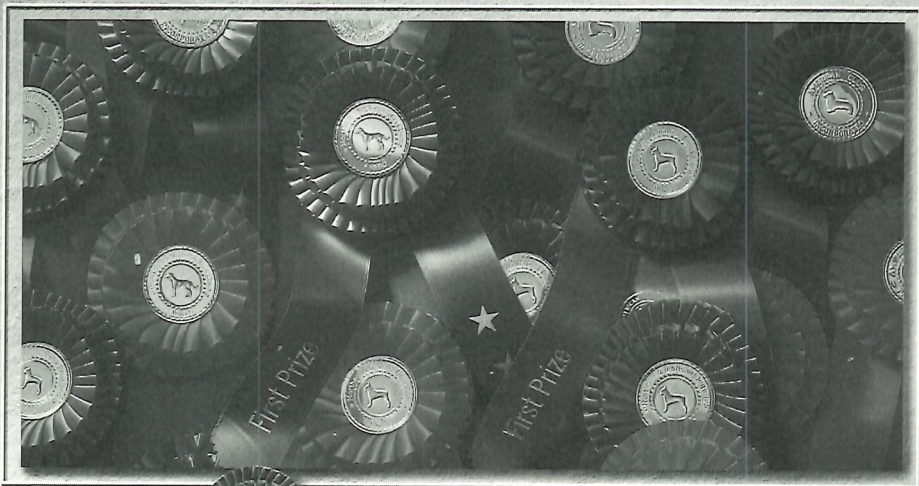


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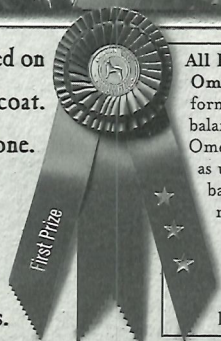


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- ...offers reasonable advertising
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KENNEL VISIT

**Feb/Mar--Reginapoms
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COVER



**(L to R) Y2K Bug, Holy Moses
(co-owned with Nina Epps), Dot Com
(co-owned with Lance Bryson)**

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In Loving Memory



**Congratulations to Margaret McKee
on her Kennel Visit.**

**Condolences to the David Watts family.
Our thoughts are with you.**

Ch. BrynRose Tell Me A Secret

Dimonde Kennel

It's not Sampson--It's Sam's Son



Dimonde's Twice Painted Crown **(Ch. Dimonde's Twice Enticed x Suber's Impressive Indeed)**

"Corky" is shown here following in his daddy's footsteps--BOB from BBE for a 3-point major under Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark at the Charlottesville--Albemarle K.C. show on 10/31/99. Thank you Mrs. Clark for this special honor.

Congratulations to my "people pal"--Margaret McKee--on her Kennel Visit. Thanks for being such a great Board member and listening to my suggestions and gripes.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Dolores Watts. We'll miss you Dolores.

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Ask Us Anything

by Annette Davis

Our question for this month is: *What are probiotics and can they be of benefit to my dog?*

Billions of bacteria and other microorganisms live in the intestinal tract. Some of these microorganisms are beneficial while others are pathogenic (harmful). In a healthy person or animal, the numbers of beneficial microorganisms outnumber the pathogenic ones thus creating a state of intestinal balance. The beneficial bacteria also manufacture B Vitamins, assist with the digestion of food by producing enzymes such as lactase, and produce antibacterial/antifungal substances. A number of things such as stress, disease, poor diets, administration of antibiotics or cortisone, colonic pH levels which are too alkaline etc. can cause the numbers of beneficial microorganisms to decrease. When there are not sufficient numbers of beneficial microorganisms to hold the pathogenic microorganisms in check, they multiply rapidly causing intestinal disease. Intestinal disease is a major problem for animals and people worldwide. A healthy digestive tract is a major factor in maintaining overall health. Digestion breaks food down into useable energy and processes the necessary elements which support all of the body's systems. The digestive process also eliminates toxins and undesirable elements from the body. An unhealthy digestive system can cause a good number of undesirable things to happen: stomach ache, heartburn, gas, intestinal perforation which allows partially undigested food to enter the blood stream leading to allergic reactions, overgrowth of yeast and fungus, non-production of B Vitamins, poor

assimilation of vitamins and minerals leading to nutritional deficiencies, toxin build up, stress on the kidneys and liver, underactive adrenal function which leads to fatigue, arthritis, premature ageing, skin disease, and so on.

The term Probiotics refers to a live microbial feed supplement which beneficially affects the host animal by improving its intestinal microbial balance. Elie Metchnik, a Russian zoologist who lived from 1845-1916, is believed to be the first person to document the benefits of probiotics. He observed that people who regularly ate yogurt tended to live longer. This discovery led to further research which has shown that the administration of live beneficial bacteria can help restore the intestinal balance leading to better overall health. Controlled clinical trials particularly including the probiotic strains of acidophilus and bifidobacterium have shown that the regular administration of probiotics helps to keep pathogenic microorganisms in check, limits allergies, helps to control bacterial, yeast, and fungal infections, and leads to a better state of overall health.

There are a number of products on the market which contain probiotics. Just be sure that the product you purchase guarantees the number of cfu (colony forming units) on the label. A Billion or more cfu per serving is desirable. Some of the probiotic supplements do not contain enough cfu to be of much benefit. The more cfu per serving, the more effective the product will be. You should store your product under refrigeration to increase the shelf life. You must keep it out of contact with moisture, oxygen, direct light, and heat as these things cause the beneficial bacteria to die more quickly. Most products should be discarded after one year as few viable cfu will remain after that time. Freeze dried products kept under ideal conditions can remain viable for longer periods of time. Digestive enzymes will further increase the



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Guys N Gals Pomeranians presents ARIS...



Guys N Gals Kiho'alu

(Hi-Crest Guys N Gals Handsome High x Sandalwood HE Guys N Gals DKNY)

Thank you very much to judges Elaine Rigden (Group 3) and Mr. Stephen J. Hubbell (Group 4) the second day at the Valley Isle Kennel Club of Maui. Also, we thank judges Grace Moran for his second 3-point major and Mr. James Moran for 3 points the second day at the Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers. ARIS needs 3 single points to finish.

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Vintage

Ch. Vintage Hot Edition of Howlene



(Ch. Amour's That's Hot To Trot x Vintage Canadian Mist)

Robbie completed his championship at our Spring shows earlier this year. Starting his Specials career this fall, he has already won back-to-back group 2's under judges Mames and Grace Moran (pictured above), a BOB from Mr. Charles Trotter and a group 4 from Mrs. Margaret Olmos-Ollivier. Special thanks to the judges who appreciated him and the following

- Hazel, his roommate and special friend
- Arlene, his groomer and handler extraordinaire
- Robin, the handler who finished him
- Shirley Leu of Amours and owner of Hottsie without whom there would be no Robbie.

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effectiveness of your probiotic supplement. If you can find a product which includes digestive enzymes (amylase, protease, and lipase) you will get more for your money.

Our question for next month is: What is the best way to lead train a Pom puppy?

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

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Health & Genetics

by Marge Kranzfelder

Health & Genetics Article Canine Health Foundation Conference Report *including Neonatal Resuscitation Strategy*

Overview:

Upon arrival in St Louis on October 15th, we were taken on a tour of the Purina Research Facility. It is a very nice facility with a very positive spirit throughout.

Having attended the last conference two years ago, I found it very interesting to see the increased confidence level of the scientists for using DNA and the progress of their projects.

There are two new corporate fund raising

programs for the CHF. One is through a pet insurance company (Details not given). The other is through Citibank. They will make a donation to CHF for the specified breed per credit card account that is opened/renewed. The amount of donation is figured out based on the total number of dogs registered in that breed. Although our numbers would not necessarily be very favorable (many more Poms registered than being shown), there is no **risk involved and maybe APC** should consider supporting this.

The AKC stated that they would always use **DNA only for identification and parentage purposes**. This is a significant statement. They also announced their endorsement of the new CHIC, Canine Health Information Center, to be their preferred choice of DNA data bank. Purina also will, which should encourage other research facilities to want to share their DNA data in a like manner. CHIC will be run by OFA.

In Spring 2000, Purina will market a 'litter box' and filler for small dogs. They are purposely not calling it a litter box ... but that is the exact idea. The filler is not like that used for cats ... it looks similar to the extruded food used for farm animals.

Presentations:

I will highlight the main scientific presentations, concentrating on breeding and whelping issues which we know are relevant to Pomeranians.

Dr. Elaine Ostrander presented the combined research on the canine genome map.

Dr. Kathryn Meurs presented information on Dilated Cardiomyopathy, which is very different from breed to breed. Dr. Alroy addressed this in the Portuguese Water Dogs. Affected puppies had low plasma taurine concentrate when consuming certain diets. The clinical and

echocardiographic manifestations were reversible in some dogs following dietary supplementation of taurine.

Dr. Glickman presented the present findings of risk factors of Bloat (GDV). Interestingly there is a decreased risk factor for dogs with a higher score for being "happy" as reported by their owners.

Other topics covered were canine compulsive behaviors (which have been considered as canine models of human obsessive compulsive disorder), genetics of canine cancer, canine eye disease, vWD, Protein-Losing Enteropathy in Wheatens, and Idiopathic Epilepsy in Belgian Tervuren.

Dr. Paula Moon-Massat reported Risk Factor Analysis of NEONATAL MORTALITY after Caesarean Sections as follows:

A prospective study (109 private and institutional practices) assessed peri-operative risk factors for neonatal mortality in 88 litters (3,408 puppies) requiring Caesarean surgery for delivery of at least one puppy. Survival rates for immediately, two hours and seven days after delivery were higher for puppies delivered by Caesarean section than for puppies born naturally. In 67 percent of litters, all puppies delivered by Caesarean section were born alive. Maternal mortality rate was 1 percent. 58 percent of the surgeries were done as an emergency. The most common breeds for emergency surgery were Bulldog, Labrador Retriever, Boxer, Corgi and Chihuahua. Results of risk-factor analysis indicate the following factors were identified as "favorable": the surgery was not an emergency, the dam was not brachycephalic; there were four puppies; there were no naturally delivered or deformed puppies; all puppies breathed spontaneously; at least one puppy vocalized spontaneously; and neither methoxyflurane nor xylazine was used in the anesthetic protocol. Data also

suggested that a favorable outcome is more likely to occur if either propofol or isoflurane are used as anesthetic agents.

The summary from Dr. Stephanie Todd for NEONATAL RESUSCITATION of Puppies following Caesarean Section is as follows:

Neonatal mortality rates are highest from zero to three days of age. About half of the non-survivors are stillborn, 20 percent have anatomic abnormalities, nine percent are cannibalized, and most of the rest are lost due to trauma or **infectious disease**. Low birth weight is an important risk factor for early losses. Difficult labor and caesarean section add significant risk. Our goal is to minimize loss of puppies by aggressively resuscitating them from the effects of anesthesia, fluid-filled respiratory tracts, and in some cases the stress of prolonged labor. Puppies should be warm, well-hydrated, have normal blood glucose levels, and be crying and ready to nurse as soon as possible after delivery.

Normal vital signs for neonates are: body temperature 94-96 degrees F, regular respiratory rhythm/ breathe with no pause between inspiration and expiration, heart rate 200-240 beats per minute, bright red gums, glucose 40-60. Neurologic reflexes include: suckle, rooting (cup hand around muzzle and should push), lumbar rubbin, causes squeal, toe massage causes head wobble, extended neck causes flexion of all four limbs from days zero to four (flexion or dominance) and extension of all four limbs from days five to 21. Depressed or absent neurologic reflexes may indicate hypothermia, low blood glucose, or central nervous system disorder.

Resuscitation of neonates follows the 'ABC' acronym used for resuscitation in adults (A=airway, B=breathing, C=circulation). The complicating factor with neonates is that the lungs are collapsed and full of fluid. Surfactant, th

Let's Toast the New Millennium!



Thank you, Judge Trotter, for Forever Bear Cub's nice win.

Congratulations to Margaret McKee on her Kennel Visit. As our senior-tenured member of the Board, APC is fortunate to have your continued service.

We are saddened that the Pom World has lost yet another dedicated person, former APC President Dolores Watts.

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T-JS POMERANIANS



Ch. T-JS Angels Annie Oakley
(Pictured at 6 1/2 months)

“Annie” pictured with Judge Julie Moreno and handler Jeff Greer III at the Redwood Empire Kennel Club.

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To my Fax Buddy and friend. Julie, you are not forgotten, nor will you EVER be. Your big smile, your happy face, no one can ever take your place. REST IN PEACE Miss Julie! God bless and keep you always. We will miss you Julie until we meet again.

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substance that coats the alveoli of the lungs and allows them to expand properly, may be present in decreased amounts in pups that are premature. Difficult delivery can lead to decreased blood oxygen levels in the puppies by loss of placental blood flow, early placental separation, or early rupture of the umbilicus. Anesthetics given to the dam can cause respiratory, cardiac, or CNS (central nervous system) depression in the puppies, necessitating physical and pharmaceutical stimulation to aid in recovery. Planned caesarean sections often result in vigorous puppies that have no need for intensive care. Emergency caesarean sections, however, especially those following prolonged labor, may result in depressed puppies that will not survive without aggressive resuscitation techniques.

The following steps comprise our protocol for neonatal resuscitation:

1) Airway

- Stimulate breathing (imitate mother) by clearing airway of membranes and vigorously rubbing puppy
- Suction airway with a bulb syringe
- Swing puppy downward with head low to clear lungs (does not seem to cause bleeding around the brain as it would in a human infant)

2) Breathing

- If no breathing in 30-60 seconds, administer oxygen; inflate lungs first by blowing in mouth/nose. Oxygen may be given by face mask, oxygen chamber, or core warming (described below).
- If still no gasping/breathing, then give Dopram under tongue or in umbilical vein (works for 15-20 minutes). DON'T give more than two doses, as the benzyl alcohol

component can cause CNS toxicity and hyperventilation can lead to acid-base imbalance.

3) Circulation

- Rewarming with oxygen-rich, moist warm air is ideal. This prevents overheating and burns from other external heat sources, and raises the core body temperature quickly (core warming). This immediately improves cardiac performance and increases circulation to vital organs. The technique is accomplished by placing puppies on a grate over hot (steaming) water underneath an oxygen tent. (more description below).
- Correct dehydration and hypoglycemia by giving warmed fluids intraperitoneally (between abdominal cavity walls) (Lactated Ringer's solution/ LRS with 2.5 percent dextrose @ 1 ml/30gm), or via an intraosseous catheter (10 percent dextrose @ 0.1 ml/30gm, and LRS @ 1 ml/30gm initial bolus).

Neonates cannot regulate their body temperature, cannot constrict small blood vessels to preserve blood flow to vital organs, and cannot increase the strength of heart muscle contraction (just the heart rate). In order to maintain circulation in these puppies, we must always aim to correct hypothermia, hypoglycemia, and dehydration.

Poor prognostic signs for neonatal survival include prematurity (indicated by sparse hair coat, especially on the top of the paws), a heart rate of less than 80 beats per minute, and lack of gasping/breathing despite following the above protocol. Do not give up on any puppy, however, without doing a 'drop test' to check for total loss of reflexes. Drop the puppy, abdomen downward, from a six-inch

height (you might try a lower height with Poms.) onto a firm surface, and watch for the limbs to spread out and pull back in a quick, subtle movement. **SOME PUPPIES WITH NO DETECTABLE HEARTBEAT BUT A POSITIVE 'drop test' HAVE BEEN REVIVED AFTER 15 TO 30 MINUTES OF STIMULATION AND CORE WARMING.**

Core warming and intermittent, vigorous stimulation should be continued until pups are breathing, hydrated with fluids and dextrose, and moving when stimulated. They can be moved to an oxygen chamber for further supportive care if needed. Neonates are ready to be removed from oxygen and placed with the dam (or in a heated whelping box) when they are moving and crying, have heart rates over 200 beats per minute, and have normal necrologic reflexes.

Notes:

1. Sling method used is two handed in order to support the head and neck as one unit.

2. Do not give glucose without testing. Neonates can not regulate blood level, so brain could swell and cause death. Use a test strip available in pharmacies along with the machine that reads them (now available with rebate offer.) Cut toenail to get drop of blood for test.

3. Use of analgesics delays healing of incisions.

4. Low calcium value (below value of 70) indicates eclampsia

5. Low blood sugar is defined as below a value of 60.

6. The use of oxiglobin (synthetic hemeglobin) is presently being researched.

CORE WARMER DESCRIPTION: A

core warmer is easy to make. PVC pipe can suspend screening over the container of hot water. Puppies are placed on the screening. The piping continues to also support a sheet of clear plastic for containing the heated, moist air ... but allowing easy viewing. Allow enough clearance between the two layers to easily work on the puppies. Toweling was used for the sides. (Good insulators) A large plastic storage container probably could be slit to hold the screening and top viewing plastic instead of the PVC pipe. The concept is that the moist warm air heats the puppy from within. The pulmonary and cardiac functions will respond more easily and quickly than they would be heating the puppy with external methods.

Dr. Robert Hutchison, a noted canine reproduction specialist, addressed the new millennium: The 20th century greatest veterinarian contributions to breeding include management of pyometria, usage of fresh, cooled semen, and the advance of frozen semen. The future will be the 21st century of the bitch. He noted that presently by the age of 6 years of age, a bitch has a 33% drop in pregnancy rate. In the future, we will be able to implant embryos from exceptional quality bitches into younger bitches. Better ovulation control will help with the use of frozen semen implants. On the subject of cloning litter mates might be more alike because of socialization methods. Clones are genetically alike but not the same individual due to socialization differences. And his concerns included laws controlling dog ownership and breeding practices. He has been targeted due to his specialization.

MALCOLM WILLIS was flown from his home in England to be the keynote speaker. He is the author of Genetics of the Dog which my articles have often quoted.

Not to any Pom breeders' surprise, he stated that breeds with small litter sizes

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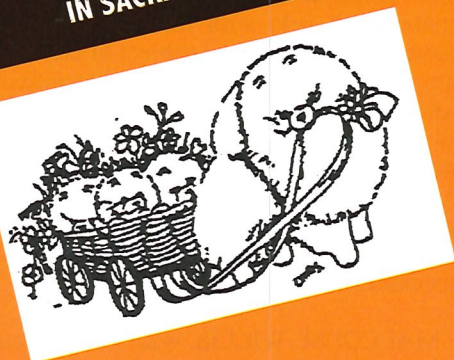
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Dalton

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Dalton will be going South for the winter to finish his US Championship with handler Erika Moureau.

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an't use the selection process he discussed as well and therefore it takes longer/more litters to progress.

He reiterated that if a dog is of poor type, don't breed from it for the sake of its pedigree. Studying siblings will be more informative than studying a dog's pedigree. Studying a dog's progeny tell you more than studying the dog itself as to what genes it is carrying and can supply.

Some other of his summaries include:

'Cross-over' can happen with marker genes too.

With polygenetic traits, use breadth of pedigree in favor of depth.

Do not continually outcross assuming you will not see bad traits.

If there are no test for carriers of your breed's particular problems, you might want to institute a "vertical" test mating system.

Inbreeding does not increase the number of defects in a breed, it increases the population of defects which were infrequent. If the defect is distributed throughout the population, inbreeding will not affect it.

Dr. Carmen Battaglia added on the subject of breeding strategy:

One can not correct everything all at once; select the top 2 or 3 problems of the breed to study for correction.

Puppy selection: Select worse puppy first. Place it out of your breeding program. Work upward each week. Remember: "You can't pick an NFL player in kindergarten."

SEVERE HAIR LOSS SYNDROME: I briefly got a chance to talk with Dr. Gary Johnson working on the x Chromosome

DNA for coat loss. Basically, no headway has been made. I mentioned our results with the treatment for yeast to him. Researchers at Texas A&M are presently treating four male Malamutes for Coat Funk with the procedure consistent with the U. of Tenn. study. I will receive a copy of their report when available. This is the type of net-working this conference offers. Also, I heard from sitting at a discussion group at lunch, that someone successfully changed a hypothyroid line of dogs to normals by using a natural diet. I will pursue some more information about this.

This will probably be my last article written as Health & Genetics Chairperson. I hope I shared some useful information. If one Pom benefited, that was what it was all about.



Membership Report by Jerrie Freia

**Membership Report as of
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From the Corresponding Secretary by Brenda Turner

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- 1999 Sooner Pomeranian Club (OK)
- 2000 Pom Club of Greater Baltimore (MD)
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- 2002 Pom Club of Greater Des Moines (IA)
- 2003 Puget Sound Pom Club (WA)

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- Central Arkansas Pomeranian Club; Saturday, February 5, 2000; Pine Bluff, AR
- San Diego Pomeranian Club; Friday, February 25, 2000; Del Mar, CA
- Pomeranian Club of Greater Houston; Friday, March 17, 2000; Houston TX
- Sooner Pomeranian Club of Oklahoma City; Friday, May 5, 2000; Oklahoma City, OK

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SunRay Rider's Samantha Rose
(Sun Ray's Gold Card II x Rider's JoArt's Suzy Q)

After her maternity leave, Samantha is back out looking for that last single and a major. Samantha is pictured here with judge Mrs. Clover Allan and her wonderful handler, Allan Chambers.

We'd like to thank Samantha's breeder, Blanche Rider, for allowing us to own such a special bitch!!! Watch for Samantha's daughter, our first bred-by, **SunGlo's Secret Desire**. Secret just needs singles to finish.



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ROL 'N DEL POMMS



Pretty Boy says, "I came home to grow a new coat for my last major and look what I did!"

Merry Christmas and a thank you and a hug to Peggy Hendricks for her superb handling of Pretty Boy.



10 and 11 week old half-sisters to Pretty Boy

We also want to thank the following judges for "Pretty Boy's" wins and appreciation of his superb movement and soundness: First in Open at APC Specialty in Dallas under Mrs. Dorot Welsh; BW at the Texas KC for 5 points under judge June Pinta; WD at Claremore KC Oklahoma under judge E.C. Sledzik; BOW at Mid-Continent KC of Tulsa under judge Dorot Welsh; BB at NASA Area Association under judge Steve Keating and WD at Stephenville KC under judge Richard Pritchard.

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Breed Competition

Top 25 Best of Breed winners out of 264

Dog	Points	BB	G1	G2	G3	G4	BIS/BISS	Owners
1. CH Valcopy Wakhan Batman	5034	25	7	6	3	2	2/1	Gemmill/Plonkey/Reich
2. CH Finch's Walkin Legacy*	4362	13	5	2		1	3/0	Mceachern/Pizer
3. CH Joart's Super Harlee Davison*	3873	42	3	8	6	3	1/3	Denton/Davison
4. CH Southlands Black Tie N Tails	3414	30	9	2	3		2/2	Creed/Rister
5. CH AJ's Smokin Joe	3395	47	2	5	8	6	0/3	Miller
6. CH Noble's Chewbaka Of Pominique	3361	45	3	5	4	7	1/0	Inglett
7. CH Absolutes Prime Time Pom	3273	66	6	6	6	11		Blank/Boehmer/Boehmer
8. CH Tim Sue's Rocky MT High	2806	42	3	7		3	1/3	Goddard/Goddard
9. CH Kindreds The Big Chill*	2258	37	4	2	5	6		Wehrle
10. CH Suber's Presents Atom Ant	1710	43	1	3		6		Berney
11. CH Cassio's Flashback*	1494	44	1	5	5	5		Brewster/Hansen/Reed
12. CH Cascade's Sunkist Shadow	1402	24		4	2	5		Cumming
13. CH De Artas Ima Causin A Storm	1308	14	3	2	1		0/1	Rinehart
14. CH Emcee's Ultimate Chip*	945	18	1	4	2	1		Carson/Wade
15. CH Jan-Shars Dudly Doright	833	12	1	1	5	1		Blank/Sabourin
16. CH La Cherie Lil Luke Skywalker	802	24		4	1	1	0/1	Martin
17. CH T-JS Rock'n Wee Willy Wimzee	699	15		1	1			Reeder
18. CH Starfire's Brian Of Lenette	607	9	2	1	1	1		Arienti/Cabrera
19. CH Starfire's Beft Betty**	604	7		1	2	1		Cabrera/Arienti
20. CH Paradise Valley Royal Reward*	515	17		1		3		Rokos
21. CH Jan-Shars Dot Com**	484	11	2			2		Bryson/Hanson
22. CH Jolvin's Legacy Of Ginger*	464	1				1		Beech/Beech
23. CH Jan-Shars N Oh-Wows Two Thumbs	420	9			1	2		Hanson
24. CH Great Elms Talitha**	412	4	1		2			Cabrera/Arienti
25. CH Stolanne's Back Talk	382	9				2		Stoll

*Indicates non-member to APC. **Indicates bitch.

Top Sires

CH Finch's He Walks On Water	12
CH Great Elms Mr Chips	6
CH Rock N Tradition Of Oakridge	6
CH Emcee's Gran Dorito Chips	3
CH Fame Gift Of Spirit	3
CH Hi-Crest Guysngals Handsome High	3
CH Jan-Shars Sinbad Of Velvetouch	3
CH Raine's Credit To Jd's	3
CH Weeheart's Glen Iris Talisman	3
CH Absolutes Harley's Son Of David	2
CH Absolutes Magic Mountain	2
CH Aj's Smokin Joe	2
CH Artic Poms Raisin-A-Ruckus	2
CH Cascade's Sunkist Gol;denrod	2
Chricendo Center Stage	2
CH Finch's Passionate Kisses	2
CH Golden Aires Moonwalker	2
Great Elms Master Gordon	2
CH Jan-Shars Not For Love Or Money	2
CH Majestics Willie B Steppn Up	2
Millamor's Microchip Of Emcee	2
CH Neujahr Tagalong O Beau	2
CH Odyssey's Blackjack	2
Ragdoll's Tango Of Sourwood	2
CH Reginapoms Luv A Gator	2
CH Rock Comet Of Oakridge	2
CH Stolanne Thunderbolt Thor	2
CH Texican's Highball	2
Tookeyes The Gold Smith	2

Top Junior Handlers

(Top 10 out of 22)

Michelle Ridenour	145
Barbara Pater	87
Faralyn Tucker	26
Nikki Pledger	21
April Spurling	19
Krysten Takahashi	14
Hannah Pool	13
Nicole Wall	11
Audrey Whyman	7
Jenelle Spradley	6

Top Dams

Finch's Black Fad Fashion
Great Elms Becky Sue
CH Benray's Emmy Timstopper
CH Candyfloss Dance On
CH Crystal Bud-N-Promise
CH Emcee's Jackie's Esther Bee
CH Fan-C's Julie Ann
Hi-Crest Guysngals Centerfold High
Janesa's Lil'bodicious
Janesa's Southland Tanner, CD
Jan-Shars Gone And Done It
Jan-Shars Wynonna
Nora Gail Of Lenette
CH Pixie's Steel Magnolia
Silver Meadows Lady Diana
Southlands Tell Me A Secret
CH Starfire's Sophia
CH Sun-Dot's Galactic Dream
TLC Dominique
Velvet Touch Ms Ecstasy
Velvet Touch Vanessa

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K. G. Griffith
Regina and Robert Nunn
Ruth Beam
Brenda Segelken
Tom Wilson

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- May Morning Small Talk CD, ROM
- Ch. Idlewyld Star Coral CDX, HOF
- Ch. Idlewyld Star Pendant CD, ROM
- Ch. Idlewyld Lavalier CDX, CGC, HOF
- Idlewyld Hope Diamond CD
- Ch. Idlewyld Marquis Cut Diamond CD, Award of Merit
- U-CD Idlewyld Charm Bracelet CDX, CGC (ptd)
- Ch. Daybreak's Barbara Ann
- Ch. Idlewyld Chrysoberl
- Ch. Idlewyld Daybreak Fun Fun Fun
- Daybreak's Good Vibrations CGC, ROM (maj ptd)
- Am/Can Ch. Idlewyld Tourmaline
- Ch. Idlewyld Semi-Precious Gem CGC
- Ch. Idlewyld's Basic Black 'N Pearls CD, CGC, TDI
- Ch. Idlewyld Koh-I-Noor Diamond CGC
- Am/Can Ch. Idlewyld Koh-I-Noor Topaz CGC
- Ch. Idlewyld Koh-I-Noor Pearl
- Ch. Idlewyld Talisman CGC
- Ch. Idlewyld Haunting Moonstone

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We mourn the loss of Dolores Watts—breeder, exhibitor, past APC President, friend.

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Idelwyld

by

Margaret R. McKee

Hi! Come in. Let's go sit in the den where we can chat. I'll give you the tour later. We have some catching up to do since the last time you were here.

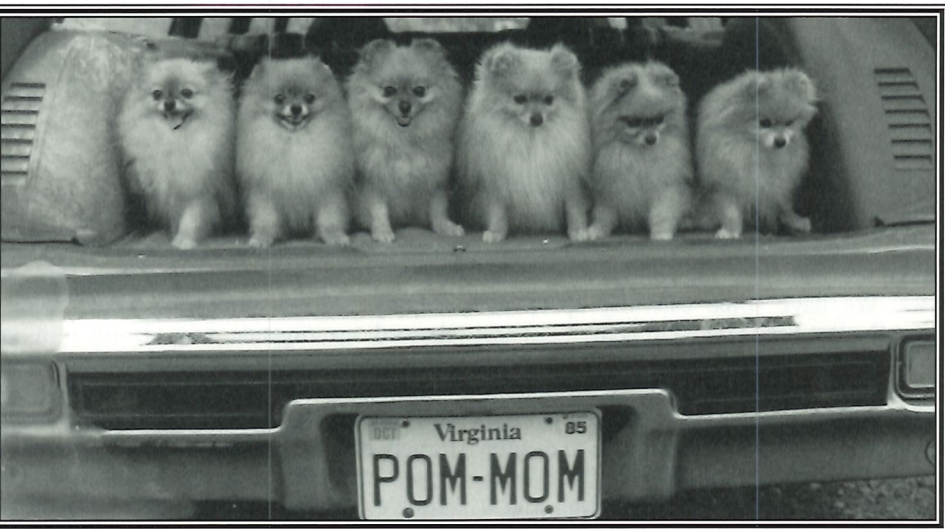
I bought my first Pom in 1968 on impulse from a pet shop. I thought he was gorgeous, but he was really big and ugly by my current standards. He had Pom temperament, so my husband John and I fell in love with the breed. My second Pom, a half brother to the first, earned a CD. In going to the shows to compete for that title, I had the opportunity to observe show quality dogs and to learn. When Dougal died, I decided I wanted a "pretty" Pom. After a diligent search, I was

fortunate to acquire Trinket, who became my first Champion and we were off and running. (As an interesting aside, when I showed up ringside with Dougal in my arms, nobody had time to talk to me. When I showed up with Trinket, everybody was so friendly! It's a good thing I'm not easily turned off by snobbery.) My mentors in those early days were Julie Brumbaugh (Julie's Stars) and Bob Goodrich (Model's), whose advice and encouragement was invaluable.

Next, we got Tiara from Carol Galavich. She was beautiful enough to be shown, but I concentrated on obedience and breeding with her. She was my first CDX; we did



That's the kennel between the garage and the main part of the house. And, yes, that's John's hand at the top.



L to E: Ch. Penny CD, Ch. Pooh Bear CDX, Hope CD, Ch. Val CDX, Ch. Gem CDX, Tiara CDX. Those license plates are now on the “Twikle Mobile” van.

ot of learning together. Her first litter
ave me Gem, a sable who grew up to be
Ch. Idlewyld Gemstone CDX HOF and is
n most of my pedigrees.

Chatter came to us from Sophie Mays.
ark sable May Morning Small Talk CD
as a wonderful brood bitch who gave us
ooh Bear (Ch Idlewyld Star Coral CDX
IOF) and Penny (Ch Idlewyld Star
endant CD ROM). On the advice of Pooh
Bear’s sire, I sold him as a pet. “He is very
rdinary, Margaret.” When I saw him
gain at 8 months, I almost died. He was
eautiful. I finally convinced his owners to
et me show him. Ten days before his first
how, he was mauled by a German
hepherd Dog. With stitches, bruises, and
oles in his coat, he took 2 BOB’s his first
weekend out. He was RWD at the National
n NY a few weeks later. I got him back as
he result of a divorce after he finished his
hampionship.

He developed a jumping problem in
Open obedience, and refused the high
ump in 7 straight trials. Because of his
ery short back, jumping wasn’t easy for
im. I tried all sorts of conditioning and

training —cavaletti , long walks—to fix it.
But the solution turned out to be relatively
simple: show him only at outdoor trials.
My gorgeous little Champion turned out to
be a “mudder”, excelling in rain and
finishing with numerous placements.

Val wasn’t particularly promising as a
puppy, but I kept him because he reminded
me of Tiara. Ringside at a match, Marion
and I were watching Rachal show him.
Marion turned to me, “That’s the one you
kept? WHY?” He came together at about
18 months, beat some outstanding
competition, including a supported entry,
and finished with 4 majors, including a
5-pointer. Rachal put the CD on him and
trained him to be a terrific Junior’s dog.
With him she was the top toy Junior
Handler for 2 years. When Rachal aged up,
he became Elaine’s first juniors partner.

Val sired Mark (Ch Idlewyld Marquis
Cut Diamond CD), who was sold as a
puppy to Bill Ferrara who wanted to judge
Poms. Mark finished with 5 majors
(3,3,4,4,3) in 6 shows. After I finished his
CD with placements (he had to compete in
the same class with Charm), Bill decided

to get out of Poms and Mark came back to me.

Ch. Idlewyld Gemstone CDX HOF
Ch Idlewyld Lavalier CDX CGC
Ch Idlewyld Star Pendant CD ROM

I had long admired black and tan (I was a big fan of Tar Baby, the first B and T champion) but did not aspire to it. I figured I needed to concentrate on legs, heads, and soundness and let the color chips fall where they may. Shortly after Mark returned to Idlewyld, I bred him to Polly. Both were orange. The litter of 4 included an orange, 2 sables, and a black and tan. What a thrill!

Nikki was a clone of Val, so alike except for color. I adored him and was devastated when he died of choking, one major short of his championship. Fortunately, he had been bred to Noel (Daybreak's Good Vibrations CGC ROM). Again there were 4 puppies: 1 orange and 3 black and tans. Two of the black and tan's became Ch Idlewyld Serni-Precious Gem CGC, my beloved little clown-faced Phred (pronounced Fred) and Ch Idlewyld Basic Black 'N Pearls CD CGC TDI (Elizabeth). The third black and tan, Mouse, and her grandmother Polly five with good friends George and Ursula Taylor.

Early on, I decided I wanted to keep the number of dogs small, and every dog would be either titled or pointed. Over the last thirty years, I've stuck pretty close to that. Only a couple of bitches haven't been pointed. Even with taking 2 or 3 rescues at a time, we've kept the kennel small. We've won no Best in Show and have not competed seriously in the number games. Finances and family responsibilities have kept me from doing as much showing as I'd like. I've never specialed a dog. We've finished only 18 American champions on Poms and 17 obedience titles. There are two records of which I am very proud:

1. Val is the only dual-titled Pom, both of whose parents were dual-titled

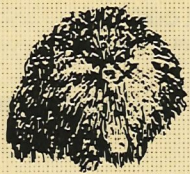
Val was also the first Pom in the county to earn a CGC.

2. I have finished more dual-titled Poms than anyone in the history of the breed.—seven, six of whom were homebred.

I admired the large sighthounds. When we moved to the country and had more room, I decided I could now get one. After careful research, I adopted a retired racing Greyhound. She died after two weeks probably from an embolism. Next we got Bess, who was smart, sweet, eager to learn, and pulled the lead out of my daughter's hand and ran into the road. Devastated, I had to wait several months before I could even think of another Greyhound. When I was ready, Azyr was looking for a home. "Would you take a AKC Greyhound?" my rescue contact



"TJ"—a line drawing of this head study of Ch. Idlewyld Tourmaline appears on a line of clothes, mugs,



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Our deepest sympathy to David Watts on the passing of his beloved wife. Dolores will be sorely missed because she was one of our top breeders.

We wish Eleanor Miller a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

Best wishes to Margaret McKee on your Kennel Visit. Keep up the good work.

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(Michael)

(Ch. Idlewyld Semi-Precious Gem x Biljon Blue Sapphire)



**Mikey is shown winning his first Major at the Middleburg KC, Leesburg, VA.
Thanks Margaret McKee and John Cribbs for this little ball of joy.
Thank you Margaret for training and handling Mikey so well.
Thank you Judge Mrs. Olmos-Ollivier for noting Mikey's soundness.
He has several BOB and BOW's and needs only that elusive second major.**

Margaret, you have opened up a whole wonderful world to us by helping us get started with Pomeranians and encouraging us and helping us learn how to take those first few (scary!) steps into the ring. Thank you for your unselfish giving of time to answer our questions about showing and breeding. Thank you for your example and encouragement to try obedience. Without generous, helpful, and knowledgeable folds like you, there would be no new folks in the world of show dogs and then where would we be? Thank you for showing us how to do it right! We hope you enjoy raising and showing Mikey's new son and daughter!

Congratulations on your most well deserved (3rd) kennel visit!

In special memory of Azyr, Queen and Ambassador of Idlewyld and Mr. Bandit, who stole my heart for Poms, for all time.

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Margaret with Trove and Camryn.

asked. Would I! We got Azyr when she was 2 years old and for over ten years she was a huge part of my life. She and the cat adored each other. She knew when a Pom came into the room, she had to lie down and let it jump on her. We showed her in both conformation and obedience. She was the top obedience Greyhound for 2 years. She loved going to shows; even during her last weeks, she begged to go with us. She never met a stranger and thought shows and the State Fair were held so she could be admired and petted. She was a fabulous ambassador for the breed and an excellent therapy dog. All my students loved her. When she was in the classroom, my kids were more focused and saner. For over a year and a half she battled liver cancer. Last Tuesday, I put my buddy to sleep. She was all heart.

My first love was obedience. I took my first Pom to obedience classes just because I wanted a well-behaved pet. Luckily, I went to Richmond Dog Obedience Club. With my second Pom, they insisted I show him. He finished with placements for all ages and I was hooked. I joined RDOC in 1973; I've been a member so long they no longer charge me dues! I've been very

active in the club, serving as President, VP, Board Member and Trial Chairman as well as head of various committees. I served as co-chair for 2 Gaines Regional Obedience Tournaments. I have been an instructor for many years and now specialize in teaching puppy classes.

I can't remember when I joined APC but it must have been in the mid-seventies. I started writing for the Pomeranian Review in 1976, and wrote the Helpful Hints column for many years. I like to joke that I outlasted 5 or 6 editors. I've served on the Board for about 8 years.

When PR first visited in 1981, our oldest daughter Rachal and our son John Langhorne were in elementary school and Elaine was 4. Now they are all adults. Langhorne is a welder and has a home about an hour from here. Elaine and Rachal are both still at home while they finish college. Elaine is at the University of Virginia majoring in history. Rachal will graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University in psychology in the spring. Rachal is also a professional handler who has enjoyed success especially in the sporting dogs. She handled Field Spaniel Dusty to the Pedigree Award 3 years ago. Chase, her own dog, finished his CD this year, won the national specialty, and is currently the number 1 Field Spaniel.

When the kids were practically grown up, I decided to go back to work. My training and experience were as a chemistry teacher, which meant I was used to college-bound, motivated students. Thanks to a couple of intervening events, seven years ago I went to work at Elk Hill Farm, a residential treatment facility for disturbed teenage boys. (The politically correct term is "troubled youth".) In addition to all sciences, I occasionally teach "independent living" (home ec for boys), health, and dog care. We're a private school and most of our clientele are emotionally disturbed and/or learning

disabled. While they can frequently be violent, I'm much more comfortable in this setting than I was in public school. Because the boys are there all the time, it is a 12-month job. As I get only 1.3 days of vacation a month, it makes it hard to go to shows. In addition to trying to teach, I am expected to be a counselor, semi-morn, and disciplinarian. It is never boring!

The dogs are an asset in this effort. In summer I teach a dog care class which emphasizes obedience. It is an excellent class for our poor readers, as there is little written work, and for our less stable kids, as they are instructed not to train when upset but to sit down and talk with the dog. In spite of heat and dysfunctional kids, quite a few staff dogs have earned CGC's. The benefits for the kids are harder to quantify but are evident.

When I had my first of now 3 kennel visits, we lived in a 3 bedroom home in a suburb of Richmond. Motivated by a very meddlesome neighbor, we moved here to the country in 1986. Idlewyld is now a 7 bedroom Colonial on 13 acres in Goochland County, VA, midway between Richmond and Charlottesville. One thing that attracted me to this house was how adaptable it was for our dogs. The "kennel" is a 12 X 23 room just off the kitchen. It is separated from the kitchen by a Dutch door. I keep the top half open most of the time so I can hear any problems, and to allow air circulation. The walls are paneled and the floor is brown ceramic tile. It is easy to mop, but slick as glass when wet. There are plenty of big windows on three walls, (I think it was intended as a Florida room) for lots of fresh air. In summer it is cooled by ceiling and box fans. In winter, heat comes from baseboard and space heaters. I don't like A/C in the kennel because I think the dogs are better able to handle going outside and going to shows in the summer heat. I've also heard horror stories of what happened to Poms used to

A/C when the power went off. The dogs are all in large wire crates while I am at work. Each has a bed, a bowl of water, and a toy or rawhide chewie. Young puppies are in an X-pen with the same amenities and a bowl of dry food. Four Field Spaniels and a Gordon Setter are also housed here so the Poms get used to seeing and hearing big dogs, so they are not perturbed by them at shows. Although there is a grooming table and stand dry set up here, I do most of my grooming myself in the den with the TV on.

The exercise area is 50 X 50 and chain-link fenced. A year ago I completely covered it with a load of pea gravel. I had hoped that would discourage the big dogs from digging and making mud but it didn't. An unexpected benefit appeared this summer. The gravel combined with summer-long drought resulted in NO fleas. None. I didn't treat the dogs once.

Litters are whelped in our large bedroom, where I've had as many as three 2 X 4 X-pens set up. I put down a show curtain, then a thick layer of newspaper in the X-pen, then put in the whelping box which may be a cardboard box from Costco or a large plastic pan meant for bussing tables in a restaurant. I usually put mom in here a week before she is due. Once her temperature drops I don't like to leave her for any time at all. Sometimes things go swimmingly. Recently, Reba's temperature hadn't dropped but I didn't like the look in her eyes so I asked the girls to check on her and went to work. They misunderstood my request. When she came home that afternoon, Reba had her litter all by herself and was fine. But we all know how easy it is for things to go wrong and I much prefer to be there. No ONE except immediate family (no, not even my mother) is permitted in here while there are nursing pups. Puppies stay in my bedroom until 7 weeks when they get their first shots, then are introduced to the kennel. They also start going to work with me, which is serious socialization!

One of the great joys of being in Poms is the wonderful friends you make. I have enough experience with other breeds to know that not all dog people are as nice as Pom people! I have been privileged to share our great breed with some lovely people, both show and pet. I am grateful for many friends and acquaintances in conformation and obedience, too long a list to put here. I am also blessed to have a very supportive family who pitch in and help with chores, and dogsit when I go to shows. Thank you all!

I'm so glad you could come. I just love talking dogs. Now that you know the way, please come again!



Idlewyld

From The Skeptic Tank

The Mystique of the Specialty Show

By Dr. Al Grossman

Why is it when you spot a judge with a good reputation doing an all breed show and show up with a couple of nice entries seeking a major, you find, at best, minimum points? However, the same

judge assigned to do a breed specialty show will draw maximum entries. Same judge, same locale, different size entry.

What is it about a specialty that will bring dogs out of the woodwork? Aren't points, points no matter where they are earned? Why are specialty show points so much more desirable? Lets take a look at the phenomenon know as a Specialty Show.

First, there are many more specialty shows held each year than All breed functions. There are, of course, in the United States, more Breed clubs than all breed clubs. The German Shepherd breed leads the pack in the number of specialty shows held. A recent controversial article by Fred Lanting speculated on the reasons German Shepherd breeders avoided multi group judges at all breed shows. Specialty shows bring out birds of a feather. Everyone at the show is a breeder/exhibitor of their favorite breed or a budding one. There is time to socialize and compare breeding successes and failures. It is a chance to see the get of a new stud and, best of all, commiserate with each other over how tough it is to win in this breed.

Over lunch, over drinks and at dinner many a breeding has been planned, old enemies roasted and new friends made. Usually the trophies and ribbons are larger

and more expensive, and we all know that pictures in the magazines are much more impressive when they are from a specialty show.

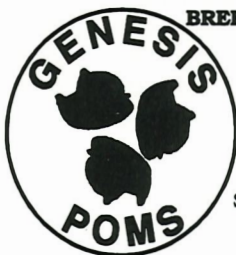
There are certain dogs with great winning records at all breed shows that can't buy a win at specialty events. Does that tell us something? it sure does! As most of us know many a top winner is flashy has lots of coat, is shown by a well known handier and moves rapidly around the ring. For many all arounders who look for a generic dog that is relatively sound, this is what it takes to compile a record. Specialty shows

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On the other hand are judged mainly by breeder judges who tend to look for the essence of the breed. I would suggest a combination of these two types of judges helps breeders strike a balance in their breeding programs.

It is a known fact that most promising youngsters are discovered at a breed specialty. Breeders wait to bring out that "special one" until there is a larger and more appreciative audience. This particularly holds true for the National Breed Specialty. Here all the jewels of the breed show up polished and on display in all their brilliance. This is the Tiffany of shows and a win here is truly meaningful. If a dog's offspring do well and are present in good numbers, it can do wonders for a stud dog's career.

Another aspect of the puzzle of the specialty show is the strong involvement of members of the local club. They may not do a thing all year, but they turn out in force for the specialty. It is important to them that the show is successful. They bring out their youngsters, their old champions and a few that are only there to make points. All entries to put this show over the top. And, when they have a larger entry than the neighboring state's club, well then they have bragging rights for the year.

Specialty shows are also the place where newly anointed breeder/judges get to try their wings. They usually draw a good entry in their initial assignments as they are an unknown quantity and fellow breeders are willing to give them a shot. Reputations can be made or dashed in those early assignments. I can vividly remember one of my first assignments at a national Specialty. My ring procedure with large classes was to go over the dogs, gait them and direct the ones I thought were keepers over to one side of the ring while the others were directed to go back into their place in line.

On this occasion Ted Young Jr., automatically took his dog over to the "preferred" group without my indicating he should do so. Was this a challenge? Did Ted think he should be automatically included or did he just miss my signal? With my heart in my throat I walked over to Teddy and escorted him back to his place in line. The crowd roared and Ted had a big grin on his face. It sure did good things for my morale and it certainly didn't hurt my reputation any.

So, from all sides, specialty shows add color and spice and most of all, a sense of balance to the show scene. Viva la Specialty Show

The Art of the Critique: A Bold New Endeavor

**By
Dr. Al Grossman**

One Hundred and Seventy Five dogs per day pass before a typical judge. They have less than 2 minutes to evaluate the dog, place the class, mark their books and award the ribbons. Little information passes between the judge and the exhibitor. And we wonder why we have so many disgruntled exhibitors. Most neophytes and even experienced breeders do not know why the judge placed them the way he did.

Back in the days when I was a practicing shrink I found the level of frustration and anxiety of people who were in pressure situations to be quite high, often because they did not know how they got into the situation and because there was no real communication to let them know a problem was approaching. "If only they let me know" was the plaintive cry. Perhaps if

we judges would let our exhibitors know their stock was running into trouble, we would not have such a high level of frustration in exhibitors and cries of foul play in judging.

Today we find ourselves in a catch 22 situation. AKC guidelines say we judges should not speak to exhibitors except for the usual pleasantries -- good day, yes, it is a hot one, etc.. This makes it kind of difficult to sneak messages under the table to inform the exhibitor of our honest opinion of their stock. I believe we need to better inform the exhibitors or we will continue to see a decline in show entries and breeding stock.

It has been my good fortune to have lived in nearly all parts of this country and to belong to dog clubs in each locale. What do I see besides nice people trying hard to have their breeding program and their club succeed; I see the graying of the sport. Clubs with few new members and a membership seldom under the age of 60. I see clubs struggling to get enough volunteers to man the necessary committees and to put on successful shows. However, I also see all breed clubs with bulging treasuries against a rainy day that never comes. Hell, it would have to have a Noah's ark type of rain to wipe out some of those balances. Perhaps the monies could be spent or invested more wisely in good local PR for Pure Bred Dogs or for educating local exhibitors.

I think I have a possible solution for many of those ills. "The informed critique" WHAT IS AN INFORMED CRITIQUE you ask? Well it is certainly not the lick and a promise type so often found in those we write in the English dog magazines. Those are too short to be a great help to the breeder. They are also not those we often see given on the European continent. Of those I wish I had seen less. In a ring next to mine an experienced judge comes to ringside and gives the ring secretary a sheet with 7 statements. When

going over a dog the judge will tell the secretary, number 4, number 3 and number 7. These are canned critiques that are supposed to fit all dogs. Really!

The practical solution is for AKC to begin to trust it's judges and train them to do a proper informed critique. The informed critique should be a head to tail inspection of the dog citing its good and bad points and, on balance, rating the dog on a 10 point scale. There are lots of ways of explaining what you see as you go over a dog. There is no need to attack needlessly nor should the judge sugar coat their comments. There is the old standby "The Sandwich Technique , say something good, sandwich in some deserved criticism and end with something good. One need not say with a muzzle like that she could drink out of a coke bottle." I really would be nicer to say " I would like to see a little more squared off muzzle with deeper flews."The exhibitor would thank you for that.

Lets do what I consider a proper critique of a Cocker Spaniel as an example. " The dog appears to be of good size but under the standard. The head is appealing with large dark eyes and good stop. I would prefer not to see the red haw in the right eye. The length of muzzle is proper and in proportion to the distance from the stop to the occiput. The jaws are nicely squared off. I would like to see the shoulders laid back more to give a smoother line of the neck to shoulder blending. I would also like to see a bit more length in the upper arm. The dogs forechest is adequate and the chest comes down to the elbows which turn neither in nor out.

" The back is short but it would help the outline if the dog were a bit shorter in the loin. The tail is set on correctly and is of adequate length. There is a bit too much angulation in the stifle which tends to make the front and rear out of balance. Good strong well let down hocks. Overall the dog makes a nice outline but I would

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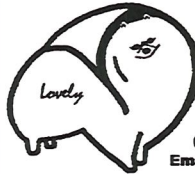


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like to see less coat as this is considered a sporting dog. Overall rating 7."

Now that wasn't too painful and it certainly gives the exhibitor something to work with. He knows a 7 point rating means he has a nice dog but the 8's 9's and 10's will beat him out if present.

I vividly remember judging the Paris International show. Americans are seldom invited to do this one Maybe it's because we do not have the experience in doing critiques their way.. In France you cannot become a champion of Beauty until you win at the Paris show. It makes for great entries.

When I presented myself to the show chairpersons I was told I had an entry of 50 dogs. When I showed my disappointment at such a meager entry at such a prestigious show I was told that no judge was allowed to judge more than 50 dogs. When I asked my interpreter why that was, she gave a wonderful explanation. " Each judge must first evaluate each dog and rate them as excellent, very good, good and poor and do a critique. Then only the dogs evaluated as excellent or very good come back to compete for placings.." I told her I had done that in many European countries and that would leave plenty of time left over. Then came the cruncher " but monsieur, when you have finished each class, all the exhibitors in the class, regardless of the ranking, may then speak with the judge and ask their full opinion of their dog, how it should be bred and any other question they may have. That was the longest I have ever taken to judge 50 dogs. From 9. am to 4.30 PM. What a long but informative day!

OK, this brings us down to an action plan. In order to be able to do informed critiques AKC will (1) have to change the current guidelines, (2) working with the judges associations, develop a plan to build the necessary skills to do these critiques, (3) develop a workable way of

implementing such a plan . Here are the positive things this plan will accomplish:

- 1. Bring about better informed exhibitors
- 2. Reduce the complaints about judges
- 3. Bring new and interested people into the sport
- 4. Increase registrations as new people become involved
- 5. Enhance AKCs reputation as a governing body that is with the times
- 6. Create within AKC. judges education department the necessary staff to work with judges associations to implement the plan
- 7. Because the implementation of this plan will create the need for judges, more judges now doing very few assignments and provisional judges will have a greater opportunity to hone their skills

The new millennium is upon us, are we bold enough to strike out and try something new?

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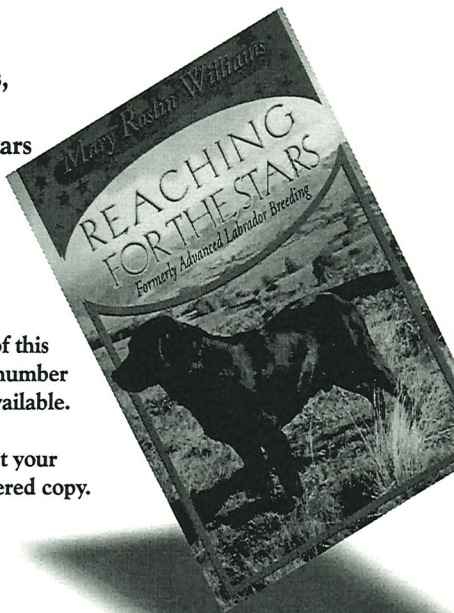
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Dolores Ann Watts

In Memory of Dolores A. Watts

(01-11-36 to 11-20-99)

by Agnes Grosskurth

In loving memory of Dolores Ann Watts of 4800 Floral Park Road, Brandywine, Maryland. Dolores was diagnosed with lung cancer in April 1998 and lost her battle with this dreaded disease on November 20, 1999.

Dolores had been a Pomeranian breeder for some 30 years and during that time has selectively produced a bloodline true to the Pomeranian Standard and easily recognized as a bloodline of quality bred Poms. Clients who have purchased her Poms have become true and lasting friends.

Dolores' accomplishments in the Pom World have been many. She was Secretary and President of the American Pomeranian Club as well as having served eight years on the Board of Directors. She was a pioneer member of the Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore since its inception.

Dolores' Poms are internationally known in such countries as Poland, Spain, Brazil, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Germany. Since 1971, she finished over 95 Champions.

The ultimate goal of any breeder is to breed a Best in Show dog. Dolores accomplished this goal in 1994 when Joy Brewster, an exceptional handler, showed Watts' Little Nicodemus to many Group wins and a Best in Show. He went on to become number three in the Pomeranian Top Ten List. In 1994 Pam Campbell, another exceptional handler, finished Watts' Little Socrates in 6 months and to 7th Pom in the U.S. Sue Whaley, also a well-known handler has shown Dolores' Poms since 1971 and has been a family friend throughout Dolores' Pom years.

Dave Watts, her husband of 45 years, has been behind the scenes of Watts Pomeranians. Dolores often credited Dave as her "right hand."

Dolores will be greatly missed by those who love her—her husband, children, grandchildren, brothers and sister, as well as her extended family and her many friends in and out of the Pom World. Dolores' legacy the Pomeranian breed is her bloodline—Watts' Pomeranians.



PERFORMANCE NEWS AND VIEWS

by Barbara McClatchey

About this column: I hope that most of the things I write about will be interesting to all readers of the Pomeranian Review, not just those who actively participate in performance events. I do not have “the last word,” even on performance (I just happened to be nearby and in a good mood when Dudley was looking for a columnist!), so if you have ideas, suggestions, or a piece that you would like to write, please call, write, or e-mail me. And if your Pom has done something you'd like others to know about, send me word.

POMS IN HISTORY: OLLIE'S BLUE BLUSTER CDX, TD, OA, HOF

In a previous column, I mentioned Ollie as having attained titles from three distinct performance venues. This Pomeranian was a wonder dog: #1 Obedience Pom in the First and Foremost ranking system in 1994, #1 Novice Agility Pom in 1995, and is listed in the Pomeranian Hall of Fame for his multiple High in Trial awards.

His owner, Ann Griffith Morris (APC member), of Portland, OR, says that she did not originally think she would get Ollie when she arrived at the breeder's house. Instead, she saw and fell in love with a tiny bitch outside the house, who had her front leg in a cast. Inside the house was Ollie, at 4 ½ months in the worst of the Pom Puppy Uglies, with no coat, and just in general a very unattractive dog. Then the bitch puppy, Ollie's litter sister, came into the house. All the dogs in the room scattered, one adult Pom even leaping into someone's lap to escape this little—well, the word is something of a pun at this point—bitch.

Ollie ran yelping under the couch, where his sister followed and grabbing him by the leg pulled him out, screaming. Ann felt so sorry for him that she decided to “rescue” him, and took him home with her.

From that time on, according to Ann, Ollie was “always willing, always wanted to do what I wanted, the sweetest, gentlest dog.” Ann believes that Poms are great dogs who do want to please, so she uses motivational methods only, staying away from corrections. Ollie learned to watch her in Obedience, where he first trained, finishing his C.D.X. in January of 1994. For Obedience the close attention was great, but when she began training him in Agility, it was a handicap—he didn't want to get far away from her.

Ann started Ollie in Agility in 1991, when it was not yet an AKC activity. She attended a seminar, looked at that big equipment and said, “Oh, me! My dog can't do that!” But he did, and they loved it. In Novice A, Ollie had two 1st places, and two perfect scores. His Open Agility title was achieved in June of 1996 in three shows, with three 1st places and three perfect scores.

They started Tracking by attending a seminar also. When the instructor was showing beginner training, she walked 15 feet, expecting Ollie to go charging out; instead, he put his nose down and tracked the whole way, something that none of the other dogs did. When Ollie went to his Tracking test, on May 15, 1994, he was the first dog to track that day. The judges were rattled because the track was older than they wanted it, and one of the judges actually walked the track ahead of the dog, which is a big no-no. Nevertheless, Ollie

tracked perfectly for the first ten feet. He then circled, nose in the air, and went back to the track. On the 3rd leg he got off and was going in tiny circles before resuming. On the fourth turn, he seemed to get way off, then backed up and started weaving—and dived into the grass and found the article, completing his TD.

In 1998 Ollie developed a little cough, but seemed well enough otherwise. He ran in Agility trials two weekends in a row, but on Monday began breathing hard. Ann thought he might have pneumonia, but the vet diagnosed failure of the mitral valve in the heart, and Ollie did not survive. There was a memorial service, with all of his trophies, HIT ribbons, etc. on display. Ollie waits for Ann now at the Rainbow Bridge—I wonder if they have an Agility course there for him to practice on while he waits?

If you want a puppy for performance, Ann recommends that you get one from parents with strong stifles. The trachea must also be good, since the dog can't work if he can't breathe. He must have good socialization, being raised in a house and handled daily to produce an extremely self-confident, social dog. When it comes to training the dog, Ann is very big on positive motivation and operant conditioning. She recommends using clickers, food, toys, tack box rats, anything to get and maintain the interest. She does not believe in using corrections ever. It's not enough for the dog do "do it" perfectly; he must do it with style and drive, and she believes that negative consequences depress the dog and prevent this. She wants the dog to have drive, intensity, animation, and speed. She feeds nothing but the best food, and grooms the dog as if for the Conformation ring. Her goal is a dog that shows like a fuzzy Border Collie!

So is Ann following through on all these guidelines for her next dog? Yes, she has

a two year old Pom, Stillcove's I Only Wanto B With You NAJ, a.k.a. "Hootie". At 7 months, he had a sled dog gait, with no hacking or paddling. Ann says he has temperament and drive; he can't go fast enough or fast enough. He has run a 4 second Agility Jumpers course in 2 seconds, and a 70 second Standard course in 40 seconds. This leaves me absolutely breathless with admiration—both for dog and handler; it must be hard to keep up with him. Hootie is also being trained for Tracking and in January will start Flyball. In Obedience, precision is not his forte, so Ann is waiting to get him polished before showing. She says that he is not as tight on his About Turns as she would like, though she has a training technique to help with that, which is to spin and throw the toy, thus keeping the dog thinking ahead of the turn.

Unfortunately, we will not get to see Hootie in action this year at the APD Specialty. He and Ann will be in Agility camp in Virginia that week, and I couldn't persuade her to cancel the camp and come to Dallas instead! (But I'm sure I'll see the rest of you there, won't I?)

The AKC is thinking of instituting a Versatility title for dogs that have earned titles from three different performance venues, and another for those with titles from four venues. Actually, at this time Poms are only eligible for three of the AKC performance venues: Obedience, Agility, and Tracking. I understand that in some other venues (does anyone have information on this?) they may participate in Herding also.

MOTIVATIONAL TRAINING: THE USE OF TREATS

This is the first in a series of presentations on using treats in training your Pom

What is a training treat? A training treat is normally a small piece of food that th

A salute to Jefferson Greer III



Pictured above is Jeff showing Ch. Model's Red Sultan. Jeff and his wife Phyllis handled for us several years and finished many dogs for us. Not only were they superb handlers and groomers but wonderful friends as well. Phyl has passed away and Jeff is retired. It's like the end of an era for us. Jeff, I hope life is treating you well.

Love from Dudley and Wanda Roach (Queenaire)

In Memory of Dolores Watts



The first time Wanda and I met Dolores was when I judged the APC Sweeps (I think in 1984). Dave reminds me of how well we hit it off on that occasion, and I certainly agree. We visited with Dolores and Dave on many occasions after that. The Pom World has lost a valuable contributor to the breed. Our condolences to Dave and his family on this great loss.

Love from Dudley and Wanda

dog is interested in and for which he will work. If the dog is not interested in the offered treat, it is worth testing him to see if he will respond to a different kind of treat (see below). If he remains uninterested in food, a toy may work, especially a ball, a squeaky toy, or a rope toy (do not leave with the dog, and do not let him have it except when training; this will keep him interested in it.)

Treats: Dogs do not weigh or measure their treats; give the smallest size the dog will recognize as having been given; obviously this varies depending on the breed, but for Poms it is a very small piece indeed.

Rollover or Oinkeroll: slice roll into ½ inch slices, put in individual baggies and place in a labeled zip-lock bag in the freezer. To use, break off small pieces.

Pupperoni or Beggin' Strips: cut or break into small pieces.

Purchased liver treats for dogs.

Cheerios or other dry cereal (not sweetened). (Half a Cheerio for small Poms.)

Hot dog jerky: slice one hot dog (not low- or non-fat) nickel-thin. Place between paper towels on microwave-safe plate. Nuke five minutes, turning over half-way through.

Cheese jerky: spread Kraft shredded (not finely shredded) reduced fat cheddar cheese on a paper towel on a plate. Leave on kitchen counter for 2-3 days, changing towel as it absorbs fat.

Anything the dog loves that you can give in small, quickly consumed pieces: try raw carrots, green pepper (my Poms love this!), tiny pieces of chicken, or green grape halves. *Never give your dog chocolate; it's toxic. Never give fatty things, such as poultry skin.*

Change treats from time to time. Use the favorite treat when introducing a new exercise or when training around tempting distractions, such as at a fun match.

Treat containers: While training, keep your treats easily accessible. If you have to dig into your pocket and open a baggie,

the dog will have forgotten what the reward was for by the time she gets it. An open fanny-pack is fine, or you can buy something designed specifically for the purpose.

One good use for treats is to teach toy retrieval. J&J sells something like a tack box rat, but hollow inside with a velcro'd opening on the top. You fill this with treats, and when the dog touches it with his nose, you enthusiastically pick it up, open it, and give him a treat. The training then progresses through a series of stages—first he must pick it up to get his treat, then he must bring it to you from a short distance, then longer and longer. It is an excellent way to teach focus for go-outs in Utility, when you put the toy at the go-out point, and the dog is totally focussed on it. The toy from J&J is really too big for our Poms, but if you take a look at it, you can see that you can easily make one that is smaller—about 3x3" is the right size.

CONFESSIONS OF A BEGINNING AGILITY DOG, PT. 2

as written by Tiffany

You may remember that when I started learning agility, I liked everything except the see-saw. I finally got to the point of being able to accept it, so Mom decided that I was ready to enter a real Agility Trial. But I wasn't so sure about it. So when she sent in the entry form and money, I took another look at the see-saw, and decided I still didn't like it. In fact, I told her flat out that she would never get me to go up on that scary thing again. (Mom calls this the "See-Saw Heebie-Jeebies.") Also, for some reason, she has decided that Tuffy should do Agility, too, and when I found out that she had sent in an entry for him, I told him how scary the see-saw was, and he started to worry about it too.

Mom decided that Tuffy could handle it

even if I couldn't, so she took him to the Trial, and took me along for "the atmosphere." Cindy Diglis was there, with her wonderful Poms Muffy and Toby, and she told Mom she should take me into the ring anyway, and if I didn't want to do the see-saw, just practice everything else. I didn't hear them talking, but when I got into the ring and went over the first jump, I got really excited! This was more fun than practicing, when we have to go back and try again because Mom got something wrong. I did the jump, then the dog walk—it's fun to run along so fast up so high!—and then the tunnel. As I came out of the tunnel, I saw another dog walk ahead of me, so I raced up it. It moved!!! Mom was shouting, "Easy, easy," and that thing turned out to be a see-saw, and I was on the end of it. I crouched down and held on tight, even after it hit the ground and Mom was praising me and trying to get me to go on to the next jump. I finally did, and it was a lot of fun after all. And Mom said I "took 1st place," whatever that is. At least she was whooping and hollering and hugging me and stuffing me with treats. Is everybody's mom as funny as mine? Oh, and Tuffy took 2nd place. Pooh to you, Tuffy. [Note from Tuffy: OK, Tiffany, tell them about the next day when I took 1st and you took 2nd. Pooh to you, yourself!]

PERFORMANCE TITLES

(AKC: from Awards, September-November)

Companion Dog: *Cedar Creek's Periwinkle CD*, Jo Anne Statler; *He Sent Teddy of Tiny Winks CD*, Gertrude M. Adair; *Tommi Hawk CD*, Wendy Donnelly

Novice Agility: *Chewy Chewy Tootsie NAJ, NA*, Judith Sample; *Jellybean Liberty Belle Hughes CD, NA*, Margaret and John Hughes; *Lord Peter of Bristol Court NAJ, NA*, John David and Connie Zieba; *Cee Dee's Inky Dinky NA*, Catherine Thompson; *Jerry NA*, Eugene

Hallenbeck; *Spinner's Litehaus CD, NA*, Kathryn Griner; *Stillcove's I Only Want B With You NA*, Randy Morris & Cynthia Bradley & Ann Morris

Open Agility: *Honey's Wee Bitz O Trouble OA, OAJ*, Lou Ann Groth; *Toby En Charge CD, OA, OAJ*, Cindy Diglis

Agility Excellent: *Jan-Shar's Da Emmanuels Gift CD AX*, Carlota Cloney

Master Agility Excellent: *Bouncin Bundle of Bear CD, OAJ, MAJ*, Shirley Michaels

Novice Agility Jumper: *Jellybean Liberty Belle Hughes CD, NA, NAJ*, Margaret and John Hughes; *Foxy Little Sister CD, OA, NAJ*, Beverly Taub

Open Agility Jumper: *Beelzebubb Pork Chop CD OAJ OA*, Brandon Watson; *Bubbi's Beauty NA OAJ*, Jennifer Gitter

Excellent Agility Jumper: *U-ACH U-CD Muffy's Fluffy Muegge CD, AX AXJ*, Shirley Michaels; *Bouncin Bundle of Bear CD, AXJ, MX*, Shirley Michaels

(UKC: from Bloodlines, November-December)

United Agility I: *U-AGI Tinytale Tiddly Wink, Pat Morgan*

United Agility Champion: *U-ACH U-CD Muffy's Fluffy Muegge CD, AX AXJ*, Shirley Michaels

In October, Front and Finish published a count of the number of individual dogs from each breed that showed in the Open and/or Utility classes in 1998. Twenty-eight Pomeranians were showing in those classes, the second largest in number of any of the Toy breeds. Of those twenty-eight, we had eight that showed at the National Pomeranian Specialty in March of that year. That seems to me to be a very goodly number—almost 1/3 of the Poms at that level were in Dallas together. Now we reach the point: If you are showing in Obedience competition at all, please consider coming to the Pom Specialty in 2000. It's a good way to get together with others who have similar interests. If nothing else, it will give me a chance to meet you—so do it for me!



With deepest sympathy
to the Watts' family...

Donna Lynn Wright, Diana Plicta, and
Barbara Nagy will miss a good friend
in Dolores and the Pom World
will miss a Top
Competitor

IN FOND MEMORY OF *DOLORES WATTS*,
OUR FRIEND WHO ALWAYS STRIVED
FOR PERFECTION, AND ACHIEVED IT!

DOLORES BROUGHT MUCH HAPPINESS
TO US WITH HER PRESENCE. SHE WILL
BE REMEMBERED, ALWAYS, THROUGH
OUR POMS, *PRINCE CHIP AND COUNT
TUFFIE.*

Donald Eric Black and Virginia Black

DOLORES WATTS

In Loving Memory

to a dear friend.

You will be missed by us.

Thanks for all the memories
of our good times together.

To Dave and Family....

You have our deepest
sympathy.

Marlene and Marlin Presser

In Memory of Dolores Watts

I got my first good show Pom from

Dolores and from then on my

life changed. Dolores has been

dear to my heart ever since. She

was a warm, wonderful, special

funny lady and I love her. She will

always be with me in my heart.

My condolences to David and the

family.

Sharon Shipek & Extane Poms

An Angel Goes
to Heaven

DOLORES WATTS



"She had us at hello."

In loving memory.

Jeff and Toni Dickerson

DOLORES WATTS

Dolores, top exhibitor,
competitor,

former APC
President--she will

be missed by her many
friends.



Jean Schroll

Finally, here's a little Christmas present for you—see if you can get a bunch of your dog
raining friends together and “go caroling” with it:

A C.D.X. Christmas

(Tune: “Walking in a Winter Wonderland”)

by Pat Biessener c. 1997

In the ring are you listenin'?
See that white dumbbell glistenin'?
Your heeling was grand
You dropped on command
But will we ever get our C.D.X.?

Hey Mom, look! See that popcorn?
Listen, Mom, hear that loud horn?
Distractions abound
My pup runs around
And will we ever get our C.D.X.?

In the Open ring I spend my money!
Entry fees just vanish in the air!
And what's worse, the crowd just finds it funny
Watching as you clown without a care!

“Take the jump! That's a good dog!
“Come to 'Front'! That's a GREAT dog!”
Will this be the day you go all the way?
And will we ever get our C.D.X.?

Time and time again I throw the dumbbell
Time and time again you watch it land.
Maybe you're expecting ME to fetch it!
I think I've fin'ly caught on to your plan!
Am I nuts to pursue this?
Why do I want to do this?
The answer, I see,
Is Agility!
Because we'll never get our C.D.X.!
[Big finish]
BE-CAUSE WE'LL NE-VER
GET OUR C - D - X !!!

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For the Love of George

by Annette Lynn Heise

I suppose you are asking yourself, "Who is George?" Well, believe me, I would never have named him George, but with the help of two little red-headed helpers, he came upon his name just the same. We'll get to that later....

You see, George is my very special little pom who I hand raised from the time he was six

days old actually there were two, George and Ralph. Ralph, unhappily, did not survive the fight. George did, only because he was a stubborn little toot.

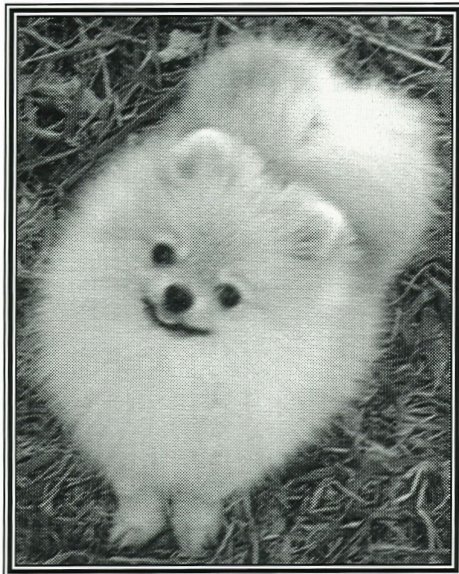
It happened this way

My lovely female, Lana, a cream sable daughter of my CH Yellow Rose Exotic Spice, gave me a beautiful litter of four little males.

The little guys had a rocky beginning. It just so happens that Lana needed a c-section, and wouldn't you know it, my vet was out of town at a convention. I had already made arrangements with my friend Cindy's vet, who is about 40 minutes from me, but to my surprise, it wasn't her vet, Casey, that I got hold of, it was his dad, "Doc" as everyone calls him, and he met me at his clinic late at night for the surgery. "Where is Casey" I asked, trying not to sound frantic. Doc, in

his slow and matter-of-fact way, said "Why Casey is at a convention, out of state! I'm coverin' for him". It then dawned on me that it must be some sort of annual veterinarian convention, and Casey and my vet Chris, were probably there together! Well, Doc had his own way of doing things, quite different from what

was used to with my usual vet (whom I have used since coming to Texas in 1983). My usual vet uses Isoflorine gas, stand by and hold and rub the newborns and he takes care of all else. Doc was from the old school and preferred to use a local anesthetic and take the pups while the mother was still awake. Needless to say this absolutely scared me to death. I had to help out and it was all I could do to be in the room because I knew Lana could feel what was



George

happening to her. After about a 40 minute surgery, Doc delivered four beautiful boys, all sables. They were all full term and about the same size. I dried them off and cut the cords and put them in my little crate full of clean warm towels while Doc closed Lana up and rinsed her off with some disinfectant and soap. He gave me some antibiotics and I paid my bill and headed for home with my new little family, feeling a little strange about the whole thing but having confidence that

Doc knew what he was doing. After all, he had been a vet for over 40 years, he should know something. I was thankful that he came out in the middle of the night to help us, as it was a cold night in February with the wind whipping through the air and Jack Frost nipping at our heels. Doc was about 70 and it was no place for him to be on a night like that.

Everything seemed to be going just great for the first couple of days, then one of the little ones seemed listless when I got home from work on the third day, and he had lost body temperature. I put him back up to Lana but the next time I peeped in, he was off in the corner again. Lana had given up on him; the moms seem to know when something is not right. Before I went to bed that night, he had passed over the Rainbow Bridge.

Again everything seemed to be going well until the fifth day, and then another pup seemed to be drifting away from life. I was getting worried at this point, and told myself I would take Lana to my own vet with her remaining pups on Friday after work and have him take a look and see if he could find a problem. When I came home from work on Friday, Lana had thrown up in her bed, and was sitting at the back of her whelping box trembling. Panic began to creep into my body as I realized that Lana was exhibiting the signs of eclampsia! I got my vet, Chris, on the phone immediately and asked him not to leave the office, I would be there in a flash. It is a 30 minute drive to his office on a good day with no traffic, and this was at 5 o'clock rush hour. I made it as quickly as I could and he was waiting. I told him of my fears, and he said it certainly was a good possibility that she had eclampsia.

Chris checked over Lana and the remaining pups thoroughly and decided to give her a shot containing a mild amount of calcium (mixed with something I can't remember) and explained to me that if she had eclampsia, she would feel a whole lot

better in a couple of hours. In fact, he said she should be acting just about normal. If it was not eclampsia, he said she would still be acting like she did not feel well and then she probably had a virus of some sort. He also explained that if it was eclampsia, the pups would have to be taken completely away from her and hand raised. My heart sank at that notion. Not that I wasn't willing to hand raise them, but I work full time and not only that, my drive to work is 33 miles each way which takes me over an hour both going and coming. The pups couldn't wait for almost 11 hours to eat while I was at work!

For those who don't know what eclampsia is, it is very serious. It means that the mother's system cannot make calcium quick enough to replenish the amount that the pups take from her by drinking her milk. In fact, if the pups were allowed to remain on her, it would kill her quickly. Of course I would not take the chance of losing my precious Lana. She is so beautiful and sweet. This was her second litter; there were three in the first. The first litter was also a section, and they were all three show quality, very exceptional pups. Of course I *had* to repeat the breeding. The first litter she raised herself without a hitch, not so much as a hint of a calcium problem. I had waited a year to repeat the breeding and who knows why this happened. Only God knows.

Two and one half hours after leaving Chris's office Lana was her old self again. She wanted her pups, but the writing was on the wall: no pups for Lana this time. I gave her a stuffed toy and prepared a small towel lined box for the babies and put a heating pad under the box, turned on low. Off to PetSmart I went to get some puppy formula and some bottles. Oh how I dreaded this. I had never completely hand raised a puppy before, only helped supplement with a bottle a few times when a mother had a low supply of milk. I had been very successful at "helping". I stopped by my cousin's house the next

Dolores Watts
Beloved friend
We will miss you.



Our sincere condolences
to her devoted family.

Laura and Jerry Maiman

day, Saturday, and told his family my tale of woe. They all were upset about it and my cousin's wife, Karol Ann, who has always had one or two of my poms in her home, in her bed, very graciously offered to keep them during the day while I was working. She had never bottle fed a baby pom, but was willing to try it. I was grateful for her offer and thought I better let her try, after all, I could NOT take them into work with me, I work at a children's hospital and for health reasons I knew they would never allow me to take the pups inside.

I took the pups to Karol Ann on Saturday night and showed her how to warm the bottle full of puppy formula in a cup of hot water, leaving the bottle floating in the cup for a short while until the formula felt warm on her wrist. It is not good to warm the bottle in the microwave because the core of the formula becomes hot and can scald a baby pom's throat and stomach. I showed her how to wiggle the nipple around in the puppy's mouth and move it in and out a bit until the pup suckles on it and gets a good grip on the nipple. I told her to make sure each pup ate enough and had a full tummy. Then I showed her how to take a cotton ball soaked in warm water and wipe the pup's bottom and genitals until it urinated and had a bowel movement. I also showed her how to rub the back near the shoulders to encourage the pup to burp up any gas on the stomach.

I took the pups home with me and woke up during the night every 3 hours to feed them and care for them. Karol Ann and I went over the lessons again on Sunday, and I must say she did very well. The red-headed kids sitting close, in complete awe of the whole situation... eyes as big as saucers. They wanted to know everything about why they were orphans and where their mom was. They wanted to help in any way they could. Deason was 7 and Kaylee was 4 at the time. They are really sweet kids and love animals so very much.

Monday began the ordeal, me taking the pups to Karol Ann on the way to work, calling several times during the day to see if all was going well, then picking them up on the way home. She kept asking me how much to make them eat, I kept saying "more" and she kept saying, "The little cream sable colored one won't eat very much. Once he's full, he turns his head and refuses to take another drop". When I would feed them at night, he did the same thing for me. The darker one would eat until he was ready to burst, but the lighter one would only eat enough to satisfy him, then he was through; you could not force another drop down him. Also, the first few times you would put the nipple in his mouth, the milk would come out his nose. I checked for a cleft palate and saw nothing. So, I would just wipe away the milk and try again. Finally he would get the nipple in far enough that he would get a good meal and fill himself to satisfaction.

The second evening when I went to pick up the pups, the red-headed kids said, "Ralph and George are 'sleep' Aunt Lynn. Don't take 'em yet. You'll wake 'em up!" I said "Ralph and George? Who thought up THOSE original names?? And which one is Ralph and which one is George?" They very adamantly informed me that Ralph was the larger and darker of the two. George was the lighter colored littler pup. So, I sat awhile and heard the stories of Ralph and George and how they helped their "Mi Mi" (grandma) take care of them.

The fourth day Karol Ann called me and said that Ralph wasn't doing so well. Of course I was just sick about it. I hurried home and took Ralph in my arms and sure enough, he was bloating and looking very sad indeed. I had an idea about giving him Fletcher's Castoria, and went to the local Eckerds drug store to find some. They didn't have any left in the normal place where it is displayed, so the clerk sent me to the baby supplies area, and there I

stumbled upon some small bottles of medicine used for human babies to relieve gas and colic symptoms. There were three different brands, and I settled upon one called Phazyme. I took Ralph in my arms and gave him a couple of drops of the Phazyme and rubbed his tummy gently for awhile. I also gave him an enema using a syringe partially filled with warm water mixed with a small amount of ivory soap. Ralph soon had a bowel movement and was feeling much better. About 30 minutes later I gave him another couple of drops of the Phazyme and rubbed his back and shoulders gently. It seemed to help. I put him back with George and went about my chores. An hour later Ralph was back to normal, crying for some more formula. I fed them both before going to sleep and gave Ralph two more drops of the Phazyme and went to bed, setting the alarm for 4:00 a.m. (it was midnight by that time). The next morning went off as usual, me dropping the boys off with Karol Ann.

That afternoon I received another call that Ralph had become listless again and was beginning to bloat. I rushed home and repeated the process, but this time Ralph was passing some blood with his stool. It wasn't until Ralph had passed away and several days later that I read the directions on the back of a can of powdered puppy formula about how much to feed pups at certain ages of growth. I had been using the boxed, pre-mixed formula up until that point and the small boxes did not have detailed instructions as did the can of powder. I was upset to read that I had been instructing Karol Ann to feed them too much for their age. Ralph was such a little pig that he would eat all that was offered. As I said before, when George was full, he would not take another drop no matter how much we tried to coax him. George's stubbornness saved his life, but Ralph paid the price of my ignorance. I was so upset with myself!

I decided then that I was going to get

George through this and raise him to maturity no matter what I had to do. I called Karol Ann and told her I wasn't bringing George over the next day, I was taking him to work with me and leaving him in a small crate in the car, wrapped up in plenty of soft warm towels, and I would also put a bottle filled with warm water in the crate so he would have something to snuggle up to. At break time I would go out to the car, get the water bottle and warm it in the microwave, take George's bottle out again and feed him, snuggling him back up to the water bottle and leaving him until lunch time. It wasn't long before my boss and the girls in the office became curious of where I was disappearing to several times a day for 20 minutes at a time. I had to confess. They were all so excited to hear that I had a baby puppy in the car that at each break one of them had to come with me to see little George. They were shocked and tickled to see how very tiny he was, and laughed like crazy when they saw him latch onto the nipple and suck as hard as he could for about 5 minutes. Then he would throw his head back and turn it away as if to say, "That's enough, now GO AWAY!"

At 14 days his little eyes began to open and he would look at me as if he was looking right into my soul. At night after feeding and burping time I would let him lay on my neck up under my long hair, and he would just snuggle as close as he could and sleep for awhile. Needless to say, he was creeping deeper and deeper into my heart every minute. He was developing slowly, much slower than a normal pup would with his natural mother's love and her milk... but he was developing and growing, that's what counted.

As the days passed, everyone at work was in awe of how he was growing and beginning to crawl around his cage, faster and faster, and when he saw me or heard my voice he would cry out in greeting and wiggle his little tail so fast you could

hardly see it. They would scream with delight when he looked at them and tilted his little head from side to side. He was really a puppy" now, not just a little blob. They were intrigued, as was I. I was so proud that I had pulled him through so far.

One day I hit a snag. My doctor boss was working on a grant proposal and we were down to the wire with getting the final corrections done, pages numbered, copies made and getting it to the grants management office for final signatures before putting it in the Fed Ex envelope to be mailed to the approval committee. It was past feeding time for George, but I could not leave until I finished getting the grant ready ... at least not with my boss sitting right there, a nervous wreck, making sure we got everything done correctly. When I finally got to the car with George's bottle he was screaming his head off in a complete panic, thinking I was never coming and his little tummy was hurting for lack of food. I picked him up and held him close a moment, then gave him his bottle. I thought he would never let it go. He was holding it in a death grip and looking at me with those little beady eyes, just daring me to try and take it away. He drank more than he ever had. That night he had runny stools and felt warmer than usual, so I toted him off to see Chris, who gave me some liquid Amoxicillin and told me to shake it well and just give him a few drops 3 - 4 times a day for a few days or until he felt much better. He also started to bloat, so out came the Phazyme. It worked wonders with George, and within 30 minutes the bloating had completely gone away and George slept for about 4 hours. He was on the mend over the next few days and growing again and feeling good.

I must say that at that young age George was a perfect little Angel. He never cried unless he was really hungry. He played in his crate and entertained himself for hours. I had to change his towels several

times a day and keep him clean. He got a lot of baths during that early time as he would crawl through his doo doo while I was working and each time I came out to the car, I had to clean him up and change the towels again. I would take a big cup up warm water with me and rinse George off as best I could. By the time I got him home, he needed a thorough cleaning, as did his crate!

When the APC National Show came about in March of this year, George was about 7 weeks old. He was running around by then, still small for his age and cute as a button. He looked more like a little Siamese kitten than he did a pom puppy, and those who saw him thought he was adorable. It was hard to think that any living thing that small could move so fast. I kept him in our hotel room, and every 4 to 5 hours would return to the room to feed him his bottle and try to get him to eat some softened dry puppy food. George was very stubborn, he wanted his bottle and that was that. I was putting rice cereal in his formula by that time, and he loved it. It was at that time that I decided to register him as Yellow Rose Dude With Attitude. It was appropriate....

A very lovely and sweet young woman approached me at the national show and told me she was looking to purchase a very special puppy to be her companion, so I showed her George. She went ape over him, and I explained to her that he would not be ready to go for weeks yet, as since he had such a rough beginning he was immature for his age and I needed to keep him until he was doing really well and eating his dry food and had at least a shot or two. She was willing to wait since she thought he just "hung the moon". I needed to keep a male puppy like I needed another hole in my head, so I thought she would be the perfect home for him. I didn't know how much I was attached to him until later.

By the time George was 10 weeks old he was doing very well, so I was leaving him

home during the day to fend for himself while I was at work. He would eat a little while I was gone and drink his water. He still wanted his bottle but I would not give him an actual bottle, I would put a bit of his formula over the dry food and soak it for awhile so that he still got the flavor and he would begin to nibble on the dry food a little. He did well like this for awhile, but I noticed that he had sort of a snotty nose. I told myself I would again take him to see Chris on the weekend, as it was Thursday and only one more day to go before I had some time. However, when I got home on Friday night, George was a very sick little boy. He was listless, almost staggering in his movement, and warm to the touch. I was frantic! I could not find Chris, he was nowhere to be found. I called his home and his wife said he was out of town that day and would not return home until the next morning, when he would be opening the office at 8:30 a.m.

Off I went to the drugstore again, this time in search of Pedialyte. I found some and rushed back home to start getting it in George as quickly as I could. I also searched around my dog cabinet and found some Amoxicillin tablets. I crushed one table up in some water and gave a few drops to George, then I gave him about 6 cc's of Pedialyte. I put a heating pad under his crate and put him inside to get warm. He just sat in the corner looking at me as if to say, "I am too tired and too sick to go on". It was at that very moment that I knew, from the tip of my toes to the bottom of my heart, that this little guy meant the whole world to me. He was so very precious and I loved him dearly, so dearly that I could not bear the thought of losing him. It struck me that even though I had picked a wonderful home for him, he was going NOWHERE. If he made it through this night, I would never part with him. He was my very special child and he was attached to me forever.

I called Cindy, my friend and mentor, on

the phone. We always call each other when we are at wits end, trying to see if the other will think of something else we haven't already thought of. I told her George was in real bad shape and Chris was out of town, and I didn't feel like I should drag George all the way out to see her vet, given it was so far away and so cold and windy outside. She said she thought I was probably doing about all I could until I could take him to Chris the next morning.

I got off the telephone and got George out and went into my little carpeted bathroom which is the warmest room in the house, and let him down on the floor, sitting down next to him. He staggered up to me and laid his head in my lap, and I burst into tears. I stroked his little head while he looked up at me with his little sad eyes, and I begged him to hold on until the morning. I begged God to pull him through until I could get him to the vet's office. I sat there with him all night, wrapped in a blanket, and every hour I would put a little more Pedialyte in his mouth and ask him to swallow it. He did. He just kept looking at me and snuggled as close as he could. He was becoming dehydrated and I was just sick inside. I could not bear the thought of losing him after all we had been through together.

Morning finally came, and I wrapped him in a warm baby blanket and toted him off to see Chris. I was waiting in my car with the heater running to keep us warm, as Chris pulled into the parking lot. I looked a sight as I had been crying all night, and Chris looked frightened when he saw that I had been crying. I explained to him that George was really going downhill fast, and he needed a miracle to pull him through. Chris looked doubtful, but I insisted that he was the best vet around, and that if anyone could work a miracle, he could. He opened up the office and took us into the operating room, listened to George's heart and lungs, took his temperature, and shook his head.

"Pneumonia is my guess" he said. "He's dehydrated now. I don't know if I can save him". I braced myself and insisted, "Give him some lactated ringers under the skin, now, do it fast. There is still hope. I don't want to make him suffer, but we have to try. I know we can save him. He wants to live. I can see it in his eyes." Chris obliged me; he worked quickly and got the fluid under George's skin. He also gave him a shot of antibiotic. Within minutes George was looking more alert. He started moving around more and whining a bit, so I picked him up and held him close. He snuggled up to my neck and began chewing at my clothing, his way of showing his affection for me. Chris sent us home with some liquid Clavamox and told me to continue the Pedialyte for a couple of days, even to put some in his water bowl. Thank goodness it was the weekend and I could give George almost all my attention. We didn't go anywhere that weekend, just stayed in the house and stayed warm. The red-headed kids called and asked if I was bringing George over to visit. I told them I was very sorry but George had been sick and we were going to hibernate for the weekend. Then I had to explain "hibernate" to them they took it hard that they wouldn't see George, but they understood. You have to understand, for

them the sun rose and set with the thought of seeing George.

From that day on we have not had any more big scares. George has seemed to thrive since then. He has developed from a scraggly looking 10 week old hopeless looking dish mop, to a beautiful, light cream, tiny, fluffy little ball of energy. He has the cutest face you could ever imagine, and the most obnoxious personality I have ever seen. There is something that definitely happens between a mother dog and her pup. There is a special language there, the mother puts the pup in it's place and teaches it when "enough is enoughGeorge missed that link. He does not know when to quit. He DOESN'T quit. When it is just the two of

us, he seems to calm down after awhile and just enjoy my company. His favorite place is still up close to my neck, chewing on my clothes and giving me special kisses now and then. When we go to see his "kids, the redheaded kids" he is in Heaven. They lay on the floor and cover their heads, while he runs from one to the other, nibbling on toes and ears, them giggling and screaming all the while. Then he runs to see if he can find the cat food and water bowl, then off to the bedroom to see what he can find to drag off, then back to the livingroom to see if I am still there, then off to his kids again, and around and around we go. He won't come to me when I call him because he doesn't want to be held while there, he wants to get into all that he can. If I tell him to come and give me a kiss, he will look straight at me.... I can see in his eyes he wants to. Sometimes he will run up to me and give me a quick lick on the nose, then just as quickly turn and run as fast as he can into the other room and whirl around to look back as if to say "Na na na na nah nah... I'm George, George of the Jungle, and I'm as free as the wind.... at least for a little while!"

One time Karol Ann's mother came to visit for a week. She loves my poms too. Karol Ann called and said "Come over! Bring George! I want mom to see our kid". So I did, and of course George ran around the house for almost 2 hours, non-stop!. We retired to the kitchen to play a dice game after the red-headed kids went to bed, and Karol Ann's mom, Amy, told me she had a treadmill she was going to sell when she moved. I asked her how much she wanted for it, told her I was really tight on money at the moment, but if she could wait for a few weeks I would pay her for it. Amy never settled on a price. The next day Karol Ann asked her how much she would sell me the treadmill for. Amy said, "Well, I tell ya, I just sort of dropped the subject after awhile because I was afraid Lynn would try and trade me George for the treadmill, and he would absolutely drive me crazy! He is just too energetic for

me!!!" Karol Ann was quick to tell her that not only would I NOT part with George, but that the red-headed kids wouldn't LET me!

George is 10 months old now, weighs 3 1/2 pounds, is as cobby as they come, totes the most gorgeous full and fluffy cream coat, moves like a dream, has one testicle

down, and the other one very elusive. But you know what, I don't really care if *never* comes down, George is here to stay *no matter what!* I hope you all get to meet him someday. You'll never be the same I'm tellin' ya! "For the Love of George, am a happier person today!" and I have Chris, my miracle-working vet and the grace of God to thank for it!

Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club

Judy Shearer and Jerri Tingler Memorial Match

October 10, 1999
by Juanita Fiddick

Our annual trip to the OCPC Match started out damp and dreary as we drove through rain the whole trip. That soon changed with the warm welcome of their hospitality room. As usual, seeing old friends and meeting new friends was great. The club served plenty of delicious food and drink.

The Match started at 9:00 am. Our judge was Mr. Phil Hein who was understanding and showed lots of patience with a lot of puppies.

2-4 months dogs

1 Pom Acres Thrill of Victory—bred and owned by Juanita Fiddick

4-6 months dogs

1 Cascades Ring of Fire—bred by Doris Wheeler and owned by William and Brenda Adams

6-9 months dogs

1 Toyland's Christian Tradition—Bred and owned by Pat Charney

Adult dogs

1 Exotic Buddy's Sno Masterpiece—bred and owned by Molly McDaniel and Judy Stone

2-4 months bitches

1 Lynnwright's Stepping Out—bred and owned by Donna Lynn Wright

4-6 months bitches

1 Heartland's in Living Color—bred by Suzanne Berney and owned by Diane Kieffer

6-9 months bitches

1 Janesa's Distant Sundown—bred by Jerrie Freia and owned by Camilla Knight

9-12 months bitches

1 Pom Acres Le Femme Nikita—bred and owned by Juanita Fiddick

The next event was Junior Handlers which was won by Josh Roberts with Pom Acres Eye of the Hawk.

Best costume went to Brenda Segelken with Fame Rainbow Warrior.

The Parade of Champions consisted of:

- Ch. Stuber's Presents Atom Ant bred and owned by Suzanne Berney

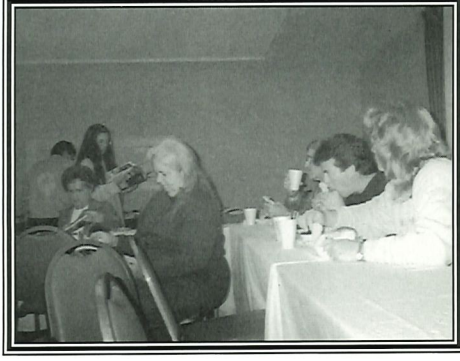
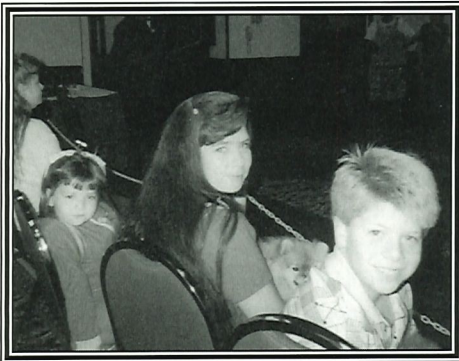
- Ch. Crystal Toon Town Top Gun bred by Judy Shearer and owned by Mary and Michelle Ridenour
- Ch. Crystal Flash at Fairwyn bred by Judy Shearer and owned by Noreen Cartwright
- Ch. Fan-C's Chip of Tradition bred by Florence Scott and owned by Pat Carney
- Can. Ch. Crystal Countess of Janewby bred by Judy Shearer and owned by Betsy Ruth New

This was a joy to watch and a wonderful tribute to Judy Shearer and the other owners and breeders.

Before Best in Match, Jim Shearer judged the Tack Box Rat Match. Very few entries but lots of fun. Hopefully, the next match there will be more people participating in this event. It's fun and helps the host club cover expenses. The winner was Juanita Fiddick with lots of ringside help. Thanks everyone.

Later we enjoyed a delicious banquet—good food and great company. Hope to see you all next year.





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