just the knees. As time goes on, in the dogs that have great problems in luxation, if the kneecap is dislocated off to the inside, you get femur that bend, and they get tremendous curvatures in them, so that you'll have a bend in the femur, you'll have a joint, and then you'll have compensatory bend backwards in the tibia. If they develop that kind of problem it creates a real orthopedic disaster. We very rarely try to correct them, because they're just so bad that it would require fracturing the femur and making another fracture.

Q. Is this a genetic problem?

A. It is definitely known to be genetic. We know it is completely hereditary, but not the mechanics of it. It's probably a lot like hip dysplasia, that if, it's hereditary but it's incomplete penetrance, as in hip dysplasia, where they feel that it's about 60% genetic and 40% environmental factors, you know, diet, exercise, etc.

Q. So you think that there might be an environmental factor.

A. Yeah, there probably is, in specific instances. When we see some that are definitely traumatic, I think we can discount the hereditary factor. We see traumatic luxations in all breeds.

Q. So what about the person who says, "I don't let my dogs jump until they're older because I think that prevents the problem?" Is that a reasonable means of prevention?

A. I think it makes very little difference in the long run if the dog is genetically predisposed to it. In the cases that have the displaced tibial tubercle, the fact that they aren't stressing that knee, maybe it's going to prevent that joint capsule from tearing for a while. But if the anatomy is abnormal enough that it's going to tear, then it's going to dislocate, and there's not a thing you can do about it.

Q. So how do I find a dog without this problem then?

A. Well, until there's some kind of certification like OFA on these dogs, that they have normal knees, or conformationally good knees, it's a difficult matter. You have to become a student of anatomy and say, "I like this sire's knees and I like this dam's knees, and I like the breeding of these two dogs; I wouldn't mind having a puppy out of them." And if you could do it back three or four generations on each side, it would give you even more security that you're not getting patellar luxation.

thing. I now see dogs that have god knees bred to dogs with bad knees and some of them come out good and some of them out bad.

It's strictly a matter of genetics.

Cheers

You give all of your married friends child rearing advice based on your extensive background in dog training.

Your Mother's worst fear is that you'll have a child and make it wear a pinch collar. Your Mother's second worst fear is you'll get married and your dog will be in the wedding party.

When your cousin tells you how much her wedding costs, you think how many show quality puppies that could buy you.

You can imagine using a shock collar on your best friend's children, but would never dream of putting one on your dog.

All of your friends always include your dog in any invitation they issue to you. Of course, you reciprocate because you only have doggy friends left--the others have stopped inviting you places because you insist on bringing the dog!

Guests on Jerry Springer make you think about starting a campaign for "early childhood spay/neuter."

When you read the personal ads, you skip past the vital statistics and rule out any that don't say "animal lover."

Your dog has a gold crown on his fractured tooth (you were afraid if you had his pulled, he'd have a sloppy dumb bell pickup), but you haven't been to the dentist in three years.

Q. So you'd just about have to see the parents and the grandparents?

A. Well, that would be the best; the more you could see, the better.

Q. Can breeders do something about the problem then?

A. Definitely. My advice to breeders is, if you've got a dog with dislocating kneecaps, you've got to get that dog out of your breeding program. Otherwise, you're just creating patellar luxation.

Q. This leads into my next question. Suppose I'm a breeder, and I have a dog that is just absolutely perfect for everything I want and is throwing the same thing in the next generation, but he's got this minor patella problem. Is the genetic factor strong enough that I cannot breed around it in my breeding program?

A. You probably could, if you were picky about breeding good conformation, you certainly could improve the situation, yeah. That's not the ideal situation, but I certainly would want to breed with one that had the best conformation knees that you could find, and I've recently had some experience with a breeder and I've looked at all of her puppies because they had kneecap problems and it's a hit-and-miss

Patricia's Pomeranians

presents....."Dixie," an outstanding "Barkley" kid...



Patricia's Passion Play

(Am/Can Ch. Millamor's Make A Statement (Barkley) x Am/Can Ch. Milne's Pride of Patricia (Winnie))

"Dixie" is pictured at 8 1/2 months going Best in Sweeps at the APC Fall 1997 Sweepstakes. She was wonderfully handled by my friend and Barkley's owner, Jane Lehtinen. "Dixie" will be back in the Ring soon after completing her year shed.

Also watch for *Patricia's Preferred Statement*. "Willie" is also a Barkley kid.

Congratulations to Tony and Fabian on their kennel visit.

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Patricia's Pomeranians

presents....."Wally"



Patricia's Sir Braveheart

(Ch. Wee Paw's Preferred Stock (Stetson) x Am/Can Ch. Milne's Pride of Patricia (Winnie)

"Wally" is pictured winning under Mrs. Leona Wiseman and is being wonderfully groomed and handled by Nadine Hersil. Wally also received 2 points at the International KC of Chicago and 4 point major at Illinois Capitol KC under Mrs. Elaine Mathis. Many thanks to the judges that have recognized Wally's quality and soundness.

Cash!! Wally's litter sister, "Molly" received 3 BOB and 2 group placements her first 2 weekends out after maternity leave. She needs a major to finish!

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You know your dog's cholesterol but not your own.

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You spent seven years to get your own DVM, and charge \$40.00 for a semen collection and evaluation, only to discover a legal hooker in Las Vegas with no formal schooling gets \$100.00 and only does the first part.

Making the "Medicine" Go Down!

by Dr. Roger L. De Haan

(Roger L. De Haan, D.V.M. runs his practice, Holistic Veterinary Services in Haverhill, MA)

A tussle, the fur flies, and Blackie wings again. "I'm not going to take that stuff!" In fact the next time, just as you reach for the bottle, Blackie is already disappearing under the bed. How can you win? Can't this medicine be a "win-win" situation?

Some cats and dogs seem born to cooperate. They live to please and live to love. Others seem to be born suspicious. They train the owner. They have been spoiled! Don't mess with their daily routine or they have ways of retaliating! Then there are the cases where the medicine is just plain bitter, repulsive and disgusting.

Brute force and discipline are not the way to a win-win situation when it comes

to medicine. There are gentler, more pleasant ways. One is by beginning weeks and years before pill-pushing becomes necessary. Let me explain.

Personally I believe in supplements, herbs and treats anyhow, and in rotation and variety of foods. My pet would never get to 14 years old, stuck on the daily fix of a favorite food, having convinced me of their viewpoint. I do believe in listening to the pet and their instinctive cravings and needs, by the way, and in personal individuality. But, part of the training procedure must include eating supplements and a variety of flavors. Then when the medicine or supplement or bitter herb must go down, it's just a variation of the usual. In fact if you have built an empathetic relationship with your companion pet, and if you are giving the right medicine, their instinct will usually be agreeable and they will gobble up the medicine!

Also some owners and trainers have learned the art of "non-verbal communication". Verbal communication, treats, and praise are great, and are part of the training process, but "non-verbal" communication is based on communication at a deeper level, when you communicate with mental word pictures. With a quiet attitude, you see in your mind the desired response, such as Blackie sitting quietly in front of you, with head up and taking the medicine—or eating the food with gusto (medicine and all). And most important of all, you ask for his permission and cooperation.

For instance, when I take a blood sample (isn't a needle worse than a pill, for most?), I ask Blackie for his paw, and mentally picture it in my hand. I do not grab the leg, but wait for the pet to respond by releasing tension in that leg, letting me lift it effortlessly to the proper position. We are cooperating together and it works beautifully 97% of the time.

If it doesn't work, sometimes it is my fault and I back up and do things right.

If you desire more information on this subject, try: **Kinship With All Life** by J. Allen Boone and **What the Animals Tell Me**, by Beatrice Lydecker, both from Harper & Row.

As you may suspect, we are dealing with instinct, social behavior, personal relationships, the willingness to cooperate, and training.

Concerning training, you are wise to get your pet used to a variety of foods. That doesn't mean snacks or spoiling; it means different foods and supplements in the food dish at feeding time. It means some wet foods, or adding broth to the kibble, so you can add to, or hide in, appropriate powders, medicines or supplements. It means different flavors, from time to time, including left-over cooking broth, grated vegetable, vinegar and olive oil (both folk medicine remedies anyhow), and even garlic, onion, cayenne pepper, or other acceptable culinary spices. Did you know most cats and dogs develop a fine taste for culinary spices; that they are medicinal, nutritional, and healthy...that spices and vinegar do a great job at hiding bitter taste and medicinal odors? Including them as one part of the "rotation and variety" of your regular feeding program won't mess up the protein, mineral or energy balance. In fact, it augments it by increasing digestion and palatability!

A list of helpful hints on giving medicines to pets:

1. Warm foods are more aromatic and palatable than cold or dry foods. Warming releases the aromatic oils and spice flavors, therefore more effectively hiding additions to the diet for the finicky pet. I suggest warming to body temperature in the oven, steamer, or over a pan of hot water—but NOT in the microwave*.

2. Dilute medicinal powders or liquids in broth, or in wet foods.

3. Add or hide in tasty foods that many pets appreciate: applesauce, baby food, yogurt, molasses, honey, meat or cottage cheese.

4. Wrap or hide in a piece of solid food, such as a turkey slice.

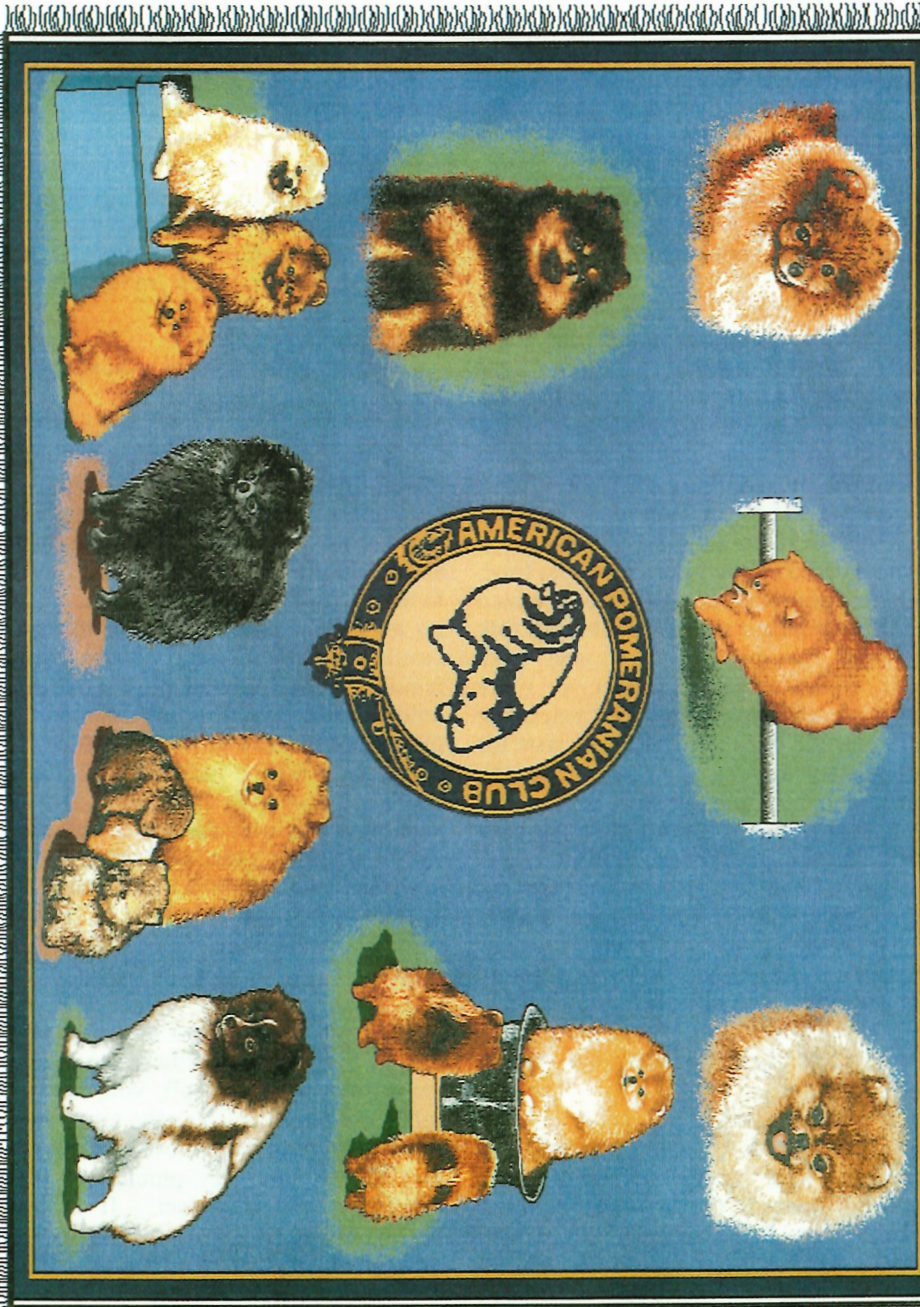
5. Treat, before and after, with an acceptable snack, such as freeze dries liver.

6. Praise, honor and pat with enthusiasm for every act of cooperation.

7. Orally: a. Liquids: make a puch of the lower lip at side of mouth, and drop between molar teeth. Most pets prefer this side-approach rather than the straight-on shot under the nose. b. Pills: you must get to the back-of-tongue, beyond the point of no return, for pets that refuse to eat and swallow on their own. This normally requires a first loving person to gently hold and stabilize (restrain) the body while the second person pets and praises, then proceeds to lift the head and maxilla with one hand, lowering the jaw and quickly pushing a pill over the top of the tongue with the other; then while still holding head and maxilla up with the first hand, stroke throat and/or blow in nose to stimulate swallowing reflex with the other hand.

If the pill does not go down, or if you fear to put your finger between the teeth (sometimes with reason!), you may use a soft blunt object, such as the eraser end of a pencil, to push the pill over the top of the tongue. Or you may purchase a plastic "Bullseye" pill dispenser. If in doubt, have your veterinarian demonstrate to you the correct way to give pills.

When Blackie seems you coming with the medicine he/she should come running toward you...not dive for the nearest



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escape. It should be a time of bonding, of pleasure, of positive strokes..not a battle, discipline and force. Use common sense. Plan ahead. If you are doing things right now, then giving the right medicine will be merely a routine job in the course of an eventful day.

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General Education

by Esme Treen

(Reprinted from Dog News)

Breeders feel that judges need to be educated. Judges feel that breeders need to be educated. Certainly the judge in the ring, not knowing a standard very well, may have difficulty in judging the dogs in front of him because they do not conform to the standard. The judge has to judge what is in front of him on the day. This is a given. And the breeders should be sending in the very best they have.

Dog shows were devised to decide which breeder had the better breeding

stock. An impartial judge made the decision. Today that is what dog shows are supposed to be all about. We have added to the excitement of it all by group wins and Bests in Show wins, and much advertising of them in many beautiful magazines and newspapers.

So how can we do this educating?

Many years ago, in fact the late Jack LeFore was president of AKC at the time, a workshop in California, the first one in the nation, held an all day conference for judges and exhibitors. The lunchtime speaker presented ideas for education in the dog world which were described as "far out." This speaker, himself a judge and a breeder who had done some successful showing before he became eligible to judge, suggested that every one who wanted to judge should take a course in basic anatomy, basic genetics, and beginning drawing or sketching. At this time there were technical colleges all over the country which were looking for things to add to their curricula. Many of them could have been persuaded to add these courses to their lists. And this would have made it possible for most everyone to attend since these schools were located in every state and near every large city or community in the states. It is simple to understand why judges need to know about anatomy and genetics but most of us will proudly proclaim, "I can't draw a straight line." Lack of artistic talent is not the question here. The classes in drawing and sketching will do at least one thing for everyone who is serious about judging. It will improve one's sense of proportion immeasurably. And this is a great help in judging.

These classes would not hurt breeders. They, too, might learn something about the dogs they are producing and sending into the show rings. Added to their list, however, should be a course in history. A basic history of the canine as a step toward a lesson in the history of any specific

breed and its primary use. Granted, many dogs no longer do the job they were bred for, but they should look and be built as though they could do it.

Recently some English Toy Spaniels, those lap dogs with the winning ways which will bore right into your heart, displayed the fact that they are actually SPANIELS. These little dogs have not lost the instinct to flush and retrieve birds! And while many of the birds were bigger than they are, they are still able to drag the game to their handlers in the field.

All the education in the world will not improve judging if breeders do not improve the standard that there will be ten or more dogs in the ring and there will be ten different types. This is a sad state of affairs and certainly needs correcting.

Education is a great thing, but make sure everyone gets educated.

minutes to have it get on four feet, you're dead, and you spent 20 dollars to give your competition points!

Shows are stressful on animals, until they become very used to it. They are also stressful on you until you get used to them. So how do we (Pooch and you) handle this problem? There is only one way. Decide what both of you want and Practice, Practice, Practice!! At home, not in the ring, unless it is at handling classes, sanctioned matches, or getting together with other owners-Practice, Practice, Practice!!

Learn to communicate with your animal, with spoken word commands and gestures, hand signals, and use of bait. Remember that the dog's lead is your telephone to hi, and not something to hand onto. It is there to guide him, to control him, to excite him, to send your message of approval of his actions. Learn to talk to him through the lead.

Assuming that you have worked diligently with all of the above, and are now ready to go to the show, please consider the following Ten Commandments:

Ten Commandments of the Show Ring

By Bill Trainor

The following are suggestions to make the presentation of your dog more enjoyable (winning is always enjoyable), more professional looking, and we hope, more successful in general.

In this dog game you get no more out of your dog than you put into it. I refer, not in terms of money but in terms of time, training and communicating with your animal.

In the show ring, a judge has approximately two minutes to evaluate your dog. This includes examining, gauging and meditating over it. If it takes you five minutes to stack it, and five more

1. Before entering the show, inquire if you can, from someone as to the judge's qualifications and knowledge of your breed.

2. In addition to all of the above training, be sure that your dog is squeaky clean, and you have prepared his coat to the best of your ability, his nails trimmed, teeth and ears cleaned thoroughly, and anal glands expressed or checked while the dog is in the bathtub.

3. Plan your time. Read the time schedule carefully. Check the time of the judging, and directions to the show, and guarantee your motel reservations. Allow time for traffic problems, and unloading difficulties. Arrive at the show early

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enough to settle both you and your dog down. Relax and have your coffee!

4. Find your ring, to look for potential problems. Indoors, on slippery floors or rugs, get some tacky paw. Outdoors, look for holes in the ring, deep grass, or mud, etc.

5. Watch the judge examine the breeds before yours. Learn his gaiting pattern - where he wants the dogs stacked - is he a fast or slow judge. Get your number before the breed starts, and don't lose it! Groom your dog to perfection.

6. Be ready to enter the ring when your class is called. Get in quickly and get your dog set up where the judge wants you. Keep one eye on the judge, and one on the dog. Have your dog ready for examination before the judge is ready for you. Relax - Take deep breaths.

7. Be ready for the gaiting pattern the judge wants. Take your time, and be sure your dog is steady and on four feet before starting to gait the animal. Talk to your dog and put him at ease.

8. Watch carefully and determine which dog the judge is considering and look carefully at him. Quickly learn his qualities and faults, and prepare to use them if it comes down to a contest between that dog and your dog. This is your razor's edge in the competition.

9. Accept your losses in the same pleasant manner you accept your wins. Remember, it is just one person's opinion, and that is what you paid for. If you don't like it, don't go back for another. However, if you do lose, look carefully at the dog that beat you. Who knows, maybe the judge was right! Don't get made, get even. Go home and make your dog better in whatever way is necessary.

10. Finally, when you go to the show, have fun, enjoy yourself, make sure your

dog enjoys his day. Visit with the other exhibitors. Talk, listen and learn. Watch other breeds being judged. Don't forget to gossip, and only believe 10 percent of the gossip you hear!

With over 40 years of a hundred or more dog shows a year, I still have fun. You can too.

11. If any or all of the above, fail ADJUST!

There's Only One Nigel by Nigel Aubrey Jones

A friend recently asked me whether I thought people really had any fun out of showing their dogs. It was then that I actually realized that there are people who show dogs who seem to have a perpetual chip on their shoulder. They not only fail to get any enjoyment out of showing dogs but seem to want to spoil other people's pleasure as well. Some arrive at a show in a state of tension, all hustle and bustle and immediately start to grumble about anything they can find wrong - the variations of their grief theme seems endless.

Of course the judging is always all wrong and even if they win there is a sour expression. You would wonder what their expressions would be like when they lost.

I don't think this is bad sportsmanship or the result of a permanently disagreeable temperament. A great deal of it seems to be due to nervous tension which actually prevents them from enjoying dog shows as they are meant to be enjoyed. If only these people would learn to relax and take matters more philosophically, preserving a sense of proportion and not making winning or losing a life and death matter. They would get far more fun out of dog shows and would live calmer and longer.

ves - and maybe even their dogs would feel and behave better.

Regardless of the nonsensical excitement some people express to get into the 'ratings' there is a great deal more to dog shows than merely winning prizes and it is quite possible to enjoy the social side of a dog show - the meeting of friends and the interesting exchange of views - the winning should be the extra gravy to enjoy.

There is another aspect to this winning and losing gracefully. No one enjoys or expects exhibitors to go around boasting of their success or losses in floods of tears. Why can't exhibitors believe that the judge - just happened to have made a mistake-rightly or wrongly - Queen Victoria did! Its not out of place to congratulate the winner - even though its an unexpected winner who had nothing to do with making the decision. In fact it is the unexpected winner who usually needs and appreciates a congratulatory word most. Some novices must feel as though they have committed a crime when they beat a well known exhibitor or prominent professional handler by the dead silence with which the award is received and the manner in which they are studiously avoided afterwards by the losers.

There is no need to slobber or enthuse statically over an exhibit that beats your especially if you do not particularly like it - or for that matter think it may have been very lucky to win over yours - but it does not stop you from saying "Well done" - far better than what Joe Winder (an old Lancashire Terrier breeder) heard to say "It's a very nice sort of dog - especially for those that likes that sort!"



Campaigning A Specials Dog

by Alvin Grossman

Well, it is six months later and Rudolph had finished with a rush, capturing four majors, two Best of Breeds and a group second. We are overwhelmed. The dog is sixteen months of age and in peak condition--the question is--now what?

Ladislaus and Marion, his handlers, think they have a hot one on their hands and want to discuss long range plans. We have been putting aside money which we saved by using ringside pickup and are now contemplating next steps. We decided to sit down and talk about the future, poorhouse or not.

Well--I said, never in my wildest dreams did I think our puppy would grow up like this. I hoped he would finish easily but this is more than I was prepared for. Grace smiled with contentment, yes she said, but wasn't it fun? I had to agree that basking in the reflected light atop winning dog was heady stuff indeed.

We had been welcomed and congratulated to a fare-thee-well. Everyone seemed to love Rudolph and wanted to offer suggestions on what to do next. Frankly, we were nonplussed.

I'm sure Ladislaus and Marion are sincere in wanting us to show Rudolph as a special. But what does that entail? How should we go about it? How long should we show him? And what can we expect in the way of rewards?

Well, I said, taking the bull by the horns, I'm going to call them and try to straighten out some of these problems.

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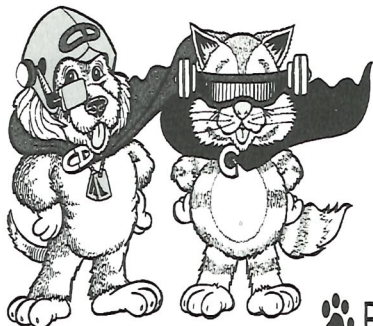
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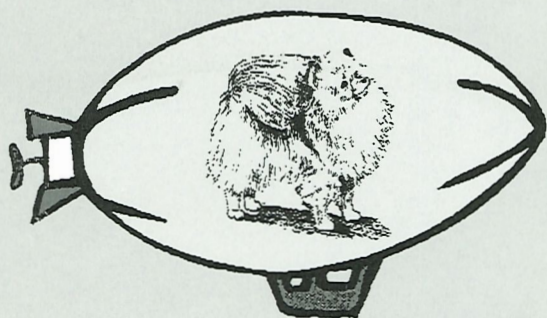
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#1 dog. Whoa, hold on a minute, I pleaded. What's a #2 dog mean? Ladislaus explained that the people who owned the shorthair were senior to us as clients and he had been showing their dog for over a year as a special. Yes, I said, but how does that figure when the dogs don't compete in the same group. He pointed out that at some shows they ran two groups at a time. If this occurred, and both dogs had won the breed, he was obligated to take in the German Shorthair. This would also be true in those cases when both dogs won their respective groups. Of course, Marion would take Rudolph on those occasions. Okay, that I could live with for Marion had won with Rudolph already.

Marion got on the line to add more details. She explained that showing a dog was only one part of the promotion of a top show dog. Advertising his wins in key dog publications was another aspect of the dog game we needed to learn more about. She explained that advertising and promotion costs could equal their handling fees if we were really serious about it.

After clarifying some other points I rang off and did some deep thinking. You know, I said, if we are serious about this whole thing I think we need some good outside advice. Perhaps could check with Mr. Hallway for he gave excellent advice when we were getting started.

Grace put in a call for Jim and he agreed to meet with us on Thursday night.

After arriving at Jim's place we tried to explain our ambition and our confusion about 'campaigning' our first dog. Jim nodded his head appreciatively and smiled as we spelled out our dilemma. He had been there before! It seems as though he had seriously campaigned three Cocker Spaniel specials to top records.

He described the "smooth" career of the first one, who, like Rudolph, had finished at a very young age and had matured into

a top flight special. Bomber, a B/T had a rocky start, not placing in the group under one of Jim's favorite judges. His handler had expressed doubts that if the dog couldn't win under this judge, how could he expect to win under others. Well, said Jim, I had some fancy talking to do to convince my handler to stay with the dog. At his second show he placed 2nd in the group and he was off to the races. In two years he had 14 Best in Shows, 32 Group 1st's and numerous group placings. He also won seven specialty shows. He was retired at three years of age when he won his 100th Best of Variety.

Now, said Jim, that was the best of all worlds. My second dog was a buff male that finished his championship easily at 18 months of age. He was to be my handler's #2 dog in the sporting group. He also had good dogs in two other groups. Well sir, this was a real complicated problem. My handler didn't have a wife to help him, only young assistants. His #1 dog was a nationally ranked Springer Spaniel who nearly always won his breed. There I was playing second banana to my own handler—a real problem. By putting our heads together we came up with a great solution. We recruited another handler who specialized in working dogs but who wanted to break into the sporting group to handle "Frosty." That worked out great as Frosty beat the Springer as often as he was beaten. The second year my handler took Frosty full time and he too had an outstanding career.

The third dog, Bingo just was a hard luck dog. Not that he wasn't a winner, it's just that he could have done more with a little bit of luck. For example, he would win the breed at a show where the Best in Show judge had previously given him a Best in Show and raved about him. If he could have gotten through the group he could have been a shoo in for Best in Show. Often as not he would go 2nd or 3rd in the group and that big win went aglimmering. Let me tell you

campaigning a dog is a tale of "almosts" and "could have been."

You see it's like a baseball game. In baseball you have to get men on base before they can score. In dogs you have to win the breed before you can get into the group. Getting a Best in Show win is tantamount to hitting a grand slam homer. Usually you have to get through three different judges; in the breed, for the group, and lastly for Best in Show. It's easier said than done.

Tell me, have I encouraged or discouraged you? Grace popped up and said, well, neither, but you do have us intrigued. How would you suggest we start Rudolph?

Jim thought a minute and then he said, if you are not scared off then you might make a special owner at that. Before I begin, let me tell you the hardest part of owning a special. First off you probably won't make many of the more distant shows so you will be sitting at home on **Saturday and Sunday** waiting for the word. Boy, oh boy, you sweat out those phone calls. If the call doesn't come by inner time you are in anguish because its so late in the day. Either your dog has gone all the way to Best in Show and your handler is tied up as a result or you bombed and he doesn't want to call I and give you the bad news. It's enough to give you ulcers. If you notice the carpet around the telephone still has the furrows I showed in it **while I was sweating out nose calls**. I suggest that you have a specific arrangement with your handler that he calls at a specific time after each show, win, lose or draw. While it's more expensive, its easier on the stomach. Besides, who needs a nervous breakdown to go with the bills?

Okay, now let's get down to cases. I do have some specific suggestions about specializing a dog. They are:

1. Start your dog under the most favorable circumstances. Pick a judge that likes his type and preferably has given you a Best of Breed before.

2. Have the dog in prime show condition and be sure he is well trained.

3. In the beginning show only under Judges whom you feel will give you a fair shake and whose reputation you know.

4. Remember the impact of an important win should be felt far beyond the small audience who witnessed the win. Good pictures in breed and all breed magazines soon after the win are important.

5. Advertise big when you have something to say. Run a constant ad with a "yearly" look, but change the text, pictures and size to take advantage of current events.

6. In the beginning stress show wins in your advertising - then bitches being bred to him and then wins of his offspring.

7. Vary pictures of the dog from posed show wins to stop action and informal shots. They must be excellent pictures or they will come back to haunt you. When in doubt about the quality of a photo--don't run it.

8. Even after his show career is off and running don't show at every show. Some judges are just bad news. Work with your handler to prepare a list of competent judges you will show under.

9. Stress all breed shows and group winning. Too many dogs are shown only under specialty judges. Get Rudolph's picture before the all breed judges in an understated but dramatic way. Send a good picture (judge has to look good too) on all I group and BIS wins to the judges thanking them.

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all modesty. Congratulate the winner of that day try to be sincere about it - your turn is next. Build good will for yourself and your dog. This pays off in many ways. Your wins will be popular and people won't use "you" as the reason for not breeding to or talking up your dog.

11. Do not abuse ring stewards or show officials because you're having a bad day. Be courteous at all times.

12. Don't gossip! And don't bad 'mouth your opposition.

13. Be sure your dog is treated well in the ring by your handler. Have an understanding that he is not to be forced if he is having an off day.

Okay, with those guidelines you should be in good shape. Now you should appreciate the fact that when you decide to special a dog you enter into another contest outside the show ring. This is for show win points. A number of dog magazines keep track of your dog's winnings and automatically tabulate how you do within your breed, within your group and how you do against all comers. Like it or not, you're entered. These **magazines** usually release their data quarterly. So - you're in the running - once started it can become an all consuming passion to have a dog in the top ten winners--I know, I've been there. Be careful you don't sacrifice your integrity and that of your handler just to get those points.

Added to these contests Ken-L-Ration Food Company picks a "Dog of the Year" and their top choice from each group to honor at Westminster Dog Show time. Some magazines do the same thing. It gets to be a whole contest within a contest, within a contest.

Last, but an extremely important point. Know when to quit. Set goals that can be realistically achieved and stay with them.

If 50 Bests of Breed is your goal within two years -quit when you get there. There are a number of reasons for this. First, don't wear out your welcome. Believe it or not, people within your own breed will not like your hogging all the top wins. They want a chance too. No matter if yours is the best dog, facts don't count here, emotions such as envy and jealousy do. To keep good relations in your breed once your dog is out winning make your realistic goals known. Your fellow competitors can survive since they know there will be an end to your reign.

I know, I know, you're going to say, "What if the dog does so fantastically well it would be criminal not to continue to show him? After all he might set records for the breed, etc." Well, I am sure you will get strong opinions on the other side of this issue but it is my opinion that if you are going to continue on as a breeder and exhibitor for the long haul, it's better for your strategy to be to "lose the battle but win the war." By this I mean by giving others a chance you enhance your standing with your neighboring breeders and build your reputation for the long haul. If, when you are a more senior breeder and have demonstrated you can breed top dogs regularly, then you can really get serious. You will be deserving then. It's just a part of human nature that others will begrudge your wins now but won't 10 years from now after you have proven yourself.

Grace and I sat there stunned. Wow! That's quite a jungle out there isn't it? Alright what if Rudolph does as well as Marion and Ladislaus think he will? Then what? Are there any returns on our enormous investment?

Well, yes and no, said Jim, First off there will be trophies galore for top wins. Get yourself a trophy case. Some will be silver or silver plate. Actually, some like chafing dishes, bread trays and ice buckets are usually household items. Of course, with a top winner you start getting lots of

uplicates. Additionally there are many winged victory type trophies of varying sizes. Money no, trophies yes.

Grace again asked--is there any possibility of offsetting our costs? Yes, there is, said Jim, but not from your show wins themselves. If Rudolph does well, and since he comes from topflight bloodlines, you could expect a reasonable return from stud services. Good I said, at least a ray of light. How does that work?

Jim pointed out that we should get a stud fee somewhere around the low middle area of what was being asked in our breed at first. Then as his offspring start to win to raise the stud fee to a higher level. Now before you start counting all that money you must appreciate the fact that while Rudolph is being campaigned he will be living with his handlers. That means they will be handling the breeding of the bitches sent to your dog. This means that you had better find out their terms for picking up bitches at the airport, boarding them until ready to breed, supervising the matings, etc. You may not come out with much in the way of a net profit from each breeding.

Of course when he has retired from the show ring and is living at home you will get all of the stud fee. However, it's now our obligation to pick up the bitches, board them, etc. This means you may want to plan on having a small kennel of your own. You need to look into zoning laws and the like. Don't look so startled. It's all part of that madness called the "dog game."

If you're still game and it looks like you are, may I wish you good luck. Please let me know how Rudolph does. If you need any questions answered feel free to give me a call.

With Jim's good advise ringing in our ears, we struck out into the night determined to do it right the first time.

ALONG MYWAY

by Molly Miller

Training problems seem to have been the main topic of conversation at recent shows whether one was around the obedience or conformation rings. It does not seem that training such a small dog as a Pomeranian should be such a large problem; however, Pomeranians must not only strike the correct positions in the conformation ring, they must strike them happily - head up, tail up, ears alert and eyes sparkling. To achieve the above result the Pom must like what he is doing and this applies to both conformation and obedience.

The past few years have seen obedience change forms. Competition has become more severe as numbers have increased. Now split-second timing and precision drill techniques are needed to place a dog in the ribbons. Many handlers are searching for a way to save that crucial half point. I regret to report that this search has often lead to harsh training techniques.

The same sort of thing has happened in conformation. As numbers and/or competition has increased in an area, ring presentation -showmanship and grooming has become more important. The pressure is on; the dog must perform.

Some breeds have been developed to perform under severe correction. While I do not like these methods used even on these breeds, I must admit that such breeds do perform precisely, if not happily under these severe conditions.

The Pomeranian breed, as we know it today, has no other purpose than to be a pleasure and an amusement to man. One of the main delights of the Pomeranian is that he has a proud self-important way about him. This is not a front. Most Poms do value themselves very highly. Self-effacing Poms seldom do well in the show ring for the proud ones convince the judges and the

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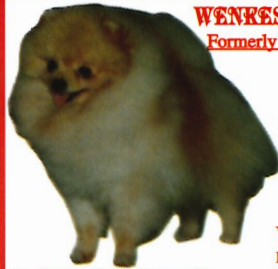


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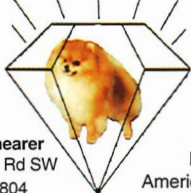
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breeders that they are valuable. Such a proud being will not respond to harsh treatment intended to subjugate its being.

A quality Pomeranian is born with his pride, but he must learn his respect and love which are the best training tools for him. I have seen dogs appear to love their trainers more than their doting owners. I think the reason is mutual respect. With a good trainer, the dog knows that much is expected of him, but he also knows that he will be admired and loved for his accomplishment. Any intelligent being likes the feeling of success.

Now the secret of great training, in my opinion, is teaching the dog to acquire a taste for achievement. Once he is hooked on success, he will work to fill the need. Now remember the dog cannot count points, or legs, or appreciate trophies. His measure of achievement is what he gets from his trainer. Also, remember the dog may put all he has into a performance and place out of the ribbons. When this happens he has been successful and deserves his sense of achievement. Conversely the dog may win the points or leg and not have performed well and not deserve his achievement award.

Focus on the individual dog to be trained. Do not blindly train by any one method. Choose the parts of each that best fit the individual to be trained. Too many classes and training schools encourage all students to train the same way. It is easier for the school, but it is not necessarily best for the individual.

It is not easy to tailor lessons for each individual, but the result is well worth the effort. The first and most important step in individually planning a training program either for conformation or obedience is to know the dog.

I began my dog career in the obedience rings. I put degrees on several dogs; then I moved to the conformation ring and

showed there for several years. When I left the obedience ring, the best trainers for any aspect of dog work were there. After an absence of nine years, I am thinking of returning to obedience and I am finding a distressing change has taken place.

In the past the obedience people that I knew had a really good time. They enjoyed each other's company, and they truly loved their dogs. They selected these dogs, not because they were "good obedience breeds," but because their breed characteristics pleased them and fit into their life styles. Most of the people I am thinking of scored well and usually placed in the ribbons. **Several were High in Trial and 200** scores were not unknown. They were competitive, but the competition was fun. If at a certain trial a dog or handler "blew the whole thing," the handler was not destroyed. He still enjoyed his day and he was an enjoyable companion for those around him.

I am not seeing this enjoyment at the current shows. Recently, some handlers have seemed personally insulted by their dogs' mistakes. (I guess being perfect themselves, they can not understand error.) They are unpleasant to be near for they berate their dogs and give dozens of excuses for the errors they or their dogs made. They seem incapable of enjoying their friends or the other dogs' performances. They do not value their dogs or themselves apart from their wins.

I have tried to analyze the difference in the past and the present groups. I believe it is a result of different approaches to training. The past trainers that I knew trained dogs that they loved. They enjoyed being with those dogs for between the two of them had developed a bond of love, trust and pride which no one day's error could shake. Force training was almost unknown. The dog was shown what he was expected to do. Corrections were not a part of training until the dog knew what

was expected of him and purposefully disobeyed. Training nights were fun for both handler and dog. Often refreshments were brought, visits took place before and after classes, no one seemed "uptight." The handler and his canine friend were doing something enjoyable together.

Many current trainers in both rings seem to enjoy subjugating their dogs. No one treats a friend this way; so, the dog ceases to be a friend and becomes a thing that is thwarting the handler's success. The handler seems to hate this creature that stands between him and success. In education it has been proven that the most effective learning takes place when the student has a good self-image and believes

his teacher believes in him. Many of these studies were done with other than human animals. Why, in the face of all the evidence, does a trainer punish and berate his dog thus causing a case of anxiety over which the dog must work? I believe this form of training has lost the show ring many sensitive people who would have been the best handlers. Only a bully enjoys putting another living creature down; so when a caring person realizes the insults of such force, he will drop training if he is not shown a better way to train. In obedience, force training ruins many dogs at the Open level. They seem able to survive the pressure for novice work, but the joy is gone from their lives before open work is completed. In conformation this can be seen in mechanical showmen. Dogs reactions vary to being punished for doing things that they do not know are wrong. Some become sullen, others rebel, many become depressed and sad, and a few patient breeds will accept unjustified punishment and learn anyway. Perhaps this is why only a few breeds are now thought of as good obedience choices, but think how much better even these breeds would work if wisely trained.

I know that my comments will not affect those who have selected a training method,

but for those who have only seen force training, there is another way. The approach of teaching as opposed to forcing gives the handler a dog with whom he can enjoy the shows. It also gives him a dog that enjoys showing more with each passing day for he values his own performance and feels his accomplishment. The handler and dog grow as a team. They know what they have accomplished, and they know their worth. No single show is capable of driving them to the depths of despair or sending them on a foolish ego trip.

Doubt me if you please, but trust your own eyes. Note the training methods used by the handlers whose dogs dance with joy in and out of the ring. Watch for the dogs whose tails wag and the handlers who smile and laugh before and after they show -win, lose or tie! Their tension is a happy tension. They do not know fear or dread of a show. Their joy is showing at its best.

When, concerned at what I saw, I decided to write this article, I realized that I needed to offer some positive suggestions. Since most Poms are not natural retrievers, getting one to carry a dumbbell seems to be the most difficult training in either ring. Realizing that new methods are developing all the time, and I had not been active in obedience recently, I called on Kitty McConnell. Kitty, as most of you know, has shown high scoring Poms in obedience for twenty years. For training the retrieve she suggested the technique developed by Glen Johnson of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Kitty assured me this inductive retrieve method works. It is teaching, not forcing. It may take a little longer, but it leaves one with a friend, not a subject. I wish I could reproduce it for you here, but as it was printed August 1976 in *Off-Lead*, it is copyrighted. Check with your obedience friends or contact Kitty for information on this method.

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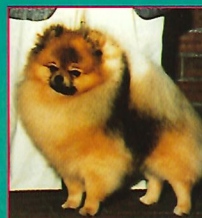
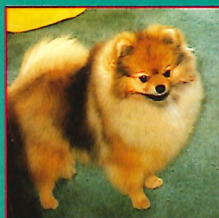
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“I Remember When II”

by Dorothy Bonner

One day at a show, I passed by the inside where many little dogs of a certain breed were waiting their turn. To me they were grotesque little fellows, something that a child might indiscriminately put together from many conglomerate parts. However, this proved to be a mutual admiration gathering, one enthusiastic exhibitor announcing, “These are the most beautiful little dogs in the world.” The shock set me back on my heels, that anyone could call these funny little specimens beautiful. No doubt they were lovable, affirmed by wagging tails, and to me, anything that wags is a heart-stealer. But beautiful? The word itself seemed to be a put-down on many other breeds, especially Pomeranians that everybody knows are really the most beautiful little dogs in the world. True, this actually depends upon the eye of the beholder. But many eyes besides those of the breeders pass favorable judgement on our priceless Poms. Try walking one down the street - just don't be in a hurry, as many people will stop you to admire. My latest puppy in show-training went to the bank with me not long ago and the whole establishment turned out to play with him. Now they all remember me and ask about the puppy at deposit time. We may have near-perfect examples and breeders become choosy, but my Pom is a pretty dog in varying degrees a sensation and a show stopper.

This reminds me to tell you the story of the Showstopper line. In 1954, there was a bad period in our kennel that will never be forgotten. Distemper. Preventatives were not so dependable in those days. Our local

veterinarian who lived a block from our home came by every morning on the way to his office to leave medication and give advice. My old records state that 32 Poms were **treated and given** daily shots. Nine were in critical condition, declared incurable, but I refused euthanasia as long as they could swallow little balls of raw meat from my hands even though they were unable to stand or move. Some lasted nearly a month, not in pain but barely alive.

In desperation, I drove all of the little patients 140 miles to our state Veterinary School, hoping to stay there with them during treatment. The doctors offered no hope but agreed that the Poms could be left there. With visions of experimentation, the offer was refused thinking that it would be better that they die in their own home with loving care. Eventually, they all died but one and she began to suffer so intensely that I agreed to the terminal needle while held in my arms.

After that awful period in my Pom history, it was not advisable to breed or keep puppies for at least six months. When the trouble had begun, only one puppy was present and he was quickly bundled off to the home of a friend. There an army couple, briefly stationed in San Antonio, saw the puppy and were eager to buy him. Afraid to take him back home, he was sold to Hazel Rushing for \$150 (a big price in those days) with the agreement that Clara Alford would finish him. This came to pass and the name coined especially for him was “Bonner's Tiny Showstopper.” He was the original and creator of the Showstopper line. One of his famous sons was Thelcolyn's Showstopper who carried his superior genes, and they persisted through many generations. A large oil painting of Bonner's Tiny Showstopper hangs in my office, and his puppy picture is in the book, “The Complete Pomeranian.” Now many breeders praise the Showstopper line without any idea of its origin.

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