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Winnie
Ch Great Rivers
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Ch Great Rivers
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a wonderful
2006!

Bebe
Great Rivers
Beaudacious
Betsy

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Little Rascal

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Lets Hav A Ball



Micro

Ch. Glen Iris Essence of Cuilean GC

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Heartland's Too Close to Call x Ch. Glen Iris Castle in the Sky

Sincere appreciation to Judges Sandra Goose Allen and Jean Fournier for back-to-back GROUP 1s in Tyler, TX.

Presented By:

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Dr. Cheryl Jackson

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Dr. Geno Sisneros

Ms. Isabel Taylor

Micro

NEW CHAMPION

Great Rivers Gota B Init T Winit

"Winnie"

Thank you judges:

Melbourne Downing

Dr. Robert Smith

Jacqueline Stacy

Marcia Foy

Ralph M. Lemcke

Progressive Toy Dog Club

JoAnne Colvin

Etta Orenstein

Victor Joris

David Ojalvo

5 pt Major

Dr. Anthony DiNardo

3 pt Major

NEW CHAMPION BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

WINNERS



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Winnie completed her championship by going BOS over a Special to make a major. Thank you to all of the judges who have appreciated her. A great big "thank you" to her breeder Sharon Yampiro, who has never hesitated to give me her very best.

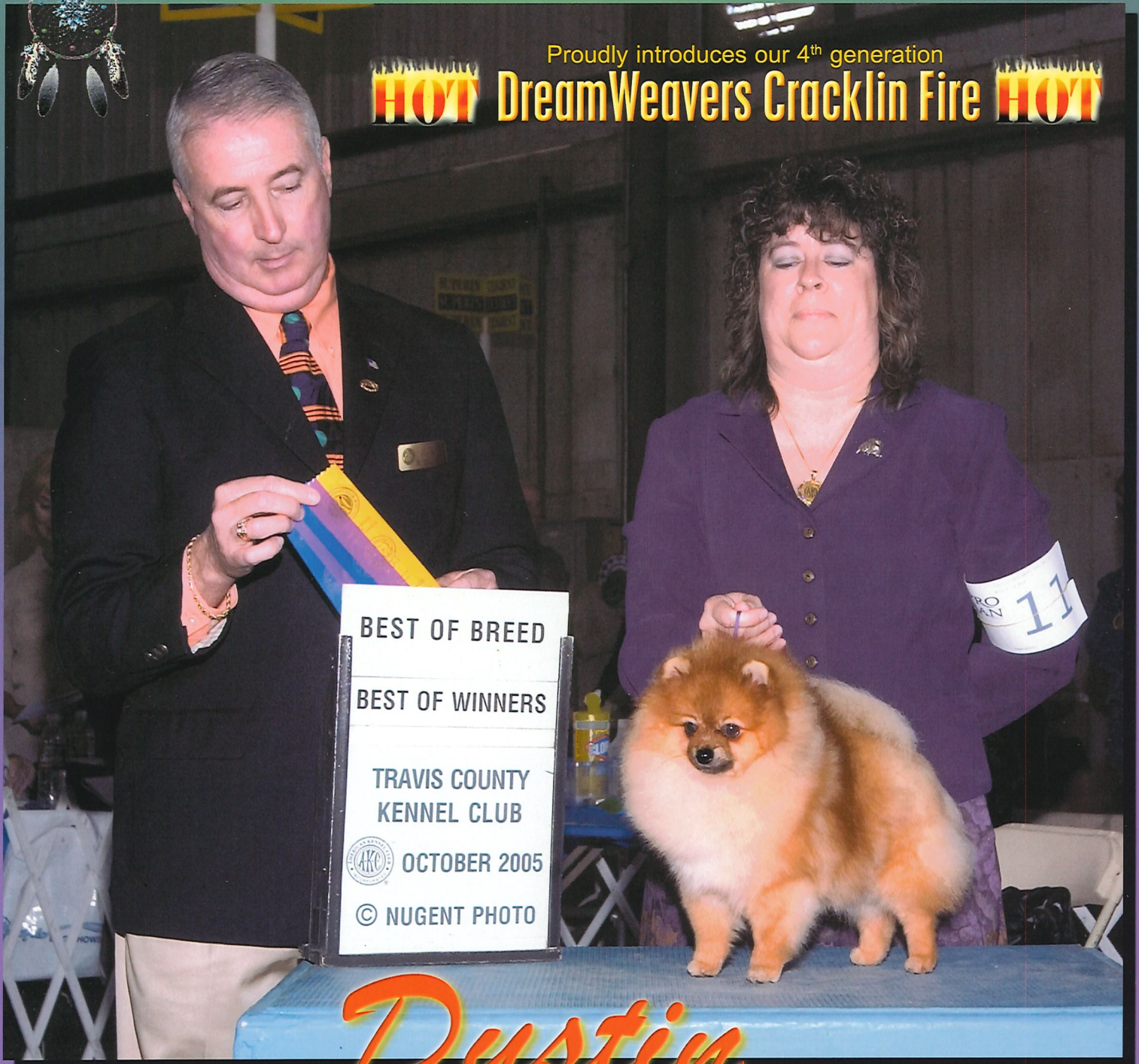
Winnie's little cousin, Bebe, is right behind her with just a major to go!

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Dustin

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"Dustin" is shown going BOB over 3 specials from the BBE class at 9 months of age. Thank you Dr. Steve Keating for this fabulous win. "Dustin" is just looking for those majors to finish. Thank you also to Judges Jack Ireland, Sally Villas, Lois Wolff-White, Paula Hartinger and Elizabeth Muthard for appreciating this typey boy. Watch for "Dustin" burning up the rings in Texas. Congratulations to Joyce Birks on your Kennel Visit.

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Elusive Toys Cherry Valarus



Rally Novice Title
November 20, 2005
Mobile Kennel Club

Thanks to Cherry's breeder Catherine Jessen for allowing me to get this very special little girl and also to Annette Davis (Cherry's co-breeder) for putting us in touch with each other. Cherry is such a sweetie.

I also want to thank Cherry's veterinarian Dr. Michael Fromm (with his partners and clinic staff) for taking such good care of her and our obedience teachers Dee Dee, Betty, and Donna.

Phantom English Tanner

Rally Novice Title
January 9, 2005
Galveston Kennel Club

I am so proud of my little man. Tanner placed first at the Mobile Kennel Club in Rally Novice B in the same show where Cherry titled. Thanks to Tanner's breeder Sharon Hanson for letting me have this precious little guy. Tanner and I also want to thank all our teachers, obedience classmates, and dog show friends for their encouragement over the last few years. Thanks to Dee Dee, Donna W, Mary Jo, Jo, Mary, Jane, Marilyn, and Donna E. Good luck to our Pom friends who show in obedience and rally everywhere!



Barbara Proctor

Jackson, MS bproctormd@aol.com

Sundown's Regina Elizabeth NJP

**For some
Pomeranians,
their
athleticism is
evident from
their technique
and the look on
their face in
competition!**



Sundown's Susana Elizabeth

**For other
Pomeranians,
athleticism
sometimes takes
a back seat to
good looks and
“working the
crowd”!**



**Both types of
Poms are fun to
work with on the
Agility course!**

Look for Regina and Susana, and the new addition to their family, CARLEEZ BOOM BOOM BOOM (“Boomer”), bred by Carol Leemhuis of Carleez Poms, on the Agility course in 2006! Pomeranians are guaranteed to make even the most skeptical spectator yell, “You go, little dog!”

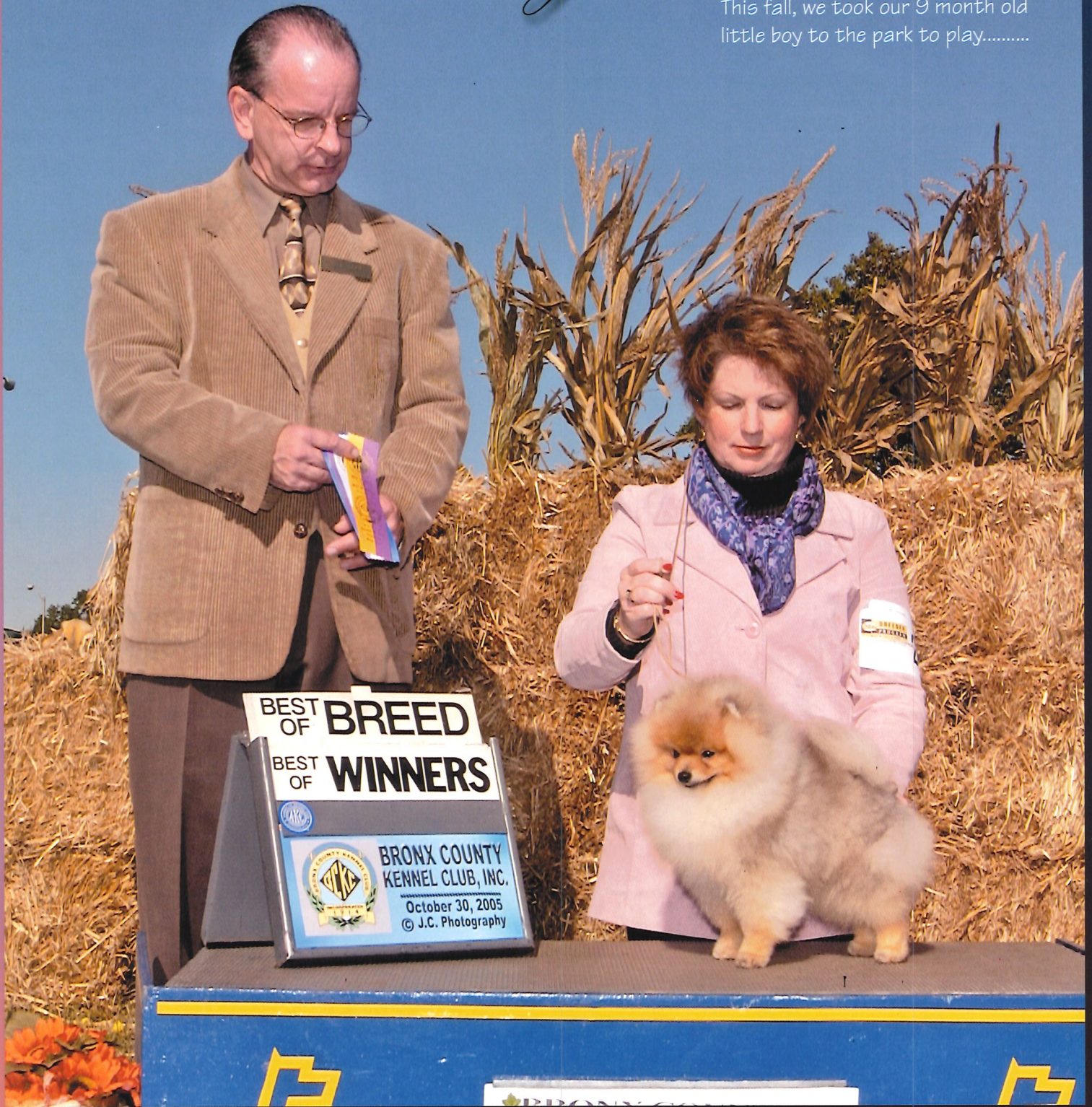
REGINA AND SUSANA:

Sire: CH Sundown's Keegan Xavier
Dam: CH Janesa's Distant Sundown
Agility Training: Splash & Dash Agility LLC (Pittsburgh, PA)
Photographer: Cindy Noland (Beaver Falls, PA)

Handler: Janice Smith
Owners: Janice and George Smith (Pittsburgh, PA)
Breeders: Camilla Knight & Jerrie Freia
(Sundown Poms & Janesa Poms)

Ch. Lil Behrs **King Crimson**

This fall, we took our 9 month old little boy to the park to play.....



We thank the judges that appreciate our little boy for all of your kind words and compliments. Our congratulations to Joyce and Bob Birks, Mustang Poms, on your kennel visit. I always enjoy seeing both of you!

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|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| October 28 | Mr. Larry Abbott | Best of Breed |
| October 29 | Dr. Anthony DiNardo | Best of Breed |
| October 30 | Mr. Kenneth Rayner | Best of Breed |
| November 5 | Mrs. Beverly Lehnig | Best of Winners |
| November 17 | Mr. Randy Garren | Best of Winners |
| November 17 | Mr. Robert Ekle | BBE Group 2 |
| November 19 | Dr. Rog r Pritchard | Best of Winners |
| November 25 | Ms. Joan Goldstein | Best of Winners |



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Ch. Dominic of Lenette x Ch. Sweet Charlotte of Lenette



Many times we breeders want to give all the credit to the studs in our breeding program. The fact is the bitches are just as important if not more so. We congratulate Honey in reaching her ROMX. She is now the dam of 6 champions with 3 of them finishing this year.

Congratulations to Laretta Flynn on finishing her new Lenette Champion, Ch. Phoebe of Lenette (Ch. A J's Smokin Joe X Honeycomb of Lenette). This is champion #10 for us this year.

*Out of the 10 champions, 7 of them were finished and owned by other breeders.
Yes! We do sell our good ones.*

We have 7 new litters on the ground. Visit our web site or give us a call for details.

**A GREAT BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS THE BIRKS
AND MUSTANG POMS ON YOUR MUCH-DESERVED KENNEL VISIT.**

Thanks for being our friends and for thinking enough of our Poms to purchase a few. Keep up the good work.

4 POMS—12 TITLES in 2005
4 RN's, 4 RA's, 2 RE's, 1 RAE, 1 CDX



UCDX Janesa's Tiffany Is an Angel UD RAE NA NAJ HOF CGC
(First Pom to earn the Rally Excellent and Rally Advanced Excellent titles)

Johnstoy's Friday Jam Session CDX RA CGC

UCD Second Chance Oliver Twist CDX RE CGC

UUD Mar-Vic's Stuff'd Black Bear UDX RA NA NAJ HOF GC CGC

Owned, trained, shown, and loved by Barbara McClatchey

Congratulations to
Joyce & Bob Birks,
Mustang Poms.

On your kennel visit. I always look
forward seeing you and Bob
at the shows. Thank you for all
your support and good times.
Best wishes and continued success.

Maureen Greco

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CH Finch's Nicely Packaged Deal X Cascade's Mountain Holly

Thank you to the following judges:

Ms. Denny C. Mounce (BOS), 2005 Puget Sound Pomeranian Club Specialty Show
(First time out as a new champion)

Dr. Harry Smith (BOW/BOS), Mrs. Helen Lee James (BOS),
Mr. Raymond D. Bay (BOW/BOS 4 point major), Dr. Lee Anthony Reasin (BOW/BOS),
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Mrs. Martha M. Olmos-Ollivier (BOW/BOB), Mr. Norman L. Patton (BOW/BOS 4 point major)

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*Remembering -
A Man
and his Dog*

**The Man — Judge
Chuck Herendeen
The Dog — Ch Maltbie's
Little Cinderella**



Ch Maltbie's Little Cinderella

Chuck was a dog person from childhood.

He devoted his life to dogs — as an owner, a breeder, a professional handler and a judge.

Little Cinderella was a 13" Beagle who was the love of Chuck's life. She was a dog who seemed to be one step from human. She was a devoted pet, a showgirl who almost always placed in the group, and an excellent producer of champion offspring.

Chuck and Cinderella, we remember you and miss you and thank you for your contribution to the world of dogs.

Evelyn Newyear

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Ranking #9 Pom in Breed, Multi Group Placing & Winning a Best In Show Specialty
BISS Ch. LaRajus Palisades Van Gogh, Owner Handled by Teresa White



Vinnie

Ranking #20 Pomeranian in the Breed, 2nd year of Top Breed Ranking
Multi Group Placer, Ch.LaRajus Cosmic Kio, Owner Handled by Audrey Roberts



Cosmos

BIS Int. Ch. LaRajus Palisades Picasso,
Winning Best In Show Int. finished by Teresa White, owned by Laura



Petie

Ch. LaRajus Don Juan at So-Me,
finished by owner Roxanne Mellum, co-own w/Laura



Donnie

Justin Newbold winning Best Junior Handler at the No Cal Pomeranian Specialty, Aug 2005,
Best Brace in Specialty 2005 NCPC Aug 2005.

Laura and David Newbold

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Happy 2006
from Great River Pomeranians!



"Tie"

Ch Great Rivers Beau Tie

Photo by Walter Oelerich

Presenting our 2005 Champions:

Girls

Ch Great Rivers Little Rascal

Ch Great Rivers Snugasabugarug
 Owned and presented by Vikki Oelerich

Ch Great River Ti Amo Lets Hav A Ball

Ch Great Rivers Gota B Init T Winit
 Owned and presented by Lisa Aiello

Great Rivers Beaudacious Betsy
 (1 major to go!) Owned and presented by Lisa Aiello

Boys

Ch Great Rivers TB or Not TB Kisses

Ch Great Rivers Puppet On A String
 Owned by Angel Arocho. Presented by Debbie Wheeler.

Ch Great Rivers Beau Tie
 Owned and presented by Vikki Oelerich

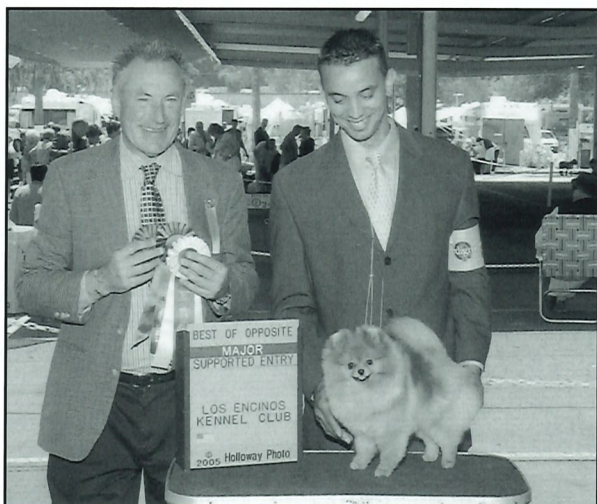
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I want to thank Gina for giving me an opportunity to have such a special girl. Thank you Murry Price for finishing Loki in four months. Tina Price what can I say? You're an undiscovered talent. Thank you for making Loki look so beautiful!

Thank you to Judges:

Mr. Desmond J. Murphy	3 pt major
Ms. Erika Moureau	4 pt major
Mr. Kent H. Delaney	3 pt major

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Ch. Nguyen Cory Loverboy of "GQ" ROM X Bachman's Precious Alexandrite

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Multiple Group Winner
Titled in 3 months

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Breeder

Cheri McDonald

"Diamond"



Bachman's Precious Diamond

Sire: BISS Ch. Mountain Crest JJ

Dam: Ch. Bachman's Precious Jewel

Thank you to Judge Mrs. Charlotte Patterson for awarding Diamond WD and BOW for a 5 point Major at Whidbey Island Kennel Club. My appreciation to his handlers Celeste and Bob Solano for handling Diamond to perfection. Thanks for loving my little brat as if he was your own.

Congratulations to Bob and Joyce Birks of Mustang Poms on their kennel visit.

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(Pending AKC Confirmation)

Sire: BIS BISS Ch Puf-Pride Sweet Dreams-GC, HOF,ROMX x Dam: Finch's Walks All Over You



Magic at 8 months old strutted his way to his Championship in two weekends-with 4 Majors.
There's magic in the air!

Judge: Mr. Dennis McCoy—1/W/BB/BW/Tulsa, Ok.—5 Pt Major

Judge: Ms. Bonnie Linnell Clarke—1/W/BW/BPY/Tulsa, Ok.—5 Pt. Major

Judge: Mr. William Cunningham—1/W/Tulsa, Ok.—4 Pt. Major

Judge: Mr. Richard V. Miller—1/BW-NEW CHAMPION-Council Bluffs, Ia.—4 Pt. Major

Thank you Judges for acknowledging Magic's fine qualities, great gait and his "show off" Pom attitude.
Look for Magic in the future.

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Ch Idlewyld Precious Gem



(Ch Idlewyld Tourmaline ex Ch Idlewyld Piper of Lenette)

Gemmy had climbed to number seven Pom (per Canine Chronicle) when he was bitten by a poisonous snake on September 3. We are very blessed to have a superb veterinary emergency clinic just 20 minutes away. He was a very sick little dog but pulled thru. He was anxious to get back to showing, but the poison cost him patches of fur, mostly on his legs, so we withdrew him from competition. Thanks to the fine staff at Veterinary Referral and Critical Care for his treatment, to Becky Johnson for giving him convalescent care when I went to the beach, and to all the wonderful judges who recognized his brilliant red color, correct head, and flashy side gait.

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From The President



Marge Kranzfelder

A new year is dawning. The fact that it is the year 2006 is still difficult to grasp. I do hope you all enjoyed a festive holiday season. Your Poms undoubtedly made it extra merry. I'm hoping your plans for this year include joining the three-day Pom Party planned for March in Louisville, KY.

The gathering of such beautiful Poms and your Pom friends from around the world is reason enough to celebrate. But there are plans for lots of other activities that are reasons to attend in person. The Costume Contest will embellish the party theme. It has been two years since we last put your creative genius to such endeavors. For those of you who haven't ever attended one of our Costume Contests it is a time that we truly enjoy not just showing, but "showing off" our Poms. It is a time to enjoy our Pom's human companions in a good ol' competitive way...with bribery. This fun raiser is in good-hearted jest. There is nothing under-handed about it. All bribery is not only condoned, but is outright encouraged to be the norm. If only life could be this simple...your dollars' contribution are tallied and they count!!!

Pom people have proven to be very generous over and over again. We have received two more contributions made in memory of Nina Epps. Our thanks at this time are extended to both Janice L. Earl and also to the members of the Ozarks Kennel Club. Not only is this year's National Specialty held in honor of Nina's memory, but also the contributions in her honor help make bringing our educational speaker to Louisville possible. This seminar will be on the latest of breeding techniques. Check out the new APC web site or the Premium List for details on how you can attend.

I can't say enough about how proud I was in the response given to my request for Pomeranian DNA samples for the Texas A&M University study into Canine Longevity. It has been a long-term observation that a canine's longevity is inversely proportional to its size. In simple terms, little dogs live longer than big dogs. Scientists are working to assess the genes most likely to affect the aging process in the dog. The study will also look at the effects that oxidative stress has on the aging process in various dog breeds. Information learned could benefit both canines and humans. One thing that this researcher did to help make it easier for volunteers to send in their DNA was to accept saliva brush samples. Everyone that I contacted was extremely cooperative and helpful. I asked the researcher how many Pom samples her study needed to be successful and with the help of the internet, APC members promised to not only meet, but to exceed that amount within a very short period of time involved. Each Pom participant received a certificate of appreciation from the University.

Helping out in this study did provide me an opportunity to question who they thought might be interested in working on our alopecia problem. Their reply was Dr. Frank. Yes, the research community is fairly small. We are fortunate to have Dr. Linda Frank's interest and assistance into this problem. I also have reached out to other breeds to see if anything new has been learned by other methods. Unfortunately, there is nothing to report. We will keep pressing forward.

Nationals are supposed to provide a setting and opportunity to exchange ideas. Every parent club is reporting that the necessity of varied and tight time schedules hardly leave room for that. Our Board has this as a concern. Last year we attempted to restrict our annual Board meeting to a 3-hour time constraint. This means we try to be as organized as possible to conduct our most important meeting which structures our whole upcoming year's business. The agenda conforms to our Bylaws. Members, who are not Board members, may attend but may not initiate club business at this time. Reports from Committees chairs might be scheduled to be given. It is a true work meeting. Our attempt to constrain our time limit is so that we can also meet informally with our membership during hospitality gatherings. We do want to hear about your concerns and ideas.

Another "must attend" for APC members at the National is our Annual General Meeting. This meeting is a requirement of our By-laws, but it can be so much more than just that. I don't consider this a true "work meeting." It is more of an exchange of information meeting. The members get to hear what is presently happening in the club. Each committee chair presents this. And you hear about what might be new in the upcoming year. You have a chance to ask questions. Verbal explanations should be more descriptive than what is usually summarized in our written reports. Last year we encouraged each Regional club to invite our membership to their specialty. In other words, make an announcement where and when it would be. Under New Business, members have an opportunity to ask questions about what issues that concern them. We are most interested to hear. What you probably won't hear is any decision made on the spot. It is our turn as Board members to listen. If you have a topic you would like to hear us address at this meeting that you think we might not have already scheduled, please let either Janice Russell, our recording secretary, or myself know. We are the ones in charge of formulating the agendas.

Another perfect informal time to exchange ideas and socialize with your longtime comrades and new friends is when Wine & Cheese will be served after the Adjournment of the General Meeting. I do believe this will be a positive incentive for a concise well attended meeting.

As you see, plans have been well under way to make this year's National very special. Many people have been working very hard this year. I will hold my thank yous until later. If you don't have your travel plans already in place, please do so. You will not regret joining the Party!

Showcase Got To Be Me



(BISA/BISS CH Sirius It's All About Me x Showcase Town Flirt)

Thank you to Judge Norman Patton for Benjamin's Best of Breed win over specials and to Judge Rodney Herner for Benjamin's Group Two win from the classes! Thanks, always, to Curtiss Smith for his wonderful presentation.

Congratulations to Bob and Joyce Birks, Mustang Poms, on their APC Kennel Visit.

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Friday April 7, 2006

Mrs. Vicki Abbott (Regular Classes)

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Annette Davis

Ask Us Anything

Our question for this issue is: I am having trouble potty training my Pom. What can I do?

- 1) If you are having trouble house training, have a physical exam, fecal, and urine sample checked by your veterinarian. Parasites, urinary tract infections, and other health problems are a leading cause of house training problems.
- 2) Feed only premium food. Avoid sudden changes in your Pom's diet.
- 3) Until he is reliably house trained, never allow your Pom to wander the house unattended. Use a crate or play pen when you cannot personally supervise your dog. Immediately take him for potty when you let him out of his crate. No, this is not cruel unless overused. Your Pom will come to think of his crate as his den and will appreciate having a place of his own.
- 4) Schedule feedings to 2 or 3 times per day. Remove any leftovers after 30 minutes. (Because toy puppies are prone to hypoglycemia, scheduled feedings are not advisable until your puppy is at least 6 months old.)
- 5) Take your puppy outside for potty often - especially first thing in the morning, after meals, and after naps.
- 6) Decide on a verbal cue such as "potty" to use each time you take your dog outside. Say his name first and then "POTTY." Reward him with lavish praise, a small treat, petting, etc. as soon as he "goes."
- 7) If your dog has an accident inside, tell him firmly "NO" and then take him outside. Yelling at or hitting your dog is counter productive and not advised! Clean the accident area with an enzyme cleanser such as "OUT!" so he will not be attracted to it again.
- 8) If your dog is a pet, have him neutered (or her spayed). A neutered pet is much easier to houstrain. Male puppies neutered before 6 months of age generally do not lift their legs at all. (Older males often continue to leg lift even after they are neutered.)
- 9) If you cannot take your dog outside, you can train to puppy pads or newspaper. If you train to newspaper, do not leave your "good" newspaper laying around! Litter box training is not recommended, as the litter can be dangerous if ingested.

Our question for the next issue is: What type of information should I include in my puppy sales contracts?

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

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Previous "Ask Us Anything Columns" may be viewed on line: www.avalonpom.com/PomCare.htm

Ch. Phoebe of Lenette

(Ch. AJ Smokin' Joe x Tammy's In Love Of Lenette)



Thanks to Judges:

Ken Falconi 3 pt major
Connie Clapp 5 pt major WB, BOW
Darryl Vice 5 pt major WB, BOS

Thanks to Ted Lee, (317) 403-4571 for the fabulous job of showing Phoebe.
Thanks so much to Phoebe's breeder Ken Griffith.

Loreland Poms
Lauretta Flynn

Avon, IN (317) 272-7318

Years back, while living in Bucks County, I read an article on dairy goats and began to research them. I decided I just had to have a goat. I located a commercial dairy goat farm. When Bob came home from work he found two milking does and a young kid. From then on he never knew what I would do next. Those goats were just the beginning. I became good friends with the breeder and through her guidance, I had my own herd. We started a licensed commercial dairy and shipped the milk to be processed into fudge, butter, cheese, and ice cream. We had four different purebred registered breeds. We bred for conformation, milk production and milked all by hand. We showed the goats at sanctioned shows, won many ribbons and became known for quality dairy goats. The offspring was sold to breeders in many states.

When our daughter was three, I told Bob I wanted to look at farms for sale in Bradford County. It was autumn and I had never seen anything so beautiful. Mountains and trees were aglow with color; vibrant reds, yellows, oranges and browns. It was gorgeous and I knew I wouldn't be satisfied until I moved to this beautiful area. We sold our home and bought a farm. Here we were, six young children, Bob leaving his job, in an unfamiliar area. It didn't take us long to find the area was very depressed. If we had not bought the farm, back to Bucks County it would have been. That was years ago. The area has progressed since then, so we stayed.

Shortly after losing Keith, we left the farm and moved into our present home. I had health problems and major back surgery. We sold all the goats. In time I became stronger and able to go about normal activities. I bought my first



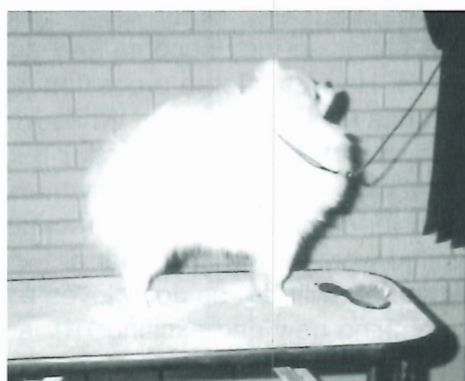
Joyce showing Lena



Fancy Pants



Jake Son



Pom. Teddy was an orange, six month old, registered male. This was Teddy's fourth and last home. He was a wonderful, sweet little boy and part of the family until we lost him to kidney failure. He hooked me on the breed.

I loved the breed, so I decided I would get a few Poms and do a little breeding. I found a breeder who was selling out and bought her last three bitches. She had a little black male who lived in a small wire cage. A few days later back I went for him. This was the beginning of the world of Poms or so I thought. I bred a litter or two with these girls. I remember the first litter, I was excited and stressed. Wow, it was another world trying to help a Pom whelp. I was used to being able to reach into a goat, position the kid correctly to deliver.

I was aware from the goats that registered purebred didn't necessarily mean quality and so the same old story. My first Poms and litters were placed in pet homes. Teddy and little black Mikey remained as pets. I loved them both dearly. Mikey became my shadow. No other Pom will ever take his place in my heart. Both their ashes are in my bedroom until we are together again. My search began again. I answered numerous Poms ads and contacted many breeders. I had Poms shipped in who eventually were placed in pet homes. I spent money, time and energy to get what I wanted to work with. I found it very hard for an unknown beginner to buy quality Poms from a reputable breeder.

Eventually my luck changed and I had three girls shipped in from Nina Berry. One was a nice black bitch that carried a lot of white genes. I bred her to Linda Herrmann's beautiful white male Softie and this was the beginning of my whites. Long time friend

Cindy Boulware told me of a nice little red bitch with Tommanoll lines available and I grabbed her. She was a sound, compact little bitch with a beautiful head. I am definitely a head person. It's very hard for me to get past the head. I sent this bitch to my dearest friend Nina Epps and got two lovely bitches from that breeding with Jake. Nina had been one of my mentors for a long time and a true friend. She always listened to problems, cheered me up when things weren't going well and shared my joys. I have always been the world's worse groomer, which really frustrated Nina. Nina even drew me pictures and directions on just how to do the ears, which I still have. She would tell me if I didn't start doing them right, she was flying out here and staying until I learned. We, in the Pom world have lost a wonderful, dedicated breeder and a sincere friend. Many sadly miss her. Nina's Jake will carry on for many years in my breeding program as with many other kennels.

I was fortunate to buy two Jake sons from Nina. Sunny is eleven years old and reminds me of his sire. Here's a funny story about Sunny. Sunny was always a good stud dog, but this one night we were breeding him to a bitch. He was just putting around, hopping on and off the bitch, getting a drink of water. I'm sure you've all been down this road at one time or another. Bob getting a little impatient said, "Come on Sunny, yum yums. Sunny, yum yums. Get the girl." Sunny reared around, excited, with ears up. Little Mister stud man got the job done. After that night all we had to say when breeding Sunny was yum yums Sunny. To this day, though he no longer breeds, when we say yum yums Sunny gets full of energy and excited like a young pup. My other Jake son, Brat, and one of my Jake



Joyce Birks and Beauty



Loki



daughters, Nina, are now with Tom Davison to carry on Jake's legacy for Hickory Bend Kennels.

I admired the look of the Great Elm and Lenette Poms and drove to North Carolina. I enjoyed Ken Griffith and Ruth Beam's hospitality. I bought a little red male JR, a Dominic son Lenny, and Lena a Dominic daughter. Through out the years I have purchased several Poms from Ken, including a daughter of his foundation bitch Gypsy, a Greta daughter, a Hanna daughter, and others by Ruth Beam's Mr. Chips and Little Cricket. Dear Ruth Beam is a world of information and knowledge. It is such a joy to visit with her. Anyone who has never had the opportunity to meet and spend time with her, don't know what he or she is missing! I have always wished I lived closer to Ruth to visit and listen to stories of the old days and absorb her knowledge. I have always wished she would write a book. Never will you find a more honest, out spoken person than Ruth Beam!

I have found the Lenette, Great Elms, and Jake lines click very well together and this has been the basis for my breeding program. I bred my Jake daughter to JR and got two daughters who are with Tom Davidson and my foundation male Ch Mustangs Good Time Charlie. Breeding my Dominic son Lenny to Leeza (GE Cricket x Carrie Of Lenette) daughter gave me my foundation bitch Sally. Sally and Charlie together have produced Ch Murph, Ch Poco, Ch Beauty, Peeps who needs her last major to finish and Jolsen who I am currently showing needs one single and one major. I recently sent Sally to the Chrisden Kennel in the Philippines and hope she does as well for Dennis as she has done for me. I have a daughter of the repeat breeding of Sally, Tango, who will

Mustang Kennel Visit Continued

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be bred her next season. It will be interesting to see if Tango follows in Sally's footsteps.

My latest addition is a darling little red Parker son that Noble was kind enough to let me have. Debbie Wheeler handled and finished Ch Nobles Lil Robert Red Furred. I have a Red son and daughter and a litter due. Red is a special little guy.

I believe what we all need to remember is the bloodlines we have, that we call our own, are not ours alone. They come down to us from many hard working, dedicated breeders from years gone by. All of us have started and worked with what we prefer. Whether it is a certain color line, a certain type, etc., we need to remember and honor those long time breeders from the past. They gave us the foundation to work with for our Poms of today. In turn, we must work hard to breed as close to the standard as possible to produce sound, healthy Poms for the future of the breed.

Recently Bob retired after twenty-seven years working for GE Railcar repairing railroad cars. Years ago Bob, my sons and a dear friend built a boarding kennel so I would no longer have to go to work and could be at home with my Poms. Now that Bob no longer works outside the home, I have plenty of help with the boarding. The kennel has two floors. Cats are boarded on the upper floor and downstairs is divided with two separate areas. There are ten runs for toy and miniature breeds and ten runs for larger breeds. I have enjoyed working with the different breeds throughout the years. It has given me the chance to have and enjoy most breeds at least from time to time. But as the years go by I'm



Sunny, a Jake son



Junior



getting older and have much less energy. The boarding business is a 365-day responsibility with no weekends or holidays off. Bob and I are now feeling the need for more free time with the Poms. In the near future, we plan to sell the kennel and look for property. We enjoy going to dog shows. Without the kennel, we will have much more freedom to go when we like. We have a motor home and look forward to visiting with friends at the shows. Win or lose we always have a great time. Through the Poms we have met and acquired many wonderful friendships.

Throughout the years it has not been all joy and good times. There has been much sadness and heartaches with the breed. Many times I have been ready to just give up, but the joy of having these happy, loving, intelligent, beautiful dogs outweighs it all. I really can't see me not having a Pom. They hook you for life.

For those of you who are just starting in Poms, there is so much joy along with sorrow ahead of you. Many sleepless nights watching over a bitch in labor or a sick puppy, C-sections, losing your show hopeful or worse yet an adult you have helped come into this world and raised up from a puppy, plus the many health problems that go along with the breed. Vet bills and never ending supplies to be purchased. There is no money to be made in this breed. The money that goes out, never really comes back in. It's all for the love and dedication for the breed. When that cobby little ball of fur with the smiling almond eyes, tail frantically wagging looks up at you and you gather him up in your arms close to your heart, it all becomes worth it. They become your children who you will always love, care for and protect. The joy outweighs the sorrow many times over. My one

regret is not starting in the Poms earlier. There is so much I would have liked to have done and experimented with such as the whites. It takes time to be where you want to be in your breeding program. There is much dedication and many mistakes until you see the results you are looking for. I have recently stopped breeding whites due to the need to cut back. I found the time I spent on whites that they are the most difficult to work with. Although I was very fortunate to breed some very nice ones, they did not outweigh the number of poor quality ones. I did find they usually are very laid back with great temperaments, not flighty and almost always very, very loving. I do hope many of you will have the interest and dedication to work with the whites so someday the quality will be as good as most of the other colors.

What concerns me most with the Poms today is denial. We all know the breed has various health issues. The problem is so much of this is kept behind closed doors. There is no doubt in my mind that if you're in this breed long enough you will see one problem or another turn up. The longer you breed, the chances are you will experience most problems at one time or another. Black skin is the one problem more often hidden. We need to be honest and help one another. Denial will not put us a step ahead. Movement is denial again. How many times have we witnessed a handler walk away with winners when the dog had bad stifles and the judge looked the other way? And coat, the beauty of the breed is that double beautiful coat with full tail over the back. So why do so many judges put up those who have been scissored having no pin hairs, little pants and tails. I have never understood pet people who are determined they need to have a Pom. I have seen



Ch Mustang's Poco Pedro



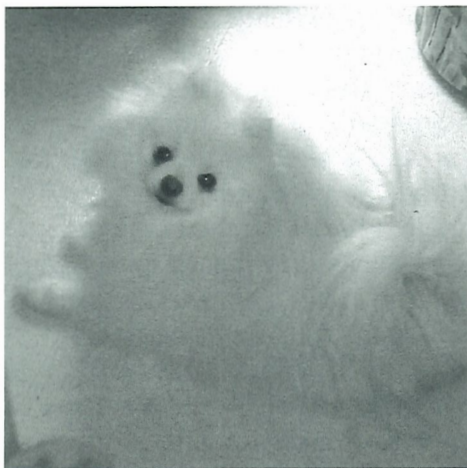
Joyce Birks showing Jolsen



Jingles



Ch. Mustang's Audie Murphy





DeJay Doms

**Congratulations to Bob and Joyce
and all the Mustang Doms!**

Wishing you and the whole Dom Community a

Happy, Healthy Holiday Season!

Donna, Dana and Toby

Mustang Kennel Visit Continued

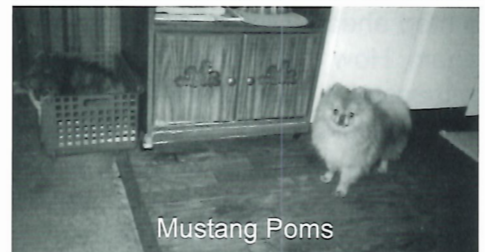
too many times after getting their beautiful full-coated dog, they have the coat shaved off. Why not get a short-coated breed? Maybe I should change the subject while ahead.

I'd like to share a very memorable visit I had some years ago at my vets. I am a licensed kennel and therefore can give my own yearly shots and rabies. I always gave my puppy shots, which my vet has never approved of. I was getting ready to ship this very healthy puppy and needed health papers from my vet. I took the puppy in and my vet proceeds to give the pup an exam. When he listened to the heart, my vet told me the puppy had a heart condition. It was so hard to accept that this little ball of fire, seemingly so healthy and energetic had a heart problem. This taught me a lesson and every litter since that day goes to my vet

for their exams and shots. There are so many things a vet can find that we are too inexperienced to detect. The most valuable asset to a breeder is a good knowledgeable vet who is experienced with the toy breeds and also has emergency hours. I have had the same vet since buying my first Pom. He has met me in the middle of the night in wintertime for c-sections and on holidays. He has always been there for me and I wouldn't know what to do without him.

I want to thank the Pomeranian Review for asking me to have this kennel visit. I thank my husband Bob who has supported me through out the years and who has become as much involved with the breed as I am. And thanks to my family who have made many sacrifices so that I could do what I love. I thank and appreciate those of you who have encouraged, supported and shared your knowl-

edge with me along the way throughout the years and my dear friends. You all know who you are. There are just too many to mention individually. Thank you, thank you!



Congratulations to...

Joyce & Bob Birks of Mustang Poms



"PEEPS"

Thank you for sharing this beautiful girl with me. I hope to have her back in the ring soon so she can pick up her last major to acquire her championship title.

Gail Rodgers
Gailellen Toys

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Keepsakes Rock N Rhythm



(Ch.Puf-Pride Cloudbreaker x Keepsakes Courtin' Tradition)

Congratulations to my daughter Tassie for putting a major on Keepsakes Sweet Southern Dream his second time out!

Wishing a wonderful future to Joyce and Bob Birks and the Mustang Poms!

Congratulations to Mary Latimer on her acquisition of Keepsakes Rock N Rhythm.

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Congrats! Congrats!

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Ch. Wynmor's Black n' Tan Beauty

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Mustang Pomeranians

A Happy New Year to you all, filled with good friends, healthy litters, and many new champions. Hope to see you all in Kentucky in March.

Joyce and Bob Birks

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Ch. Noble's Lil Robert Red Furred

Ch. Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Ch. Sungold's Dark Miss

Belated Congratulations Trish Rowley on your Kennel Visit.

I am so happy to see how well you, your Mom and your sister, Judy are doing. I love your whites. Keep up the good work. I wish you many years of success and beautiful whites.

Evelyn Newyear and the Neujahr Poms

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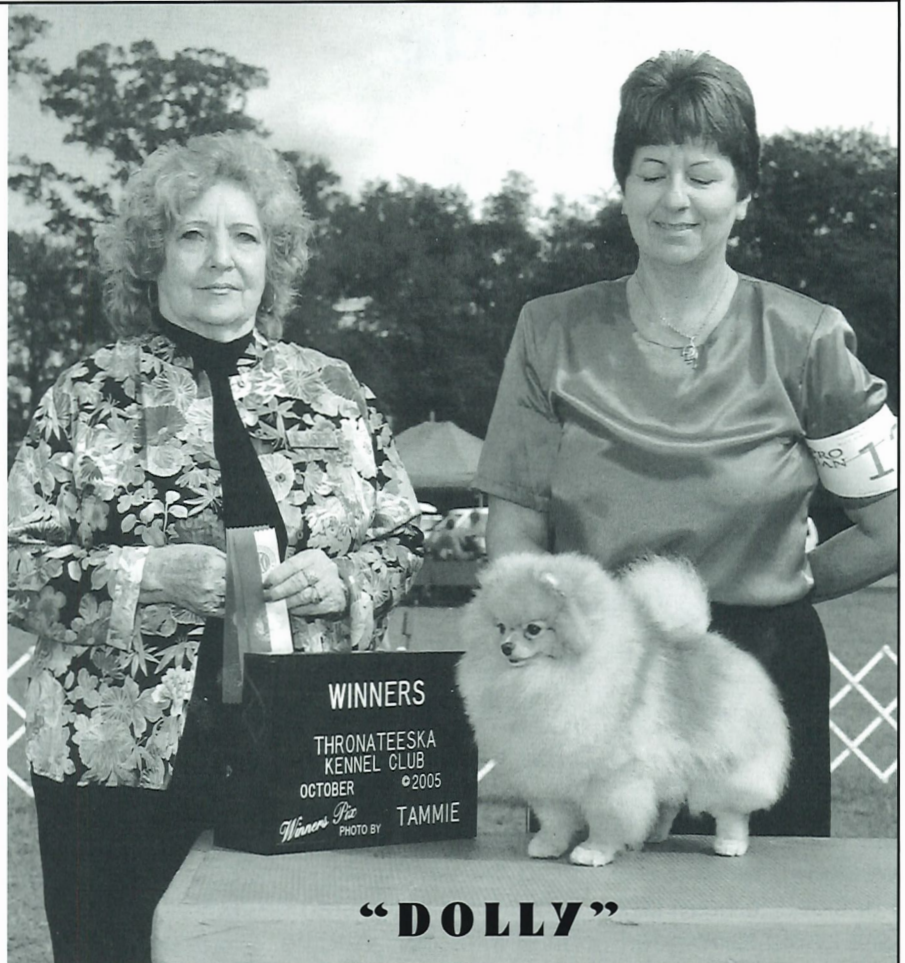
For complete information see page 81. Check out the APC website for the latest updates at www.americanpomeranianclub.org

JAN-SHAR'S ALL DOLLED UP

Dolly makes her first steps to fulfilling her great potential under the expert handling and coaching of Ann Berryman. Thank you Ann, and also Breeder Sharon Hanson for such a super girl. Best wishes for the New Year.

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Congratulations and best
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Bob and Joyce
on their kennel visit.
Wishing you both
continued success.

May you all be blessed
with a prosperous
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Shari Shields
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Bobii Earle

A TAIL OF LOVE — “CRUISER”

A couple of years ago a police officer/breeder friend and her police officer husband decided to breed to one of my Champions. She had not bred and or whelped puppies for about seven years and he was brand new to the process. We waited, and waited, and waited, and waited, ad nauseum. Finally she decided maybe she just might come into season. Unfortunately, she was visiting the co-owner's friend out of town but finally ended up on my doorstep for “fun time” very late in her season. She was very willing and played the little hussy to the hilt, and was bred three times. Then she went back to my police officer friend's home. Anxious time again, waiting and more waiting. Finally the important test at the vet.

Not pregnant. No puppies.

We decided to try again. We waited, and waited and waited. Then well past the time she should have come in again, at the very first inkling, swelling but no bleeding, she was brought to me. It was on a weekend so I couldn't

get her to my vet to check so decided to see if she would breed. She was the little hussy again, twice on the weekend. When I took her to the vet on Monday she was completely cornified, and he tested her several times. I decided to have blood taken for a progesterone test at an outside lab. Guess what? She was just barely a 1. She could have been coming in or out. Another progesterone test was taken the next day and she was 1.5 so just barely in season. Using the chart she was bred on the day of ovulation. Again, she played the hussy and bred every time she could get near him. Finally after a week she went home to her very anxious mom and pop.

Now here is the real TAIL! My police officer friends waited anxiously until the time came to take her to her vet to see if she was indeed pregnant. WOW, she was, with three puppies. This was nail-biting time. The puppies were very evident in the x-rays; good size and well cooked shall we say. It was still over a week before their due date, but from which breeding?

I received an anxious call a week before she was due saying the temp had dropped. I rushed over but the temp was back up to 101. I ended up spending the night. No puppies. I spent the week coming home during the day and sleeping at their house during the night. According to the progesterone test, she was actually due on October 21.

On Oct 20, as I was driving back to their house, a police car came screeching up to the corner with all lights flashing and pulled out into the intersection, calling to me to pull over. He made a U turn and stopped in the middle of the intersection stopping all traffic. Shouting, “She's having her baby in the squad car. We're on the way to the vet.” I said, “No! Let's go back to your house. You drive my car and let “J” drive the squad car. I'll take care of the mom”. When I got into the squad car and put the basket, with mom on my lap, I found that indeed a puppy was being born. I broke the sack, (there were lots of towels) so rubbed and blew and rubbed, etc until there was plenty of screeching from the puppy. It was a large, beautifully formed puppy. We made it to their home in record time, where another puppy was born about a half hour later. The third puppy was born about two hours later. All were very healthy and large pups, 4 1/2 to 5 ounces. There were two boys and one girl.

Guess who is getting named “Cruiser”?

I learned two things from this experience. Police are people too, and what good is a cell phone if you don't turn it on.

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STOLEN POMPS

Nightmare on Hiawatha Drive

After twenty years of breeding and showing dogs, I thought I had been through about every bad experience that Murphy's Law could throw: emergency C-Sections, stillborn or pups that had to be pulled, nursing moms with little or no milk or mastitis, puppies that just fade and die for no discernible reason, broken legs, bad bites on otherwise beautiful dogs, and loss of favorite dogs due to injury or illness. But NOTHING could have prepared me for this.

Tuesday, November 9, 2005, started out like every other day at LaCueva Kennel in Dayton, Ohio. I had come home late the previous Sunday from four days of shows and was getting ready to leave the next day for four days of shows in Michigan. I had been busy all day, cleaning the RV and grooming and bathing dogs. I was exhausted. At 8:45 pm I put everybody out for the last potty run. The two fenced Pom yards are off the back of the house and I had the floodlights on. There is a breakfast nook off the kitchen, with windows on 3 sides where I can easily view the fenced Pom yards, as well as the kitchen window, which overlooks one yard and the driveway, which comes off the end of the dead end street. There are no neighbors behind me and no neighbors opposite me that have a direct view of the Pom yards.

Over the years, a few people have stopped to admire the Poms. These were either people that knew Jim and Doris Wheeler, who had previously lived here, or passers-by that spotted the Poms while they were looking for another address. Occasionally I had inquiries as to whether I had any puppies or older Poms available, but not once did anybody ever attempt to enter my yards without an invitation.

The evening was clear, I figured the dogs could be out 20 to 30 minutes while I cleaned pens in the breakfast nook. After looking out from the windows to make sure everything was OK, I went downstairs to check the pens. I finished cleaning and went back upstairs to start bringing dogs in for the night. It's 9:15 pm and I'm ready to tuck it in for the night myself. I opened the door off the basement landing expecting to see everybody lined up at the door, ready to come in. But there were only five adult Poms and a Chinese Crested puppy. Four young Poms, ranging from 6 mos. to 1 year old, were not there. One is owned Debbie Hollander, a fellow member of the PCCI, and three are mine. They surely must be preoccupied with something in the yard, but it was quiet.

I stepped into the yard and start calling them. THEY WEREN'T THERE! I looked around the yard in disbelief. Then I ran to the flowerbed on the sides of the yard. NO, NOT THERE. By now, my heart was pounding as I ran across the yard to a lone large tree at the far end. The tree is big enough for them to all be out of sight behind if they lined up, a bit much to anticipate, but my mind couldn't fathom any other likelihood. STILL NO PUPPIES. I ran the outer fence line thinking there has to be a hole. How could they dig a hole deep enough for them all to get out in that little time? Besides, if they had, how come everybody else was still in the yard? There were no holes along the fence line. My heart was sinking and my eyes were starting to blur. I couldn't start crying now! How am I going to see them if my eyes are blurring from the tears? I began to scream their names, which was distressing the other dogs, but I couldn't help myself.

I grabbed a flashlight by the back door, let myself out the latched gate and started running down the street calling their names. "Whitney, Tuffy, Debi, Ima! Come on babies! Come to Momma! Where are you?" Two of my neighbors heard me and came out. "What's going on?" they asked. I replied, "My babies are gone—all my babies are gone!" They also grabbed flashlights and joined in the search. We circled the neighborhood for a 2-block radius. "I know these puppies," I said. "Even if they had somehow gotten out, they wouldn't have gone very far. And Whitney is such a little yapper we'd have heard her by now. Oh My God, somebody has stolen my Poms!"

What is it about the brain that makes us go stupid in times of extreme duress? It must be denial, that and self-blame or disbelief. Even though I knew they hadn't gotten out on their own, it took 10 minutes of searching for them to make me suddenly realize that what I was doing was stupid. What I needed to do was get back home and call the police... NOW!

It took about 10-15 minutes for the police to get here after I called them. I just kept searching the yard as if I somehow expected them to magically appear. When the officer showed up and I told him that four of my Pom puppies had been stolen and that I wanted to file a report, he looked at me in disbelief. "Do you have any suspects or witnesses?" he asked. "No," I said, "but they are gone, four of them, and they didn't get out on their own." "Well, they're just dogs, lady. A report isn't going to go anywhere unless you have suspects or witnesses. They'll just close the case." It's probably a good thing he doesn't know how close he came to being a closed case that night! "I want to file a report," I demanded. "These are NOT just dogs. These are four AKC Registered Pomeranian puppies valued at about \$8,000!" Needless to say, he filed the report.

After the officer left, I paced the house, knowing I had to do something but not knowing what. I had to calm down! I started pouring through pictures so see if I had photos of the missing puppies. I was able to find usable pictures of three of them. Whitney, was the only one I didn't have a picture of, but knew I could pick her out of a line-up of fifty black Poms. I spent the rest of that night, putting together fliers until I ran out of printing paper. I had tried to call Debbie but got no answer. I was sure she had gone to bed for the night.

My book, **“Pomeranian”**,

just published by “Kennel Club Books”, is available now for sale. (Very inexpensive). Bookstores now have it, but if you would like an autographed copy, just fill in the blanks below. Send \$9.95, plus \$2.67 postage. Total \$12.62, and I’ll get one off to you pronto. My pleasure.

Not an “earth-shakingly-wonder book”... there are many excellent Pom-books out there... just my small effort for you! Think you might enjoy having it.

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Dickinson, TX 77539-6963

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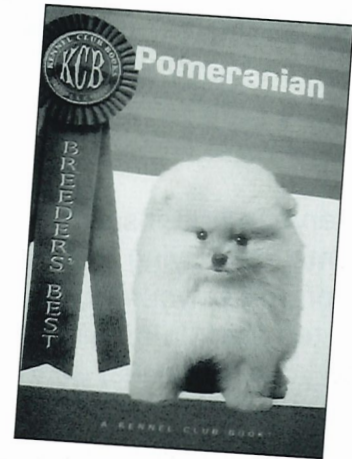
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Have a wonderful New Year 2006!!



Stolen Poms Continued

I made a list of the things I needed to do and the things I needed to get. Call the local vets, pet stores, and humane society shelters. Call the newspapers and place a lost and found ad about the theft. Would they let me say the dogs had been stolen in the ad? I didn't know but I intended to find out. Call the local radio and television stations. How much would it cost to get advertising time on either of those, I wondered. And would they do it? I had to try! I needed more paper, and plastic page protectors for outdoor fliers and ink cartridges.

For the next three days I lived on coffee, adrenaline and fear! I couldn't sleep, I couldn't eat. Debbie and I posted the heartbreak of our stolen Poms on every Internet Pom list we knew of and we asked friends to cross-post to their breed lists. I posted fliers at local restaurants, convenience stores, and gas stations. I got permission from the District School Superintendent to post fliers at all schools. I offered a \$1,000 reward for any information leading to the return of the stolen puppies. I put fliers on car windshields in shopping center and restaurant parking lots.

On Thursday afternoon I got a call from a reporter at the local NBC-WDTN TV Station offering to do a story. They came and filmed on Friday morning. I told them the dogs had been micro-chipped, and explained how the chips are inserted under the dog's skin as a permanent identification that can be traced to the owner through a national registry. That evening the story was aired on the 5:30 pm news. I watched with phone in hand, surely somebody would call that had seen the puppies. In the meantime, I had to keep trying to find them. There was a Pets Expo in Dayton and the flea markets near Cincinnati would open on Saturday. The Holiday Inn was having an open-house puppy sale on Sunday. Debbie and I were coordinating efforts to cover all of those events. I made more fliers.

Friday night at 10 pm. (I had just returned home from passing out over 200 fliers at the Pets Expo) the doorbell rang. Five informed police officers were standing on my front porch. One of them was holding a small black Pomeranian puppy, my Whitney! I yanked open the door and there on the porch was a large cardboard box holding the other three puppies. I fell to my knees and scooped them up and just cried. It took me a few minutes to get myself together and invite the officers in. I sent a message to Debbie that all four puppies were home safe.

The Montgomery County Police had received an anonymous call, traced to a local pay phone, within three hours of the newscast. A man on the phone informed them, "The stolen Pom puppies want to come home. They are in a large cardboard box in the cemetery. Please go get them right away." Having them delivered safe and sound to my door by Deputies J. Barnes, M. Phelps, T. Carter, J. Campbell, and W. Peterson of the Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Department was rewarding. These deputies were doing what they do best, helping other human beings. We still have no idea who stole the puppies and probably never will.

I am eternally grateful to Channel 2's Investigative Reporter/Anchor Howard Nathan for taking the time to cover our story. And, whoever you are, I thank you for being merciful enough to return our Poms. I also want to thank those who searched puppy sale sites and posted our story online. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers. To others who have lost precious Poms from either by stealth or death...never give up! Our hearts go out to you and our prayers are with you, that your babies will be safely returned, either in this world or the next. God Bless you all.

Ways and Means

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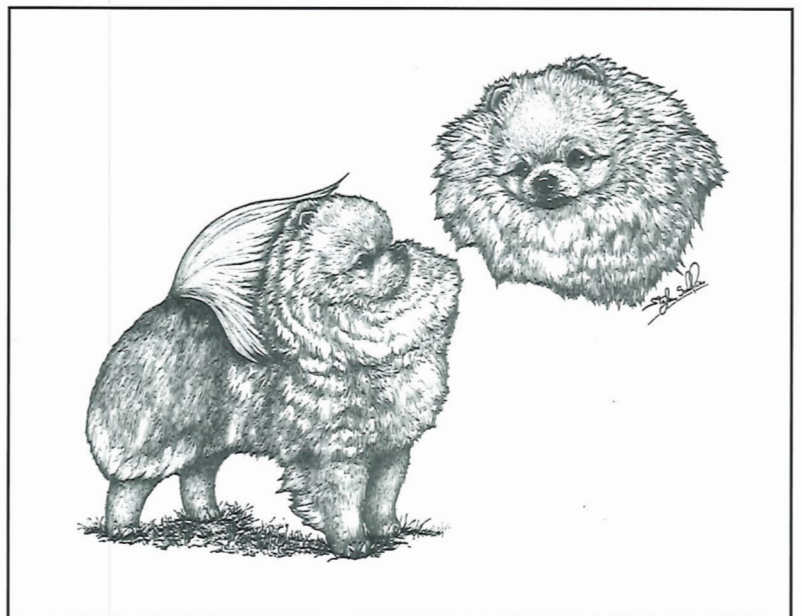


Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. It is time to look forward to our Winter National, time seems to be flying by at a faster and faster rate! The new print by Stefano Scullino is available, you can pre-order yours! Last year we had several people disappointed when they came to purchase a specialty tee shirt. In an effort to avoid this happening again, we are giving you the opportunity to pre-purchase your shirts, just go to our new website! You must pick up your tee shirt or sweat shirt in Kentucky. If you won't be there please include the name of your representative. SORRY, NO SHIP-PING! We are hoping to pre-sell most of them. Just go to the "events" section for the 2006 National Specialty. Choose "Ways & Means", scroll down to "merchandise order form", print it out and mail it to me. I will have your order ready for pick up!

As always we also need your auction donations, everyone has been so generous and every year just keeps getting better! You are all amazing! I will be setting up on Sunday and can begin accepting your donations at that time. I will have tags available for you to fill out for each item so we can make sure that proper credit is given to each of you!

I am also hoping for a few volunteers to help out in the booth, you get to meet a lot of new friends as they come by to check out the tables, if you are interested please let me know (we will work around show schedules!).

Just received my first notice of a donation....bring your check books everyone! You are gonna LOVE this...a child size "Rocking Pom" (picture a rocking horse) hand made by Allen Lusson (I hope I spelled your name right) and donated by our very own auctioneer, Bob Fiddick and Allen Lusson. I would love to receive e-mails about more donations!



The 2006 Scullino artwork (limited prints) will be available in Kentucky. Reserve yours today!

See you in Kentucky!

APC

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Kelly D. Reimschuessel, Chair

Top Ten BREED

January 1, 2005 through November 12, 2005

1	CH FIREBROOK'S TABASCO FIASCO (D) 1,042 <i>Owners: Lee Cook*, Donna Machniak*, Dana Coventry*</i>
2	CH VALCOPY BATBOY (D) Owners: Ron Smith*, Marilyn Smith*, J. Pardue, M. Pardue* 815
3	CH STARFIRE'S WICKED MEAN-N-NASTY (D) Owners: J. Heath, W. Cosby, Fabian Ariento*, Jose A. Cabrera* 794
4	CH JAN-SHARS YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME (D) Owners: Judy Paris, Letitia Cannon* 620
5	CH COTTONTOP DOIN' IT BETTER (D) Owners: Linda Mulso*, B. Wollman 541
6	CH PUFPRIDE SWEET DREAMS (D) Owners: Diane L. Finch*, Noble Inglett* 491
7	CH LARAJUS PALISADES VAN GOGH (D) 456 <i>Owner: Teresa White*</i>
8	CH FINCH'S AWESOME ON ALL FOURS (D) Owners: Kathryn J. Norem* & Diane Finch* 455
9	CH FINCH'SCHARSSPELLBOUNDPARTI (D) Owners: Charlotte Meyer*, Diane Finch* 415
10	CH IDLEWYLD PRECIOUS GEM (D) 357 <i>Owner: Margaret R. McKee*</i>

Top Ten ALL-BREED

January 1, 2005 through November 12, 2005

1	CH STARFIRE'S WICKED MEAN-N-NASTY (D) Owners: J. Heath, W. Cosby, Fabian Ariento*, Jose A. Cabrera* 14,773
2	CH PUFPRIDE SWEET DREAMS (D) Owners: Diane L. Finch*, Noble Inglett* 8,638
3	CH VALCOPY BATBOY (D) Owners: Ron Smith*, Marilyn Smith*, J. Pardue, M. Pardue 7,640
4	CH FIREBROOK'S TABASCO FIASCO (D) Owners: Lee Cook*, Donna Machniak*, Dana Coventry* 7,121
5	CH JAN-SHARS YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME (D) Owners: Judy Paris*, Letitia Cannon* 5,315
6	CH KIM'S CAMEO SIR LANCELOT (D) Owners: Kim Smith, Jessica Smith Satallante* 2,717
7	CH TOKIE THE LEGEND CONTINUES (D) Owners: Chaivat Tangkaravakun* & Prakrit Chularojmontri* 2,233
8	CH COTTONTOP DOIN' IT BETTER (D) Owners: Linda Mulso*, B. Wollman 1,933
9	CH TRUDY'S AIMING FOR THE TOP (D) Owners: Nancy Coddington* & Robert Coddington* 1,589
10	CH RYMS W FAIR WARNING (D) Owners: S. Wiemer-Martin, R. Martin, S. Plouff, L. Plouff 1,484

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APC

Top Ten

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TOP BREEDERS

Diane L. Finch*	19
Jerrie Freia*	10
K. G. Griffith*	9
Sharon Hanson*	9
Charlotte Meyer*	9
Fabian Arienti*	7
Jose A. Cabrera*	7
Laurie Otis	5
Camilla Knight*	5
Sharon Yampiro*	5

TOP EXHIBITORS

Charlotte Meyer*	16
Sharon Hanson*	8
Fabian Arienti*	6
Jose A. Cabrera*	6
Camilla Knight*	5
Linda DeCicco*	4
Celeste Favilla Solano *	4
Robert Solano*	4
Clarice M. Oganeku*	4
Yvette H. Oganeku*	4

TOP SIRES

CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams	20
CH Jan-Shars N Sync	6
CH Firebrook's Tabasco Fiasco	5
CH Jan-Shars Dudly Doright	5
Aphrodite's Austin	3
CH Cheyennes Kodiak Bear Second	4
CH Finch's Nicely Packaged Deal	4
CH Music Maker Of Lenette	4
CH Paughprints On The MTN Crest	4
CH Valcopy Wakhan Valentino	4

BREEDER EXHIBITOR SIRE DAM JUNIORS

January 1, 2005 through October 31, 2005

TOP DAMS

Finch's Seasoned Just Right	3
Chesai Katrina Of Robcary	2
Darlin's Love Me, Love Me Not	2
Dhcrew Luminesque Novel Meg	2
Dupre's Sparkling Gold Patina	2
Finch's Dancing In The Dark	2
Firebrook's Beanie Baby	2
CH Heather's Sunkiss Beach Baby	2
Honeycomb Of Lenette	2
CH Jan-Shars Brewin Up A Storm	2
Janesa's Rotten To The Core	2
CH Kacee's LTL Darlin Want-A-B	2
Legendary Leilani Of Oakridge	2
CH Lessard's Oopsy Daisy	2
CH Moretoys Ain't She Fancy	2
Pauline Of Lenette	2
CH Rise N Shine's Leading Lady	2
CH Rodi's Cr Queen Of Stars	2
Royalty Destined For Tim Sue	2
CH Starfire's Table Dancer	2
Sugar Rae's Copacabana	2
Valcopy Crystalton Chrisma	2
Windkiss Red Ruby	2
Woodrose's Lady Teresa	2
Wood's Sweet Sensation	2

TOP JUNIORS

 as reported by Cathy Jessen

Danielle Miller	53
Haley Page	46
Hunter Seering	35
Blake Armstrong	30
Mariah Seering	29
Letesha Girth	27
Jordan Rothell	20
Jocelyn Margret Lusk	19
Jessica Christiansen	18
Jessica Page	17
Miss Lee Amber Jessen	15

Junior stats as reported by AKC Awards Issues January through May, November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005 APC Year. Top Ten Breeder, Exhibitor, Sire, and Dam are awards recognized by the APC. Only APC members that have been a member for 1 calendar year will receive Top 10 Certificates. Members are noted with an *

New Champions

August

CH Aphrodites Donmar Desperado (D) CH Chricendo Call To Arms x Sunrunner BB At Aphrodites. Owned by: Donna M. Majewski & Linda DeCicco. Bred by: Linda DeCicco.
CH Char's The Legend Burns On (D) CH Char's Hunka Bumin Love x CH Finch's Walkin' The Walk. Owned & Bred by: Charlotte Meyer.
CH Cr Classic Creation (B) CH Cheyennes Kodiak Bear Second x CH Rodi's Cr Queen Of Stars. Owned by: Diana M. Solano, Celeste Solano & Robert Solano. Bred by: Celeste Solano & Robert Solano.
CH Finch's Char's Good Vibrations (D) CH Finch's Nicely Packaged Deal x CH Heather's Sunkiss Beach Baby. Owned by: Katy L. Stalnaker & Charlotte Meyer. Bred by: Diane L. Finch & Charlotte Meyer.
CH Horizon-N-Janesa Indian Sundown (D) Heartland's Knight N Day x Darlin's Love Me, Love Me Not. Owned by: Laurie Otis. Bred by: Laurie Otis, Camilla Knight & Jerrie Freia.
CH Jan-Shars Gretta Garbo (B) CH Jan-Shars N Sync x Jan-Shars I Got Rythm. Owned & Bred by: Sharon Hanson.
CH Janesa's The Places You'L Go (B) CH Carleez Dr Zeuss x Janesa's Caramello. Owned & Bred by: Jerrie Freia.
CH Kalo's Rock N Music City (D) Marbil's Rock N Chicago x Kalo's Sparkling Gemstone. Owned & Bred by: Carolyn G. Brandenburg.
CH Lessard's Boisterous Serafina (D) CH Bi-Mar's Boogie Woogie x CH Lessard's Oopsy Daisy. Owned by: Alice Lessard & Margaret Nance. Bred by: Alice Lessard.
CH Malalsh's Don Giovanni (D) Chinadoll's Pianoman x Suber's Simply Stunning. Owned by: Kimberly S. Lappen. Bred by: Elaine Wisnow.
CH Moretoys Silly Girl (B) CH Paughprints On The MTN Crest x CH Moretoys Ain't She Fancy. Owned & Bred by: Barbara Moore.
CH Moss Meadow Precious Loki (B) Showin's Alanna Metallician x TLC Maggie May Rocks O Moss. Owned by: Michelle Wilhoite. Bred by: Gina Moss.
CH Mtn Views Light My Fire (D) CH Marbil's Games Of Chance x Mtn. Views Winter Hope. Owned & Bred by: Patricia Dague & Roger A. Dague.
CH Noble's Hardly Humble (D) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Fayrwyne's Cafe Latte. Owned by: Ann Sullivan. Bred by: Heidi Bartles & Noble Inglett.
CH Noble's Lil Robert Red Furred (D) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x CH Sungold's Dark Miss. Owned by: Joyce A. Birks & Bob Birks. Bred by: Noble Inglett.
CH Oakrose Wrapped' N Ribbons (B) Jandala's Wrongway Corrigan x Oakrose Calico And Lace. Owned by: Charlotte Meyer, Joan Rose & Gail Stewart. Bred by: Joan Rose & Gail Stewart.
CH Pom Acres Mia Girl (B) CH Classic's Diamond Rio x CH Pom Acres New Days Dawn. Owned & Bred by: Juanita Fiddick.
CH Proc N Cases Minnie Pearl (B) CH Merimaur Best Case's Scenario x Starlight's Little Snowflake. Owned by: Deborah Proccacini. Bred by: Susan Lucatorto & Deborah Proccacini.
CH Rob Cary's Frosted Image (D) CH Starfire's Robcary Sobe It x Chesai Katrina Of Robcary. Owned by: Lavonne Beard, Dwight Beard & Caryl F. Scrimpsheer. Bred by: Caryl Fennell Scrimpsheer & A. Todd Scrimpsheer.
CH Stolanne's Musical Nightrider (D) CH Music Maker Of Lenette x Stolanne's Caramel Candy. Owned by: William E. Adams & Brenda Adams. Bred by: Frances J. Stoll.
CH Sugar Rae's Caught On Tape (B) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Sugar Rae's Copacabana. Owned by: Angela K. Semansky. Bred by: Angela K. Semansky.
CH Tisha's Kravin' Snickers (D) Finch's Walkin' S'More x CH Tisha's Mystique. Owned & Bred by: Fred & Pat Dieball.
CH Windkiss A Magic Spell (D) Aphrodite's Austin x Windkiss Red Ruby. Owned & Bred by: Linda L. Saball.
CH Woodrose's Uptown Girl (B) CH Gayel's Kit Carson x Woodrose's Blonde Bombshell. Owned & Bred by: Clarice M. Oganeku & Yvette H. Oganeku.

September

CH Acme's Consider It Done (D) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Acme's Just Do It Of Lenette. Owned by: Mary Allan & Jeanette Malle. Bred by: Jeanette Malle.
CH Char's All That Jazz (D) CH Finch's Nicely Packaged Deal x Finch's Schar's To Hot T'Handle. Owned & Bred by: Charlotte Meyer.
CH Char's Strike 'N Gold (D) CH Finch's Golden Opportunity x Finch's Blond Beauty. Owned & Bred by: Charlotte Meyer.
CH Char's Walkin N A Winnin Way (B) CH Finch's He Walks On Water x Highland's Lil' Cricket. Owned & Bred by: Charlotte Meyer.
CH Clan Lasslyn Cut Above (D) Clan Lasslyn Cutting Edge x Clan Lasslyn Club Soda. Owned by: Marilyn Taylor. Bred by: Marilyn Taylor.
CH Finch's All The Right Moves (D) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Finch's Seasoned Just Right. Owned by: Charlotte Meyer. Bred by: Diane L. Finch.
CH Finch's Char's Kiss N'Tel Parti (B) Finch's Dressed To Parti x Finch's I Can Parti Til Dawn. Owned by: Charlotte Meyer. Bred by: Diane L. Finch & Charlotte Meyer.
CH Finch's Parti To Impress Me (D) Wildwood's Crowned Prince x Star Haven's Countess Glory. Owned by: Charlotte Meyer. Bred by: Diane L. Finch.
CH Four Sisters' Loki Lord Of Mischief (D) Adonis Lord Of Atlantis x Zoi Orange Go Girl. Owned & Bred by: Annmarie Seidler & Donald Seidler.
CH Gone With The Wind Of Lenette (B) CH Paughprints On The MTN Crest x Honeycomb Of Lenette. Owned by: Sandra Girth. Bred by: K. G. Griffith.
CH Great Rivers Tb Ornot Tb Kisses (D) CH Great Rivers Aint No Paint x Wee Hearts Lil'patch Quilt. Owned & Bred by: Stephanie Curro & Sharon Yampiro.
CH Hickory Bend's One One (D) CH Paughprints Tradition Rocks On x Legendary Leilani Of Oakridge. Owned & Bred by: Tom B. Davidson & David L. Lamb.
CH Horizon Mayan Sundown (B) Heartland's Knight N Day x Darlin's Love Me, Love Me Not. Owned by: Camilla Knight. Bred by: Laurie Otis & Donna J. Machniak.
CH Jan-Shars Rojo Kristal Ricky (D) CH Jan-Shars Miri Me x Jan-Shars N-Vogue. Owned by: Jean Elting Rowe. Bred by: Sharon Hanson.
CH Jan-Shars You Ought 2 Be In Pictures (B) CH Jan-Shars N Sync x Jan-Shars Dawn Of A New Day. Owned & Bred by: Sharon Hanson.
CH Jolvin Opaline Sweet As Sugar (B) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Jolvin Crown Jubilee. Owned by: Joan Beech, Melvin Beech & Ann Simmons.
CH Labeau Red Sky At Sunset (B) Clairmont's Carolina Chip x CH Labeau My Secret China Magic. Owned by: Sharon Wheeler. Bred by: Sharon Wheeler & Patricia A. Gilbert.

CH Lana's Ain'T It Good To B Alive (B) CH Jan-Shars Dudly Doright x Dupre's Sparkling Gold Patina. Owned & Bred by: Lana Price.
CH Linetrees Whisteria Lane (B) CH Weewyn's A Walk In The Park x Linetrees God Bless America. Owned & Bred by: Mary Bonnell.
CH Marbil's Down And Dirty (D) CH Marbil's Games Of Chance x Marbil's Dealers Choice. Owned by: Patricia Dague & Mari Iffland. Bred by: Mari Iffland.
CH Mountain Crest Fridays Special (D) CH Paughprints On The MTN Crest x CH Mountain Crest Extra Special. Owned & Bred by: David Gilstrap & Carlene Gilstrap.
CH Park Avenue's Shorty Bang Bang (D) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Park Ave Apricot Mist Of Finch. Owned by: Janice Perna & Robert Perna. Bred by: Tom Wilson & Diane Stevenson.
CH Ruby N Dreamweavers Holly Berry (B) Ruby's Been There Done That x Ruby's N Pearls By Allayn's. Owned by: Linda Pelz, Michael Wells & Elizabeth Wells. Bred by: Ruby F. Poole.
CH Showcase Just Rewards (D) CH Mountain Crest JJ x CH Showcase Charmed I'm Sure. Owned by: Linda Lewis & Alane Levinsohn. Bred by: Alane Levinsohn & Curtis G. Smith.
CH Silver Meadows T.J.'s Dancealot (D) CH Silver Meadows Tu Jody x CH Silver Meadows Jus' Peachey. Owned & Bred by: Jacquelyn W. Klein.
CH Sofine's Legally Blonde (B) Halston's Heartbreaker x Randy N' Halston's She's Sofine. Owned & Bred by: Mary E. Latimer.
CH Sundown N Del-May's Ny Skyline (B) CH Sundown's Keegan Xavier x Janesa's Rotten To The Core. Owned by: Deborah K. Barrett. Bred by: Camilla Knight.
CH Sundown's Double Trouble (D) CH Sundown's Keegan Xavier x Janesa's Rotten To The Core. Owned by: Juanita Fuller. Bred by: Camilla Knight.
CH Valcopy Janel Flash Gordon (D) CH Valcopy Wakhan Batman x Valcopy Crystalton Chrisma. Owned by: Jeff Kunz & Dana L. Plonkey. Bred by: Janell R. Reich & Dana L. Plonkey.
CH Vera's Texas Prince (D) Amber Glows Bingo Of R.Tradition x Pauline Of Lenette. Owned & Bred by: Vera Crow.
CH Wood's Rocking Robin (D) CH Wood's I Wanna Talk About Me x Wood's Sweet Sensation. Owned & Bred by: Maynard Wood.

October

CH Aphrodites Tiger Lily (B) Aphrodite's Austin x Windkiss Aphrodites Star Gazer. Owned & Bred by: Linda Decicco.
CH Cottontop Missouri Gambler (D) CH Marbil's Games Of Chance x Cottontop Absolutely Stunning. Owned by: Lee Kraft. Bred by: Linda Mulso.
CH Daystar Innocent Till Proven Guilty (B) CH Ksudas Major Expectation x CH Daystar Indian Summer. Owned & Bred by: Karen Power.
CH Del-May's Ring Around The Rosey (B) CH Sundown's Hide N Zeke CD x Mustangs Delta Whisper. Owned by: Dale Dennbaum. Bred by: Deborah K. Barrett.
CH Diogenoir Top Trill Thrill (D) CH Diogenoir The Next Generation x Rock 'N Pixie Of Oakridge. Owned by: Cheryl Kerr. Bred by: Lisa Stasiuk, Nina Epps & Michael Carbo.
CH DJ's Commitment (B) Amber Glows Bingo Of R.Tradition x Pauline Of Lenette. Owned by: Diana L. Owens & Jerry C. Owens. Bred by: Vera Crow.
CH Elusive Toys Eminem Gotta Rap (D) Diamonds Tiny Teakie Badger x Avalon's Stargazer Lily. Owned by: Melissa Pfannerstill, Catherine Jessen, Mike Pfannerstill. Bred by: Annette Davis & Catherine M. Jessen.
CH Finch's See Me Comin' (D) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Finch's Dancing In The Dark. Owned by: Charlotte Meyer. Bred by: Diane L. Finch.
CH Glen Iris Eric Of Culean (D) CH Glen Iris Elxir Of Culean x Kalos Jessica Of Glen Iris. Owned by: Michael Parrott, Shalon Parrott & Cheryl Kerr. Bred by: Dr. Cheryl Jackson & Dr. Lawrence Myers.
CH Great Rivers Gota B In It Winit (B) CH Great River Sunshine O'Kisses x CH Angelic-N-Great River Kelsey. Owned by: Lisa Aiello. Bred by: Diana L. Pollard & Sharon Yampiro.
CH Heathercreek Alvin Bat (D) CH Valcopy Wakhan Valentino x CH Jan-Shars Everything N More. Owned & Bred by: Judy Paris & Leticia Cannon.
CH Jeribeth Mini-Vini (B) CH Jeribeth Lance's Crackerjack x CH Jeribeth Vini Vidi Vidi. Owned & Bred by: Olga Baker.
CH Moretoys Tak'N Care Of Business (D) CH Paughprints On The MTN Crest x CH Moretoys Ain't She Fancy. Owned & Bred by: Barbara Moore.
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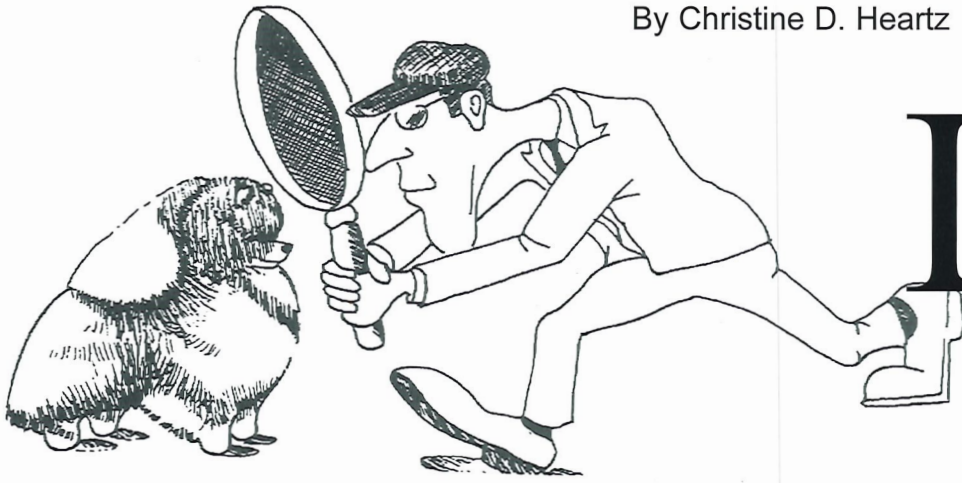




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Closer Look

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Fronts Continued

In the last article, we examined the Pomeranian from the front. Now we will examine the dog from the side, concentrating on the shoulder assembly.

The Standard is quite specific in the description of the shoulder. "it should have sufficient layback to carry the neck proud and high" as well as the requirement that "the shoulder blade and the upper arm to be of equal length." This gives us good direction as to the ideal front assembly.

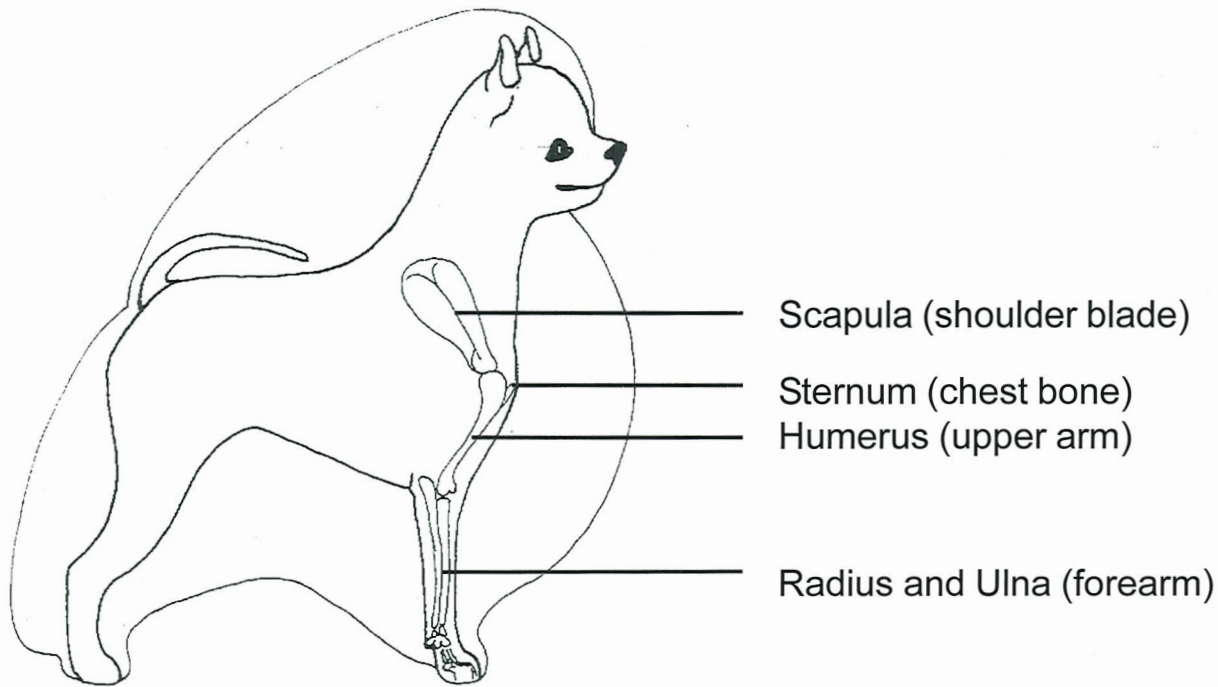
By studying the skeletal drawing, one can become familiar with the actual anatomy and have a clear picture of what it is you are looking for. The best way to become familiar with all the angles and bones is to take a dog of your own and feel where the shoulders are and how long the upper arm is. Compare it to a few other dogs. The more shoulders you feel the better you will be at comparing them to an ideal.

You might ask what difference the length and angle of these tiny bones will ever make. It is the shoulder that does a great deal of the work propelling dog forward, so the closer these lengths and angles are to the ideal, the better moving the dog will be. These angles are the ones that have been studied through cineradiology (x-rays) of actual moving dogs to determine the most efficient way of moving.

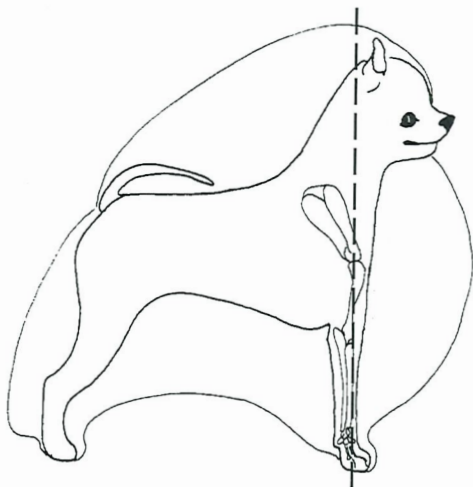
In reality, it is impossible to put exact measurements on any living creature, so these measurements are the ideal based on the laws of physics. We need to understand how all the "parts" work to better understand what we need to improve to apply it to our own dogs.

The shoulder is just one very important part of the whole dog. When combined with an upper arm which is the same length as the shoulder blade and both are correctly set at the proper angle, a good spring of rib, straight, strong, legs, front and rear, all supported by good, fit muscles, the result is a Pom who will move effortlessly around the show ring or across your own back yard.

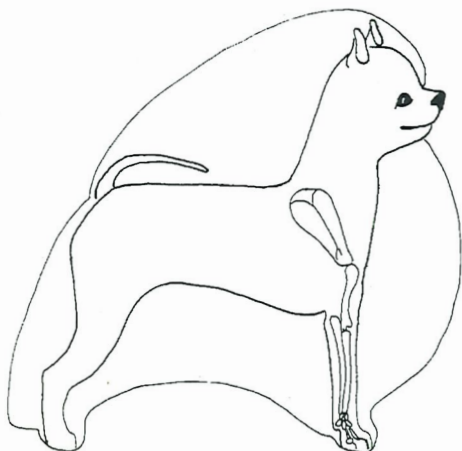
And that is what it is about.



This dog exhibits good balance. The length of the shoulder and the upper arm are equal. The shoulder is well laid back. This will contribute to efficient, effortless movement. Notice how an imaginary straight line through the elbow goes up in line with the shoulder. The front legs are well set under the dog. Compare this with the dog in the next illustration.



Here the shoulder is very upright. The body is actually set behind the legs therefore they cannot offer much support to the dog. This dog may compensate by lifting too high in the front, with a prancing or hackney gait particularly if his rear is more angulated than the front. Notice how an imaginary straight line drawn through the front legs goes up through the ears.

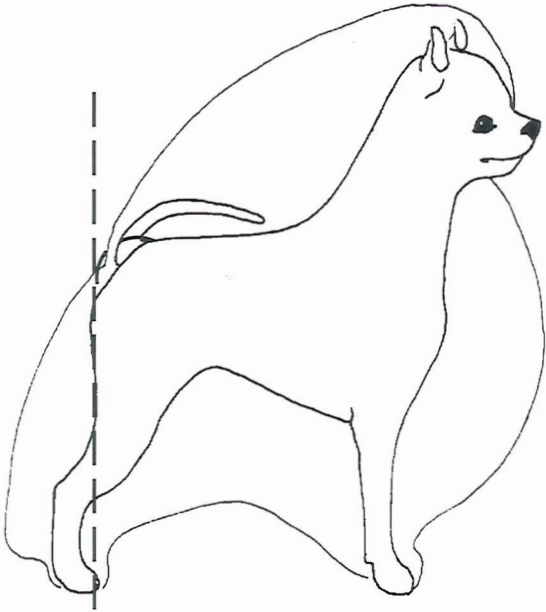


Here the upper arm is too short, movement will be restricted and choppy.

Toplines and tailsets

The length of back is determined by two things: the length of the spine and the angles of the front and rear. The topline should be straight and flat.

A weak topline, or sway back can be caused from a weak spine, and movement cannot be as strong or as efficient. A roach in the back will not allow the freedom of flexion that a straight, strong back will.



Here the topline is straight and finished correctly; the tail is also set high and flat.

The “croup” or the angle of the finish of the hindquarters, should not drop off too drastically. The dog will appear shorter in length with a bad croup, but in reality it sets his legs under him at a steeper angle. The result is usually a roached back and what appears to be a low tail set.

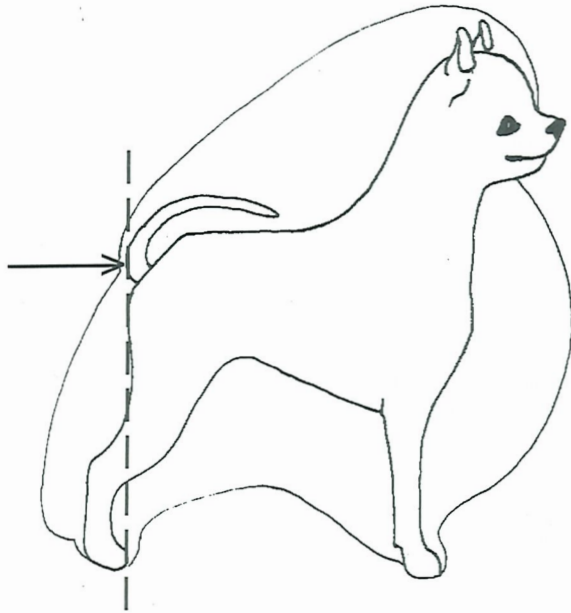


Here the croup falls off too sharply, the tail appears to be badly set. The dog may appear short at first glance but he is actually standing under himself.



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Here the tail is too low. A good test for tailset is to place your hand flat against the furthest point of the rear (buttocks). You should not feel the tail bone against your hand if the tail set is high.



Tail set contributes greatly to the illusion of length of back, but it is the combination of short back and high tail set that gives you a dog that is truly short.

Next Issue: Rears

HEALTH AND GENETICS



The Relationship of Pigment to Health

Rare and exotic colors...one of the most attractive and exciting features of our Pomeranians. Variety is the spice of life! Different styles appeal to different breeders. However, there are some important pigment-related health issues to consider.

Since the inception of purebred dog registries, standards have been established for all breeds. The standard serves to protect a breed from fashion whims. It strives to maintain a breed's traditional "look" and purpose. The standard establishes desirable conformation goals, temperament characteristics, and suitability for the original purpose of the breed. The standard provides a goal for breeding practices. This is why standards are written in the first place, to act as guides for breeders and judges. You don't need to understand all the details and theories of genetics, but you do need to abide by the standard when breeding and judging.

Our Pomeranian standard was changed in 1997 to allow all colors, patterns, and variations thereof. There are no longer any restrictions in this area. This may serve to promote some breeding practices, which might ultimately be detrimental to the health of the breed. We need to examine this issue carefully. The direction we take in breeding is the path to our future. The desire for health and concern for future generations must always take precedence over the desire for aesthetics.

Why is a color or pattern so important to the stewards of a breed? Breeders have always been keen scientific observers, even before genetics became an established field. Experienced breeders have worked tirelessly toward a goal of producing healthy dogs. Dog with health issues are in limited demand as companions, and often unsuitable for work. Some breed standards disallow excessive white, dilute colors or merle. Many breed standards specify that parti-color dogs have a certain proportion of color to white, or that they must have color extending over both eyes and ears. Most all standards call for full, dark pigmentation of nose, lips, eye rims and pads. Albinism is generally disallowed. These guidelines were not established for aesthetics' sake. They were established because certain colors, patterns, and lack of pigmentation were known to be associated with an increase in hearing and vision defects.

Recently, there has been an increased demand for unusual colors and patterns. Due to this demand, it would be wise to examine any known risks involved. There is much documentation and information related to the merle and white spotting patterns, and they will be the focus of this article.

The process of coloration and color patterns in dogs starts with embryonic development. The cells, which become melanocytes (pigment producing cells) are derived entirely from the neural crest of the embryo. Pigment cells develop from the same cells that give rise to the nervous system. The color genes are located on chromosomes near the genes for ear and ear features. Defects in color genes can be associated with defects in the nervous system, as evidenced by vision and hearing problems. Color provides a logical genetic indicator, and explains why it is likely that certain patterned dogs, such as extreme piebald (>90% white) and merles may be at risk for specific health problems. In studies to date, the proposed A, B, C, D, and E series genes (Little 1957) are NOT significantly associated with deafness. The coat patterns resulting from genes producing white (S-white spotting and M-merle series) are significantly associated with deafness. In addition, suppression of iris pigmentation by "white genes" is also associated with deafness. On the other hand, the presence of pigmented, colored patches in the coat is associated with reduced risk of deafness.

Many breeds have the white spotting and merle factors in their gene pools. These genes are not colors per se, but do affect the color genes. In breeds, which have traditionally included the merle color pattern, the predominantly white (double-factored) merle has been disallowed in the show ring, as well as selected against in the whelping box. And with very good reason. The gene which produces the merle pattern is associated with some very serious health defects.

In French, the word "merle" means "blackbird", and "le merle blanc" ("The white blackbird") is an expression, meaning "a person or thing that doesn't exist or cannot be found." This should also be our definition of the white merle.

Merle is a pattern, not a color. The merle gene works like other dilution genes, in that it lightens whatever color is already there. Whatever the basic color of the dog, unless he is all white, the merle gene will cause dilution and splotching imposed on the base coat color. The appearance is a speckling or marbling, like when bleach is splashed on your clothes. The pigment cells are affected individually in the fetus. Some are disabled completely, leaving white areas. Some cells allow partial expression of pigment, leaving merled or dappled areas. Some cells are unaffected, leaving the coat color normal or non-merled. The amount of dappling or merling can vary. The dog can have perhaps just a small dappled spot somewhere, or perhaps just a light eye with a nondappled, normal coat. Or, it might display dappling throughout the coat. The effect is most noticeable on a black coat; where the black is diluted to gray, the color is called "blue merle".

The merle gene is inherently unstable. It is believed to be a "transposon", or transposable element; a mobile parasite segment of DNA in the chromosome. Transposons originate from viruses. A virus is a particle containing DNA which inserts itself into the host cell, thereby infecting it. If the virus does not kill the host cell, it can leave a piece of its genetic material in the DNA of the host cell. When this happens in the sex or germinal cells, the particle can become a part of the genetic makeup of some of the offspring. This is a way that mutation occurs. Transposons have also been called "junk DNA" or "selfish DNA", as they rarely provide any benefit to the host cell. Transposons are also known as "jumping genes." The transposon can move to different positions in the cell in a "cut and paste" process. In so doing, it may cause mutations, or alter the amount of DNA in the genome. When the transposon responsible for merle "jumps" out of the chromosome during early embryonic development, normal function may be restored to the host gene. Coat color in that area will then be unaffected, and the underlying true coat color will be expressed. This explains why there are some areas of the coat, which are NOT dappled, and other areas which ARE.

The decorative variegated Indian corn is produced by transposon elements in the corn gene. Many viruses, such as those responsible for AIDS and feline leukemia, function as transposons, as they inject their genetic material into the host cell. In humans, hereditary diseases such as hemophilia A and B, predisposition to colon polyps and cancer, and Duchenne muscular dystrophy, are all related to inherited mutations produced through the transposon process. Genetic engineers use transposons to try to intentionally introduce certain genes into an organism.

There are also documented cases of homozygous merles producing non-merle offspring ("germinal reversion"). This is further evidence of the instability of the gene. Not only can you sometimes get non-merle pups (which should not happen according to the rules of Mendelian genetics), but also worse things can happen. The "cleft palate syndrome" is a rare and isolated Aussie defect that has been the subject of numerous scientific journal articles and symposia presentations. It is a sex-linked (on the X chromosome) defect, in which females have minor abnormalities, like extra toes, while males die of massive skeletal abnormalities and a cleft palate. This disease started with a homozygous merle bitch that was kept for coat color research.

Merle appears at first glance to be dominant, because if a dog carries one gene for the merle factor, he will be affected by it. However, merle is different, because it is incompletely dominant. A single merle gene, inherited from one parent, will usually cause the affected dog (a heterozygous merle) to display merling somewhere in the coat. This can range from light dappling to extensive dappling. Sometimes the effect on the coat is not evident, and there is no way to tell at maturity that the dog carries the merle gene. If two heterozygous merles are bred together, statistically 25% of the offspring will inherit two merle factor genes, one from each parent. When this happens, we produce what is known as a "Double (homozygous) merle". The effect of the gene is then doubly intense. There is so much color dilution that the dog is predominantly white (though sometimes may be visually indistinguishable from a heterozygous merle), and almost always has impaired hearing or vision-or both.

In Great Danes, merle interacts with another gene called harlequin, which bleaches the gray areas of the coat to white. In the pure homozygous form, harlequin is lethal. In Danes and Aussies, the tweed pattern is a variation on merle, which adds a third, intermediate shade to the coat.

Many double merle dogs are so defective that they do not survive to birth. (Estimates are as high as 50% mortality in utero). Those that survive are the ones with "just minor" defects...minor enough to handicap rather than kill. A gene that destroys half of those carrying it in a double dose in utero cannot be dismissed or ignored.

There is a complex of eye defects associated with the merle gene. These defects can be superficial in nature, such as a difference in color between the iris of one eye and the other. The example of this is a dog with one brown eye and one blue eye. Note that this trait is not necessarily indicative of possession of the merle gene, because it can also be found in dogs with extreme white spotting or double blue dilution. In addition to superficial indicators there are also major effects, such as absence of the reflective substance which lines the back of the eye, resulting in reduced ability to see in low light. There can be lack of retinal pigment, which directly reduces vision. Small or absent eyeballs, irregular or starburst pupils, and clefts in the iris can occur, as well as persistent pupillary membrane, strabismus (cross-eyed), lens luxation, and juvenile cataracts.

Hearing impairment in merles occurs due to a lack of melanin or pigment in the inner ear. Not all merles will develop problems with hearing; it all depends on whether or not the inner ear is pigmented. If the inner ear isn't pigmented, the nerve cells responsible for hearing can't develop, as they should. Then, the nerve endings atrophy and die off in the first few weeks of the puppy's life, resulting in partial or total deafness. The deafness is neither dominant nor recessive, but is linked to the merle gene, which disrupts pigmentation and secondarily produces deaf dogs. White outer ear color is often associated with lack of inner ear pigment and deafness. However, sometimes deafness occurs even with patches of color on the ears. Mild to moderate hearing impairment may never be noticed, and is rarely tested for.

The popular belief is that heterozygous merles are completely normal, and that only homozygous merles have health defects. However, heterozygous merles can also be hearing impaired, with the likelihood of deafness increasing with increasing amounts of white in the hair coat.

The Hannover Veterinary School in Germany conducted studies on Dapple (merle) Dachshunds. Their studies demonstrated eye problems, sperm imperfections, and hearing impairment. These problems were found in homozygous merles, and also heterozygous merles. Hearing faults, ranging from slight hardness of hearing to complete deafness, occurred in 54.6% of homozygous merles and 36.8% of heterozygous merles. As a result of these studies, in 1986 it was suggested that FCI restrict the breeding of merles on welfare grounds. Further testing of vision and hearing of merle dogs in the future may demonstrate a clearer picture of the extent of defects.

Iris coloboma, or missing part of the iris, is being reported in non-merle Aussies. It appears as a notch at the edge of the pupil, giving the pupil an irregular shape. This sight-altering defect is believed to have been brought into the breed through linkage with the merle factor. It is likely more than coincidence that breeds in which merle are most common are also breeds which are heavily plagued with a variety of eye defects. Hopefully the Pomeranian future will not include increased eye defects, as these are rare in our breed now. Yearly CERF testing by a veterinary ophthalmologist can help screen out heritable abnormalities. Further studies in merle dogs are needed to observe the frequency and exact methods by which eye defects are produced. It is theorized that some mutations are produced by damage to the chromosome as the merle transposon "jumps" in the cell.

Sometimes a dog is genetically carrying the merle factor gene, but there are no outward signs (cryptic or phantom merle). This dog could easily be inadvertently bred to another merle and result in the production of homozygous double merles. At this time, there is no way to tell for sure whether a dog is double/homozygous merle, or heterozygous merle (or indeed even if the dog carries the merle gene at all), except to guess by appearance, noting the amount of dappling and/or white coat color. AKC registration for Pomeranians does not provide any place to record information related to merle pattern status, and even if that option were provided, cryptic merles would likely ultimately not be recorded as merle. Currently, merle is uncommon in the Pomeranian breed. However, as the pattern becomes more popular and widespread, it will more likely show up when least expected in a breeding program.

It is recommended to NEVER breed two merles together, to avoid producing defective double merles. It is also recommended to avoid breeding merle to brindles or any phaeomelanin (orange-red-gold-yellow) coat colors. These breeding methods can produce hidden or "cryptic" merles. The safest breeding partner for a merle is a black. This will produce 50% offspring which are easily identifiable blue merles, and 50% nonmerles. However, sometimes a black dog can carry recessive dilution factors, so even when breeding merle to black there is no guarantee you will not produce cryptic merles. Breeders will sometimes breed merle to merle, hoping to produce a higher number of easy to sell merle offspring, or to produce a double merle to use for breeding. Such a double merle dog (even if vision or hearing impaired) will produce 100% merle offspring (assuming no germinal reversion occurs). There is a demand for the unusual merle color, and generally a large price tag attached as well. Although this method of breeding may be considered unethical, it does happen in many breeds, by uneducated or uncaring breeders.

Another pattern gene strongly associated with deafness in dogs is the "S" series—commonly known as white spotting, Irish spotting, or pie balding. Breed examples are the Bull Terrier, Samoyed, Greyhound, Great Pyrenees, Sealyham Terrier, Beagle, Bulldog, Dalmation, English Setter, Papillon and Fox Terrier. The recessive "S" gene covers the coat color with white, and when weakly expressed allows patches of color. This process is believed to be related to the path of migration taken by the pigment cells in the embryo. The areas to which the pigment cells do not migrate remain white. When pigment fails to reach the inner ear, deafness will result. White color on the head is often, but not always, associated with lack of inner ear pigment. Patched-colored dogs with dark eyes have been selected for in many breeds. These dogs have reduced incidence of hearing impairment when compared to dogs which are almost totally white. Not all breeds with the "S" -extreme piebald pattern have been reported to be affected with deafness, and there is also inherited deafness in several breeds which is totally unrelated to coat color.

The only way to know for sure if your dog is hearing impaired is through a Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response Test, or BAER test. This testing is only available at select facilities and can be expensive. It need only be performed once in a dog's lifetime (preferably at a young age) to rule out hereditary hearing impairment. A complete list of BAER testing facilities can be found on Dr. George Strain's website: www.lsu.edu/deafness/deaf.htm. Selective breeding for hearing dogs, as evidenced by normal BAER testing, can reduce the incidence of deafness in dogs, including those with high risk factors.

Further complicating the picture is the case of breeding a merle to any dog with excessive white in the coat. Breeding merle to parti-color dogs is advised against. In such a case, it would be difficult to know if the resulting puppies were merle or extreme piebald white-or both! In either case, hearing can be affected.

Some animal welfare specialists endorse humane euthanasia for all dogs deaf in both ears (bilaterally deaf). Hearing cannot be accurately assessed before 5 weeks of age. At this age, euthanasia can be an agonizing decision for any caring, ethical breeder.

Deaf or blind dogs require special placement arrangements. A breeder is morally and ethically responsible for care and placement of handicapped dogs. We may see in the future an increase in handicapped Pomeranians turned over to rescue or to shelters. As there are always so many healthy dogs in shelters and rescue who cannot find homes, the odds of finding homes for handicapped dogs are even greater. Support for rescue from our parent and regional clubs will likely need to increase.

Other health concerns associated with lack of pigmentation are skin allergies, skin cancer and sunburn, demodicosis (immune-mediated hair follicle mange), follicular dysplasia (coat which is dull and breaks), reduced fertility and sterility, and photo-induced epilepsy.

Many people have voiced concern that the merle pattern has only recently been introduced to our breed, through crossbreeding with merle dogs of other breeds. However, all breeds have been created through such methods at some point in their history. The concern is not so much HOW the pattern appeared in our breed, but rather WHERE it will take us in the future.

APC is the parent club for the Pomeranian, and as such, should serve the breed with the commitment and responsibility that the word "parent" implies. It is a responsibility of a parent club to discourage breeding that is known to increase the probability of dogs with health problems. This can be attempted through research and education. Education of breeders and the public can be provided on the club website or through the person designated as health and genetic liaison. Education should include factors to consider in selecting a canine companion, as well as methods of developing a breeding program with an emphasis on producing healthy offspring. Public awareness of health issues may eventually create an increased demand for dogs bred as much for good health as for physical beauty.

Many breed clubs promote responsible breeding through the breed standard itself. Guidelines can also be provided through a breed club's code of ethics. The guidelines might contain recommendations such as:

1. Yearly CERF testing for all breeding stock, particularly merles. Clinics should be made available at national and regional specialties.
2. BAER testing should be performed once in a dog's lifetime prior to breeding. This is especially important in merle and extreme piebald patterns.
3. All dogs from merle litters be sold only to knowledgeable breeders or transferred to new owners after being spayed or neutered. This will help prevent uneducated breeding and the production of handicapped dogs.
4. Vision and hearing health should be guaranteed in all puppy contracts. Dogs so affected should be readily taken back by their breeder at any point in their lifetime.

5. All puppies from a litter with a merle parent should have this fact indicated on their registration. This includes puppies which are assumed to be non-merle.

As breeders, we need to avoid the ostrich syndrome. Let's not stick our heads in the sand and hope problems will go away.... they might get worse if we do! STUDY! We should learn all we can about genetics and heredity-of all breeds, not just our own. The other guy's problem today may well be ours tomorrow.

Our breed already has some health concerns. We should not encourage an increase in defects purely for the sake of novel color patterns. Through education and personal responsibility, risky breeding practices can be minimized. We should strive to produce puppies blessed with the gifts of normal vision and hearing. If this article serves to prevent the birth of just one handicapped dog through heightened breeder awareness, it will have been worthwhile.

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Interesting related information...

One in 17,000 person in the USA has some type of albinism, as indicated by little or no pigment in their eyes, skin, or hair. People with albinism always have problems with vision. This results from abnormal development of the retina and abnormal patterns of nerve connections between the eye and brain. It is the presence of these eye problems, which defines the diagnosis of albinism. Albinism may be limited to the eyes or involve hair and skin to varying degrees.

Waardenburg syndrome is an inherited disorder in humans characterized by varying degrees of hearing loss and changes in skin and hair pigmentation. This syndrome was named for the Dutch ophthalmologist who noticed that people with pigmentation abnormalities of the hair, eyes and skin, often had hearing impairment. Those with Waardenburg syndrome may have two differently colored eyes, one brown and one blue. Sometimes, one eye has two different colors. Others may have unusually brilliant blue eyes. People with Waardenburg syndrome also have distinctive hair coloring, such as a patch of white hair near the forehead, or they might have white patches of skin. Waardenburg's is associated with other birth defects such as spinal or intestinal disorders or cleft palate.

After doing this research, I finally realized why I reach for sunglasses each and every time I go outdoors on a sunny day! I have blue eyes, and cannot tolerate the bright light. My eyes lack sufficient light-blocking pigment! Blue eyes are more likely to develop cataracts due to the cumulative effects of exposure to UV rays over the course of a lifetime.

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AN ALMOST LOST VENUE

By Marian Lazzara

In this day and age of Agility and Rally, the so called "fun sports", obedience training and competition seem to be somewhat lost in the crowd. However, contrary to contemporary belief, obedience can be a fun and very rewarding sport, for both man and beast. And one can really "kick it up a notch" by having such a wonderful breed as our Poms to do it with. Being so very alert and intelligent, so bonding and eager to please, makes the Pom a wonderful partner for this sport. True, obedience can be a lot of work, and sometimes very stressful for both sides of the leash, but the rewards of accomplishment of getting a title or just having a dog that will respond to your commands makes obedience a worthwhile decision to follow.

To me, obedience training should be a part of every dog's life. Obedience training is the foundation in which every other venue, including conformation, exist. How many of you handlers teach your dog to stand and bait? Or stand on the table to be examined? Even the words of "let's go" in order to circle the ring, are commands taught to puppies. Both Rally and Agility cannot begin to form unless commands such as sit, stay, walk, over, come, stop, etc. are taught. So, in reality, we are all training our Poms. You just need to go a little further to train in accordance to the AKC rules of obedience competition and you, too, can join the ranks of doing obedience with your Poms.

Before I start into the explanation of classes, degrees, and rules, etc., I'd like to clear up some myths about training and showing your Poms in obedience.

MY DOG IS, OR WILL BE BORED WITH HEELING OR DOING RECALLS OR STAYS OVER AND OVER. Sorry people, dogs don't get bored. People get bored, and people through body language, tone of voice, and certain actions can give any dog a bad taste for obedience. True, some dogs are more laid back or not as willing to work as others, but then so are some people. Some dogs will take a lot more work and effort to train. Conformation can be boring. Going round and round that stupid ring and standing there staring at a hunk of meat. Good Grief! How many of us will stand on our heads or make a silly fool of ourselves in the ring to keep the dog's attitude up? The same can be true for obedience. It's you that will make or break your dog's attitude.

IF I TEACH MY DOG TO SIT WHILE HEELING, HE WILL SIT IN THE CONFORMATION RING. I'll explain this one with a personal example. I, myself show in both Obedience and Conformation. I have, at times, run out of one ring into the other and have never had a problem. When you take the obedience collar off your dog, put him up on the table, brush him, put his conformation lead on, and get the yummy bait out, he kind of figures out that you are now going to the breed ring. If you use certain commands, body language, cues, for each ring, there will be no problem. Sit is sit. Stand is stand. Heel is heel; etc. They get the picture. REALLY!

OBEDIENCE TRAINING WILL RUIN MY POM'S WONDERFUL ATTITUDE FOR THE CONFORMATION RING. Like I said, if you train your Pom properly, you will have NO PROBLEM. My Poms have that wonderful Pom attitude that we all love in both rings. I love to show in both rings, and so do my Poms.

MY POM IS SO SMALL, I WOULD WORRY ABOUT HIM DOING SITS AND DOWNS (GROUP EXERCISES) WITH THE BIGGER DOGS. I too worry about this, especially if I find my Pom sitting next to a big dog that is eyeing my dog with lunch in mind. Again, I have never had a problem with this. There have been times when I have been worried during sits and downs. Yes, I have heard some horror stories about small dogs being attacked, but they are far and few between. Judges watch the group exercises very tentatively and will react if needed. I have never seen a dog hurt during this exercise and I have been showing in Obedience for over 30 years.

These are but four of many concerns, questions, and myths about Poms in Obedience and showing in two or more venues. If you have any questions, problems, or whatever, feel free to E-Mail me at driftwoodpoms@aol.com ENJOY being with your POM because they sure do ENJOY being with you.

Danielle's Dish

Danielle Sartain



BISA, BISS CH. JAN-SHARS DADDY SAYS I'M DARLING GC-HOF

Callie



CALLIE was bred by Sharon Hanson, Jan Shar Poms, and is owned by Katy Stalnaker of Pennsboro, West Virginia.

My first memorable win with Callie was when she won the Michigan Specialty with me showing her. But then came the year 2002 when Bobby Barlow started showing her for me. On their first weekend out as a team, we were in Akron, Ohio and she made a clean sweep of the Winter Classic: winning Back-Back-to Back Best In Shows in one weekend. That was a weekend to remember. In that year Callie had 10 Best In Shows. And in her career she had 3 BISS. She gave me quite a few memorable wins.

I think the most fun thing about Callie is that she just loves to show and is always ready to go into the ring. She still gets very excited when she knows she is going to get in that ring.

Callie's show career started when she was 6 months old. Her first show was in Huntington, WV and she won her first points. She was a showgirl from the start.

I would have to give most of the credit to Sharon Hanson for selling Callie to me, but then to Bobby Barlow for showing her for me, although I showed and finished Callie myself.

The best advice I can give to anyone starting out is if you want to special a dog start with a dog. I would never special another bitch, UNLESS SHE WAS ANOTHER CALLIE. If you don't breed the Pom you want to show find a good and respectable breeder, one you count on to be there and help you when you need help. And most of all have FUN. When you quit having fun it is time to get out.

The best advice I have ever received was always be polite to the fellow exhibitors and have fun.

If I could change anything about Callie's career it would be I would have bred her early because Callie never had a litter. She was a show bitch. As much as I would have loved to have a litter from her, she paid her dues to me, and I would do it all over again.

I would like to believe Callie is as close to the APC Standard as any Pom in history, but there has been MANY MANY nice Poms out there. So to say one is the Ideal APC Pom I wouldn't say.

When asked which Pom is my ideal, I would reply, "Why of course, it is Callie."

How did I evaluate Callie as a youngster? Callie always had the show attitude. She has very good movement and is a showing little machine. I have always called her a "DOGGY BITCH", because to me she looks like a dog.

Callie's best qualities and strengths would include her really good bone structure, tiny ears, up on her head, and most of all attitude. I think that

is what it takes to be a show dog.

My future plans for Callie are to be a couch potato. But I do plan on showing her as a Veteran, as she had a birthday and she is now 6 yrs. old. I showed her in Bloomsburg, Pa for her birthday present and she won Best of Breed all three days. Yes, she is older and like her owner a little wider and heavier but she still loves to show. I feel that she is entitled to be in the ring once in a while as long as it is fun for her.

In Callie's show career she had:

10 BISA

3BISS

27+ GROUP 1

33+ GROUP 2

24+GROUP 3

30+ GROUP 4

175+ Best Of Breeds

So like I have said Callie really has paid her dues.

I would like to thanks Katie Stalnaker for participating in my first column. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

To nominate a top-winning Pom (past or present) for a spotlight in this column, please e-mail daasarpomeranians@hotmail.com

Just Fur Fun



Did someone say "Go?" Sandra Johnson



Linda Pelz's Poms caught in the act.



Elaine Wishnow's stolling Pom.



Sherry Cartwright's puppy asks, "Are you my mommie?"



Marie Wixstrom's Putte and friend.



Ah...too cute! Sharon Hanson

The Ugly Puppy by Carolyn Brandenburg

A couple of years ago, I had a very nice bitch who produce 2 pups. One died at 3 days old and the other had to be tube fed until he was 2 weeks old. He weighed 2.2 oz at birth and stayed small. Gradually, he gained weight but was always a skinny, scrawny little thing. When he went into the uglies he really fit the description so well that we called him "Ugly Puppy". Now, I've been breeding for quite a while and all my Poms have gone through the uglies, but this boy was really ugly. I showed him to my good friend, Carolyn Bonin, who said, "Carolyn, he's going to be beautiful. He looks just like my Quincy did when he was that age." She even sent me pictures of Quincy at that age and she was right; they looked a lot alike.

When he got old enough, I started showing him but we never on him they realized he was too skinny and bony. I never could get him to weigh more than three pounds. I finally tried fat balls and got him to put on a little weight but soon he refused

I offered him for sale several times but with me. This boy loved me and fol- we were attached by an umbilical be out of his sight. I got him up to 3 Nationals in 2005 where he made was thrilled. That class is tough! frozen BilJac so when I got home, found out where I could get the fro- Testrone Forte to build muscle and

I entered him in the Tupelo shows and two points. The next weekend he was Now he had 6 points in two weekends. I months because my husband had emer- end out he got 2 majors for 7 more points. ends out and I had a new champion all from the

could win. He looked nice but once the judges put their hands tried all kinds of things to put weight on him but pounds. I finally tried fat balls and got him to to eat them.

for one reason or another he stayed lowed me everywhere. It was as if cord. He couldn't stand for me to ½ pounds and took him to the APC the cut in the huge BBE class. I Nina Fetter suggested I give him I looked at the BilJac website and zen BilJac in my area. I added he finally gained up to 4 pounds.

he went BOW on Sunday for his 1st BOW both days for 2 points each day. couldn't show him for a couple of gency by-pass surgery, but his next week- He finished at the very next show. Four week- BBE class. Wow! This boy is no ugly puppy now.

His name is Ch. Kalo's Rock N Music City (Nash).

HOW DO YOU SPELL SUCCESS?

RESCUE

ONE OF MANY SUCCESSFUL RESCUES

HURRICANE KATRINA RESCUE - SUCCESS

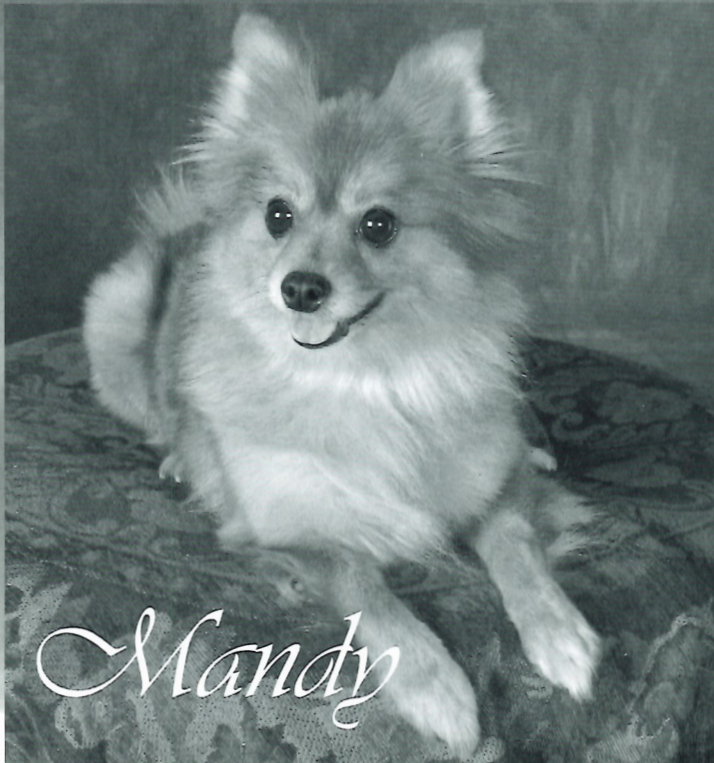
Someone at the Vanderburgh Humane Society, Evansville, Indiana in October 2005 sent an emergency e-mail to the PCCI club members about an eight year old, 11 pound Pomeranian who was displaced by Hurricane Katrina and was scheduled for euthanasia.

Fortunately, Sherri Alspaugh adopted the Pomeranian on October 4, 2005. My husband, Billy and I adopted the Pom from Sherri on October 15. Billy and I named her Mandy.

Billy and I had Mandy spayed and dental work done on November 4, 2005. Mandy's surgery was performed by Dr. Michael Staub at Honey Creek Animal Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana. Mandy also had her ears cleaned, blood workup and a microchip implanted. Mandy did very well. Billy and I were told that Mandy's blood work was perfect. They told us Mandy was a perfect patient during the time she spent there, and she never even barked once.

Mandy is sitting on my lap as I type. Billy and I love Mandy very much. As Sherri Alspaugh told Billy and I when we adopted her, Mandy is truly a very sweet, loving and loyal dog!

Mary and Bill Hilton



Memorial

Dr. Renee McGrath

July 5, 1945 - October 16, 2005

"Remember me."

Dr. Renee K. McGrath 60, of Greenfield, Indiana, passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends on October 16, 2005. She was born July 5, 1945 in Dublin, Ireland. Renee graduated from Dominican College, Dublin, Ireland, and studied Veterinary Medicine at University College Dublin, and the University of Georgia, where she received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1973. She earned a MS Degree in Dermatology and Internal Medicine from Texas A&M University in 1975. Prior to entering private practice in 1982, Dr. McGrath was a professor at Louisiana State University. In 1986, she established the Dara Veterinary Clinic in Greenfield. She was a recognized breeder of registered Pomeranians, founding the Ballykin Kennels, an accomplished horsewoman, and a strong supporter of animal relief and rescue efforts. Rene was a charter member of the PCCV. She had several clinical Pomeranian articles published. She never turned away a suffering animal or a friend in need. A Funeral Mass was held Friday, October 21, in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Greenfield, where she was a parishioner. Renee is survived by her sons, John (Nicole) San Francisco, CA, and Rex (Theresa), San Diego, CA; grandchildren, Sophia, Liam and Samuel; parents, Dr. and Mrs. P.F.S. Kelly, Ireland; sister, Kathy Hegarty (Robert), Spain; and brothers, Timothy and Patrick Kelly, England.



Dr. Renee is fondly remembered by friends and family. Rest in His peace dear Renee.

APC Judges' Education



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Dot Martin

Do you frequently find yourself on somebody's list and have no idea how you got there?

The American Pomeranian Club web site has a fresh, new face. It is full of new pages and up-dated information. One of the pages is for Judges Education and will soon have a list of certified mentors available for judges or fanciers who are seeking a knowledgeable person to help them understand our breed.

This is one list where your name should appear.

This is the most important list.

New people, who want to have contact with someone who loves the breed and is willing to share, can find such a person on this list. Hopefully, that contact will live in their town, their state, their area of the country.

Many years ago, I sought such a person for myself. In a Vet's office, I found some magazine ads with some breeders listed. Since my interest was genuine and I was eager for help, I wrote letters to all of them. It was a call for help. One person did not respond to my letter. A second breeder wrote that there was nothing available. End of letter. The third was a lady who has been an inspiration to many of us and always has time to help the novice. Her name was and is RUTH BEAM. My love and admiration for Ruth has never faded and she has never let me down. Many others say the same thing. We cannot all be Ruth Beam, but we can share our knowledge with those who need to learn.

There will be a mentor's seminar at the National Specialty in March 2006 at the hotel in Louisville, KY. Those who attend will be added to the list of certified mentors if they are American Pomeranian Club members and demonstrate breed knowledge. This will not be a lecture, but we will study the standard to become familiar with the components.

If you are reading this, I'm sure you love Pomeranians from the tip of their inquisitive noses to the end of their bushy tails. Unless they only represent the dollars that you can receive for the next litter you breed, shouldn't you consider what you could do for them?

It is time to give something back to them for all the pleasure they give you.

COME. ATTEND. BE A MENTOR.

You will be glad you did.

I wish for you in 2006, the # 1 Pomeranian in the nation; if not that, I wish for you a Top Ten Pomeranian; if not that, I wish a Top 20 Pomeranian; If not that, I wish you lots of champions; If not that, I wish you lots of loving kisses and wagging tails from adorable Pomeranians and most important, I wish you a Blessed Christmas and successful New Year.



* Pom Talk questions and comments may be found online at <http://www.MyFamily.com/isapi.dll> Members and friends may post answers and comments online or contact Roxanne Collins, 6405 W. 650N, Fair Oaks, IN 47943, Ph. (219) 866-4464 or pommom@netnitco.net

Our question for this issue is:

What do you do when you encounter the winter/dudley nose?

I was told many years ago by an old time Pom breeder to feed kelp and put the dog in sunshine. Virginia Dimick

As a judge, if the Standard requires a black nose on a certain Pom coat color and it is a snow nose instead, it must be penalized to some extent (the extent of the deviation). That extent is determined by the judge. There IS a difference between a snow nose and a dudley nose. A dudley nose will have no black and never was black. I would penalize a dudley nose more than I would penalize a snow nose, as I know the snow nose was once completely black.

A snow nose will have at least, a black ring around the nose closest to the hair of the muzzle and some degree of diluteness of black on the rest of the nose. The eye rims and lips will also be black. A snow nose will come back to a certain extent after the cold Northern winters subside, but not as black as it was before the cold winter.

If I were showing that Pom, I would finish it as young an age as I could, before the second winter, if possible, because the dilute black becomes more dilute with each succeeding winter.

Of course most handlers would either not show the dog with the snow nose or they would make sure it was black before it was shown. If it is artificially colored, and the judge KNOWS it was artificially colored, the judge must disqualify that Pom. Sally Baugniet

I use Vitamin E on them. Danielle Sartain

If that like the summer nose here in Florida, it is just too hot to be running around outside? All you have to do is get them out into the sun. Bobii Earle

What do I do? Cry a lot! Just kidding, couldn't resist being a joker. Pat Murk

That's easy! I've never had one, but if I did I would place it as a pet. This is a major fault in the Canadian Breed Standard. Beverley Carter

Our question for next issue will be:

How long do you wait before removing puppy teeth and why?

*Suggestions and techniques in this article are the opinion of each individual contributor. The American Pomeranian Club, Inc. and the Pomeranian Review does not endorse or recommend any procedure or accept responsibility of their use. Always consult a professional, legal council and/or a licensed veterinarian.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS POMERANIAN CLUB SPECIALTY

Babe McCombs

The CAPC Specialty was held October 29, 2005 in Benton, AR, which was a new location for our Fall Specialty. The show was dedicated to the memory of Nina Epps and Charlotte Stadler. Charlotte is the daughter of Dee and Charles McNeice. CAPC members brought snacks, desserts and soft drinks for all exhibitors. Just for the fun of it, we also furnished Halloween headbands for everyone to wear. Laverne Anderson did an excellent job ring stewarding as usual and kept everything rolling smoothly.

SWEEPSTAKES

Betsy Owens, our sweepstakes judge, gently went over the puppies and made these placements.

Puppy dogs 9-12 months

- 1: Bar-Nets Pride of Oakridge
- 2: Bar-Nets He's A Dandy Smart

Puppy dogs 12-18 months

- 1: Glen Iris Eric Of Cuilean

Puppy bitches 9-12 months

- 1: PPP Twinkle Lil Star
- 2: Mi Babe Melody Of Rain Beaus

Puppy bitches 12-18 months

- 1: Dreamweavers Fast Lane

Best In Sweepstakes: Bar-Nets Pride Of Oakridge, bred and owned by Pat Barnett and Nina Epps.

Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes: Dreamweavers Fast Lane, bred by Linda Pelz and owned by Norma Smart.

REGULAR CLASSES

Ms. Sari Brewster Tietjen carefully went over the regular classes and made these selections.

Puppy dogs 6-9 months

- 1: Glen Iris Mark Of Zorro, owners Michael and Shalon Parrot and Cheryl Kerr
- 2:

Puppy dogs 9-12 months

- 1: Firebrooks Lord Of The Ring, owners Lloyd and Linda Franques
- 2: Bar-Net He's A Dandy Smart, owner Norma Smart

Puppy dogs 12-18 months

- 1: Glen Iris Eric Of Cuilean, owners Michael and Shalon Parrot and Cheryl Kerr

Bred By Exhibitor dog

- 1: Bar-Nets Pride Of Oakridge, owners Pat Barnett and Nina Epps
 - 2: Chas-T-Dee Remember When, owners Charles and Dee McNeice
- Open dogs
- 1: Rol ' N Del's Rhinestone Cowboy, owner Mindy Slage
 - 2: Mi Babe Classic Rembrandt, owner Babe McCombs

WINNERS DOG: BAR-NETS PRIDE OF OAKRIDGE
RESERVE WINNERS DOG: ROL 'N DEL'S RHINESTONE COWBOY

Puppy bitches 6-9 months

- 1: Witt-Elle's Almost an April fool, owner Stephanie Witt
- Puppy bitches 9-12 months
- 1: PPP Twinkle Lila Star, owner Leal Ellis
 - 2: Mi Babe I'm Your Venus, owner Babe McCombs
- Bred by Exhibitor bitch

- 1: Chas-T-Dee Vanilla Ice, owners Charles & Dee Science

Open bitches

- 1: Witt-Elle's Queen of Denial, owner Stephanie Witt
- 2: Prize's Miss Eve, owned by Char Catnip

WINNERS BITCH: WITT-ELLE'S QUEEN OF DENIAL
RESERVE WINNERS BITCH: PRIZE'S MISS EVIE

Best of Breed class had five lovely specials.

BEST OF BREED; BAR-NETS PRIDE OF OAKRIDGE
BEST OF WINNERS: BAR-NETS PRIDE OF OAKRIDGE
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: WITT-

ELLE'S QUEEN OF DENIAL

CAPC wishes to say thank you to the judges and congratulations to the winners! Join us for our Spring Specialty to be held February 4, 2006 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. We usually have majors!





Any port in a storm.
Linda Tindle



Carolyn Brandenburg's Gotcha, Jewel and Mikey



Donna Wasielewski's Puppy (age 5 years)
counting sheep on her Border Collie sister's bed.



Joyce Paxton's puppy puzzle.
How many puppies can you find?

(Answer: 5)



Chow hound Beauty,
owned by Sylvia Hess.

WANTED! Unique and candid Pom photos are welcome. It's Just Fur Fun.

NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE:

Essential Traits for Performance Poms

(Or: My Wish List for A Successful Performance Pom)

By Donna Wasielewski

Two of the most heartbreaking days of my life were the last time I ran each of my two Pomeranians at an agility show. They were retiring not because they were old or didn't like it. They were retiring because they had orthopedic health problems that forced me to make the decision to retire them. Both have luxating patellas. Both have had surgery, and both still have problems. Mindy, my first agility Pom, acquired her Master Agility and Master Agility Jumpers titles, titles second only to the AKC agility championship title. She ran for years having some really fast days and some slow days. It wasn't until after her retirement that I found out she had severe hip dysplasia, too. Puppy, my second agility dog, is amazingly fast and can jump anything but was also retired after she continued to hop on both back legs even after surgery to fix her patella.

Losing the chance to compete with my two girls was very hard. It takes countless hours of training and years of hard work to build the skills and relationship to successfully compete as a team in agility, not to mention all the money for classes and lessons. There is generally at least six months to a year of intensive agility training before the dog is trained enough to begin to show. After going through all of that work and walking away without a dog to show, I was more careful about choosing my next dog. I have learned a lot since purchasing my first two Poms, and I would like to share what I will look for in my next agility Pom.

Let's get it right out in the open; the three essential characteristics of a performance Pomeranian are structure, soundness, and personality/drive. After a lot of thought, I finally realized that all of these traits are equally important. You can't compromise on any of them without being sorely disappointed in the end. Although my background is solely in agility, I feel a Pom that meets these criteria for an agility dog should be able to successfully compete in other performance arenas as well.

STRUCTURE – I have seen numerous conformation breeders selling dogs as performance prospects when they didn't work out for conformation. I think it's important to note that performance Poms don't just need to be built as well as conformation dogs; they need to be built much, much better. For agility, the dog should be built to near perfection. Anything that is out of line will cause physical problems to the rest of the dog as it compensates for the weakness. We put a lot of demands on the dog's body as we ask it to run at full speed, jump or climb something, and then instantly turn in the opposite direction and get back up to full speed. Any part of that dog that isn't put together correctly will quickly cause a chain reaction of problems that end up affecting the dog's whole body. For example, I recently hurt the ball of my foot and compensated by walking on my heel or the side of my foot. It didn't even take me a full day to start experiencing a great deal of pain and stiffness through my back, shoulders, and neck as a result of compensating for that hurt foot. Remembering that these dogs are being asked to do far more than just hobble around like me is why it is so important that all the parts of the dog are put together well. Otherwise, the dog will suffer as it compensates for the weak point.

Dogs are rear-wheel drive animals. Most of their propulsion and jumping comes from their rear. A good rear is going to give you the speed and drive to effectively clear the jumps and run like crazy on the course. Because of this, I want a dog that has very good rear angulation and back legs that aren't placed straight under its body. I also want short hocks that don't collapse forward. I have seen numerous win photos of Poms with slipped hocks. The agility Pom needs the complete stability of that hock joint to propel it forward. Failure to have that will lead to compensation through the patella and even up to the hip.

The front of the dog is also important to ensure good landings after jumping and stabilization of the dog for turning. Good shoulder layback is very important to a dog when jumping so that it can arc over the jump rather than crashing down on its front. I also want a dog that has a deeper chest and has elbows that don't meet under its body, as the elbows need to be able to use the body for support in turning. The dog should have a noticeable prosternum to provide a solid place for all the front muscles to attach for running and turning.

Good headset is also very important for an agility Pom. I want a head that is set completely above the topline and in front of the front legs. A trend I see with the show Poms that would be troublesome for a performance Pom is an ewe-neck, a neck that can be gently tipped back past the vertical plane. This is especially noticeable in those Poms that can look up at you and almost rest their heads on their back in doing so. This causes problems with the dog's front and makes its body unstable for performance.

SOUNDNESS – As I mentioned, soundness is of utmost importance to a performance Pom. I will never again purchase a puppy or dog that has not had its patellas checked by a vet, preferably by an orthopedic specialist. Pomeranians are the worst ranked breed by the OFA [Orthopedic Foundation for Animals www.offa.org] for luxating patellas. I have spoken to several show breeders in the past about puppies or dogs they were trying to sell as performance prospects. I asked them to get the dog checked by a vet for luxating patellas. They refused. They told me that they were not going to spend the money for a vet check when they had been breeding for years and knew this dog was sound as could be because it never hopped on its back legs and because it ran, jumped, and climbed like crazy. I'm here to tell you that none of that matters. My youngest Pom, Puppy, has grade 2 and 3 luxating patellas, and yet she runs like the wind and can jump almost three feet from a standstill. My oldest Pom, Mindy, had severe hip dysplasia and grade 3 luxating patellas, almost the worst they could be. Yet she never hopped on either of her back legs because her patellas are so loose that they don't even rub enough to cause her pain. Despite this, she competed for years in agility, climbing 5' A-frames, jumping, and weaving. Eventually, though, these problems catch up to the dogs and they start slowing down or hesitating where they seemed unstoppable in the past.

Many people don't believe that Poms get hip dysplasia, but as I've explained, I know from my experience that they do. I will have any future prospect checked for hip dysplasia, too, to ensure that I will not go through that again. According to the OFA, a dog with a preliminary hip rating (a rating before the dog is 2 years of age) of Good was 97.9% likely to have normal hips at 2 years of age. This high reliability can make it worth a person's while to check hips on a puppy destined for a performance career.

Of course, there are other genetic tests that are helpful such as CERF eye tests and cardiac tests, but the patellas and hips are the structural ones that are the most important. Dogs will continue to work for us even if they are in pain. It is our job to check them early and often for signs of orthopedic problems to make sure that they are fit for their intended career.

PERSONALITY/DRIVE – Have you ever bred a litter where there is a big troublemaker in the group? This is the puppy who figures out how to get into or out of anything that you can possibly construct, the puppy who will figure out a way to get to its favorite toy off the top shelf even if it takes all day, the puppy that you worry about if things seem "too quiet". This is the puppy we want for agility. This is the puppy that is brave, confident, inquisitive, and ingenious!

High drive and willingness to work are essential for a great performance dog. I like a puppy that loves toys and food. Food-motivated dogs are wonderful and very important, but there are many aspects of training, especially as you get more advanced, that work best with a toy. I want a dog that is crazy about toys and loves to play chase, tug, and fetch. The longer the dog will maintain interest in the food and toy without getting bored, the better. I want a dog who would love nothing more than to play all day long.

I prefer an agility dog that doesn't have a "soft" disposition. A dog with a soft disposition is one who is very sensitive. If you correct this dog, they appear to have hurt feelings and take it personally (please know that I'm not referring to physical corrections). A dog with a "hard" personality will be able to accept a correction and quickly recover and move on. A soft dog may even be able to sense if you're disappointed with yourself after you made a mistake and be less willing to try that again for fear of disappointing you. A hard dog will be far less sensitive to that and will be ready to try again right away.

Structure, Soundness, and Drive. These are the essential traits of a performance dog that I want in my next agility Pom. Am I asking for a lot? Perhaps I am. But these traits are necessary to have a long, successful, and healthy performance career. After the years of training it takes to build a great and competitive performance dog, I feel the dog and handler both deserve to start out with the best foundation possible. I hope the information I've provided will help you in evaluating your dogs to see if they have the potential to be performance Pomeranians. You may have a big star in the making in your kennel just waiting to be placed in the right home to become a performance champion!

Joan Behrend

My First Pom

The Pomeranian Review has done many "My First Pom" articles through the years, and Chloe's is very similar to most. Our family had an aging border collie mix, our first dog. I decided that I would like a lap dog; my sons were graduating high school and I finally had some free time at home. Our vet had a little pom with a mighty attitude, and I decided I would like to try to find one. I was given a local breeder's name, and some weeks later we brought home our 11 week old, Chloe.



Chloe

Of course, my Chloe had the face of an angel. I started watching the local dog shows and knew she could do this. Our 8 lb. pet Chloe, registered as Perfumed Powder Puff, didn't have the success we felt she should in the show ring. Actually, she never took a point. A year later we bought our first show dog, a little Lennette boy who did very well in the ring.

We were spending time at shows with Jojo, bought a new show bitch from Canada to finish, and also had a new puppy hopeful out of Jojo. Chloe was starting to take a back seat to the general ruckus and dog activities. Chloe is still the smartest pom that has come thru this house. We tried a set of obedience classes, and I was as bored as she was. She did learn a sit and a stay, and we decided to try an agility class. At least my now 9 lb. pom might run off a little fat.

Because the princess cannot be inconvenienced, and because she was overweight with relatively short legs, we decided to start in the preferred class, and Chloe jumps 4 inches. She is only measured at 8.6 inches at the withers, so I think this is reasonable. We spent our hour once a week learning obstacles and playing with the other little dogs in class. She currently has a whole group of friends, the 12" and under club, consist-

ing of Min Pins, Papillions, and a Yorkie who hang around together at the trials.

I intended this to be an hour for us to spend together, and never expected to actually trial. Last year I ended up being Trial Chair for the Brookhaven Kennel Club's first agility trial, and since she had been training for quite a while, I entered her. She was the hit of the trial. I didn't "run" her on the course, I pleaded with her all the way around the ring. (I still have a video of that run. She got a standing ovation when she came off the course.) Weave poles were a negotiation, not an obstacle. She has trouble going up the 5' 6" A-frame, and in her first trial she ran over to the judge to tell him to make me leave her alone. The following day my husband was in the secretary's booth, and he asked the judge how Chloe did. His answer was, "She was very entertaining!" (At least that day she did the A-frame.)

During the summer we did our weekly class, and in September, Brookhaven had their second trial. Somewhere, somebody convinced Chloe that she is an agility dog. She raced around the ring, and as the last dog of the day, she "Q"ed in Jumpers with Weaves. We ran another local trial two weeks later, and she had a clean run in Standard, with all her runs well under course time. With one leg in each, I was like a crazy person, trying to enter more trials. A month later, Chloe double "Q"ed (had a qualifying Standard and Jumpers run in the same day) in the rain.

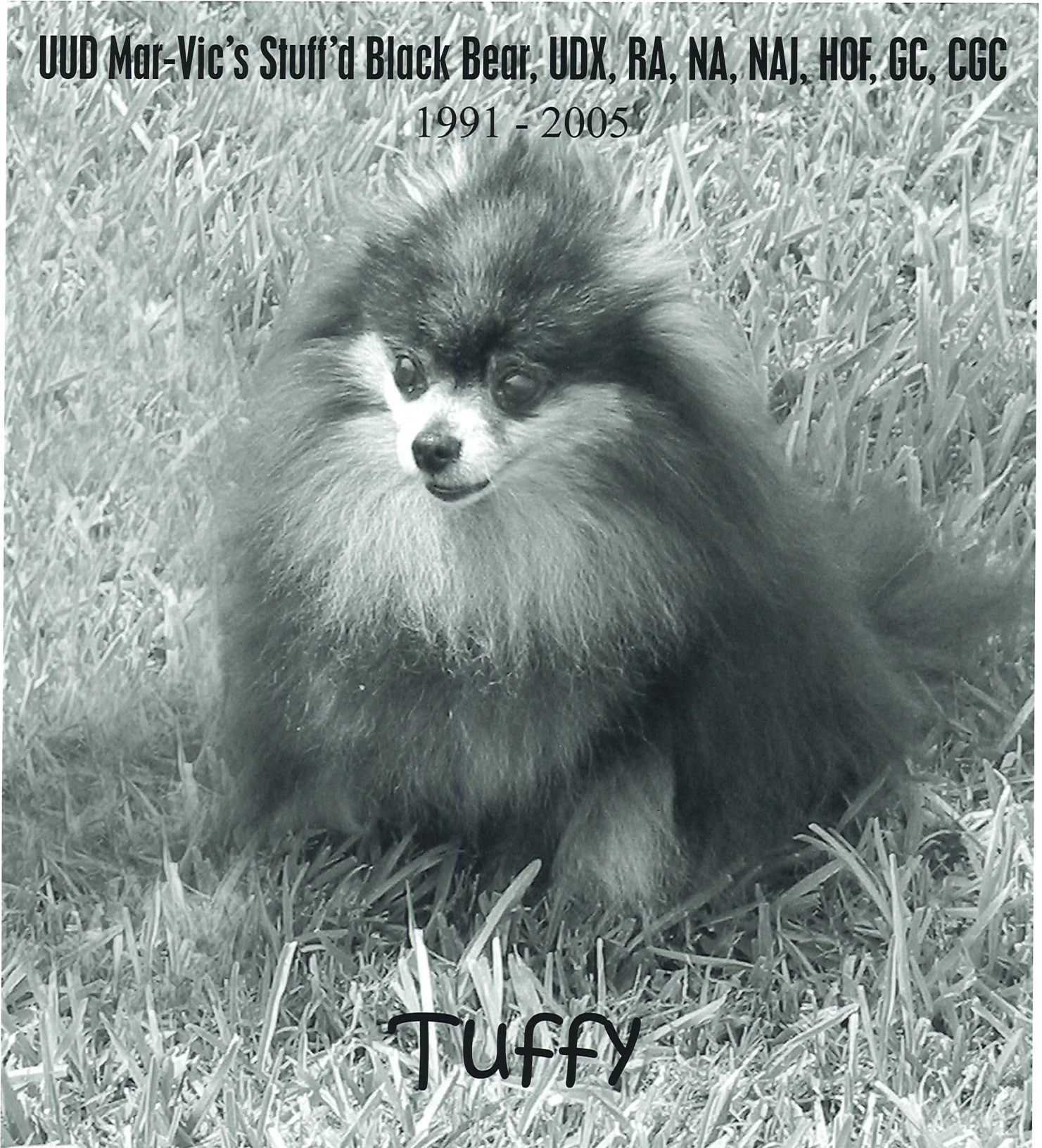
Now we have created a monster. She thinks she is an agility dog. She had a horrible case of the "zoomies" last weekend. Ran up the seesaw and didn't bother to wait for it to drop. She ran off the end and I caught her in mid-air. Of course, we were whistled off the course for touching the dog, but the spectators told me it was a good catch. She needs one more leg of each for her Novice Agility Preferred and Jumpers with Weaves Preferred titles. Our weaves are getting much better, occasionally she pops out of a set of 12 at the 10th pole, but at least we do it without a bargaining session.

She is still the smartest pom I have. She cries as we get out of the car at the training center, because she can't wait to get into the building. Her knees are much stronger than they were, and she has lost a pound, in spite of the liver treats. For a 7 year old, she moves around that course. With the dog that would probably never get into competition, I am now making room for the MXP and MJP ribbons!

I do meet an occasional pom owner at trials, and the poms tend to do very well in competition. The usual toy dog seen is a pap, but the poms hold their own. I suggest you look around the room for your favorite pom, and sign yourself up for a class. You don't need an athletic one, but smarts help.

In Memorium

UUD Mar-Vic's Stuff'd Black Bear, UDX, RA, NA, NAJ, HOF, GC, CGC
1991 - 2005



Once in a lifetime a dog comes into our lives that is not a dog, but our companion, and spends his days doing everything we ask of him and not once questioning why. Tuffy's titles are a testament to the fact that he enjoyed being right beside Barbara every day of his life, and Barbara enjoyed him just as much. Tuffy will be waiting for Barbara at the rainbow bridge with all of his ribbons and memories.

Owned, trained, and loved by Barbara McClatchey



by Barbara McClatchey

NEWS AND VIEWS

PERFORMANCE

COMING UP—THE APC SPECIALTY!

As I hope you are all aware by this time, the APC Specialty will be held on March 13-15, 2006, in Louisville, KY. The last I heard, Rally (our first every Rally Trial!!!!) will be on Tuesday morning, March 14. Obedience will be after Best in Breed on Wednesday, March 15. The really exciting news is that our own Pat Krause, formerly responsible for all Rally, Obedience, and Agility at AKC, will be judging both Rally and Obedience. Be there!

READING THE RULES

Teresa Connors' story below shows that she is far different from most beginning exhibitors, and even the experienced ones. She read the rules! When you fill out and sign an entry form for any AKC show/trial, you "agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club . . ." Surely this implies that you know what those rules and regulations are? But it never fails to amaze me how many people have signed that entry form and never bothered to even glance at the "rules and regulations."

Anyone entering a show/trial should read the Rules Applying to Dog Shows at least once. You can order a hard copy from the AKC, or read/download them on the Internet; most superintendents also have them available for you to pick up at any show. I know, I know, much of it is boring and does not apply to anything you may come across while showing. But you should read them anyway. For example, this is where you will learn that it is a dog show myth that the AKC prohibits the presence of unentered dogs on the show grounds. A myth? Go look for yourself. Find out what the rules actually say.

Anyone entering a dog in Obedience or Rally should read the Obedience Regulations and the Rally Regulations. These are available in one book, which you really should have a hard cover copy of to refer to again and again. I once was stewarding in Obedience when an exhibitor in the Open class argued with the judge that her Rottweiler should jump 16" because that is what her instructor said he should jump. Why is that impossible? (Besides not arguing with the judge!) Even if you are only showing in Rally at this time, you need to read the Obedience Regulations, since they are the foundation on which Rally is built. If something is not covered in the Rally Regulations, then it refers back to the Obedience Regulations. AND anything not covered in those two sections refers back to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. (See? I told you you needed to read them.)

Anyone entering a dog in a Rally Trial should additionally have a copy of the Rally Signs: Description and Symbols. I can't believe how many Rally exhibitors have just never looked at the description of an exercise to find out exactly what they are supposed to be doing.

Do you need to read the Obedience Judges Guidelines; the Rally Judges Guidelines, and the corresponding sections on The Steward in Obedience/Rally? Only if you are interested in how you are being judged and scored. Only if you might be at a trial and be asked suddenly to fill in for a missing steward. Example: Are you allowed to steward in the same class in which you are showing? Read and learn!

Can you tell that I was once a teacher? I'm forcing you to learn the hard way—the way that will stick with you for life. And you will be so proud as you are able to explain the rules to your fellow exhibitor who neglected that little aspect of the sport.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE TITLE:

First Experiences

Teresa Connors writes about showing her first Pom: *I am just crying a little as I write this because I loved this little dog so much and he is no longer with me, but our first obedience experience was a hoot. I can laugh now; I was horrified at the time. My little Pom Cory had been raised by a breeder until 7 months of age; she had never taken him out of the house or off the front porch. He never saw anyone but her and the 6 other Poms. He was then sent on an airplane to me and we set out obedience training. The first show was in a covered livestock area with no sides, at*

the fairground. The judge was a man.... oops, didn't I just say Cory had never seen anyone else besides the breeder and me...and all the other Women who were in class...no men. I was very, very new to dog showing and had read and re-read the rules. I particularly remembered the rule about if your dog is vicious the judge may excuse them from the ring and make it so you can never enter an AKC show again. Cory took one look at the little tiny old Japanese male judge and decided he needed to be watched. His shiny little eye was on him throughout on lead healing, figure 8. Then Stand...oh no, that scary man needed to be told off. I was terrified. Then off lead heeling, Cory kept leaving my side to go viciously tell off the scary man following me. Recall, Cory came toward me halfway, then turned around ran back to try to scare off the mean old man behind him! By the time we left the ring, I was positive I would be told my vicious dog would be barred from ever stepping foot in the ring again. Ann was there to tell me that she didn't think the judge really was that scared of an 8 lb Pomeranian.

The next year we were back at the same show in the same ring and Cory finished his CD with 190, 188, and 190, winning a 2nd and two 3rd places in large All Breed classes...with comments by every judge on how nice it was to see a small dog in obedience heeling with such happiness and joy! One judge even went so far as to say, "If your dog doesn't heel with this much joy they should be left at home because they obviously weren't enjoying it." Of course this judge also twice referred to Cory as a Pekinese and I wasn't going to correct her. I was just happy we had qualified!

Ann Griffith writes about her first venture: *My first obedience dog was a pet shop Pom who was actually fairly decent quality and totally Pom — all sassy and bold and the old-fashioned brilliant orange. We took obedience classes for fun. The instructor had nothing good to say about my Pom or my other dog, a Chow, but I didn't care. I just loved training my dogs.*

So one day she suddenly advised me that my dog was ready for Novice A and I should enter. I was completely clueless about how to do that. She helped me. What she didn't tell me, among other things, was that she was advising me to enter the largest dog show in the entire NW. It has 3000+ entries and attracts the top conformation dogs from around the nation, not to mention highly competitive obedience dogs, top handlers, local and national television, and hoards and hoards of local observers. It is now on Animal Planet. Really big show. Really crowded, busy, noisy, hectic. NOT the show for a first time Novice A handler. The only good thing is that it's indoors.

I entered the entire three days. The first day, Novice A had 39 entries. I knew we had qualified but was entirely ignorant of whether we had done well or had looked completely dorky. My instructor didn't bother to tell me what to do if we got a placement. I think you know why — because she never dreamed my little Pom and I would place. Guess what? The judge called us back into the ring and announced how impressed she was that the first place score in Novice A was 195.5. Then she called my number. I just stood there. Didn't even bother to look at my armband — completely clueless it could be us. Then she called it again. The exhibitor next to me said, "Go get your ribbon!" I said, "ME???" Yep, me.

My instructor never quite got over that! She never got over my Chow going HIT at a national specialty. Or my Poms consistently winning run-offs for first placements against Goldens, Dobies, etc. Or my Pom, Ollie, consistently taking first place in Open against many big breeds.

And if you haven't fallen asleep reading this — here's another Poms v. the Big Breeds story. This was Ollie in Open B. We were showing in an indoor building with a wavy concrete floor. Because the floor was so uneven, the club had laid plywood on the floor, resulting in a bouncy, noisy floor. The landing side of the high jump was especially loud — the floor dipped under the plywood, so when the dogs landed, the plywood went down a little and then banged onto the concrete. Big dog after big dog either refused the jump because they were already freaked out about the floor, or, if they did take the jump, refused it on the way back because the landing spooked them — Goldens, GSDs, Springers, Labs, Belgians, etc.

Then Ollie and I went in. He had no reaction to the floor during the heeling and retrieve on the flat. With my heart in my throat, I threw the dumbbell over the jump. He sailed over the jump, landed with the signature big floor bang, grabbed the dumbbell, came soaring back over the jump, perfect front, perfect release, perfect finish. It was stunning. We took first place with a very nice score, but in all honesty, we had very little competition because hardly any other dogs qualified. Absolutely all of the dogs who did qualify lost major points for having problems with the floor. Ollie was the only dog in a large entry who didn't lose points due to the floor. And don't think it was because the floor was less noisy for a little dog. The plywood was very thin and loud. And I am big so during the heeling, I was rocking and banging the floor. He didn't even notice. So much for the scared little lap dog image of the Pom!

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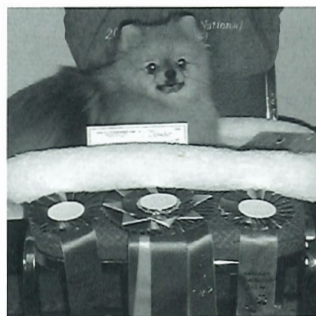
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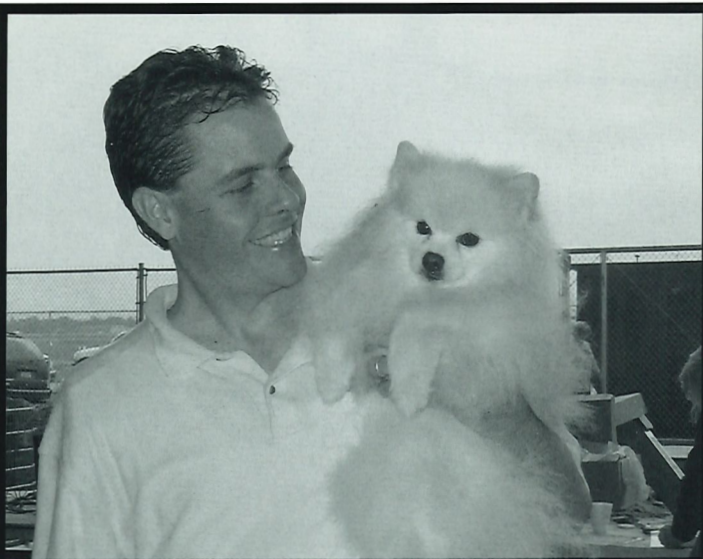
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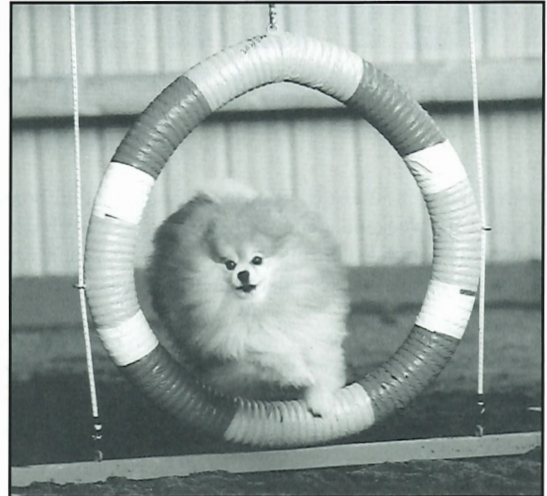
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Written by Connie Zieba

AGILITY

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS ... POINTS WEST

Agility is alive and well in Texas. Thousands of dogs of all breeds and sizes compete every weekend somewhere in Texas. Several Texas Poms have done very well in the sport making their owners proud while enhancing respect for the breed in performance events.

MINDY AND PUPPY - Two Pomeranians with top results belong to owner/handler Donna Wasielewski. Donna makes her home in Austin, which is conveniently located in central Texas. This makes possible trips to Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio where the bulk of the Texas trials are scheduled.

Donna has two, very cute Pomeranians named Mindy (age seven) and Pocket Rocket "Puppy" (age five). She also runs a super fast Border Collie named Sunny Day on the Dark Side "Siryn" (age two). Donna loves to ride her bike with Puppy in the basket on the front and her Border Collie, Siryn, running alongside.

Donna trains with Gerry Brown at DePaw Agility Club in Manor, Texas. She has been competing in agility for approximately six years. Her Poms are a source of joy, whether running agility or playing around the house. Donna is also an active supporter of Ponderosa Pomeranian Rescue.

KEOKI - Another Pomeranian who has made his mark in the world of performance events is Keoki. Keoki and his family belong to the Pomeranian Club of Greater Houston and the American Pomeranian Club. Keoki has the unique honor to hold dual Championship titles in the sports of flyball and agility.

Keoki did not seriously begin competing in agility until the age of nine. Since then he has earned a Master Agility Champion title and a Master Agility Champion II, requiring forty double-Q's and 1500 points.

Keoki has been honored by the American Pomeranian Club as "Top Flyball Pom in both 2003 & 2004" and as the "Top Agility Pom in 2004". He is the only Pomeranian to hold the title of Flyball Grand Champion.

Outside of training, Keoki loves to go for walks and chase balls. He never tires of playing fetch. He is quick to learn, never forgets, and will do anything we ask him to do. Around the house, he is Mommy's little shadow. He is sweet to the four other dogs in our household, loyal to us, and a continual source of amazement and delight.

In the ring or on the racing lanes, Keoki is totally focused on his trainer, John David Zieba. They are an unbeatable team. However, in the home, Keoki belongs to Mommy! Ribbons and trophies aside, Keoki is a good-tempered, loving Pom, and our true joy. Friend and well-known Pomeranian fancier, Olga Baker, once said, "There will never be another Keoki". We agree.

AGILITY POINTS WEST

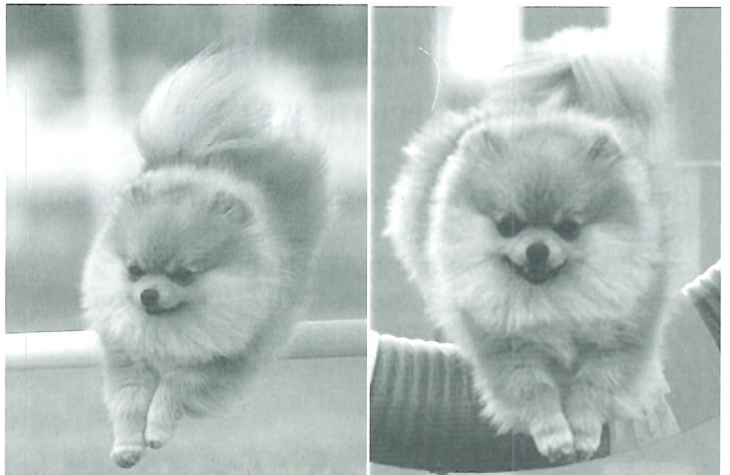
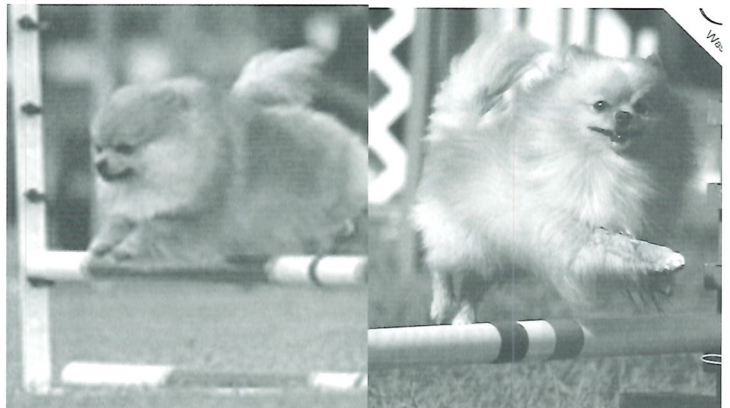
GOTCHA AND GIMMIE - In sunny California, APC member, Alice Lessard, is busy raising Pomeranians and Toy Poodles. Alice trains at her own facility, which is close to her residence and also belongs to Valley Agility Sport Team. Alice's two darling agility Poms are Lessard's Made You Look "Gotcha" (age 5) and Lessard's It's A Gimmie "Gimmie" (age 8).

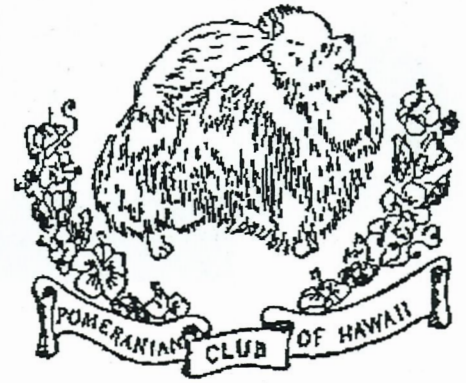


Alice introduces all of her poms to agility at an early age. As the Poms grow and develop they are evaluated and placed in conformation, obedience, or agility according to what they are best suited for. She believes agility training is a great starting point for all her dogs.

Alice has been active in the dog world for close to thirty years. Presently, she is successfully showing her Poms in conformation. Anyone visiting Turlock, California, is welcome to use her agility grounds.

There are many Pomeranians seriously competing in agility around the country, winning top honors. The sport is growing by leaps and bounds and along with it the popularity of Poms training for agility and other performance venues. After all, for looks, personality, and athletic ability ... who can resist a Pom?





POMERANIAN CLUB OF HAWAII SPECIALTY RESULTS

The Pomeranian Club of Hawaii held its 29th Specialty Show and Puppy Sweepstakes on Saturday, October 22, 2005 at Thomas Square Park in Honolulu, Hawaii. Ms. Stacia Ohira of Maui judged the puppy sweepstakes of six entries and selected the 9-12 month puppy dog as BISS. BOSS came from the 12-18 month junior bitch class. Her selections are shown below:

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 – MTS Hoilini Focus on Moi – bred & owned by Sylvia Miyake
- 2 – Woodrose's Mistletoe Magic – bred & owned by Clarice & Yvette Oganeku

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 – Vintage Margarita Splash – bred & owned by Ellen Takayama

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 – Sandalwood IN Beyonce – bred by Roger Lau & Joan Kaneshiro, owned by Roger Lau
- 2- Pinnacle Chic Petite Sasha – bred by Joan Kaneshiro & Roger Lau, owned by Amy Matsuoka & Joan Kaneshiro
- 3 – Pinnacle's Sugar and Cream – bred by Joan Kaneshiro & Roger Lau, owned by Joan Kaneshiro

Best in Sweepstakes

- MTS Hoilini Focus on Moi
- Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes
- Sandalwood IN Beyonce

Regular classes were judged by breeder/judge Mrs. Kathy Bucher

Sawyer from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Presented for her opinion were 8 class dogs, 6 class bitches, 2 male specials and 3 bitch specials. After careful consideration she made the following selections:

Puppy Dogs (6-12 Months)

- 1 – Woodrose's Mistletoe Magic – bred & owned by Clarice & Yvette Oganeku

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 – MTS Hoilini Focus on Moi – bred & owned by Sylvia Miyake
- 2 – Woodrose's Mini Cooper – bred & owned by Clarice & Yvette Oganeku
- 3- Howlene-Teahra Adonis – bred & owned by Hazel Miller, Arlene Otaguro & Robin Watanabe

American Bred Dogs

- 1 – Bi-Mar's Chimur'N Jazzy to 'DaMx – bred by Mary Rosenbaum & owned by Faith Chinen
- 2 – Chimu'N Pomdragon Free Spirit – bred by Faith Chinen & owned by Lorin & Alexis Okamura

Open Dogs

- 1 – Woodrose's Snickerdoodle – bred & owned by Clarice & Yvette Oganeku
- 2 – Stolannes' Lightning Strikes – bred by Frances Stoll and owned by Faith Chinen

Winner's Dog

- Woodrose's Snickerdoodle
- Reserve Winner's Dog
- MTS Hoilini Focus on Moi

12-18 Month Bitches

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Open Bitches

- 1 – Sandalwood IN Beyonce – bred by Roger Lau & Joan Kaneshiro and owned by Roger Lau
- 2 – Chimur'N Star Dancing Le 'Femme – bred & owned by Faith Chinen
- 3 – Sandalwood HK Joie of Vivre – bred by Roger Lau & owned by Sylvia Miyake

Winner's Bitch

- Sandalwood IN Beyonce
- Reserve Winner's Bitch
- Pinnacle Chic Petite Sasha

BOW, Best of Breed

- Woodrose's Snickerdoodle
- Best of Opposite Sex
- Ch. Howlene-Teahra Almond Joy-Yuki, bred by Arlene Otagura, Hazel Miller & Robin Watanabe and owned by Eleanor Goto and breeders
- Best Bred by Exhibitor
- MTS Hoilini Focus on Moi
- Best Puppy
- Woodrose's Mistletoe Magic



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Board Summary

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October Board Summary

A motion passed that APC will pay a flat fee of \$100 for an Obedience judge and a flat fee of \$50 for a Rally Trial judge. If only one judge is used for both Obedience & Rally judging and both trials are held on the same day, APC will pay a flat fee of \$150. APC will give one nights lodging for a two day event to Obedience/Rally judges living less than 100 miles from show site, judge's living more than 100 miles from show site will be given two nights lodging.

A motion passed that the national logo of the American Pomeranian Club, Inc be kept intact as it was created and established. That being a Pomeranian encircled with a

banner containing the words "American Pomeranian Club". It cannot be amended, embellished, or changed in any way, nor can it be used on web sites without the written permission of the Board of Directors. A descriptive text line may be used in a title format at the side of the logo when needed for special projects.

November 2005 Board Meeting Summary

Motion was made, seconded and carried that all APC contracts must be ratified by the Board. (This statement does not affect existing contracts.)

Motion was made, seconded and passed that we not charge APC members to be listed on the APC breeders section of the website. A member Pom Breeder should be listed for free with their name, Kennel name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

Pomeranian Club of Hawaii Continued

Our Parade of Champions had four entries: Ch. Howlene-Teahra Impero, Ch. Howlene-Teahra Almond Joy-Yuki, Ch. Vintage Brandy Alexandra, Ch. Pomdragon Yuki's Carousel

The show was followed by a raffle that is getting more successful every year. Special thanks to Judy Leadbeater for organizing the raffle and soliciting donations; to Amy Matsuoka and Joan Kaneshiro for helping set up the raffle items. A special thanks to Pat Salvador for selling tickets when most of us were so busy getting our dogs ready to be shown. Lastly, a warm "mahalo" to the many companies and individuals who donated generously to our raffle. This raffle has been instrumental in allowing us to obtain breeder/judges just for our specialty.

Our judge's dinner was held at the Wisteria Restaurant in conjunction with the Tropical Toy Dog Fancier's club. The buffet had a large selection of Hawaiian and American dishes. We enjoyed the wonderful food and each other's company for the evening before all too soon it was time to leave.



Original Pom Art by Stefano Scullino, Italy

American Pomeranian Club



2006 National Specialty

Louisville, Kentucky - March 13, 14 & 15, 2006

- 2 Volunteers needed
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2 Volunteers needed
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Sunday, March 12

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Monday, March 13

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Tuesday, March 14

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Dr. Renee McGrath, DVM passed away after a short illness October 16, 2005. Renee will be greatly missed by friends and family.

Toy Judge Joe Rachenus of Springfield, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly due to a brain aneurism in October. Our deepest sympathies to family and friends.

Condolences to the Cheri McDonald family, whose stepfather, Ted, passed away October 28, 2005.

Jen Hryniuk's grandmother died Monday (Oct 24, 2005) at age 96. Our condolences to Jen's family.

Well wishes go out to Linda Mulso on her recent medical problems. We hope you are feeling better soon.

Sympathy goes out to Shelly Wiemer-Martin on the loss of her cousin Carolyn Cruise who passed away at a young age.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Linda DeCicco on the loss of her brother.

Notice was received from niece, Rachael Blair, Peter Galindo passed away January 7, 2005, due to a massive stroke. Peter had been an APC Member since 1987.

Congratulations to Charles and Audrey M. Roberts on the birth of twin granddaughters, Ava Marie, and Mollie Quinn Tittlebaum, born November 22, 2005.

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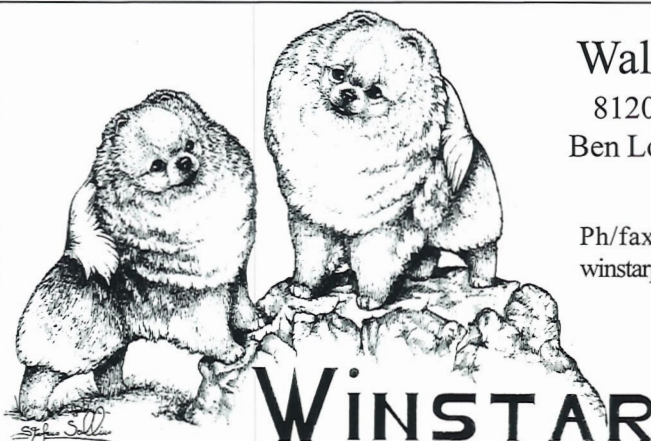
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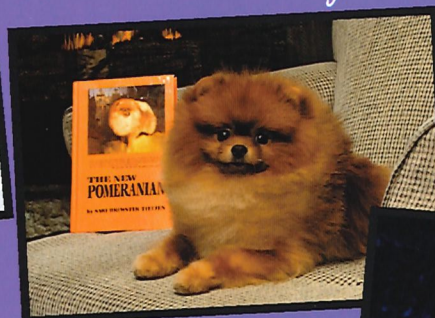
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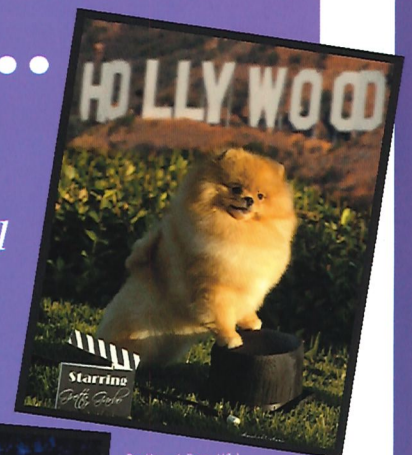
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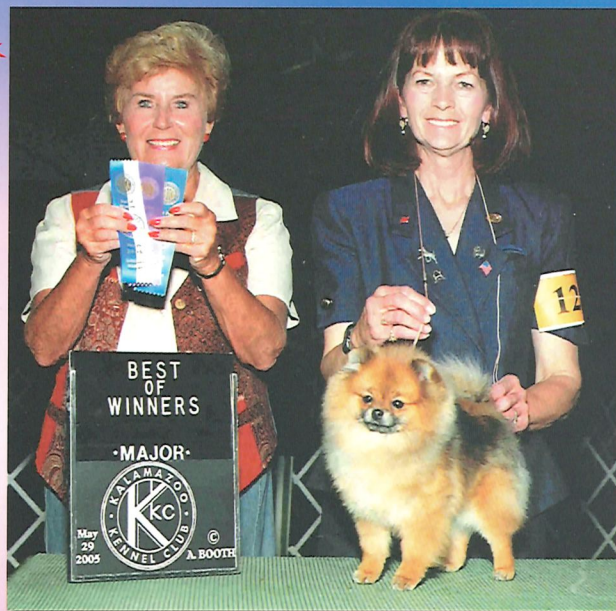
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Smartee

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BJ

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