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"Annie" is Romancing the Judges in the West

City of Angels Pomeranian Specialty - May 21, 2009



Note:
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covered
by
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mat

Lana's Western Romance at Runners

Sire: Ch. Daystar Cowboy's and Indians Dam: Lana's It's Gotta Be Love

Annie was Winner's Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex (over special) and Best Puppy from the 6-9 class for a 5 pt. major.

Pictured with Breeder/Judge Margaret Reed, handler/co-owner, Christy Nelson, Show Chairman Cheri McDonald and Isabell Stoffers, owner who also helped handle that day.

Week-end before Annie was WB, BOW, BOS and Best Puppy for a 3 pt major at Mt. Palomar K.C. under Judge Judy Doniere.

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**Dragon garnered a
Best Puppy In Show
along with Best of
Breed at the
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Thank you Dana Read.**



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**Thanks also to Joe Gregory
and James Frederiksen who
awarded Dragon her majors.**

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Chad

*We are pleased to announce that Chad has earned his Register of Merit!
Many thanks to those who have finished his lovely kids.*

Chad is currently at stud with his owners in Virginia, and will be at stud with his breeders in March - September 2010.

Can Ch. Chriscendo Centre Stage ROM
Am/Can Ch. Chriscendo Classico
Am/Can Ch. Chriscendo Classica
Sire: Can Ch. Peppipoms Classically Yours ROM
Can Ch. Chriscendo Coastwind
Windmist Whatyagonnado
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Can Ch. Millamor's Mightee of Emcee
Ch. Emcee's Jackie's Esther Bee
Dam: Chriscendo Cameo Rose
Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge ROMS
BIS Can Ch. Chriscendo Cameo
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Easy Come...



... Easy Go

"Gibson" would like to thank judge Doris Cozart for this nice Best of Breed win at his final show in Thailand, winning over 40 other poms to complete his Thai championship. Many thanks to Toby, Eak and Mo for your care and handling of Gibson during his visit to Tokie Poms in Bangkok!

Gibson will return to Virginia in August/September 2009 and will be available at stud by private treaty to approved bitches. He has a few kids on the ground now in the USA and abroad.

Am/Can Ch. Chriscendo Classico
Can Ch. Peppipoms Classically Yours ROM
Windmist Whatyagonnado

Sire: Am/Can Ch. Chriscendo Communicado ROM
Can Ch. Millamor's Mightee of Emcee
Chriscendo Cameo Rose
BIS Can Ch. Chriscendo Cameo

Am/Thai Ch. Tokie's Mercury
Am/Can/Thai Ch. Tokie The Legend Continues
Windmist Sunterra Selectra

Dam: Sunterra Sweet Surrender
Can Ch. Chikai West Side Story Sorve
Can Ch. Sunterra Sugar Fix
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Lakeways Mister Beauregard X Ch. Lakeways Luv Lee

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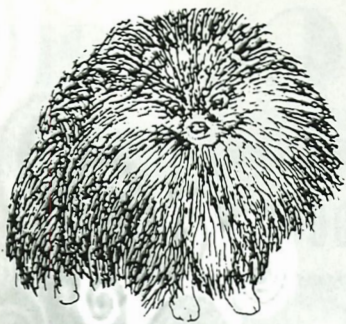
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Best Wishes to Darrell & Olga Baker, Brenda Segelken, George & Janice Smith, and Leslie Smith on your features.

Congratulations to Vikki Oelerich and Pete Petersen on Peperie Pop Star of Lenette's Best In Show Puppy and Winners Dog wins. Pop Star is by Ch. Music Maker of Lenette x Ch. Amber Glow of Lenette.

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CH MACH CARLEEZ BOOM BOOM BOOM



During my search for just the right cover photo, I was reminded of the mission statement my wife wrote some years ago:

Our personal mission is to promote participation in agility competition with the Pomeranian breed in order to spotlight that magnificent combination of beauty and athleticism that blossom in the Pomeranian!

I hope that the cover photo is just that spotlight. Perhaps Boomer's legacy will serve to inspire others to participate in agility and to shine that light ever more brightly!

The cover photo was taken at the Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club trial on July 18 during an actual run. I insisted that the photo not be staged. The photographer (Louis B. Ruediger) is a artist with the camera! Boomer's time exceeded 4 yards per second during that run! Great job, Lou!

George Smith

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BOOMER

THE STORY OF CH MACH CARLEEZ BOOM BOOM BOOM

Do you know how sometimes in life it just seems as though something is meant to be? Well, Boomer and I are just that! He was originally adopted and spent a couple months in Colorado. Shortly thereafter, he was returned back to his breeder Carol Leemhuis. One evening while my wife Jan and I were visiting Carol, this little Pomeranian jumped up on my lap. "Who is this?" I asked. "Boomer", the reply came. Somehow without my knowing he chose me right then. Each time we would visit Carol's house Boomer would greet me with great enthusiasm. My wife would ask Carol, "Who's this?" I didn't have to ask - I knew it was Boomer! Where we lived at the time we were not permitted another dog. Thinking that if I couldn't have him, I could help sell him and assure that he had a great home. I asked everyone I knew, that met my standards, if they were interested in this great little Pom! I can sell darn near anything but I couldn't sell Boomer! Several months passed and one of our dogs died unexpectedly. After some time for grieving Carol suggested that Boomer and I be united. In November of 2005 Boomer officially joined the pack.

With a Herculean effort, Jan put a Novice Jumpers agility title on him in May of 2006. Boomer's fierce loyalty to me caused Jan seemingly insurmountable problems on the agility course. At a trial in July of 2006 Boomer refused to move from the sit stay prior to the first obstacle then turned and ran to find me in the crowd. In frustration Jan handled him to me and said, "He's your Dog! You run him!" Boomer got his wish! We became an agility family.

I had no desire to participate as a handler in agility but reluctantly began taking lessons. One month later Boomer and I were trialing. Although I had Boomer's full attention it took me 12 months of trialing and training to put an Open Jumpers title and a Novice Agility title on him (six qualifying scores total). Part of it was me being a novice handler and trainer. The larger part was that Boomer seldom successfully completed weaves at a trial. He would do several poles then run around (pop-out) of the remaining poles. Once I knew that we had a no chance of

qualifying (broken run) I would handle him like he was already a Master Agility Champion. I have to note that Boomer did weaves in practice with great precision and ease.

During the winter of 2007 Boomer and I trained diligently on weaves. I did various things to make the weaves more difficult. Things like using various colors of tape across the bases, raising the bases off of the ground, placing toys in his path and rolling balls through the poles as he passed through them. I can vividly remember how excited I was to finally have a dog that would weave reliably as we drove to the Greater Louisville Obedience Club trial in March of 2008. On our first run of the day the weaves were the fourth obstacle from the finish line. Boomer ran brilliantly until we got to the weaves! Frustrated, that he would not perform them I said silently to myself, "It's over! I'm done! I quit!" I went into broken run mode like so many times before. As I ran a straight

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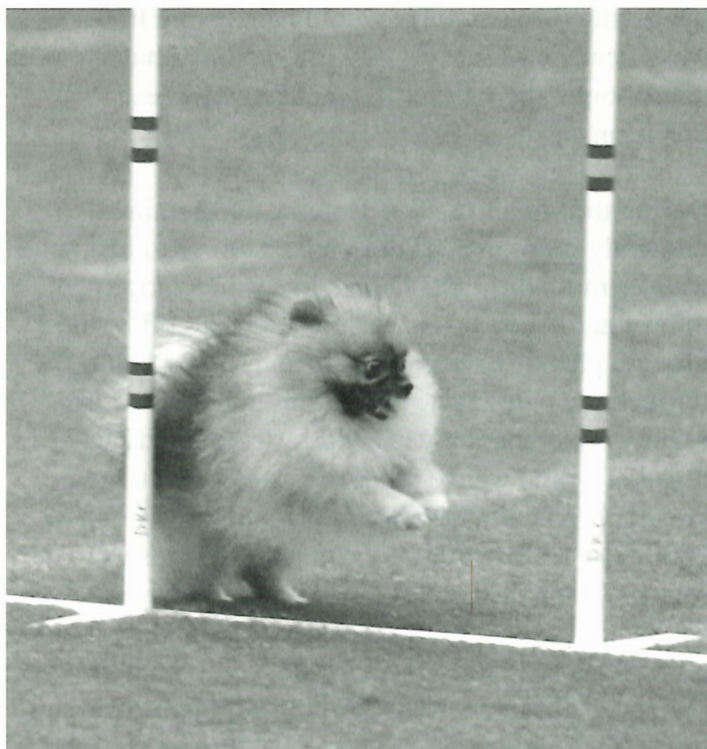
line to the finish I sent Boomer through the rest of the course by pointing. I was shocked at what I witnessed. He was working away from me about 30 feet and completed the rest of the course perfectly with little input from me. What I witnessed was the skills of a Master Agility Champion. At the finish line I broke down in tears. I realized that he never quit on me. Boomer knew how to weave but was not confident enough to do them at a trial.

The answer to our weave pole issues came two months later when I clicker trained Boomer to pop-out of the weaves on my command. Most other handlers and trainers thought that I was absolutely crazy for training a behavior that I didn't ever want. I admit to feeling sick in my stomach as I was training it. Boomer learned that he could only earn a reward for popping out of the weaves on my command. At a trial he just never gets the command to pop-out of the weaves so he just continues completing each pole until there are no poles remaining. Kind of a reverse psychology for dogs!

Ten months after solving our weave pole problems Boomer became the thirtieth Pom to earn a MACH title and the first to be both a Breed Champion and a Master Agility Champion. Current Boomer is 70% of the way to MACH2 and has over 130 qualifying runs at the Excellent Level in AKC agility competitions. On July 12 Boomer accomplished the rare feat of winning the 8-inch class in both Excellent Jumpers and Excellent Standard on the same day. Boomer currently ranks 25th all time among Poms competing in AKC agility.

Earning a MACH was ever so sweet given all that we had been through together! He is a great boy and has taught me so many of life lessons. I've learned patience, perseverance, humility, determination and teamwork just to mention a few. I'm not so sure that I've taught him much beyond agility skills!

A special thank you to my wife Jan for being so supportive! Many times she has been mediator between Boomer and me. Thank you Carol Leemhuis for breeding this wonderful boy and for being the first to see the special connection that exists for Boomer and me! Thank you Boomer for making me your choice!



Boomer



L-R Carol Leemhuis, Jan Smith, Boomer, George Smith

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Thanks to Judge Barbara Wood (pictured) and Judges Rey Burgos (pictured) and Lorraine Boutwell for his major awards.

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We would like to thank Mike & Cande Gordon of Pominique Pomeranians for allowing us to use AM/Int CH Pominique Chasing Tatonka (aka Tony) as our demonstration model.

Congratulations to Darrell & Olga Baker, George & Janice Smith, and Leslie Smith on your features in this issue.



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From The Desk Of The PREZ



Fall is in the air and we are already starting to make plans for the 2010 APC National Specialty. While we are looking at our young puppies wondering if they will be making the trip to Kentucky and we are making plans to meet our old friends, the committees are hard at work organizing and starting to search for volunteers and donations to subsidize the show. Please donate generously of your time and funds to help make our winter specialty a spectacular event.

At the same time we are starting to work on the Centennial American Pomeranian Club National Specialty in 2011. We want to make this event a memorable once-in-a-lifetime experience in 2011. Please volunteer your time and money to help make this a truly momentous event.

Christine Creasy and Betsy Owens are heading up the —(number)— Annual Top Twenty event. This event is more popular each year with sell out crowds celebrating the top Pomeranians. Be part of the excitement and donate to help make the 2010 Top Twenty event spectacular.

On a sad note, the APC Board of Directors is sorry to see Brenda Segelken leaving her position as Editor of the Pomeranian Review. Under her direction, the magazine has grown and become a magazine that we are very proud of. Thank you, Brenda, for your hard work and dedication to make this magazine one of the premier breed magazines. We wish you best of luck with your future plans.

There are several committees looking for members. The Legislative Committee can always use committed APC members to help monitor upcoming laws. The Fund Raising Committee is looking for people with great ideas for increasing the bottom line of the club. We welcome volunteers to help work with various committees on the upcoming National Specialties. Also, we will be soliciting resumes for the position of Editor of the Pomeranian Review. Please contact the Board of Directors or apply through the Members Only section of the APC Web site for any of these much needed positions. Your participation is welcomed and helps make the club stronger.

Our Standard Revision Committee is currently working on all of the suggestions from the membership to make this standard something that we can all be proud of. Thank you for your hard work.

Lastly, a special thanks to my fellow members of the Board of Directors. This has been a challenging year and each of you has shown your dedication to the club by your tireless work on behalf of the American Pomeranian Club.

We welcome new members to our club: Kwon Duck Hoe, Margaret J. "Peggy" Kates, Michael & Marina Kukjane, Kenna & William Sandborn, David T. Verdi. May you enjoy the wonderful pom people who belong to this wonderful club.

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Ask Us Anything

The question for this issue is: I am going to ship a puppy for the first time. Can you give me any hints on the best way to ship and how to keep the puppy safe?

The airlines that ship dogs have live animal compartments, which are pressurized, heated and cooled, just like the area for human passengers. Airlines follow IATA's (International Air Transport Association's) Live Animal Regulations and the provisions of the AWA (US Animal Welfare Act) to ensure the safety of pets transported by air. I have been shipping and receiving dogs by air for over 15 years, and I've never had any type of injury or harm come to them.

Here are some of the basic rules for shipping dogs, and some hints for a smooth and safe experience:

You are required to have a veterinary health certificate issued within 7-30 days of the travel date (check with the airline in advance as the health certificate rules vary airline to airline). If your puppy is over 12 weeks old, he will also need a rabies vaccination. For puppies, allow a minimum of 2 days to pass after any vaccinations or worming medication to allow recovery from the stress of these treatments.

You will need to call the airline 1-7 days in advance to book a flight for your dog (again, the rules vary airline to airline, and according to the temperature at the time of year you plan to ship, so it's important to check in advance). I have always used Delta/Skywest or Continental to ship my dogs. The phone number for Delta's Live Animal Desk is 888-SEND PET (888-736-3738), and Continental's is: 800-575-3335. (Several other airlines also ship live animals, so you can check with your airline of choice). Most airlines, including Delta, will not allow live animal shipments if the temperature anywhere along the travel route is expected to exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit or drop below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Continental has a program called "PetSafe" which allows travel at any temperature.

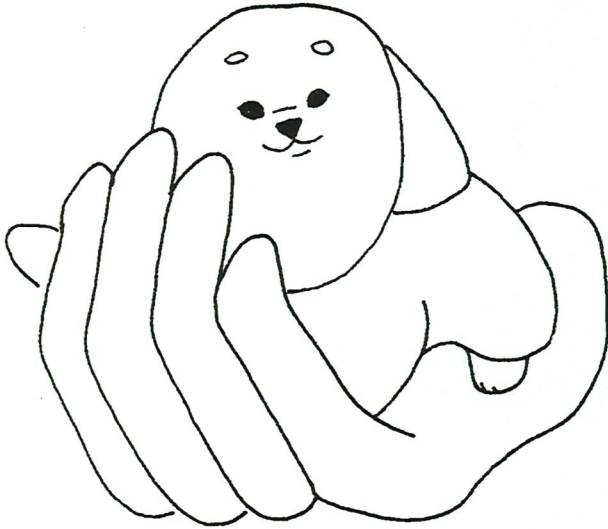
Puppies must be at least 8 weeks old to travel in the USA. Two littermates may travel in the same kennel to save money. International travel can be difficult, and regulations vary widely country to country, so you'll want to do your research before committing to an international shipment.

You must use a shipping kennel approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Fortunately these days, such kennels are very easy to come by. Most Pet Stores, PetSmart, Petco, and even WalMart carries approved kennels. My favorite type of kennel is the "Petmate Vari Kennel," but these do cost a bit more and generally have to be ordered in from a pet supply such as www.kvvet.com. The "Kennel Cab" is an inexpensive, fairly good quality kennel that is widely available at local retail stores. The food/water dish that comes with the Kennel Cab is much too small, so I always buy a larger dish to clip onto the door. A good hint I've learned is to freeze the water in the water cup overnight so it can slowly melt along the way rather than sloshing out. The food cup should be filled with your dog's regular kibble, and a baggie of kibble taped to the top of the kennel. In the case of a flight delay, the airline staff will give water to your dog, and use the food you taped to the kennel. Another potential problem with the Kennel Cab is the snap clips that hold the top and bottom together.

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The Trustees after careful consideration have decided to decline the offer to conduct an educational seminar at the 2010 National Specialty.

For information about future seminars which the PCT will host, updates on Alopecia Research, or Trust and contact information please refer to our web site: <http://www.pomeraniancharitabletrust.org>

The Trustees continue to thank our generous donors and pledge that the donations will be used to benefit Pomeranians while appropriately honoring donors' designations.

Trustees: Cindy Boulware, Marge Kranzfelder, Margaret McKee, Janice Russell

This is a paid announcement.

Ask Us Anything Continued

These clips can open when the kennel is lifted causing a safety hazard. Be sure to fasten a plastic zip tie (cable tie) around the snap clips to secure the kennel. Place a newspaper in the bottom of the kennel and a crate pad, towel, or blanket on top of the newspaper. I also include a small chew stick, and a lightweight toy to keep my dogs busy on the way.

Because Pom puppies are prone to hypoglycemia, I always make sure my puppies eat a good meal before traveling and give them a dab of Nutri-Cal or Nutri-Stat just before I give the kennel to the airline employee. It's also a good idea to make sure that the person receiving the puppy has Nutri-Cal on hand to give the puppy upon arrival. Never ship a puppy that has diarrhea, or has been ill. If your puppy is prone to motion sickness, you can give a small slice of ginger root or a small pinch of ginger powder hidden in a treat ½ hour before travel, and put a couple of drops of lavender and peppermint essential oils on the newspaper in the bottom of the crate.

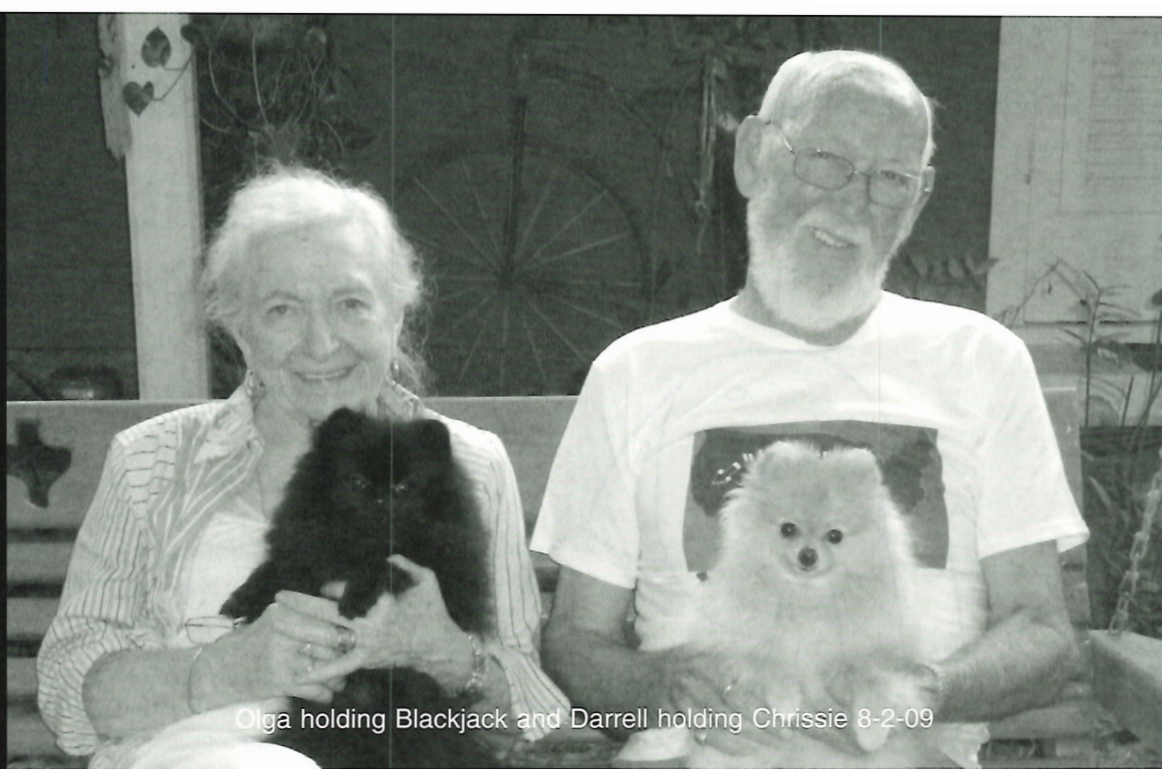
You will need to arrive at the airport 1-2 hours in advance of the flight time (check the airline's policy in advance). Make a checklist for yourself to bring to airport. If you forget your health certificate, you won't be able to ship. You also need to bring your flight confirmation number, and the consignee's address and telephone number in case the airline employee has trouble finding the reservation.

Our question for the next issue is: Is there any way to estimate adult weight based on the puppy weight of my Pom?

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



Olga holding Blackjack and Darrell holding Chrissie 8-2-09

**Darrell Baker, AKC Delegate
Celebrating 25 years of service**

Written by Connie Zieba

Mr. Darrell Baker will be honored by the American Kennel Club this September for his 25 years of service as an AKC Delegate. Mr. Baker will fly to Newark, New Jersey where he will receive an award in a special ceremony. Only a handful of delegates have served as long as 25 years in their careers of service to the AKC.

The travel and financial commitments are extensive for delegates. AKC meetings are held in New York every March, the June and September meetings are held in a variety of other places, and the December meetings are held in conjunction with the

AKC/Eukanuba Nationals. The personal financial commitment includes paying for all expenses including airfare, hotel, and meals.

Baker began his career as a Delegate in 1984 representing the All-Breed Houston Kennel Club for 16 years. He next represented the El Paso (Texas) Kennel Club for 4 years. When the El Paso Club folded, Darrell was asked to represent the American Pomeranian Club. He has filled that position since 2005.

During his tenure with the AKC, Mr. Baker served on several committees including the All-Breed Committee and the Bylaws Committee.

One of the decisions Mr. Baker is most



CH Corn's Duke Dragonfly
Top Winning Pom for five years



Judge Edd Bivens and Olga Baker
with CH Corn's Duke Dragonfly

proud of is the resolution permitting the AKC to sponsor agility competitions. Not only did Darrell support this idea, he campaigned for the Houston Kennel Club to hold the first agility match in the country as part of the famed, AstroHall Series of Dog Shows, held in Houston, Texas.

This one decision was a gigantic boost to the AKC, both financially, through registrations and entry fees, and in public awareness. In 1994, the first year AKC agility trials were held, 2,000 entries were recorded. In 2008, 839,000 entries were recorded, making agility the fastest growing dog sport in the U.S. and the fastest growing event at the AKC.* Darrell's good judgment was borne out in a bigger way than anyone could have imagined!

Mr. Baker has thoroughly enjoyed meeting the delegates and AKC officials over the years. Discussing the various breeds, and hearing ideas and suggestions concerning the many breed clubs located around the country, were the aspects he most looked forward to at each meeting.

One of the people he remembers most fondly is AKC Past-President Bill Stiffle. Mr. Stiffle never missed attending the American Pomeranian Club National Specialty held in conjunction with Westminster in New York. Two other gentlemen whom Darrell has enjoyed working with are Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary, and Michael Liosis, Director of Club Relations.



Olga Baker, daughter Toni Hodges, grandson Baker Goldsmith, daughter Jeri Goldsmith, Darrell Baker and Blackjack 7-17-08

Darrell believes delegates have an important job, speaking for the clubs and looking out for the best interests of the AKC. He feels delegates should represent the interests of the club, not their own personal concerns. He has been fortunate to represent clubs who have never pressured him and has endeavored to honor the trust placed in him.

We thank you, Darrell, for your dedication and commitment to the clubs and the breed throughout the past 25 years!

* http://www.akc.org/press_center/facts_stats.cfm?page=9

CH GREAT ELMS PRINCE CHARMING II Behind the scenes at Westminster – The only Pom to win BEST IN SHOW

Many of you will remember the famous CH Great Elms Prince Charming II "Prince", who made history by becoming the only Pomeranian (and the smallest dog) to win the coveted title of BEST IN SHOW at Westminster. Prince was crowned BIS in 1988 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Skip Piazza was the expert handler who guided Prince to victory. Prince Charming's breeder was Mrs. Ruth

Bakers Continued



Olga Baker with CH Corn's Duke Dragonfly



CH Great Elms Prince Charming II



CH Great Elms Prince Charming II at Westminster



Darrell & Olga at a dog show showing off first grandchild, Brittany, 1978

Beam, whose Great Elms Kennel in North Carolina produced so many fine champions. The discerning Judge who gave Prince the win of a lifetime was Mrs. Michele Billings.

You may not have heard some of the funny stories of the behind-the-scenes experiences of his excited owners, Olga and Darrell Baker. After the big



Darrell Baker and CH Jeribeth Mini-Vini 7-21-05

announcement was made, they fought their way through the crowd to the ring where Skip and Prince were being congratulated. Olga vividly remembers spotting friend and fellow Texan, Audrey Roberts, cheering wildly. While being interviewed, Olga felt she could hardly get her thoughts together, but she does remember giving the announcer a big hug.

Darrell remembers trying to make his way through the crowd to where Olga and Prince were surrounded, only to be told by an official to "stand back". He had to tell the man, "That is my wife and my dog and you need to let me through!"

Darrell and Olga spent the remainder of the evening hurrying from one event to the next, giving interviews and having pictures taken. During all the chaos they remembered to run back to the Roosevelt Hotel and ask to keep their room for another night. The hotel clerk informed them the room had already been taken and there was nothing available. Darrell excitedly told him their dog had just won Westminster and they were needed by Good Morning America the next day. Impressed, the clerk gave them a room!

The producers of Good Morning America sent a limousine for Olga and Prince at 4 AM so there was no time to sleep. Much later, the Bakers learned the Westminster show community had been waiting for them to show up at the Penn Garden Club across from the Garden. It turns out there is a tradition that the winner buys drinks for everyone. The Bakers were sorry to miss the fun but they were thankful they did not have to pay the huge tab.

One of the perks to winning the Garden was being asked to sponsor Kal Kan dog food. Several commercials were filmed in the home of the Baker's oldest daughter, Jeri. Olga remembers being called the "talent" and decided



Darrell Baker as Santa Paws 2003



Darrell Baker with puppy "W" 9-14-05



Darrell Baker judging in California



Darrell (judging) & Olga Baker 7-06



Olga and Blackjack Ramirez 2008

she liked the term very much. Mrs. Baker received residuals from those commercials for many years, always faithfully sending half of everything she made to Skip Piazza.

Several years later 48 Hours featured a follow-up story on Prince. Many television appearances followed the Westminster win, but through it all the Bakers have remained humble. When asked about Prince, they immediately reply they had nothing to do with his superior breeding. They feel grateful he came into their lives and lucky to have been a part of something so special.

Near the beginning of Prince's career, Olga asked expert Dog Trainer and Judge, Mrs. Adelene Pardo, to teach Prince not to pick up bait left on the show ring floor. During Prince's first lesson, Pardo gently tugged on the lead with her little finger in order to draw him away from a piece of food she had placed on the ground. Adelene remembers "Olga almost had a stroke" thinking Prince had been corrected too harshly. However, more lessons followed and the rest is history.

Adelene and Lou Pardo and the Bakers have shared many laughs over the years thinking about that experience. Adelene describes Prince as "a great dog and a real Pomeranian." Mrs. Pardo goes on to say, "Olga and Darrell have raised good dogs and good kids. They are old-fashioned show people, the best kind."

Darrell and Olga describe Prince as not just a top winner and producer but also a wonderful companion with a happy, laid-back personality. Prince appeared at numerous events after Westminster and they always allowed the public to hold and admire him up close. Even children were permitted to pet and play with the little guy. When I first visited the Bakers in their home, I was amazed to find the illustrious Prince playing in an X-pen in the front yard. I laughingly told Olga I had expected to find Prince Charming sitting on a pillow with a crown on his head!

At the age of 12, Prince passed away from natural causes. To this day, there



John David and Connie Zieba (holding Chrissie), Olga and Darrell Baker (holding Blackjack) 8-2-09

are innumerable Pomeranian-owners in the Houston/Texas area who will proudly tell you they have a Pom who is related to Prince Charming. All across the country, Prince's proud legacy lives on in his exceptional progeny.

Catching up with Darrell and Olga Baker

After a tough year in which Darrell and Olga Baker were forced to evacuate their home, along with their entire kennel, in order to flee from Hurricane Ike, followed by several surgeries and lengthy hospital stays for Darrell, many people have been wondering if things are back to normal yet in the Baker household.

Happily, Darrell and Olga have been able to resume many of the activities they love so much. Last March, Olga flew to Louisville where she participated as one of three judges presiding over the "Top Twenty" competition at APC Nationals.

In June, Darrell and Olga spent three days in Raleigh, North Carolina, where Darrell attended the AKC Delegate meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Baker met many of the AKC staff members and were given a tour of the AKC headquarters including the extensive computer system that stores the enormous registry.

Mr. Baker recently judged the Italian Greyhound Specialty at the Reliant Series of Dog Shows in Houston, Texas. He enjoyed the experience and looks forward to more judging assignments.

Besides all the traveling, Mr. and Mrs. Baker also work as Election Officials for Galveston County. Darrell has the position of Election Judge and Olga as Election Clerk. During an election, this involves working grueling 14-hour days.

They love to see the Greyhounds run at the nearby Gulf Greyhound Park with their friends. Olga uses a special "psychic connection" when deciding which dog to bet on. Olga admits, "My system may sound crazy but it works pretty well at predicting the winners".

As always, they spend lots of quality time with their daughters, Toni Beth and Joy Jeri, Jeri's husband, Bobby, and their three grandchildren, Brittany, Barrett, and Baker, ages 20-30. The Jeribeth Kennel name was created from the middle names of both daughters.

One event that has been very difficult for them is the death of Sue Goddard in March of 2008. Sue and Olga were the closest of friends, spending time

Bakers Continued

The American Pomeranian Club is a participating member in this program.

Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program

Members of Purina Pro Club whose national parent club participates in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program may earn funding for canine health studies, education and/or rescue efforts that will benefit their breed. Since 2002, the first year of the PPCP program, there has been more than \$710,000 generated for health research, education or rescue. As of 2005, there are 149 National breed clubs participating in the program.

Here's how the PPCP Program works: Pro Club members redeem weight circles from bags of participating Purina brand dog foods. Purina tracks these weight circle submissions, and for every \$100 of qualifying weight circle points earned by Pro Club members, Purina donates \$10 to the participating national parent breed club.

Points are accumulated throughout a calendar year, and in February, a check representing 10 percent of the value of the submitted weight circles for the year is evenly split between the participating national parent breed club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The donation that goes to the AKC Canine Health Foundation is eligible to be matched up to 100 percent by the Canine Health Foundation if it meets the Foundation's funding guidelines.

Bakers Continued

together every day. People often said the Goddards and Bakers were "joined at the hip". Thankfully, they continue to see Tim regularly. He remains a close friend and an endless supply of comfort and support.

After all the medical difficulties they have suffered recently, Darrell and Olga's children asked them to consider downsizing their kennel. After a lot of soul-searching, the Bakers agreed.

Thirteen of the Jeribeth Poms were acquired by longtime friend, Humberto Ramirez (known as "Beto" to everyone) from Guadalajara, Mexico. Beto continues to show and breed them, continuing the Jeribeth line.

The Baker household now consists of four Poms, one Dachshund named "W", plus one chatty, Blue Front Amazon bird, named "Baby". Olga admits the decision to close the kennel was a good one. "When it's time, you will know it and never look back."

They have not completely retired from showing, however, with more plans to exhibit a fluffy, black-coated male named BLACK-JACK BAKER RAMIREZ, and a showy little female named JERIBETH CHRISSIE FOR BETO.

Olga continues to care for every hurt and lost creature that wanders onto their property. She has nursed back to health baby squirrels, birds, and a variety of interesting wildlife.

Olga's favorite hobby is writing for the AKC Gazette as the breed columnist for Pomeranians. This is an activity she truly loves. She tries to make her columns positive, fun, and interesting to all dog people, no matter the breed.

Darrell has one more goal he would like to achieve in the near future. He hopes to skydive just like former President George Bush (the elder). Darrell turns 80 in October.

Darrell and Olga thank everyone for their good wishes! They also send their regards to Brenda Segelken, for her interest in their welfare, and her outstanding contributions to the Review, the club, and the breed.

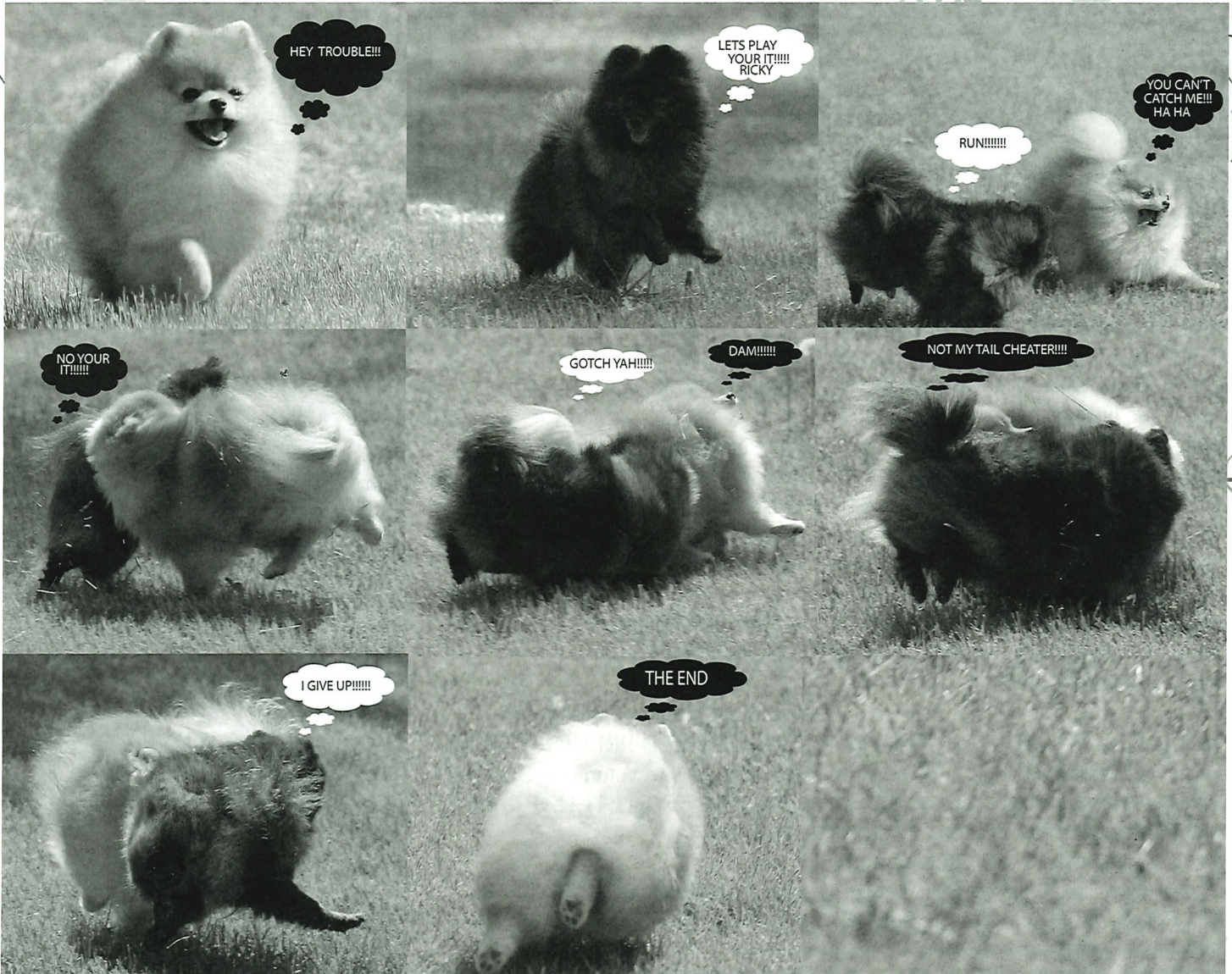


Darrell & Olga Baker, Sue and Tim Goddard on a cruise.



L-R Fred Bassett, Olga Baker, Carolyn Brandenburg with Nash, and Nadine Hersil.

Just Fur Fun

"I love you Ms. Swan!"
Shared by Deb Sullivan



Julie Jackson having fun with
her little devilish Pom.



Carlene Gilstrap and friends
having a witchy fun time.

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POMERANIAN CLUB OF
CENTRAL VIRGINIA, INC.

DESIGNATED SPECIALTIES
MAY 23, 24, 2009 HAMPTON, VA

Photos and Article by Donnita Ackley



Regular Classes Sunday 24 May
Judge Ms. Sari Brewster Tietjen

Winners Dog (3 points):
KALO'S ROCK MY WORLD
Winners Bitch (3 points)/AOM:
PATRIOT'S SPECIAL AGENT
Best of Breed:
KALO'S ROCK MY WORLD
Best of Winners:
KALO'S ROCK MY WORLD
Best of Opposite Sex:
CH MYTHICAL PRINCESS DIARIES
Best Puppy:
IDLEWYLD CELEBRATION JEWEL
Best Veteran/AOM:
CH IDLEWYLD PRECIOUS GEM

The Pomeranian Club of Central Virginia Inc. held its second Designated Specialty during the four day "Virginia Memorial Day Cluster" at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. This year the PCCV decided to hold back to back specialties. The first specialty was held in conjunction with Langley Kennel Club's all-breed show on Saturday 23 May, 2009 and the second one with Gloucester Kennel Club of Virginia's all breed show on Sunday 24 May, 2009. The PCCV membership was happy with the turnout for their second specialty and is looking forward to future events!

Along with the Regular Classes; a Futurity Stakes, Sweepstakes, and Veteran Sweepstakes were also held. The judges were Ms. Nadine Hersil for the Futurity, Mr. Paul Gates for the Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes, Ms. Elizabeth Muthard for the Saturday Specialty, and Ms. Sari Brewster Tietjen for the Sunday Specialty.

The trophies were selected pottery from Emerson Creek Pottery artisans located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Their ceramic pieces have been featured at Mt. Vernon, Monticello, and the Smithsonian Institute. Exhibitor bags were given to each registered dog exhibitor/owner.

Congratulations from the Pomeranian Club of Central Virginia to all the exhibitors and owners. The club extends their sincerest thanks to the judges for the great job they did judging our events!

Grand Futurity Winner:
DEE LITTLE WHO'S THE BOSS

Sweepstakes
Judge Mr. Paul Gates

Best Puppy In Sweepstakes:
TRAMARK'S SURE HARD TO
HANDLE
Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes:
TRAMARK'S SHADOW MASTER

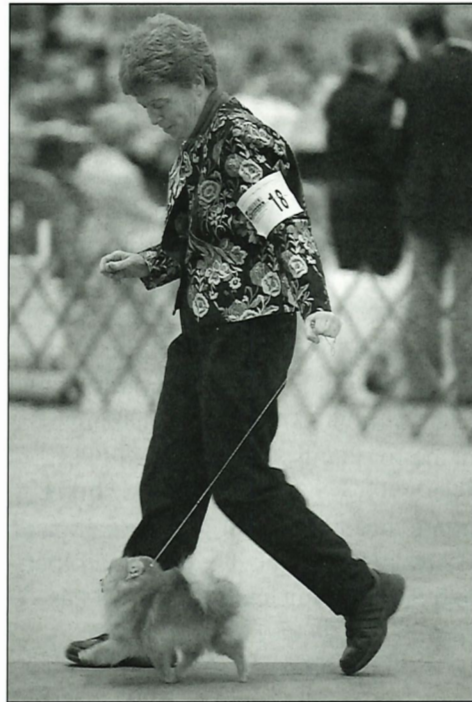
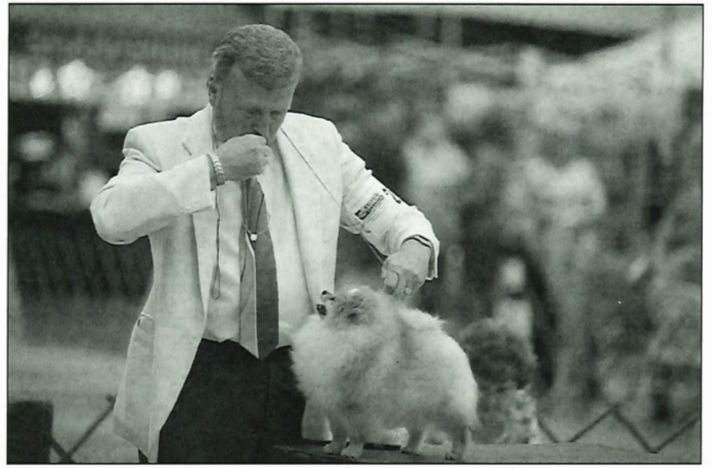
Veteran Sweepstakes
Judge Mr. Paul Gates

Best Veteran in Sweepstakes:
CH IDLEWYLD PRECIOUS GEM
Best of Opp Sex Veteran in Sweeps:
LNQUEST MYSTIC CHARM OF
LENETTE

Regular Classes Saturday 23 May
Judge Ms. Elizabeth Muthard

Winners Dog (3 points):
KALO'S ROCK MY WORLD
Winners Bitch (3 points):
DESIRE'S DREAMS IN GOLD
Best of Breed:
CH IDLEWYLD PRECIOUS GEM
Best of Winners:
KALO'S ROCK MY WORLD
Best of Opposite Sex:
CH MYTHICAL PRINCESS DIARIES
Best Puppy:
DEE LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME
Best Bred-By-Exhibitor:
DEE LITTLE WHO'S THE BOSS
Best Veteran:
CH IDLEWYLD PRECIOUS GEM







Derial Jackson

Remembrances of Things Past

Cairndhu and Premier Lines

One of the most fascinating things about studying old pedigrees is that when you are looking for one thing, you suddenly discover something else interesting. I was doing research on the Julo line when I found the Cairndhu line in Ch. Julo Wee Wonder through Brightstone Adonis, a son of Ch. Cairndhu Gold Sun.

The Cairndhu Kennels were begun in 1903 by Mr. and Mrs. W. Wylie in Vineland, Ontario, Canada. At the first American Pomeranian Specialty (1911) their Cairndhu Merrymaker was reserve winners. From then on to World War II, Cairndhu dogs were winning at American shows. Mrs. Byron Hoffman wrote in *The Popular Pomeranian* (c. 1938) "...Cairndhu prefix is known far and wide for producing some of the best and are also known for their brilliant orange color. They (the Wylies) have truly built up a strain distinctly their own but at times new blood from the best specimens is added. In late years Perivale and Woodfield Diamond King have been introduced. Many kennels of today owe their success to their foundation stock being Cairndhu... to date, fifteen (champions) have been bred at Cairndhu. The Wylies have shown dogs in Canada as consistently as in the states. Thirteen Cairndhu Poms have gained American championships."

I first began corresponding with the Wylies in 1937. At the time, her Ch. Cairndhu Realization was a big winner in the East. He had been bought by Mrs. Roy Webber, of whom we talk more about later. Ch. Cairndhu Aristocrat, Ch. Cairndhu Gold Ray, and Ch. Cairndhu Brasso were making a name for themselves in the Midwest. She had two outstanding dogs still at home in Canada, Cairndhu Excello and Cairndhu Prospect. They were brothers and later became champions. As has been pointed out, new blood was brought in primarily from two



Ch. Cairndhu Realization

outstanding dogs owned by another Canadian, Mr. Copeland. He had imported the brothers Lindy All Gold and Lindy Sensation by Ch. Woodfield

Diamond King. All Gold became an American champion and his picture was used for some years to illustrate the Pomeranian in the AKC's *The Complete Dog Book*. He was the grandsire of Ch. Cairndhu June. I had some snapshots of these dogs but have



Ch. Premier His Royal Highness

misplaced them. They were outstandingly heavy-coated and typy. I don't know the final total of Cairndhu American champions, but since Mrs. Hoffman's article was published, I know of the following: Cairndhu June, Cairndhu Realization, Cairndhu Masterpiece, Cairndhu Petite, Cairndhu Excello, and Cairndhu Prospect.

In the early 1930s, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Webber of Massachusetts began one of the most important kennels in Pom

Ch Woodfield Diamond King
 Ch. Lindy All Gold
 Bourneville Charmaine
 Lindy's Royal Gold
 Ch. Cairndhu Sunbright
 Cairndhu Hazel
 Laudervale Rose
Ch Premier His Royal Highness
 Ch Perivale Golden Bracket
 Ch Salisbury Bracket Gold
 Radiant Judy
 Premier Desirable
 Dandy Sunbeam
 Ch Cairndhu June
 Cairndhu Orange Queen

history. They used the name Premier. They owned Ch. Woodfield Diamond Queen, an English import who was a full sister of Ch. Woodfield May King, sire of Sealand Moneybox. I began a correspondence with them about 1936. They had purchased from the Wylies some excellent dogs. Ch. Cairndhu June was a real beauty and was also a wonderful brood.



Ch Cairndhu June

All the later Premier dogs are descended from her. She did some wonderful winning. Then came Ch. Cairndhu Petite which was a sensational winner but not ever bred to my knowledge. Her sire was Ch. Sealand Career. Ch. Cairndhu Realization became one of the Webber's greatest winners. He was best of winners at the Westminster in 1936 and was the sire of Ch. Premier Crown Prince and Ch. Premier Crown



Ch. Premier Crown Prince

Ch Cairndhu Sun Bright
 Cairndhu Debonair
 Carindhu Marguerite
 Ch Cairndhu Realization
 Lindy Gold Magnet
 Cairndhu Jeanette
 Cairndhu Peggy
Ch Premier Crown Prince
 Lindy Sensation
 Dandy Sunbeam
 Dandy Fluffy
 Ch Cairndhu June
 Ch Cairndhu Gold Ray
 Cairndhu Orange Queen
 Wembley Gold Atom

Jewel. These two, June and Realization became the foundation stock for the Premier Pomeranians. I met Mrs. Webber at the 1938 APC show and at Westminster. Her Premier Capricious was winners bitch. Ch. Premier Crown Prince was by Ch. Cairndhu Realization x Ch. Cairndhu June.

He was a great winner, golden orange sable and weighed about 4 pounds. One of the best was Ch. Premier His Royal Highness. He was purchased by Mrs. Schoenburg and, unfortunately, had an accident and was paralyzed. She adored him, and he spent the rest of his life in a special basket and had daily therapy. Fortunately, she was able to get some puppies from him and he appears in the extended pedigrees of the Bev-Nor, Southland, Precious Petites through Ch. Blair's Solitaire and Ch. Thelcolynn Showstopper. These two lines are also descended

from Ch. Cairndhu Gold Sun and Ch. Cairndhu Sunbright.

Later Premier winners included Ch. Premier Crown Pippin's Joan and the super winning Ch. Premier Little Prize Package, BOB at the Westminster in 1952 and 1953. Package was by Ch. Radiant Golden Career, a son of Ch. Premier Crown Prince and Ch. Premier Pride O' Possession which was by Ch. Cairndhu Mastetpiece x Ch. Cairndhu June.

Today, the Cairndhu, Premier, and Lindy lines appear in present winning lines (Great Elms, Model's, Lenette from Ch. Cairndhu Gold Sun and Ch. Cairndhu Sunbright and Ch. Cairndhu Sun Ray, Aristic from Ch. Cairndhu Sun Ray and Ch. Premier His Royal Highness) all the lines that have Ch. Julo Wee Wonder, Ch. Boneta King Kit, Ch. Kitch Tumble Lad, Ch. May Morning Bravo Bravo, Ch. Little Me of Chasmont and so many others. As I said before, "It's amazing what you can learn from old pedigrees."



Ch. Cairndhu Gold Ray

Ch Cairndhu Realization
 Ch Premier Crown Prince
 Ch Cairndhu June
 Ch Radiant Golden Career
 Ch Radiant Red Glory
 Radiant Lady Valentine
 Radiant Lady Miracle
 Ch Premier Little Prize Package
 Lindy's Ideal
 Ch Cairndhu Masterpiece
 Cairndhu Miss Firefly
 Ch Premier Pride O' Possession
 Dandy Sunbeam
 Ch Cairndhu June
 Cairndhu Orange Queen

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes ~ Conference Call

June 1, 2009 ~ 6:30 p.m. CST

Present

Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Gilstrap, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. CST. President Mrs. Jane Lehtinen and Recording Secretary Mrs. Kelly D. Reimschiissel were present. Copies of the April 27th regular board meeting and May 18th emergency board meeting were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 27th meeting and upon a motion made by Mrs. Reimschiissel and seconded by Mr. Gilstrap the April 27th meeting board meeting minutes were approved unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 18th emergency board meeting and upon a motion made by Mrs. Reimschiissel and seconded by Mr. Gilstrap the May 18th emergency board meeting minutes were approved as corrected unanimously.

President's Report

Treasurer records that were received were sent to Becky Jackson, the new treasurer.

1st Vice President's Report

Nothing to report.

2nd Vice President's Report

Nothing to report.

Recording Secretary's Report

Correspondence received and forwarded to the board:

1. Marge Kranzfelder regarding the PCT.
2. Brenda Heimbach regarding the Delegate position.
3. Kathy Norem regarding the Standard Revision Committee.
4. Donna Machniak regarding the National Pom Club List.
5. Jennifer Munn regarding the Audit Committee.
6. Emails received regarding committee positions open.

Action Items Report

Mrs. Reimschiissel gave a status report on the previous action items assigned to board members.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

1. AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day
2. Meet the Breeds in October in New York, volunteers will be solicited.
3. Answered emails from the public.
4. Ongoing updating the Membership database based on the changes sent in for member for addresses/phone numbers & emails.
5. Mailed APC's nominations for AKC Lifetime Achievement Award 2009 Nominations Due May 8, 2009.
6. Mailed letters to candidates for APC delegate to AKC.
7. Updated APC contact information with the Canine Health Foundation

8. Mailed Code Of Ethics Revision to the membership for a vote.
9. Prepared paperwork for Cruft's qualifiers based on APC 2009 National Qualifiers

Treasurer's Report

New accounts have been opened. Pay Pal accessed and contact information changed. Two accounts were opened, one for Pay Pal and a checking account. Payments and requests for merchandise are being received. Merchandise will be shipped out as soon as it is received from Erika Moureau, previous treasurer.

The following items were noted to be done:

1. \$800 set aside for historical as per P&P.
2. A separate CD should be set up with \$10,000 as per P&P as the previous CD was cashed out by the previous treasurer. It will be checked to see if there was a penalty for cashing out the previous CD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Annual Awards

No report submitted.

Breed Advisory/Referral

An oral report was submitted by Jane Lehtinen, Chair.

Companion Events

No report submitted.

Delegate Report

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Leemhuis on behalf of the Delegate.

Gazette Columnist

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Leemhuis on behalf of the Gazette Columnist.

Health & Genetics

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Solano on behalf of Alane Levinsohn, Chair.

Historical Awards

An oral report was submitted by Carol Leemhuis, Chair.

Historian

No report submitted.

Judges Education

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Reimschiissel on behalf of Fred Bassett, Chair.

The board reviewed the JEC proposal to produce a more concise Illustrated Standard.

A motion was made by Mrs. Oelerich, seconded by Mrs. Green and it was VOTED (unanimously) for the JEC to go forward on the project to produce a more concise Illustrated Standard booklet to be submitted for board approval.

Logo Apparel

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Reimschiessel on behalf of Niki Wilde, Chair.

Legislative Action Committee

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Solano on behalf of the LAC Chair.

Membership

An oral report was submitted by Judy Green, Chair.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Reimschiessel and it was VOTED unanimously to list the kennel names of applications in the Pomeranian Review and on the APC website.

Pomeranian Review

A written report was submitted by Mr. Sisneros on behalf of Brenda Segelken, Chair.

Rescue

No report submitted.

Website

A written report was submitted by Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Chair.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee 2007

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Green on behalf of the committee. The Audit Committee Chair has requested that we publish the Audit Report.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Reimschiessel on behalf of the committee.

Rescue Program Committee

No report submitted.

Standard Revision Committee

A written report was submitted by Erika Moureau, Chair along with her resignation. The report was designated as the final draft of the committee. Robert's Rules states that once a final draft is submitted by the chair the committee is dissolved. Mrs. Moureau's resignation was published.

Correspondence received by a representative of the committee stated they had not completed the final revisions and have additionally requested Betsy Owens be appointed to the committee. Correspondence was sent to the committee notifying them of Erika Moureau's resignation. Members were asked if they would like to continue working and requesting each member submit the names of two members of the APC they felt had contributed during the revision process. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mrs. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Oelerich and it PASSED to appoint Mrs. Kelly D. Reimschiessel as the chair of the Standard Revision Committee and further that the committee has a 4 week time frame to complete the revision. (IN FAVOR: Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Gilstrap, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, , Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Reimschiessel).

SHOW COMMITTEE 2010

Show Chair – Pat Barnett

Committee

Obedience Chair – Wendy Donnelly
Grounds – Gregg Waters
Banquet: Kelly D. Reimschiessel as Chair
Top 20 – Christine Creasey & Betsy Owens
Trophy Chair – Vicky Palmer & Curtiss Smith
Ways & Means – Donna Riehm

Theme needed for 2010 National. "Festival of Dreams" was suggested and approved.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A motion was made by Mrs. Reimschiessel seconded by Mrs. Green to go into Executive Session. Motion was approved unanimously. It is reported from executive session that the following applicants were voted in as members:

Molly Anderson
Tina Bottorff
Colleen Beland
Dani Marie Davis
Melinda Hansen
Chris Lewis
Roxanne Mellem
Barbara Meyer
Arlene Oleartchick
Lori Solomon
Kelly & Tim Stuart
Shelli Tradup
Dorothy Trosino
Jane Marshall-Armstead

The following applicant was not voted in as a member:
Deborah Sullivan

The following applicant will need to be republished as he was published under an incorrect name:
David T. Verdi was published as Donald T. Verdi.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

National Pom Club List

Mrs. Reimschiessel contacted Donna Machniak as asked by the board with the request that the National Pom Club list that was started become the official list for the APC. Ownership of the list would need to be transferred to the club and Donna would remain as a moderator. Following is the reply:

Hi Kelly,
Since the list has never been officially recognized by the APC as their list, I think it can stay the way it is.

Thanks for asking tho. I thought you had started the official APC list off of the members only website... I haven't check in there for a while so I really don't know what is happening on it tho.
Donna

Copyright/Trademark Information

Mrs. Reimschiessel reported that a Trademark attorney is reviewing the application prior to submission.

Fundraising Committee

There were no volunteers for this position. It has been posted for several months on the website with emails also being sent out. This committee now needs to be appointed by the board. Mrs. Oelerich will contact a member that was suggested.

Centennial Show Committee 2011

The following individuals emailed asking to be on the Centennial Committee: Becky Jackson, Judy Stone. The committee needs to be appointed. Becky Jackson asked to have her name removed from consideration.

Vikki Oelerich was appointed the chair of the Centennial Committee with Pat Barnett, Show Chair and Judy Stone as a member. The chair will contact other members of the club to join the committee. The committee will work on ideas for this special occasion. It was also noted we need to send a request to the membership to submit themes for the Centennial.

BestJunior.com Breed Ribbon

Best Junior received our check for \$50 for the breed rosette. If we would like our logo put on the ribbon and on future ribbons there is a one time set up fee of \$50.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lehtinen, seconded by Mrs. Pelz and it as VOTED unanimously to have our logo put on the ribbon for a one time fee of \$50.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonding

Mrs. Jackson will look into bonding for Jane Lehtinen, President; Carol Leemhuis, Corresponding Secretary; Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Recording Secretary; and Becky Jackson, Treasurer.

Budget

Mrs. Jackson noted the need for a budget. Jane Lehtinen, Becky Jackson, Betsy Owens, Pat Barnett and Kelly D. Reimschiessel will work on putting together a budget.

2010 Summer Specialty

After reviewing a proposal received by the Pomeranian Club of Greater Des Moines, a motion was made by Mrs. Oelerich, seconded by Mrs. Jackson and it was VOTED unanimously so offer the 2010 Summer Specialty on September 8th & 9th to the Pomeranian Club of Greater Des Moines.

K9 Health Foundation Seminar

The seminar is being held in St. Louis, MO in September. There is a \$200 fee for the seminar. Mrs. Solano will contact the Health & Genetics Chair to see if a committee member can attend the seminar to represent the APC.

Eukanuba Cup Medallions & Trophies

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. Reimschiessel and it was VOTED (unanimously) to send \$500 for the trophies and medallions.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Reimschiessel and seconded by Mrs. Solano the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. CST.

Adjourned

Attest

Kelly D. Reimschiessel

Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Recording Secretary

Approved, June 22, 2009 kdx

If an APC member has concerns regarding the aspects of an APC Committee, the member is to contact the Committee Chair with those concerns. Those concerns will be communicated by the Committee Chair within two weeks after receipt if possible, to the Board's APC Corresponding Secretary so that the Board is aware of those concerns.

KENNEL

Visit

Mike and Liz Wells

Dreamweaver Pomeranians

**Advertising Deadline
October 1, 2009**



KELLY D.
REIMSCHUISSEL

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

Committee Reports ~ Board Meeting
June 1, 2009

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards - Joan Behrend

No report submitted.

Breed Advisory/Referral - Jane Lehtinen

Phone has been ringing. Deronda Sharp and Teresa White are also listed on the APC website.

Delegate Report - Darrell Baker

Darrell is off to Raleigh, North Carolina for the AKC Delegates' meeting ... also a special meeting and will provide a report after his return.

Companion Events - Margaret McKee

No report submitted.

Fundraising

Position is posted on the APC website and in the *Review* for members who wish to serve on this committee.

Gazette Columnist - Olga Baker

I am preparing a special AKC GAZETTE column for a special edition will be for the September issue. Due before June 10th! Should be a really special issue.

Health & Genetics - Alane Levinsohn

The preliminary health survey has been received from OFA. The Health and Genetics Committee is looking over the survey to make sure it agrees with what we submitted. Once all corrections have been made we will send a link to the Board.

Historian - Leesa Molina

No report.

Historical Awards - Carol Leemhuis

Nothing new to report.

Judges Education - Fred Bassett, Nadine Hersil, Vikki Oelerich, Curtiss Smith

Two Judges Ed. Seminars were presented in the last month. Oklahoma City Toy Dog Fanciers was presented by me with 7 attendees, and Curtiss Smith just completed the City of Angels Pom Club seminar on May 21st and sent me an email that he had 16 people attending. I also just returned from a judging trip to Sweden, where I judged their national specialty show. I presented our seminar there the day after the specialty for the Swedish Pom fanciers. I also submitted a proposal to the APC Board this month for approval to move forward with a project to produce a new, more concise Illustrated Standard booklet.

We have no upcoming seminars next month

Logo Apparel - Niki Wilde

I am waiting on logos from artists that have been contacted regarding artwork for apparel. I have partial pricing and I am waiting on the rest of the pricing from the vendor for the club logo as embroidery and silk screening as well as packaging to put sample pieces together to present to the board. I am also waiting for the trademark to be complete.

Legislative Action Committee - Geneva Coats

Legislative committee members are sending updates on pending legislation affecting dog ownership from their respective regions.

APC faxed a letter to the governor of Washington opposing their numerical limit law, unfortunately the governor ultimately signed the bill into law. Alabama and Texas residents were successful in stopping anti-dog legislation in their states. we have many different fronts to address.

We will be faxing a letter from APC to California Senate leaders in opposition to CA SB 250, a mandatory neutering law which the full senate will vote on this week.

Membership - Judy Green

At this Board meeting we will be voting on 13 single memberships, one household and two foreign.

There are 3 applications so far that will be published in the next Review.

I would like to request that the Board give permission to list the kennel names of all membership applications that are posted in the PR and on the website.

Pomeranian Review - Brenda Segelken

The duties of the Pomeranian Review continue as usual and are currently on schedule.

Currently receiving articles and reports for the July/Aug Pom Review. Ads should be arriving soon. Deadline June 4.

Mailed 2 boxes of Pom Reviews for regional Pomeranian Club Specialties and numerous subscriptions (new and late renewals).

We (husband and I) moved boxes of back issues and Anniversary Issues from the storage unit to a climate controlled storage facility.

Rescue - Linda Lewis

No report submitted.

Website – Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Elizabeth Heckert, Jennifer Munn

The website was updated with committee reports, meeting minutes, pending motions. The Bulletin Board which has been in the test stage since February has gone “live” to the membership. Emails were sent to the *Pomeranian Review* and to the members regarding committee openings. There are 34 members signed up on the Bulletin Board.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee 2007 – Christine Crane, Elizabeth Heckert, Jennifer Munn

The Audit report was published in the last issue of the *Pomeranian Review*.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Judy Green, Margaret McKee, Kelly D. Reimschiessel

A final draft of the CB&L has been submitted to the committee for approval to submit to the board.

Standard Revision Committee – Erika Moureau, Jerrie Freia, Kathy Norem, Terry Rothell, Fran Stoll

As listed in the minutes.

Show Site Committee – David Gilstrap

Contracts and information have been turned over to Pat Barnett.

SHOW COMMITTEE – 2010

Show Chair – Pat Barnett

Paperwork is in to AKC. There have been several volunteers to help.

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**2009 APC NATIONAL
DVD ORDER FORM**

- DVD # 1**
Puppy & Veteran Sweeps
Junior Showmanship
\$20.00 each plus shipping*
- DVD # 2**
Winners Dog
Winners Bitch
Best of Breed
\$25.00 plus shipping*
- DVD # 3**
Top Twenty
\$10.00 each plus shipping*
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USPS \$3.00
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- FULL SET**
All Three DVDs
\$55.00 plus shipping
USPS \$4.00, Foreign \$10.00

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CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER & E-MAIL ADDRESS

Mail to:
Rebecca Jackson
513 Springwood Drive
Florence, AL 35630

POMERANIAN

RESCUE

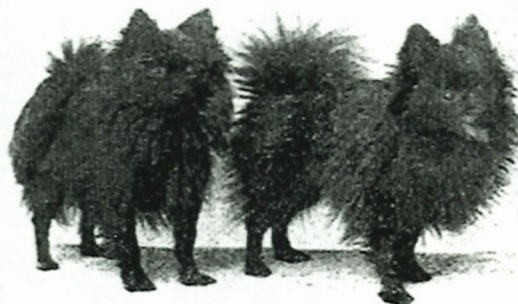
Linda Lewis
Chair



I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them. As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

1900 AKC APC POMERANIAN STANDARD FROM WESTMINSTER CATALOG



THE POMERANIAN

In build and appearance, compact short-coupled, well knit in frame; head and face fox-like, small erect ears, great intelligence in expression, docile, active and buoyant. Head, foxy or wedge shaped, skull slightly flat, large in proportion to muzzle, which should finish rather fine, and free from lippiness. Teeth, level, not undershot. Head in profile may exhibit a little "stop," not too pronounced, hair on head and face smooth or short-coated. Eyes, medium in size rather oblique, not too wide apart, bright and dark in color. Ears small, and carried perfectly erect or pricked, covered with soft short hair. Not plucked or trimmed. Nose, in black, black and tan or white dogs the nose should be black; in others brown or liver colored, but in cases nose self, not parti colored, never white. Neck, rather short well set in, iron-like, covered with profuse mane and frill of long, straight glossy hair, sweeping from the under jaw and covering whole of front part of shoulders and chest as well as flowing on top part of shoulders. Shoulders tolerably clean, laid well back. Body, back short, body compact, well ribbed up, barrel well rounded. Chest, fairly deep, not too wide. Forelegs perfectly straight of medium length. Foreleg and thighs well feathered, feet small and compact. Tail, well twisted up from the root tightly over back, or lying flat on back slightly on either side, profusely covered with long hair spreading out and flowing over back. Coat, there should be an under and over coat, and a long, perfectly straight and glistening coat, covering whole of body, very abundant round neck and fore part of shoulders and chest, where it should form a frill of long flowing hair. Hindquarters, with long hair or feathering from the top of rump to hocks. Hair on tail profuse and flowing over the back. Color, White, black, blue, brown, black and tan, fawn, sable, red, and parti-colors. Whites, free from lemon or any other color; blacks, blues, browns, black and tans, and reds free from white.

Weight, 1, not exceeding 8 lbs. (Toys). 2, Exceeding 8 lbs. Classification by color is made, the following should be adopted. 1, Black. 2, White. 3, Any other color.

SCALE OF POINTS.	Legs,.....	5
Appearance,	Tail,.....	10
Head and eyes, each 5...10	Coat,.....	25
Ears and nose, each 5...10	Color,	10
Neck and shoulders,		—
Body,.....	Total,.....	100

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Pomeranians AKC TopDogssm Using Breed Totals
Starting January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009
For Events Processed Through Wednesday, July 15, 2009

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>Total Defeated</u>
1	CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon <i>Owner: M Koga*</i>	D	65	869
2	CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back <i>Owners: C Meyer*</i>	D	46	633
3	CH Starlight's Smile From Siam <i>Owner: S Ekviriyakit</i>	D	38	489
4	CH Castile's Endless Love <i>Owners: G Sisneros*/C Gatewood*</i>	D	37	457
5	CH Pufpride Somewhere In Time <i>Owners: L Beard*/V Dimick</i>	D	33	450
6	CH Mountain Crest U Don'T Own Me <i>Owners: D Gilstrap*, C Gilstrap*</i>	D	42	404
7	CH Oakrose High'N Mighty <i>Owners: J Rose*/G Stewart*</i>	D	22	342
8	CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella <i>Owners: R Solano*, C Solano*, R Smith*, M Smith*</i>	D	22	275
9	CH Starfire's Dbl Trouble <i>Owners: G Arnold*/W Arnold*/D Flaata*</i>	D	14	239
10	CH Horizon-N-Janesa Indian Sundown <i>Owners: R Smith*, M Smith*, R Morris</i>	D	16	215
11	CH Majestic's You Don'T Know Jack <i>Owners: A Rister*/C Creed*/B Turner*/T Turner*/S Berney*</i>	D	21	197
12	CH Jan-Shars Cisco Kid <i>Owners: S Hanson*</i>	D	11	168
13	CH Foxworth Five Card Stud <i>Owners: P Dodsworth*/L Fox*</i>	D	18	132
14	CH Tabletop's Return to Sender <i>Owners: J Stachurski*/G Landry</i>	D	17	115
15	CH Aphrodites Topo Gigio <i>Owners: B Allen/L DeCicco*</i>	D	10	109
16	CH Jan-Shar's Elementary My Dear Watson <i>Owners: H Sklar/S Hanson*</i>	D	16	108
17	CH Dreamweavers Rockin Robin <i>Owner: L Pelz*</i>	D	6	79
18	CH Furrodies Platinum Jaxx <i>Owners: J Volkheimer*/S Christianson</i>	B	5	76
18	CH Noble's L'L Engine That Could <i>Owners: V Smidt/N Inglett*</i>	D	6	76
20	CH Malashel's Mcdreamy <i>Owner: E Wishnow*</i>	D	12	71

APC Member denoted by *

Pomeranians AKC TopDogssm Using All Breed Totals
Starting January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009
For Events Processed Through Wednesday, July 15, 2009

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>BIS</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total Defeated</u>
1	CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon <i>Owner: M Koga*</i>	D	7	30	17	4	6	12,662
2	CH Mountain Crest U Don'T Own Me <i>Owners: D Gilstrap*, C Gilstrap*</i>	D	0	6	10	3	6	3,241
3	CH Castile's Endless Love <i>Owners: G Sisneros*/C Gatewood*</i>	D	1	4	0	6	7	3,095
4	CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back <i>Owners: C Meyer*</i>	D	0	4	8	7	4	3,038
5	CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella <i>Owners: R Solano*, C Solano*, R Smith*, M Smith*</i>	D	0	1	5	2	6	2,912
6	CH Pufpride Somewhere In Time <i>Owners: L Beard*/V Dimick</i>	D	0	3	1	3	6	2,543
7	CH Horizon-N-Janesa Indian Sundown <i>Owners: R Smith*, M Smith*, R Morris</i>	D	0	2	2	5	1	1,724
8	CH Oakrose High'N Mighty <i>Owners: J Rose*/G Stewart*</i>	D	0	2	3	1	1	1,267
9	CH Starlight's Smile From Siam <i>Owners: S Ekviriyakit</i>	D	0	4	1	1	0	1,122
10	CH Jan-Shars Cisco Kid <i>Owner: S Hanson*</i>	D	0	1	2	1	4	945
11	CH Jan-Shar's Elementary My Dear Watson <i>Owners: H Sklar/S Hanson*</i>	D	0	3	1	2	3	816
12	CH Bravo's Traveling In Style <i>Owner: K Nowland</i>	D	0	4	0	0	2	717
13	CH Majestic's You Don'T Know Jack <i>Owners: A Rister*/C Creed*/B Turner*/T Turner*/S Berney*</i>	D	0	0	2	1	3	709
14	CH Aphrodites Topo Gigio <i>Owners: B Allen/L DeCicco*</i>	D	0	0	1	1	1	607
15	CH Starfire's Kiss Me Big <i>Owners: F Arienti*, J Cabrera*, N Roberts</i>	D	0	2	2	0	0	507
16	CH Starfire's Dbl Trouble <i>Owners: G Arnold*/W Arnold*/D Flaata*</i>	D	0	0	1	0	2	472
17	CH Windsor's Fasten Ur Seatbelt <i>Owners: B Bertrand</i>	D	0	1	1	1	0	428
18	CH Woodrose's Causin' A Commotion <i>Owners: C Oganeku*/Y Oganeku*</i>	D	1	1	3	0	1	422
19	CH Foxworth Five Card Stud <i>Owner: P Dodsworth*/L Fox*</i>	D	0	0	1	2	1	419
20	CH Sincity's I'M A Tuff Little Demon <i>Owner: M Arvanites*, A Ransom</i>	D	0	1	1	0	1	406

APC Member denoted by *



Top Ten Exhibitors, Sires, and Dams

January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 as reported by the American Kennel Club



Joan Behrend

Top Exhibitors

- 5 Sharon Hanson*
- 6 Charlotte Meyer*
- 4 Diane L Finch*
- 4 Celeste Solano*
- 4 Robert Solano*
- 4 Linda Pelz*
- 3 Nina Fetter*
- 3 Carol Leehmuis*
- 3 Frances J Stoll*
- 3 Jennifer Munn*

Top Sires

- 4 CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams
- 3 CH Babydoll's Buckle Up Ur Genes
- 3 CH Eagle Creek's Hamin It Up
- 2 CH Chriscendo Call To Arms
- 2 CH Chriscendo Communicado
- 2 CH Music Maker Of Lenette
- 2 CH Patriot's Tucked In A Cloud
- 2 CH Rodi's Cr King Of Gondor
- 2 CH Starlight's Dream Comes True
- 2 CH Starlight's Fun Time
- 2 CH Heartland's Knight N Day
- 2 Jan-Shars Ghost Buster

Top Dams

None with more than 1 titled get

Top Ten Juniors

January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009
As reported by BestJunior.com

Rebecca Silverberg	177	Alexuis Smith	3
Stephanie Hentschel	133	Tiffany Ploss	2
Leslie Sullivan	23	Kaitlyn Olmstead	2
Karinina Bailey	18	Madison Paulus	2
Hope Gould	17	Rayanna Dieball	2
Amanda Seitzer	8	Ashley Peacock	2
Ginger Riley	8	Lauren Pederson	1
Camille Muir	7		

***Congratulations to our Stephanie Hentschel who won the 2008 PHA Junior Handler Award for her area, Zone 3!
Rebecca Silverberg is currently ranked 4th in the Toy Group.
Stephanie Hentschel is currently ranked 6th in the Toy Group.***

The Pomeranian Review includes all Pomeranian Exhibitors in their publication. American Pomeranian Club Members are noted with an *. In order to be eligible for APC Awards given at the Annual Banquet, you must have been a member for one (1) calendar year.

New Champions

May 2009 Champions

- CH Achilles Kenya Hear Me Now (B)** CH Chricendo Comunicado x Apaws Achilles Viva La Paris. Owned by Jennifer L Munn*. Bred by Jennifer L Munn*.
- CH Bravo's Traveling In Style (D)** CH Mountain Crest Traveling Man x Aj's Loralie. Owned by Ms. Kimberly S Nowland. Bred by Elena Turbina.
- CH Char's Master Titleist Tiger (D)** CH Lt Cherubs Meet The Press Of Lenette x CH Char's Forbidden Fruit. Owned by Charlotte Meyer* & Lynn Meyer & Kathleen Stuart. Bred by Charlotte Meyer* & Lynn Meyer.
- CH Char's Tell Me A Story (B)** Soldier Of Fortune Of Haase x CH Finchs Chars Walk This Way. Owned by Charlotte Meyer*. Bred by Charlotte Meyer*.
- CH Cr Dreams Come True (B)** CH Bachman's Brightest Star x Cr Tuff Country Girl. Owned by Robert Solano* & Celeste Solano*. Bred by Robert Solano* & Celeste Solano*.
- CH Creiders On The Road Again (D)** CH Pom Acres Basic Black x Creiders Worth Talkin About. Owned by Elizabeth Molina*. Bred by Norma Creider.
- CH Foxworth Face The Music (B)** CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Foxworth Finetuned. Owned by Pamela Dodsworth* & Larry Fox*. Bred by Pamela Dodsworth* & Larry E Fox*.
- CH If Ever Im Dancing The Night Away (B)** CH Band Of Gold Of Lenette x Jorja Of Lenette. Owned by Rev. Jeanne Randolph Heger & Judith Mehcziz*. Bred by K G Griffith*.
- CH Jan-Shars Cisco Kid (D)** CH Daystar Little Red Caboose x Jan-Shars Woman Of Scandel. Owned by Sharon Hanson*. Bred by Sharon Hanson*.
- CH Jan-Shars Malibu Barbie (B)** Jan-Shars Ghost Buster x Jan-Shars Sweet Caroline. Owned by Sharon Hanson*. Bred by Sharon Hanson*.
- CH Kalo's Rock My World (D)** CH Kalo's Rock N Music City x Marbil-Debut Turning Heads. Owned by Eleanor W Miller*. Bred by Carolyn G Brandenburg*.
- CH Lacueva-Dhcrew Pride-N-Prejudice (D)** CH Dhcrew Ruff-N-Ready x Lacueva-Dhcrew Patti's Legacy. Owned by Sherrilynn Rogers*. Bred by Sherrilynn Rogers*.
- CH Lakeways Luv Lee Marie (B)** Lakeways Mister Beauregard x CH Lakeways Luv Lee. Owned by Elaine Way*. Bred by Elaine Way*.
- CH Lana's Just My Imagination (B)** CH Lana's Let Me Introduce Myself x CH Pomhaven's Savannah Sky. Owned by Lana Price*. Bred by Lana Price*.
- CH Lydon Sean John (D)** Lydon Pup Diddy x Lydon Island Girl. Owned by Lori Cole. Bred by Lori Cole.
- CH Malashel's Mcdreamy (D)** CH Tresstique No Bull I'm Cute x CH Suber's Indy Nile D'Malashel RN. Owned by Elaine Wishnow*. Bred by Elaine Wishnow*.
- CH Mtn. Views Kicks'N Giggles (B)** CH Wood's Que Cera Cera x CH Mtn Views Manhattan Promise. Owned by Patricia Dague* & Roger Dague*. Bred by Patricia Dague* & Alan Bower.
- CH Mtn. Views Turn It Up Turn It Up (B)** Debut's Turn The Page x Mtn Views This Sweet Dream. Owned by Roger Dague* & Patricia Dague* & Mari Iffland*. Bred by Patricia A Dague* & Roger Dague*.
- CH Myrtlewood's Starry Starry Night (D)** CH Belstar's Sweet November x Belstar's Sweet Dream. Owned by Lisa M Mason. Bred by Diana Gross*.
- CH Northmoor Justifiable Menace (D)** CH Pawegre Dennis Menace x Ryms W Sublimes Berrie-Sentials. Owned by Lisa M Goodman*. Bred by Lisa M Goodman*.
- CH Picon's Best Scenario Of Case (B)** CH Merimaur Best Case's Scenario x CH Picon's Precious Rock. Owned by Teresa Picon*. Bred by Teresa Picon*.
- CH Posh's The Martial Artist (D)** CH Eagle Creek's Hamin It Up x Jolvin Kim Possible. Owned by Donna M Nelson & Chuck Nelson. Bred by Susan Popescu.
- CH Power Pom Pirate Of The Caribbean (D)** CH Starfire's Shining Star x CH Powerpom Call In The Night. Owned by Cindy Durbin. Bred by Pongsakorn Pongsak*.
- CH Powerpom Young Love (B)** Powerpom Special Edition x Valcopy Marlened. Owned by Pongsakorn Pongsak*. Bred by Pongsakorn Pongsak*.
- CH Prestigious High Stakes Poker (D)** CH Prestigious High Octane x CH Prestigious Star Parti Time. Owned by Kathleen Clark & Sherry Dollar*. Bred by Sherry Dollar*.
- CH Shimmeree From My Prospective Wow (D)** CH Millamor's Marquis At Shimmeree x Kilpatrick's N'Thunders Jazmin. Owned by Danielle M Miller & Charlene R Waters* & Gregory S Waters*. Bred by Charlene R Waters* & Gregory S Waters* & Terry J Rothell* & Jordan Rothell*.
- CH Starlight's Storm Kicker (D)** CH Starlight's Fun Time x Venus Of Hang Hang. Owned by PASU HANGSUMN. Bred by GITTISAK NUALSANIT.
- CH Stolanne's Dancing With The Stars (D)** CH Starfire's Latin Dancer x Stolanne's Essence Of Barkley. Owned by Frances J Stoll* & Donna S Riehm*. Bred by Frances J Stoll*.
- CH Walk'N In A Winner Wonderland Wow (D)** CH Apolloette Walk Of Fame x CH Shimmeree Fulla Pizzazz Wow. Owned by Randy Buske* & Terry J Rothell* & OOI CHEE HEONG. Bred by Terry J Rothell* & Jordan Rothell*.



New Champions

June 2009 Champions

CH Arctic Poms Rockin-Lil-Fox (D) CH Fur Rondies Zoom-Zoom-Zoom x Artic Poms A Twinkle N My Eye. Owned by Julie A Volkheimer* & Sharry L Christianson. Bred by Julie A Volkheimer* & Sharry L Christianson.

CH Babydoll's Broadway Diva (B) CH Babydoll's Buckle Up Ur Genes x Babydoll's Bit Of A Showoff. Owned by Jessica Satallante*. Bred by Wayne R Hough.

CH Bahstoy Not Your Average Joe (D) CH Finch's Tagalong On A Roll x Marbil's Rhiannon O Linetree. Owned by Linda Haggstrom. Bred by Linda Haggstrom.

CH Carleez Ever Wonder Why? (D) CH Heartland's Knight N Day x Gar-V's Beau-Tiful Windflower. Owned by Laurie Otis & Carol Leemhuis*. Bred by Carol Leemhuis*.

CH Carleez Hot Damm Here I Am (B) CH Horizon-N-Janesa Indian Sundown x CH Gar-V's Zeek-A-Boo. Owned by Carol Leemhuis*. Bred by Carol Leemhuis*.

CH Char's Gold Rush (D) CH Char's Strike 'N Gold x Char's Looney Tune. Owned by Charlotte Meyer*. Bred by Charlotte Meyer*.

CH Cr Sir Scully Of Gondor (D) CH Rodi's Cr King Of Gondor x Tlc Lovely Tracy. Owned by Linda Pelz* & Robert Solano & Celeste Solano*. Bred by Robert Solano & Celeste Solano*.

CH Dee Little Birdie Told'Me (D) CH Chriscendo Comunicado x CH Cr Classic Charm. Owned by Christine Crane* & Cindy Crane. Bred by Christine Crane* & Robert Solano* & Celeste Solano*.

CH Dee Little Daisy Duke (B) CH Chriscendo Call To Arms x CH Chriscendo Come Closer. Owned by Christine Crane* & Cindy Crane. Bred by Christine Crane* & Christine D Heartz*.

CH Dreamweavers Thrill On Blueberry Hill (D) CH Dreamweavers Ring Of Fire x Royaltee N Dreamweavers Into The West. Owned by Celeste Solano* & Robert Solano* & Linda Pelz*. Bred by Linda A Pelz*.

CH Finch's Little Black Terror (D) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Finch's Lo And Behold. Owned by Diane L Finch*. Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Finch's Totally Stunning Parti (D) CH Finch's Betn Ona Sureshotparti x Star Haven's Countess Glory. Owned by Diane L Finch*. Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Mc's Shimmering Shannah (B) Doubletakes N Mcs Rocketman x Mc's Heart's desire nikki. Owned by Christina L Armstrong & Michael V Armstrong. Bred by Christina L Armstrong & Michael V Armstrong.

CH Patriot's Special Agent (B) CH Patriot's Tucked In A Cloud x Patriot's Princess Fiona. Owned by Joanne E Rusk. Bred by Joanne E Rusk.

CH Serafina's Cry Me A River (B) CH Serafina's Luc Lessard x CH Serafina's Torch Song. Owned by Margaret Nance. Bred by Margaret Nance.

CH So Me What Was I Thinking (D) Daystar Will Work For Food x CH Jan-Shars A Dawg Named Sue. Owned by LORI A SOLOMON & Roxanne Mellem. Bred by LORI A SOLOMON & Roxanne Mellem.

CH Stolanne's I Love Desi (B) CH Stolanne's Hey Look Me Over x Stolanne's Caramel Candy. Owned by Frances J Stoll*. Bred by Frances J Stoll*.

CH Stolanne's Sergeant Drummer (D) CH Stolanne's A Song For Timothy x Stolanne's Park Ave. Princess. Owned by Donna S Riehm* & Frances J Stoll*. Bred by Frances J Stoll*.

CH Townsend's L'Affaire De Coeur (D) CH Townsend Lil Darlins Hard Copy x Townsend Lil Darlins Moulin Rouge. Owned by Jean Elting Rowe. Bred by Jean Elting Rowe.

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Just For Fun

by Hideko W. Strasbaugh

I would like to share some pictures with you. This is an 11 1/2 year old girl, "Amy", in a "Little Lion" hair cut. We finished her championship when she was two years old after she had whelped her first litter. She was fun to show and a fantastic producer in a 5-pound package.

She produced three litters sired by three different stud dogs. She gave me two puppies, an heir and a spare, each time, and every litter was exciting. All six puppies were show quality - no pets - and I am a very, very tough judge when the time comes to evaluate my own dogs.

Amy in show coat - 2 years old



First litter:

Her orange sable daughter won Best of Breed from the classes at the Progressive Dog Club Show in New York over many very famous Pom specials.

Second litter:

Her black son won Group 2 in the California competition en route to finishing his championship.

Third litter:

Her black son won multiple Group placements in the California competitions en route to finishing his championship.

Breeding her son to her grand daughter produced a multiple group winner.

Amy was retired from breeding after her third litter. Since then, we've kept her in a haircut that looks cute and clean, and it's easy to care for (wash and wear). After trimming off her long thick coat, it was easier to see her structure and understand what makes her such a fantastic producer. She is so eye pleasing. At 11 1/2 years old, she still stops traffic when out in public. She catches people's attention and receives many "WOW!" comments from total strangers. And even at this age and after three litters, and being retired for a number of years, she still has that sterling movement and carriage, showy attitude, and she always shows her happiness and pride. Once a show dog always a show dog.

Amy's so full of herself. It's a true joy to see. Our sincere thanks to our dear friend Kayo and her family who love Amy, have adopted her as one of their own, and provide her such a wonderful and happy life. We know our precious Amy has a wonderful family life.

While I was breeding for myself, I was very busy showing the beautiful Pom specials of Mr. Dana Plonkey and Mr. Randy Gemmill. The busy show schedule and keeping my focus on caring for and handling my current special did not leave me any time for trial-and-error breeding. I had to aim carefully to create the animals

I wanted, specifically, well-structured dogs with showy attitude and movement to please my eye and have fun in the show ring (constantly losing in the ring is no fun!) and it also saved me time and budget.

Amy's baby boy from her first litter - 8 weeks old



It was so much fun to have "flying" Poms in the show ring with their showy, naughty attitude. As my husband Jim said, "They're not walking fast, they're flying low!" All of these Poms were born and shown over a period of about 10 years. Also because of my busy dog show schedule, I limited myself to keeping only a small number of animals at any given time (no more than 5 to 6 adults). I only bred one or two litters per year. That way, I could give them good care, love and individual attention to raise showy, happy animals.

In most cases, my girls were retired from breeding after two litters. It was a rare exception for me to breed a bitch three times. I relied on the quality of their puppies to move on to the next generation.

My adventure breeding Pomeranians began with my very first foundation bitch "Poi Poi" from Dana and Randy. She is behind all the Poms I had ever bred. To Dana and Randy, I owe my sincerest thanks for letting me not only show their dream specials, one after another, but also for letting me have that amazing foundation bitch with which to start my breeding program and pursue my dreams.

My girls were treasures. They produced the future, the dreams, the excitement and the joy and pride for me.

Thank you very much for your time looking through our Amy's family photo album with me. It was a wonderful and fulfilling partnership of friends, both human and canine.

Amy in a Little Lion hair cut at 11 1/2 years old

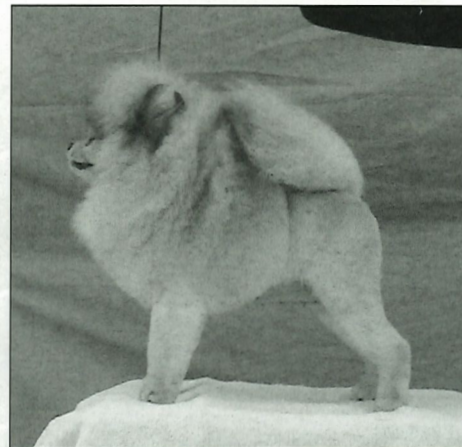
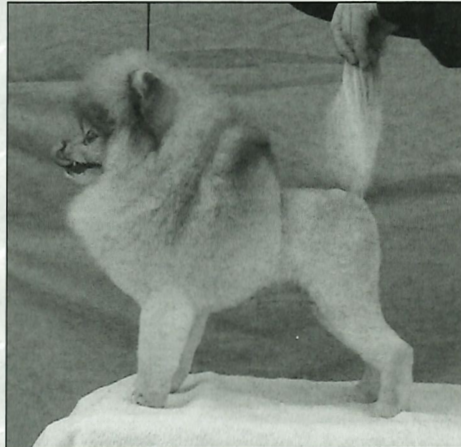


< "Is my head high enough, Mom?!"

"You want me to stack at half step forward Mom?">

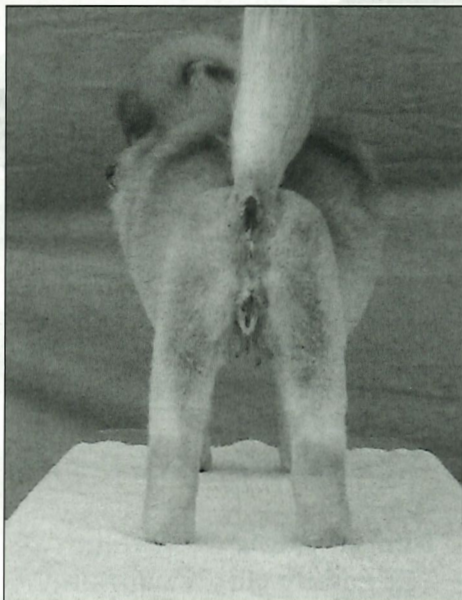
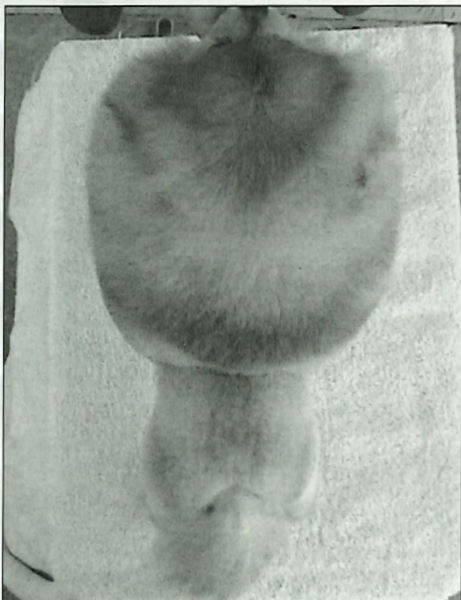
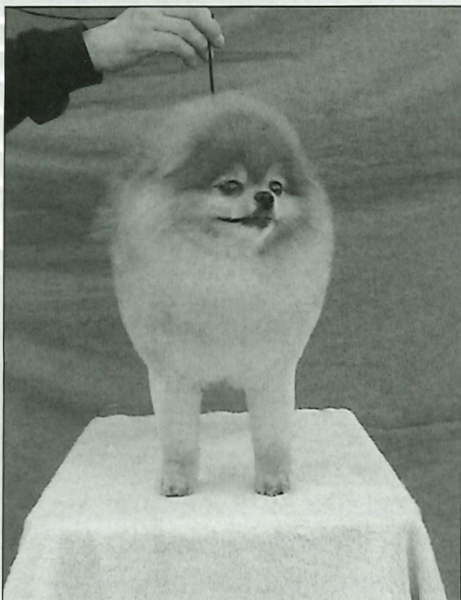


She is still very eager to please me!



"Mmmm - Yum."^

At her current age, she has started to show signs of minor cataracts, other than that still she acts like a naughty puppy.



AMY'S FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

Amy's Dad



at 6 weeks old

- * Pointed
(I did not have time to finish him)

Amy's Dad's litter sister



- * Best In Specialty Show winning champion
- * She produced 2 beautiful specials for Mr. Dana Ponkey and Mr. Randy Gemmill
- + One was No. 1 Pom in the U.S.
Best in Show and Best in Specialty Show Winner
Best of Breed winner at the Progressive Toy Dog Club in New York.
- + The other was No. 3 Pom in the U.S.
Best in Show & Best in Specialty Show winner.

Amy's Grandma



Poi Poi at 6 month old

- * Champion
- * She had 2 litters
(3 puppies in each litter)
Mom of 5 champions and 1 pointed out of total 6 puppies
- * APC ROM

< Her first litter

Her second litter>

Amy's Mom



at 7 month old

- * Champion
- * Winners Bitch at the Progressive Toy Dog Club Show in New York
- * Her second litter was single puppy, that baby girl finished her championship beautifully then became a champion producer, also.

Amy's Mom's litter brother >



- * No. 3 Pom in the U.S.
- * Best In Show & Best in Specialty Show winner
- * 1st Award of Merit winner at Westminster K.C. Show
- * Award of Merit at the APC National Specialty Show

AMY'S CHILDREN

Amy's daughter from her first litter.



at 8 weeks old

- * Champion
- * She won Best of Breed from the classes at the Progressive Toy Dog Club Show in New York over many very famous Pom Specials

Amy's son from her first litter.



at 10 month old

- * Pointed
(I did not have time to finish him.)

Amy's son from her second litter



- * Champion
- * He won Group 2nd en route to finish his championship in California

Amy's son from her third litter



- B**
- * Champion
 - * He won multiple Group Placements en route to finish his championship in California.



His movement with power and grace

AMY'S GRANDSON, GREAT GRANDSON AND GREAT GREAT GRANDSON

The baby boy from the combination of
Amy's Son (litter brother to B)
Amy's Granddaughter (daughter of A)



Amy's champion niece
(Mother's side)



Amy's great
great grandson

C. At 2 years old
* Multiple Group Winner

(My second from the last
breeding)



D. At 10 months old
(my last breeding)



C. Side view with legs



D. Side view with legs

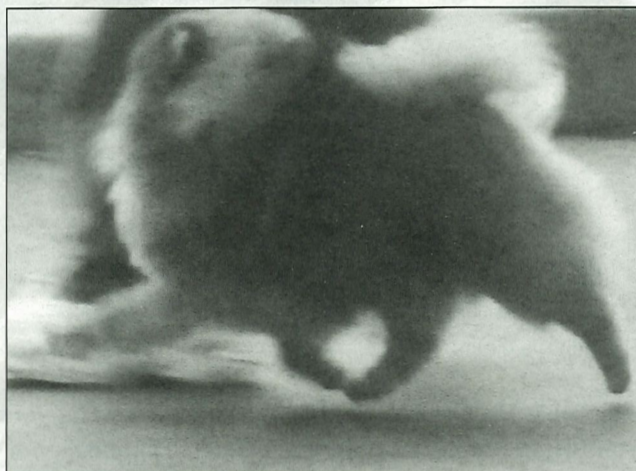
GENERATIONS AFTER AMY. WE STILL SEE AMY IN THEM.

Amy's grandson also great grandson



C. Walking slow and easy time. When I let him go, he flies.

Amy's great great grandson



D. His floating in the air movement.



C. Waiting for something exciting



C. Front view



D. "Gimme Gimme Gimme" "GIVE IT TO ME...!"



C. Rear at 5 1/2 years old



D. Rear at 10 months old



Health & Genetics



Guest writer Geneva Coats

TOPICS IN NUTRITION, PART 4 PUTTING THE INFORMATION TO USE

By Geneva Coats, R.N.

The “best” diet is the one that works for you, that your dog thrives on, and that you feel the most comfortable feeding. The meal plan that is right for one dog and his owner may not be right for the dog next door. Today we are fortunate to be able to choose between a vast array of commercial foods or fresh foods that we can prepare ourselves.

Some dogs have special issues and will need a special diet, formulated in consultation with a veterinarian. But, as a general rule, variety in the diet will assure that your dog receives all the nutrients that he needs to stay healthy and happy!

KIBBLED FOOD

Kibbles are convenient and easy to use. They usually provide the basic necessary ingredients to maintain life. However, a diet that relies primarily on kibble does have some drawbacks.

In 1957, Purina invented the high-pressure, high-heat extrusion process to produce kibble. The kibble extruder machine requires use of mostly starchy, dry ingredients to work properly. This means that, first of all, carbohydrate levels are undesirably high. Processed grains are used, which are stripped of most of their vitamins and minerals. Next, to make dry “meals”, ingredients like meat, poultry and fish are rendered under high heat for a long time. These dry meals are then processed again under high pressure and more heat to make the kibbled food. Heat and pressure processing destroys many essential nutrients.

Manufacturers must add back into kibble the multitude of vitamins, minerals and amino acids that were destroyed by high heat and pressure involved in the extrusion process. (Enzymes and probiotics don’t survive this process, either). Recent studies on the use of vitamin supplements are proving that a natural profile of nutrients provided in whole fresh foods are far superior to a processed, deficient diet with supplements added. There are likely many beneficial micronutrients in whole fresh foods that have not yet been discovered!

Kibble is hard and dry, and it can be difficult to digest, as well as having a dehydrating effect. Dogs on kibbled diets need fresh water available at all times. Chemical preservatives are used to extend shelf life. Many kibbles have recently been recalled due to fungal or bacterial contamination. Some were recalled due to toxic levels of synthetic vitamins or minerals. Add to this the problems with chronic mold toxicity and storage mites, and kibbled diets become a less attractive choice.

If you, like most of us, wish to feed some kibble as a convenient, ready-made diet, there are some brands available with superior ingredients. Check the ingredients, the location of manufacture, and call the company if you have questions about their ingredients or how their food is prepared! When shopping for a kibble, look for the inclusion of nutritionally superior ingredients such as meats, fish and poultry. Grains and carbs will necessarily be included, but look for the use of such wholesome items as brown rice, whole wheat, oats, barley, rye, amaranth, millet, quinoa, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tapioca and peas.

Per holistic veterinarian Jean Hofve, DVM, "Dry food does not clean the teeth. If it did, you and I could floss with toast. At best, dry food produces a little less tartar than canned food. Regular vet checkups and proper dental care are essential, no matter what your pet eats."

CANNED FOODS

Canned foods offer many benefits over kibble. Preservatives are not included, since the canning process itself sterilizes and protects the food from spoilage. Artificial colors and flavors are rarely used. While kibble must necessarily be primarily grain or starch based, canned foods usually contain more meat and fat, and much less grain. Also, canned food contains more water than dry food. This water is needed for proper digestion, and to promote healthy kidney function. Dogs and cats often do not have an adequate thirst drive to consume enough water separately from their food.

The high heat involved in the canning process renders canned foods devoid of many essential nutrients, enzymes and probiotic bacteria. Canned foods may contain mycotoxins. Canned food, once opened and if left sitting out, is a prime medium to grow pathogens, as it is devoid of the normal protective bacteria and enzymes present in fresh foods.

In comparing nutrient percentages between kibbled and canned foods, try to evaluate on a "dry matter basis". A can of food which contains 70% water and 10% protein, actually contains 33% protein, once water is removed from the equation.

SEMI-MOIST FOODS

Remember good old "Gaines Burgers"? Semi-moist foods are designed to not need refrigeration, and contain high amounts of preservatives, humectants (such as glycerin and propylene glycol) and sugars (such as sorbitol, molasses and corn syrup).

Semi moist foods have generally fallen out of favor. Propylene glycol cannot be added to cat food because it causes abnormal red blood cell formation in cats. Cats, as obligate carnivores, seem to be early warning barometers of pet food dangers!

FRESH FOODS

Let's face it, fresh food is best!! This is the diet that nature intended. A wide variety of fresh foods such as meat, raw bones, organs, fish, poultry, eggs, fruits, greens, vegetables and dairy products will provide all the nutrients your dog requires.

Many of us barely have time to cook for ourselves, much less to prepare food for our dogs. To save time in the kitchen, you can buy commercial frozen diets, or keep a couple of favorite recipes on hand based on the use of fresh ground meats. Another timesaver is keeping frozen vegetables on hand, or using baby food containers of pureed vegetables. I like to use chopped frozen spinach.

The most common problem with home-prepared meals is lack of calcium. This is easily remedied by the inclusion of bones, ground eggshell, or bone meal. Feeding your dog a diet rich in meat protein is a natural way to provide him with the complete profile of amino acids that he needs to stay healthy. Meat can be served raw or cooked. Raw meat and meaty bones are generally well-tolerated; however, if your dog was not introduced to bones at a young age, he may tend to "gulp" them down, so for safety you may prefer to grind the raw bones prior to feeding.

There are several excellent commercial ground raw diets available. Commercial ground raw diets already contain ground bone to provide calcium, so no need to add any eggshell or bone meal to these. If you are feeding raw meaty bones, your dogs are receiving plenty of calcium and there is no need to add any supplemental calcium.

To cut costs, you can buy a grinder and make your own ground raw diet. Make sure your grinder can handle bones. Whole raw meaty bones should only be fed under close supervision. Cooked bones and old dried bones should not ever be fed, as they may splinter into sharp pieces. Canned fish usually contains bones that are OK to feed as they are soft, not sharp.

Eggs (raw, warmed or cooked) are an excellent, high-quality food and should be fed on a routine basis. Egg white contains a complete profile of all the amino acids. Egg yolks are a rich source of all vitamins (except for vitamin C).

Eggshells can be saved, dried overnight, then ground to a fine powder. You can then add this powdered eggshell (1/2 tsp per pound of food) to the diet if it does not include any raw bones or bone meal. If using bone meal, add 1-1/2 tsp per pound of food.

Here's an easy way to remember the amount of bone meal vs. ground eggshell; if your recipe calls for a TEASpoon of eggshell, you can instead substitute a TABLESpoon of bone meal for the eggshell.

Eggs, liver, and fish are rich in vitamins A and D, and should be comprise about 10% of the total diet. Fish also

provide the Omega-3 fatty acids DHA and EPA. Raw salmon should never be fed as it may contain liver flukes, but cooked or canned salmon is an excellent source of protein and Omega-3s.

Sardines are an excellent food for dogs, and can be fed a few times per week or used as a nutritious treat. The bones serve as a source of calcium and roughage. And, sardines, like all fish, are another excellent source of complete amino acids and the essential omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA.

Limit raw freshwater fish to a few meals per week. Many varieties of raw freshwater fish contain an enzyme called "thiaminase" that destroys thiamine (Vitamin B1). Cooking fish will destroy this enzyme. As long as you are not feeding raw freshwater fish on a daily basis, thiamine deficiency should not be a problem.

To formulate a raw diet, raw meaty bones (or ground meat with ground bones) can make up about 30-50%, while organ meats should comprise about 10% of the diet. The remaining portion can include other meat, fish, eggs or dairy products, cooked or pureed fruits and vegetables, and even some fresh cooked grains. You don't need to feed the same foods every day. Serve eggs a few times a week, fish a couple of times a week, perhaps liver another day. Balance over time rather than with each individual bite!!

A cooked diet is similar in composition, except you would omit the bones, add a source of calcium (bone meal or ground eggshells), and include some cooked or pureed fruits and veggies for their valuable micronutrients and for "roughage".

Your homemade diet, whether cooked or raw, should have the more delicate ingredients added just prior to feeding, such as fish oil, vitamin E, perhaps some probiotics, enzymes and B-vitamins. Other nutrient-dense supplements you might like to add in small amounts include wheat germ, ground flax, nutritional yeast, bee pollen, and spirulina, seaweed or kelp. A variety of food sources in the diet is important to assure the inclusion of the broadest profile of beneficial micronutrients.

GREEN TRIPE

Green tripe is a food that has become popular for dogs. Tripe is the stomach of ruminant animals such as cattle, buffalo, sheep, deer, goats, antelope, etc. Present within the tripe are naturally occurring gastric juices, amino acids and live digestive enzymes not found in processed or cooked foods. These gastric juices and digestive enzymes are reputed to help to keep the teeth naturally clean.

There are many other nutritional benefits derived from green tripe. Tripe contains nutrients from grasses and grains that have been already processed naturally by the cow's stomach system. It contains a very diverse profile of nutrients including enzymes, probiotics, and phytonutrients. Tripe contains a balanced calcium/phosphorus ratio. Green tripe aids in the digestive process. It can also be used as an appetite stimulator. Green tripe retains an odor that dogs love. It can entice even the pickiest eater.

"Green" tripe means that the tripe has not been cleaned, bleached or scalded. Once the tripe is bleached or scalded, most of the helpful living enzymes and probiotic bacteria are destroyed. Commercially, you can find green tripe frozen or canned. The canning process involves heat, which destroys the beneficial probiotics and enzymes. Raw or frozen tripe is preferred. You might wish to feed tripe outdoors, to avoid the strong smell which can be very offensive to humans.

HOW MUCH TO FEED YOUR DOG

Adult dogs require approximately 2-3% of their body weight in food daily, or about ½ ounce per pound of body weight. For a 5# dog, this would be about 2-1/2 oz of fresh food per day (less if the food is dried). More food is needed during periods of reproduction and growth. Puppies may need about 5-6% of their weight. This calculates to around one ounce fresh food per pound of body weight. Food requirements may double during cold weather when the dog needs more energy to maintain his body warmth. Working dogs may need to consume up to 10% of their body weight in food each day. If you can no longer feel your dog's ribs, cut back on the amount you are feeding.

A system that has been working well for me is to feed a fresh diet every morning for breakfast, and leave a high-quality kibble available for the rest of the day. This helps me to keep my food costs down to a reasonable level.

SOME SAMPLE RECIPES

DAILY MEAT LOAF

1 lb ground meat
1-1/2 tsp bone meal or ½ tsp ground eggshells
1 egg
Fish oil, 1000 mg or so (oil squeezed from one capsule)
Natural Vitamin E (200 mg)
Optional- ¼ cup chopped/pureed vegetables; ¼ cup cooked oats, rice, or potatoes

Mix and serve, raw or cooked. If cooked, omit fish oil and vitamin E; add these to the mix once cooled. Top with a dollop of whole milk yogurt with active cultures, if desired.

Vary your meat sources; rotate use of beef, turkey, chicken, pork etc.

FUN FISH

1 can cooked salmon (with bones)
Vitamin E (200 mg)
Optional-add 1/2 cup chopped/ pureed veggies and/or cooked oats, rice or potatoes

Mix and serve. Top with a dollop of whole milk yogurt with active cultures, if desired.

Liver Lover's Platter

1 lb ground meat
1/2 lb chopped liver
1-1/2 tsp ground eggshell or 1-1/2 tablespoon bone meal
Optional-1/4 cup veggies, grains or potatoes.

Mix and serve, raw or cooked. Top with some yogurt if desired.

(Limit meals with a large amount of liver to once or twice a week. Or, you can just add a couple ounces liver to your daily meat loaf recipe, if you don't want to make any separate liver meals.)

SUNDAY OMELETTE

12 eggs
1 cup chopped spinach
1/2 cup ricotta cheese
2 tsp ground eggshell or 2 tablespoons bone meal
Scramble eggs, cook lightly with spinach, add other ingredients, serve cooled. Add oil from one fish oil capsule before serving.

LIP LICKIN' LEFTOVER CHICKEN

3 cups leftover baked chicken, shredded
1 cup leftover mashed potatoes
1 cup leftover vegetables (cooked soft)
3 tbsp bone meal or 3 tsp ground eggshell
Add vitamin E, fish oil, probiotics if desired.
Health is not simply the absence of disease, but the presence of vim, vigor and vitality. Hopefully, I've given you a few ideas for improving the quality and variety in your dog's diet. A fresh, natural diet will promote good health, long life and lower vet bills!

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APC Judges' Education

There is not a lot to report in this issue of Pomeranian Review. We have not had any Judges Education Seminar activity since May, and none scheduled in the next couple of months.

The APC Board has approved my proposal to create a new Illustrated Standard Booklet, in a smaller size and more summary style than the current booklet, to be used as a handout at Judges Education Seminars, as well as other educational purposes. I will chair this project, and Chris Hartz has agreed to be the illustrator. This will be a great addition to our educational materials, and I have included in the proposal funds to mail a copy to each of our APC Members once it is completed. We will time the completion of the booklet with the completion of the revision to the Breed Standard. I am looking forward to working on this project with Chris and the APC Board.



Fred C. Bassett

I had the great honor earlier this summer to judge a large Pomeranian Specialty in Sweden. It was very interesting and educational to me to see the differences between their Poms and ours here in the USA, so I am going to write about that in hopes that you will find it interesting as well.

The show was in a town near Stockholm, and included entries not only from Sweden but also from other countries in Scandinavia. I judged using the F.C.I system where a written critique is given for each dog. Because of the length of time it takes to do this a judge there is limited to judging 80 dogs in a day. The total entry was 94, so they had to bring in a judge from Sweden to do the "baby puppies" which are from 4 to 9 months. This left me with about 75 to judge. The overall quality of the entry was really impressive, and I had excellent dogs that I put Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. They do not have a Best of Winners. I will include photos that they sent me of these two winners so you can see the dogs.

The thing that I found quite interesting was the areas of breed type that the Scandinavian dogs excelled at, which we are having problems with currently in the USA. Most notable to me was correct eye shape and size. I was really excited to find that the majority of the entry had beautiful correct almond shaped eyes of correct size, which helped give many of the dogs a beautiful expression. I would estimate that 60% of the entry there was correct in this feature, versus here in the USA where we are lucky to get 5 to 10%. Along with this there were many dogs there that had beautiful high set ears, probably about 40%. They varied in size, but the placement was really pleasing. We are still struggling with this at home, as I'm sure most of you are aware. The other thing that stood out was a high number of dogs with very good coat texture. Again about 40% of the entry had good dense coats with correct harsh outer coat. It was really a pleasure to see (and feel!).

Here are the photos. Best of Breed (left) was Ch. Noble Art Do's and Don'ts, breeder/owner/handled by Elisabeth Spillman. Some of you may know Elisabeth, who has attended a couple of APC National Specialties in recent years. Best of Opposite Sex (right) was Drakedram Red Gold, breeder/owner/handled by Rita Olofsson. This beautiful bitch finished her Championship with this win.

Until next time, enjoy the shows and enjoy your Poms!



Left: Ch. Noble Art Do's and Don'ts, breeder/owner/handled by Elisabeth Spillman.



Right: Drakedram Red Gold, breeder/owner/handled by Rita Olofsson.

Letters From the Editor

With great sorrow and undue stress, the letter below was presented to the APC Board of Directors 7/17/09.

All business of the Pomeranian Review will remain exactly the same as it is currently being handled until the November/December 2009 Pom Review is completed.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me and the Pomeranian Review throughout these past eight years as Editor.

May God bless you one and all.

Brenda Segelken
Editor APC Pomeranian Review

07/17/09

Jane Lehtinen
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Dear APC Board of Directors,

Please accept this letter of notification that I will not be renewing my Editor's Contract and am leaving my position as Editor with the American Pomeranian Club's Pomeranian Review effective after the completion of the November/December 2009 Pomeranian Review per the Editor's contract.

I wish to thank you for the opportunities I have had while under contract with the American Pomeranian Club, Inc. It has been a great pleasure working through the past eight years with the devoted writers, contributors and our wonderful supportive advertisers.

Given the experience and close proximity of the APC storage unit, if the board so desires, I will continue to volunteer as Back Issues Co-Chair.

If I can be of assistance during this transition, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Brenda K. Segelken

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Editor APC Pomeranian Review



BRENDA SEGELKEN

POMERANIAN REVIEW EDITOR SAYS FOND FAREWELL TO "LABOR OF LOVE"

Written by Connie Zieba

Pomeranian Review Editor Brenda Segelken will publish her last issue of the *Review* by the end of this year. After eight years of truly selfless and dedicated service, Brenda has earned our collective appreciation and gratitude.

Brenda is a lifelong resident of Illinois, born in a little town by the name of DuQuoin. She moved to Effingham in 1996 with her husband and two children. Brenda's son and daughter and their families live less than two hours away. The Segelkens have five grandchildren, ages 9 to 15.

Their youngest grandchild was born with Cystic Fibrosis. The cause of raising funds and promoting awareness for Cystic Fibrosis research, care, and treatment, has since become an important factor in the lives of the Segelken family.

Brenda met her future husband, Phil, while she was still in kindergarten. Phil was "an older man" already advanced to the third grade. On August 3, 2009, the Segelkens celebrated 44 happy years of marriage.

Brenda credits her husband, Phil, with making her career in showing possible. He took care of the dogs and the children

when Brenda was traveling to shows and he never failed to give Brenda his unconditional support.

Brenda's love of dogs came at an early age. As a child, Brenda would bring home every stray dog she came across. After her mother refused to allow her to keep the strays in the house, Brenda vowed to her mom, "Someday when I grow up I will have 30 dogs in my home!"

She spent hours poring over the Sears and Roebuck Catalog, looking at pictures of the purebred dogs that were sold through the catalog. Brenda cut out dozens of photos of those dogs and pasted them in her scrapbook, along with the amounts they were selling for and the information about each dog. Looking at those pictures many years later, Brenda realized almost all the dogs she had picked out had huge coats!

Mrs. Segelken acquired her first Pomeranians in 1973 when a friend closed her kennel and made several nice Poms available to Brenda. Brenda's show career began shortly afterwards and expanded to handling Poms both for herself and for clients. FAME was chosen as her kennel name.

When looking back at Brenda's long career of breeding Pomeranians, she is most gratified by what she was able to accomplish with a small kennel. In time, the Poms of her breeding looked like

what she considered a well-made Pom should look like. She accomplished her goals by keeping the best of each litter that fit the image she desired that clearly represented the breed standard.

Brenda researched the type of Pomeranians she wanted to breed for by studying old issues of the *Pomeranian Review*. Looking at the pictures in each issue, Brenda was most drawn to the old English style of Pom, short-backed and full-coated.

Her advice to newcomers is to buy the best female you can afford and breed it to the best male you can afford to pay the stud fee for. Start your breeding program from there.

Mrs. Segelken believes that "less is more" when describing the ideal Pom. The breed standard should strive to describe what the perfect Pom should look like, as opposed to describing what characteristics it shouldn't have.

Brenda's favorite characteristic of the Pomeranian is their spirit. The most tiring aspects of the breed are the shedding and the difficulty in housebreaking. Her favorite attribute of showing is being able to exhibit what she has produced, especially in the Bred-By-Exhibitor class (her favorite class). Her biggest regret is that the lifespan of a Pom is much too short.

Mrs. Segelken became a member of the

American Pomeranian Club in 1987, more than two decades ago. She was the first AKC/APC Breeder Referral Representative for the APC and served in that position for over 4 years. She has held the positions of *Review* Committee Chairman and Editor for the last 8 years. Brenda worked on the Ways and Means Committee for 7 years, responsible for the national logo that is featured on the tee shirts, other apparel, and *Review* coffee mugs at the APC Nationals.

Recently, she was made an APC **Honorary Life Member**. She considers this a dream come true, something she always aspired to and is immensely grateful for.

Brenda actively supports local and regional dog clubs as well, with memberships in the Pomeranian Club of Central Indiana (PCCI) and the All-Breed Mattoon Kennel Club in Illinois. Brenda has served as Vice President, Secretary, and Show Chairman for the PCCI. For the Mattoon Kennel Club, she served as Hospitality Chairman and currently chairs the Trophy Committee.

Before relocating to Effingham, Brenda belonged to all-breed kennel clubs where she taught Conformation classes, and served as Newsletter Editor, Trophy Chairman, and Match Chairman.

Brenda has always had diverse interests, training in agility with a Pom in 1992 (before agility was recognized by the AKC) and instructing one of her Poms to be a registered therapy dog. Three of her dogs hold Companion Dog (CD) Obedience titles. In addition to all that, Brenda managed to run a successful grooming and pet supply business for 27 years.

Segelken's many accomplishments were recognized by three different magazines when kennel visits for FAME were published in the *Pom Registry* in 1994, *Pom Reader* 1996, and the *Pomeranian Review* 1998.

Although all her Poms have been loved and treasured, one stands out as extra-special. **CH FAME LONE RANGER**, a red-coated male with a giant personality and gorgeous appearance. Ranger won the ultimate prize with a **BEST IN SHOW – ALL BREED** in 2005 in Indiana. Ranger followed that up with a **BEST IN SPECIALTY** the same year in Des Moines, Illinois.

What makes Ranger's success even more impressive is that Ranger was owner-handled for both of these wins. Brenda has always had a special respect for the Bred-By-Exhibitor Poms and Ranger typifies the best of that class.

Ranger had many nice wins in his career and still rules the Segelken household today. He is Brenda's shadow, always by her side, described as "the dog of my heart".

This article could not be complete without the mention of Ch. Fame Gift of the Spirit. Gift was Brenda's one-in-a-million multi-group winning Pom.

Brenda's love of the *Pomeranian Review* started in 1982 when she began her collection. She is pleased to say she owns a copy of every issue published since 1958 and has read each one cover to cover. In 2000, Brenda enrolled in a printing and publishing class. On the first day of class the instructor asked each student why they were taking the class. Brenda replied she was hoping to someday become the editor of her favorite publication, the *Pomeranian Review*.

Brenda had surmised the present editor, Mr. Dudley Roach, would retire in about 5 to 10 years. Much to Brenda's shock, Mr. Roach, announced he was retiring from the *Pomeranian Review* that same year! Dudley Roach's last issue was printed in December 2000 leaving the *Review* without an editor for eight long months.

Although Brenda was not completely



Brenda 3 years old



Montec Angel Sent Fame



My first show Pom, Fancy



Mentor Geneva Long and Brenda



Brenda and daughter Leslie



Multi Group winning Ch. Fame Gift of the Sprit a/ka/ Gift



Ch. Wang Tsu Aim To Fame (sired by Gift) and actress Candice Bergen in NY



Collage of 5 generation champions

convinced she had the skills necessary to publish a magazine, she was unwilling to let the publication die. She enlisted the help of a friend who was the editor of another dog magazine and gave herself 2 or 3 issues to see if she could do it. Brenda's first issue as editor hit the presses in August 2001. Like a seemingly dead newborn puppy brought back to life, it wasn't pretty, but it was alive.

After she realized she would be able to make it work, she returned to her instructors to show them the magazine. They told her, "If I had thought anyone could do it, it would have been you." High praises from professionals!

Regular columnists for the Roach *Pom Review*, Annette Davis and Barbara McClatchey, continued in their positions of contributing important news and information. Brenda looked for guest contributors on the Internet lists and through personal E-mails. Anyone was free to submit articles of interest that had hopefully not been published in other magazines.

Brenda's vision for the *Review* was to present a well-rounded magazine covering all aspects of the Pomeranian. Topics about Showing, Breeding, Health, Rescue, Performance, and Companion-Poms were all represented. She wanted everyone who owned a Pom, no matter where their interests lay, to find something in the magazine they could relate to and would find interesting.

Brenda found the most difficult aspect of her job was in collecting everything necessary to meet the *Review* deadlines. Getting the articles, advertisements, committee reports, and all the other myriad of details together by a certain date is a colossal job. Part of meeting a deadline is finishing the issue in time to make a copy and take it to the proofreader, who in turn, must have enough time to carefully peruse the issue before it goes to the printer.

Hurricane Ike proved to be a deadline killer for the recent *Anniversary Issue*. This special edition required one whole year of tireless effort from Brenda, over and beyond what was required for the regular issues. The deadline happened to fall just when Ike was wrecking havoc all across the country. Brenda had to put the issue on hold just as she was preparing to go to press.

At one point, Brenda's husband, Phil, asked her to put a logbook in her office and record the time she spent working on *Pom Review* business. Brenda refused thinking it would be too depressing. When the deadline arrives, someone has to do what needs to be done and there is only one person who can do it – the editor!

The most enjoyable aspect of her job has been working with all the people who have had a part in completing each issue. Her warmest thanks go to the many advertisers, contributors, columnists, and staff members who have given their time and resources over the last eight years.

Brenda is proud of her ability to face and conquer the challenges that have come her way. Before she took up the reins of editorship, she did not even know how to save a file on a computer. Indeed, she did not even like computers! All the skills necessary to do her job had to be learned and learned quickly. Another satisfying facet of the job was the artistic qualities she was able to bring to the publication, in particular the advertisements. Brenda can be quoted as saying, "This has been the very best job I have ever had."

The job of *Pom Review* editor has been "a labor of love" for Brenda. It requires 18-hour days when nearing a deadline, and constant attention and diligence the rest of the time. Representing the *Pom Review* included traveling to APC Nationals in Louisville, attending the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

in Long Beach, California, and other trips. Mrs. Segelken paid for all her own expenses including airfare, gas, hotel, food, and even banquet tickets. The job is done for no other reason than love of the *Review*, the club, the people, and most of all, the breed.

The personal sacrifices made by Mrs. Segelken as Editor included putting her breeding, showing and handling programs on hold and taking a hiatus from applying to become an AKC judge. Happily, she will now have the time and energy to step back into these interests. Brenda is scheduled to judge Sweepstakes for the APC Nationals in 2010.

In addition, her breeding program is also gearing up with the recent addition of an outstanding black & tan Pomeranian from England named, **FOXHUE CRYPTIC PUZZLE "Cody"**. Cody is the sire of two young puppies named Bentley and Love.

The most exciting characteristic of Cody is his coat texture. Brenda has never before felt anything like it in any harsh-coated Pom in the United States. She describes the coat as, "totally different and wonderful". Making Cody available at stud to approved U.S. bitches creates the possibility his superior coat texture will be able to make a difference in the coat-loss problem we face today. Cody should be a huge asset to the breed.

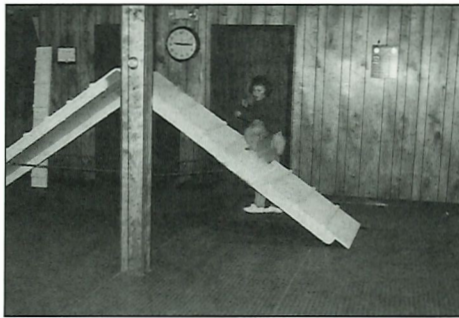
Cody joins the Segelken household along with 6 other Pomeranians, plus the set of eight-week-old puppies sired by Cody. Four of the Segelken Poms are over 10 years old and all but one are pointed or AKC Champions.

Brenda's positive impact on the *Review* can be seen in the increasing number of subscribers during her tenure, and the numerous thankful E-mails and phone calls she has received since announcing her resignation.

A crucial characteristic for a good editor

is the ability to be fair and impartial. No personal dislikes can be indulged, just as no single person, Pomeranian, or idea can be favored. In order to be effective, the editor must have strength of character, integrity, and must be trustworthy. Brenda Segelken has met all these standards and more.

In parting, Brenda shares her belief that the heart of the APC is the *Pomeranian Review*. The *Review* is the only publication that gives unlimited space to club business, events, and interests. To take good care of the *Pom Review* is to take good care of the club, all its members, and the Pomeranians we all love.



Brenda and Rocky in agility class



Willy wins APC Costume contest Texas



Ruth Beam, Brenda and Dolly a/k/a Ch. Great Elms Fame-ous Dolly (dam of Ch. Fame Lone Ranger)



Ch. Fame Lone Ranger receives 1st Award of Merit At Euk/AKC Invitational in Florida



Winning costume contest in Kentucky



Best In Show Ch. Fame Lone Ranger a/k/a Ranger



Brenda & Asta, my first AKC registered dog



Chs Rocky & Linus won many Best In Show Braces



Angel places 2nd in Novice A when completing her obedience CD



Gift wins huge puppy class



Rocky, registered Therapy Dog, and Brenda visit nursing home



Our first bred by exhibitor champion, Ch. Fame Great Expectations. Greaty is behind 5 generations of Fame champions



APC National Best Bred By Exhibitor



Foxhue's Cryptic Puzzle, imported from England by Kathy Norem



APC National Best Stud Dog 1991 L-R, Brenda Segelken with Ch. Wee Rambo of Coy's Top Mark, Diana Nolan & Ch. Fame Piece of the Rock, Ann Walker with Ch. Rambo's Double Rock Top Mark, Leslie (Segelken) Kueker with Ch. Fame King Linus, and Donna Riehm with Ch. Fame Gold and Glitter.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
MARCH 15 – 17, 2010
FORT MITCHELL HERE COMES THE POMS!

The American Pomeranian Club, Inc. invites you to attend our National Specialty in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky on March 15-17, 2010.

The show will be held at Drawbridge Inn, 2477 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Please call and make your reservations at 859-341-2800 or email www.drawbridgeinn.com. Rooms have been reserved for APC members @ \$89.00 per night for single, double, triple or Quad. You need to make your reservations by February 14, 2010. They also have RV parking. The charge Per RV is \$20.00 per day (this does not include hookups).

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes Judge is Brenda Segelken, 11139 E. Camelot Ave. Effingham, IL 62401

Regular Classes & Junior Showmanship Judge is Jean Fournier, 249 Mt. Vernon Drive, Calhoun, GA 30703-0369

Obedience & Rally Judge is Jeffrey B. Showman, 13463 Berlin Station Road, Berlin Center, OH 44401-9773.

Show Superintendent is Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd. P. O. Box 6898, Reading, PA 19610. Their phone number is 610-376-1880 / Fax 610-376-4939.

Show Secretary is Jane Lehtinen, 1517 8th St., Virginia, MN 55792, Phone 218-749-1154
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Show Chairman is Pat Barnett, 11 Wilson Cove Road, Morrilton, AR 72110
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Plan to attend the 4 day all breed shows at Louisville, Kentucky following our shows on March 18-21, 2010.

The schedule of events will be put on The American Pomeranian Club, Inc. website for your convenience at a later date.



Barbara McClatchey

ACTION! COMPANION EVENTS NEWS AND VIEWS

By Barbara McClatchey

SPITZ

Before I report on what is going on in Australia (!), I'd like to give a little background on the German Spitz breeds. According to The Atlas of Dog Breeds of the World, by Bonnie Wilcox and Chris Walkowicz, there are 5 different German Spitz varieties recognized by the FCI (the European Kennel Club). An aside: this is a fabulous book to have. When someone calls asking about training their Portuguese Podengo, I can look quickly and see that the dog is related to the Pharaoh Hound and has strong hunting instincts, etc.

The German Wolfspitz is similar in type to what has come to us as the Keeshond, measures 18" minimum, and is always wolf grey in color. The Deutscher Grossspitz (Giant German Spitz, and yes, there are 3 s's in the name) weighs 40 pounds, is 16" minimum in height and comes in black, white, or brown. The Deutscher Mittelspitz (Standard German Spitz) weighs 25 pounds and has a height of 11 ½ to 14". They may be any solid color: white, black, brown, orange, or wolf gray. The Deutscher Kleinspitz (Small German Spitz) weighs 7 pounds minimum, and is 8 ½ to 11" tall. It has the same colors as the Mittlespitz, but in England particolours are also allowed. The fifth category, which seems to be most similar to our Pomeranians, is the Zwergspitz (Toy German Spitz), which should be under 7 pounds, under 8 1/2", and all solid colors. I like one name sometimes given to the Kleinspitz: "Victorian Pom." We get a lot of those in Rescue, throwbacks to the early days when Pomeranians were larger than they are now.

It's my experience that in the U.S., when someone talks about the "Spitz," they are referring to the American Eskimo Dog, which was originally called the German Spitz. (The name was changed when there was war with Germany and anything German was very un-PC!) In actuality, though, the term "Spitz" refers to a type of dog with a particular conformation including the double coat, prick ears, and high set (sometimes curled) tail.

All of this is by way of an introduction to an Australian member of the Active Pomeranian e-mail list who wrote to us about what is happening there with her Mittlespitz. It is really exciting to hear about a close relative to the Pomeranian that is doing Obedience on the other side of the world. Jill Fowler writes about:

OLLIE—OBEDIENCE MITTLESPITZ

Australian Champion Merrifox Snugazza Bug CCD , CD , a white and gold parti-colour German Mittelspitz, rewrote a new chapter in Obedience Trialing for the breed in Australia in July of 2009, following the legacy of his awesome grandma, Ch Atetak Feelin Foxy CD.



Ollie was whelped on a balmy Spring evening in October, 2003. He is a second generation Merrifox dog, by Merrifox Heltaskelta (orange) out of the black Australian Champion Atetak Black Ice. He has inherited the working abilities of Perpetua and Atetak, especially that of Ch Atetak Feelin Foxy CD, the ONLY Mittel bitch to earn dual titles in Conformation and Obedience. He did not start training for Obedience work until March 2007 after a successful Conformation career, culminating the same year in a RUBOB at Sydney Royal . In work for only three months, Ollie entered his first CCD trial in June of 2007, gaining 94/100 and second place to another spitz, the beautiful Samoyed !! In July of 2007, Ollie gained his second CCD pass with 94 /100, winning the ring and his mother (yours truly) \$150 prize money donated by Bark Busters International.

With one more pass to go, we exhibited in two trials on the one day (very unusual and demanding for any dog) to gain first place in the ring am and pm and two more qualifying passes. With his CCD title under his belt, he has a long well-earned holiday for 6 months. CCD in Australia is all on lead and the transition from that to CD (all off lead) is like going from kindergarten to high school, skipping out the middle !!!

I returned to the show ring with him and he won BOB at Canberra Royal again in 2009 !!! He went in with a new handler as I have a knee injury and cannot move him as I would like to. He took all this in his stride. Canberra Royal held it Obedience Trials in May in 2009 and Ollie gained equal third with a score of 188 /200 ..first time ever in Novice and gained his first pass. From then he went to Illawarra Double Trial, winning second place in the ring both am and pm ...the ONLY DOG to do so on the day, thus gaining his CD title.

This little dog has shown two communities what a Mittelspitz can do. I am one of only three serious trialers of this breed in OZ. He is a very sensitive dog and responds ONLY to gentle reward based training. He is a typical Mittelspitz in that he doesn't like too much repetition, but he approaches his work with great eagerness. He is a delight to show and to train and to trial.

His grandmother Meg (Australian Champion Atetak Feelin Foxy CD) is the ONLY Mittel to have dual titles in Conformation and Obedience to CDX level (passing one leg of the title). She is the ONLY bitch of the breed to have dual titles. This special sable girl was still trialing at the age of eleven in CDX. Had I known what I think I know now, this girl would have so easily attained her full title. This bitch and her legacy to me by way of Ollie has made my experience of this breed a treasure.

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**TITLES, WE GOT TITLES!
AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

Companion Dog

Beau James' Fae Joyous Merit CD RN MX AXJ, Chris Ellicott, 5/30/2009
Castaway ST. Elmo's Fire CD RN MX MXJ, Julie Vanoni, 5/23/2009, **ILP**

Companion Dog Excellent

Finch's Whirling Dervish CDX RE AXJ MJP2, Paula Kerezsi, 5/31/2009
Little Miss Turbo CDX MX MXJ NAP NJP NF, Mona Gitter, 5/3/2009
Jill's Princess Tiger Lilly CDX RE, Jill & Jack Rodgers, 6/21/2009

Rally Novice

Apaw's Wirl Wind Romance RN NA, Susie Zemo Letchworth, 5/22/2009
Camelot's Chocolate Mousse RN, Jacqueline Silverman, 5/8/2009
Camelots Don'T Push My Buttons RN, Kevyn Michael Thomas, 5/16/2009
CH Desert Thunder Of Lenette RN, Linda Pelz & Michael Wells, 5/22/2009
Wee Hearts Bailey's Comet RN, Jane & Tom Benton, 5/16/2009
Wee Hearts Dancing Girl RN NA NAJ NF, Jane & Tom Benton, 5/16/2009
Robins Precious Zoey Bear RN, Robin Botelho, 6/6/2009

Rally Advanced

Camelot's Tie Dyed Blue Genes RA, Kevyn Michael Thomas, 5/15/2009

Pombeach The Big Kahuna RA, Bette & Gary Meredith, 5/16/2009

Wanna Be A Morning Glory CD RA, Robin Botelho, 5/25/2009

Rally Excellent

Beauty-Full-Dream-Wendy CD RE. Kevyn Michael Thomas, 5/16/2009
Skippy Of Oak Brook CD RE, Gregory Geisen, 5/23/2009
Jill's Princess Tiger Lilly CD RE, Jill & Jack Rodgers, 6/20/2009
Sunshine Gator Boy RE, Dale Haralson, 6/14/2009, **ILP**

Rally Advanced Excellent 2

Banjo James Reliknam Wishsong CD RAE2, Kevyn Michael Thomas, 5/8/2009

Great Rivers Meg Rules Malashel CD RAE2, Elaine Wishnow, 5/17/2009

Meg had a number of 100's within those shows...showing her character by slogging through pouring rain at one show and baking in the heat at another.

Novice Agility

CH Eco N Sundowns Celebration RN NA NAJ, Camilla Knight, 5/17/2009

Springing Rocket Of Troy CD NA NAJ, Lori Kucera, 5/31/2009
Steenbock's Dr Pepper NA NAJ, Nancy & Jack Zolkowski, 5/24/2009
Winjammer's Hot Wheels NA, Donna Anderson, 5/15/2009, **ILP**
K Bar J Storm' N Furry Of Iskato NA NAJ, Ann Golding, 6/21/2009

Novice Agility Preferred

C & G's Mr. JJ OA OAJ NAP NJP, Cindy Dale, 5/23/2009
Esme's Haleys Comet Aka Ms Hoo CD RN NAP NJP, Carol Paris, 5/16/2009
Prince Omar's Pearlina RN OA OAJ NAP, Rosalene Horner & Wayne Carlson 5/23/2009, **ILP**

Starheart's Blue Belle NAP, Barbara & Ted Browning, 5/15/2009
MACH Funquest's Surfin' Usa NAP NFP, Pritamo Kentala, 6/20/2009, *ILP*

Open Agility

C & G's Jr Boy OA NAJ, Cindy Dale, 5/23/2009

Open Agility Preferred

MACH3 Judy's Itzy Bitzy Mitzi OAP OJP OF, Judy Thompson, 5/3/2009

Agility Excellent

* Aj's Wind Beneath My Wings AX AXJ, Darlene Hunt, 5/16/2009

Agility Excellent Preferred

MACH3 Judy's Itzy Bitzy Mitzi AXP AJP OF, Judy Thompson, 5/15/2009

Master Agility Excellent

Fizzle's Lucky Break MX MXJ OF, Jill Beitel, 5/3/2009, *ILP*

Hallie RE MX MXJ, Suzanne Record, 5/16/2009, *ILP*

Sundown's Regina Elizabeth MX MXJ NJP, Janice & George Smith, 5/25/2009

Boxwood Wannabee MX MXJ, Shelly Wallens, 6/13/2009

Novice Agility Jumper

CH Eco N Sundowns Celebration RN NAJ, Camilla Knight, 5/3/2009

Napoleon Bonaparti NAJ, Melissa Smith, 5/30/2009

Pleikupoms Little Circus Clown NAJ, Carol Medige, 5/24/2009

Winjammer's Hot Wheels NA NAJ, Donna Anderson, 5/17/2009, *ILP*

Novice Agility Jumper Preferred

C & G's Mr. JJ OA OAJ NJP, Cindy Dale, 5/22/2009

Starheart's Blue Belle NAP NJP, Barbara & Ted Browning, 5/17/2009

Prince Omar's Pearlina RN OA OAJ NAP NJP, Rosalene Horner & Wayne Carlson, 6/28/2009, *ILP*

Open Agility Jumper

Carleez Command Performance RN OAJ, Pamela & Audrey Cunningham, 5/31/2009

C & G's Jr Boy OA OAJ, Cindy Dale, 6/26/2009

Edens Sunshine Angel Bear NA OAJ, Beth Carlson, 6/20/2009

Spencer Oliver NA OAJ, Eric & Teresa Lakin, 6/28/2009, *ILP*

Open Agility Jumper Preferred

MACH3 Judy's Itzy Bitzy Mitzi OAP OJP OF, Judy Thompson, 5/3/2009

C & G's Mr. JJ OA OAJ NAP OJP, Cindy Dale, 5/23/2009

Excellent Agility Jumper

Babaghoush Is Falling OA AXJ, Maria Badamo, 5/16/2009

Pom Acres Copper Dragonfly AX AXJ, Lois Morkassel, 5/24/2009

"This was Shimmer's first outdoor trial. Sat morning had rain and dew on the grass and I didn't have time to set her up on a warm up jump. I am not sure she knew we were doing agility on our first run. She did sit in the grass and let me do a lead out She took the jump and then came across the front of

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me like she didn't even see the weaves. The rest went better. I was worried that with all the wet and her big coat that she might knock bars. She didn't, though. I did notice that she was clearing the jumps at about 14". That got better over the weekend. Shimmer finished her AXJ and moved up on Monday to Excellent B. She earned her first MXJ leg and 1 MACH point."

Ziggy Zero Gravity AX AXJ, Cheryl Truskowski, 5/9/2009

Excellent Agility Jumper Preferred

MACH3 Judy's Itzy Bitzy Mitzi AXP AJP OF, Judy Thompson, 5/15/2009

Master Excellent Jumper

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred

Susan's Cinnamon Brandi CDX RA OAJ MJP, Susan Pierce, 5/17/2009

Agility FAST Novice

Woodard's Blackjack AX MXJ NF, Darcey Woodard, 5/2/2009

MACH Cayden R U Ready CD RN NF, Patricia McMahon, 6/27/2009

Agility FAST Novice Preferred

MACH Funquest's Surfin' Usa NAP NFP, Pritamo Kentala, 6/20/2009, *ILP*

Agility FAST Open

Woodard's Blackjack AX MXJ OF, Darcey Woodard, 6/20/2009

Master Agility Champion

+ MACH Funquest's Surfin' Usa, Pritamo Kentala, 5/2/2009, *ILP*

Master Agility Champion 3

MACH3 Our Little Indy Man, Carol & Delton Mehlhaff, 6/27/2009

Master Agility Champion 6

MACH6 April May Wicket Moxon, Todd Moxon & Gail Donaldson, 5/23/2009

Master Agility Champion 11

MACH11 Maya Mango She's A Delight, Betsy Ryba, 5/2/2009

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* Now eligible for the APC Hall of Fame

+ Now eligible for the APC Gold Club

The Hall of Fame and Gold Club are Historical Awards available to any Pomeranian, but the owner must apply for them. To read about the requirements (only some of which are based on titles) for these awards, go to

www.americanpomeranianclub.org . Eligible Poms are enrolled as HOF or GC in the records of the American Pomeranian Club, and their names are listed on the APC website.

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CH DEE LITTLE WHO'S THE BOSS (BOSS)



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CAN CH. CHRISCENDO CALL GIRL
HALLMARK'S LADY MCVOY

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AM/CAN/THAI CH. STARLIGHT'S DREAM COME TRUE
AM/CAN CH. SUNTERRA SUPERMODEL

CH. CHRISCENDO COME CLOSER
AM/CAN CH. CHRISCENDO CALL TO ARMS ROMS
CHRISCENDO COTTAGE ROSE
CHRISCENDO CAMEO ROSE

BOSS IS AN EXTREMELY SOUND, BALANCED MOVING COLT SON, WITH A BEAUTIFUL HARSH DARK ORANGE COAT AND HIGH TAILSET. I ALWAYS GET COMMENTS ON HIS WONDERFUL HEAD CARRIAGE WHILE IN MOTION. HE FINISHED HIS CHAMPIONSHIP AT 11 MONTHS OF AGE, WINNING BOB OVER SPECIALS ALONG THE WAY. BOSS IS CURRENTLY BEING SPECIALED ON A LIMITED BASIS AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO APPROVED BITCHES FOR \$400.

CH DEE LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME (ROCKY)



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MACH PEPE

LESLIE SMITH AND PEPE

Written by Connie Zieba, as told to her by Leslie Smith
Photographs by Cheri Fults

This is the story of Pepe, a puppy-mill Pomeranian who grew up to become an agility champion, as well as the love of my life.

My name is Leslie Smith, and I live in Garland, Texas, with my husband, Tommy, and our dogs, Pepe, Daisy, and Ozzy.

Pepe came to me after my Pom-mix, Susie, died of cancer. Susie's passing threw me into a deep depression. Trying to cheer me up, my good friend Cheri Fults, asked me if I would be interested in another Pom.

Cheri had recently adopted a Pomeranian from what she had erroneously assumed was a respectable breeder. When Cheri picked up her new Pom, she found herself in a yard stacked with dog crates, all filled with sad-looking and

bedraggled Poms. The crates were outside, in the blazing sun, with no protection from the elements.

The person responsible for all this asked Cheri if she would also like to take a one-year-old, male Pom who had grown too big to sell at a decent price. When Cheri was led over to this unfortunate male's crate, the puppy-mill owner laughingly told her, *"This will be the first time he has been out of this crate in about a year!"*

Cheri took him home and decided to give him a bath. She noticed the Pom never moved. He did not stir from whatever position he was in. Cheri concluded he was remarkably docile and would be easy to care for.

However, it soon became apparent Pepe did not know *how* to walk or move. He would remain in a sitting

or lying position wherever he was. No matter how much we tried to coax him with food, affection, or attention, he would remain exactly in the same place. Even if his food was placed just a little ways away from where he was, he would not move forward to take it. In order to relieve himself, Pepe would stand up, do his business, and then sit back down on top of whatever he had just expelled.

At the puppy-mill where Pepe had spent the first year of his life, he had been fed in his crate, forced to relieve himself in his crate, and spent his entire existence in his crate. He did not know how to walk or move, how to communicate, or how to do any of the normal things a typical dog does.

After several weeks of not moving, Pepe finally took his first steps – backwards! Pepe could only walk



backwards! He walked backwards through the doorway into the yard, and backwards again through the door into the house.

After a few weeks of this I realized I needed help. I had no experience in training dogs. This was before I discovered agility and the only dogs I had owned were companion-pets. I researched training methods and decided Pepe and I should take obedience lessons. With the help of the obedience classes, Pepe learned to walk forward like a healthy dog.

The next step in his development was the "puppy crazies". He would race around the house for hours on end, running in circles, zipping around rooms, and wearing us all out watching him. Once he finally learned how to walk, he could not stop running! It took another several weeks to get the crazies out of his system.

When Pepe finally settled down, and with the new training we had both acquired, I decided to give agility a try. That was almost eight years ago and I can honestly say Pepe has been a joy to compete with. He has become very dependable, scoring perfect runs the majority of the time.

He earned the title of **Master Agility Champion (MACH)** in August of 2008, requiring 20 Double-Q's and 750 points. In another month, I hope to see Pepe earn the AKC Champion

Title for the second time, with a total of 40 Double-Q's and 1500 points. I am proud and happy to say he is a top performer at the age of 9 ½ years. Best of all, Pepe shows no signs of slowing down or losing interest in the sport.

Last March he qualified for, and competed in, the AKC Agility Nationals in North Carolina, and has already qualified again for Agility Nationals to be held March of 2010. We plan to be there!

In addition to AKC Agility, Pepe competes in USDAA Agility and holds the title of **Master Agility Dog (MAD)**. He is a registered therapy dog for *Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs*.

He also guest-starred on the television program, *Barney in the Firehouse* which can be purchased on video. Pepe is the little dog being rescued from a drainpipe. This episode required a small dog who could run through a drainpipe. This trick was a breeze for Pepe who saw the drainpipe as just another agility tunnel.

Besides the incredible athletic ability he has demonstrated, Pepe is a dream of a dog to live with. He is sweet, well-behaved, good-natured, and happy all the time. This puppy-mill Pom overcame all the odds, learning to walk, learning all the appropriate dog skills, and competing with the best small dogs in the country in

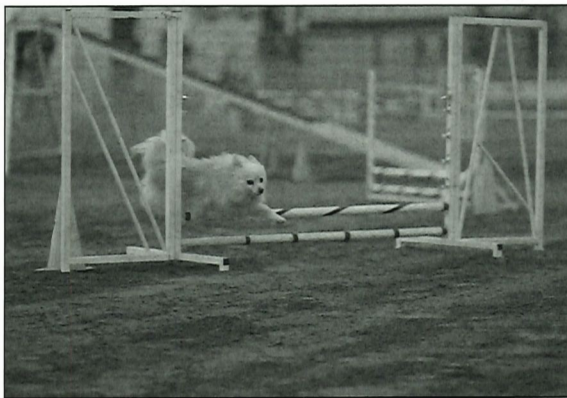
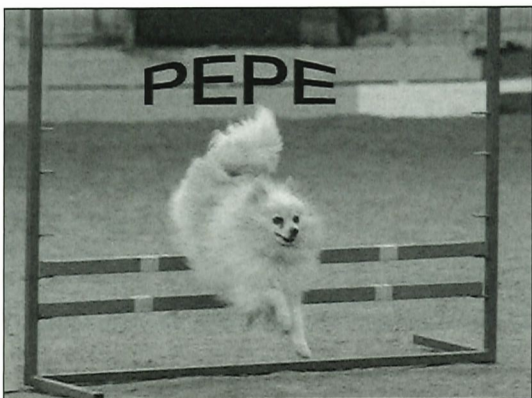
agility. He has become my best friend and my husband's best buddy.

I would not have this wonderful Pom if not for my BFF, Cheri, who after this puppy-mill experience started a Pomeranian rescue. Cheri now operates *Recycled Poms and Schipperkes* in Dallas, Texas with Melissa Bitting. She is a professional dog photographer and a member of *Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs*. She brings her love of animals to everything she does. Pepe is just one of the hundreds of Pomeranians and small breed dogs she has found homes for. Thank you, Cheri!

I have learned about the horrors of puppy-mills and the callous behavior of the people who run them. I now understand how important it is to know basic training methods for your dog, and I have discovered how much obedience and agility can enrich your dog's and your own life. The most important factors to Pepe's success would have to be patience and love.

Through the efforts of caring, concerned people, happy endings are possible for the dogs unlucky enough to be exploited by puppy-mills. My hope is for all those unfortunate dogs to find good homes where they will receive an abundance of patience and love.

Leslie Smith and MACH Pepe AKC *Master Agility Champion, USDAA Master Agility Dog*



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Yawn! Scratch! Doodle! The English Lit class despairs the bell will ever ring! They contemplate where in the great scheme of life they will ever use Shakespeare. Are we passing up a golden opportunity? If children of different ethnic backgrounds were taught to understand and address the challenges they meet on a daily basis, could the world be a better place?



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Exposure and facing adversity equals personal growth. This comes with a certain amount of insecurity and pain. Should we not only be comfortable in our personal space, but reach out for challenges and new experiences? We all hear the winds of change, we simply don't know whether it is coming or going.

In 1970, attending a meeting of "What can we do to improve our children's lives", my husband suggested teaching parenting, technical skills; check book balancing, and budgeting. These suggestions met with disdain, such ideas weren't under consideration at the time. Still puzzling why we received an invitation to such an event in the first place, years later such classes are being offered. People understanding their personal daily requirements could delve into Shakespeare on their own, or pursue it as a goal. Just how viable is Shakespeare when compared to understanding a budget, paying bills, or creating a family unit? Perhaps concentration regarding the things at hand would serve us better and decrease social problems.

International interaction between governments would be more palatable if those of different cultures studied each other's heritage. Cultures feel threatened when their pre-set traditions adhered to through the ages are challenged by someone with "ideas and opinions" they little understand. This is no-win situation. Ignorance precedes misunderstandings.

This concept of "new ideas" forced on the workplace by those having little experience took place in the 90s. Employees "walked the walk and talked the talk" in an attempt save their jobs. Referred to as "management insanity", it was a force to be reckoned with. However, those retiring or losing their jobs returned to "individuality" and their initial cultural upbringing and acceptable behavior. They also analyzed why some new ideas did not work and reverted back to "common sense and logic".

There are many newcomers in the sport producing a "flash in the pan winner" dog due to a single undisciplined breeding. Should this drive old time breeders to trash a tried and true breeding method in pursuit of a win? Should the newcomer be able to articulate the direction taken to achieve such success, or do they know? Do they listen to the old breeder regarding the logic of continuity and pedigree breeding? There are

proven rules for success, many of which are ignored today in the pursuit of that "instant winner". Lack of experience wobbles on the edge of disaster and cements in traits that may destroy any future breeding program.

Example: People from the rural areas don't understand public transportation, bus transfers, carrying correct change, or the practice of leaving the first five rows of seats open for the disabled or pregnant mothers. Few understand safety precautions when navigating through the city. Where does one look for information? How does one read a schedule? Some leave luggage unattended and suffer the consequences.

It's common practice for country folks to leave keys in trucks. Rarely locking a door, they become victims. Lacking the art of "reading body language", when riding public transportation, some tend to be chatty and interested. They might feel threatened by silence when in essence; it is simply a desire for privacy. City folks tend to mind their own business.

On the other hand, city people often fail to ask permission to hunt deer or fish on private property. Apples, orchards, asparagus, peaches, nuts and especially mushrooms, are not simply "nature's

bounty” and free for the picking. Landowner permission is required. “Cutting doughnuts” in freshly planted fields does not come across to a farmer as “just good fun”. It’s all about different “cultures” different upbringings, and taught behavior regarding others.

Why does one person take a plastic bag to pick up waste when they walk dog, and another allow their dog to eliminate on their neighbors lawn with regularity? Why do some farmers allow dogs to run free to maim livestock and create havoc? Why do city dogs run at will and destroy garbage bags. What about barking all night with little consideration for the neighbor? Why do some owners periodically take dogs for grooming and others, “if and when” the stars line up properly in a cosmic atmosphere, consider it a “once a year occasion”?

It is all about signs! However, what IF the signs are written in a language you don’t understand? Granted, that baby spread out on the ladies restroom wall with the blank diaper area is pretty self-explanatory. So is the “lady in the skirt” and the “man in pants, but some “issues” simply cannot be “pictured” to anyone’s satisfaction.

Our actions, reactions, courtesy, tolerance, compassion, empathy, desire to teach, ability to love and control hatred are what make this world a more livable place. Basically, whether we want to be or not, we are responsible for our fellow traveler.

Yet, too many times, people seem driven to push their agendas on others without explaining the reason WHY? They criticize; yet offer few solutions to the present problem being criticized. Such is the dog world at times. We enter for an opinion, then disagree and criticize that very opinion we sought. It’s what it is! AN OPINION FOR THAT DAY. If you don’t agree, move on down the road. One should keep records of judge’s preferences, or if they seem to have a working knowledge of your breed, then try again under a different judge. All judges are NOT created equal; they vary regarding knowledge and experience.

Often, a selective breeding program may go array. This bit of wisdom comes from an old breeder who started over no less than four times to identify that which was acceptable regarding my

expectations. Some people critique and criticize our direction and call attention to faults, but offer few suggestions regarding introducing virtues. Up front, before rolling over and accepting such criticism, ask yourself this: How successful is the person offering criticism?

Onward as to “How to make criticism work for you”. Everyone has a different direction regarding their goals toward breeding dogs. We all are given a breed specific standard or blueprint to follow. This puts everyone on the “same page” and creates a “level playing field”. That’s a mouthful of malarkey. Unless this is “actually applied” by all concerned, the winners are few and the losers are many. Let us say someone breeds a dog with an incorrect goose like neck; a judge sees it and unfortunately regards it as a point beauty as this is something he/she desires in their particular breed, Walla! With the blue ribbon in hand comes a plethora of breeders attempting to produce the same trait, regardless of whether the “so called” desirable trait is acceptable in their standard. It MUST be right, it WINS!

This is why “type swings to and fro”. I might add my mentor said “Those who remain true to the standard will be the winners in the end”; however, she failed to tell me if I would live long enough to see this come about. She didn’t! The person creating this animal does not pay the price, they reap the rewards of “breeding something different” while true breeders suffer the consequences by remaining true to the standard and being the “odd man out” in the ring.

A dog is only as good as its genetic make up. “Compromise is the crutch to justify what we produce in our litters.” “We breed what we like, we show what we get.” Feel free to quote me on this one. However, who says we are going to “get” something in every litter? How does one explain this to a puppy buyer? When YOU take your dog of the “new look” into the ring, it wins. Showing a puppy of the same type purchased from you, they are not greeted with success. This is why handlers enter the picture. Many handlers, through expert grooming, can make any dog “look like a winner”. The rest of us must present a far better than average dog to be recognized and pulled forward.

Here is a suggestion. When

challenged regarding a particular “look” appearing in your breed, you have a choice. You can turn your nose up in disdain and watch this person continue on the merry path of win now and pay later. However, don’t shut the “door of opinion” until you review what they are doing. Open the door of “possibility” by turning the tables and utilizing a few of the things you see. It might work for you and is your choice.

First, don’t be offended when criticized; investigate what it is in the pedigree that brought about such an extraordinary “look” in the first place. Sadly, many pedigrees are so diverse and have so few common individuals; it might be a futile hunt. Second articulate with others as to why, how, and the dominance or recessives regarding his “look”. Where did it come from? Third, assimilate all the details and carefully tiptoe forward, peeking around corners watching the success, or failure, of such an animal over a certain period of time. Since doing this takes time, this one-time desirable animal may fall right off the “cliff of opinion” much like others before. Your opportunity or desire to “try this out” may not present itself at all.

If the animal continues to have that “certain something” that impresses judges, then take this opportunity to incorporate a few desirable nuances carefully. At the same time, reward and select on what you do find acceptable and throw out the less than desirable traits picked up in the cross. Grow a few out to watch them mature, as what some puppies look like is NOT indicative of what they will be when grown. Take a look at your own baby pictures for proof.

Breeding is difficult at best. Winning is even more difficult. Retaining a “look” or a continuous beautiful breeding program over time is time consuming and difficult at best. Losing such a program due to selecting on “current winning type” can devastate any breeder. Keep in mind; true breed type is our standard. Preferred breed type is “flavor of the month”. And “hot damn, it wins, who cares” will be the end of us all. Only then will one realize the difficulty of once again pulling forward those virtues representing “breed excellence” on a continuous basis.

The Relationship of Pigment to Health

by Geneva Coats, R.N.

Rare and exotic colors...is 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.

BREED STANDARDS

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 and temperament characteristics. It provides a goal for breeding practices, and is a guide for breeders and judges. You don't need to understand all the details and theories of genetics, but simply aim to follow the standard when breeding and judging.

But why is a color or pattern so important to the stewards of a breed? Some breed standards disallow excessive white 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. Breeders have always been keen scientific observers, even before genetics became an established field. These guidelines were not established for aesthetics' sake, but because certain colors, patterns, and lack of pigmentation were known to be associated with an increase in certain health problems.

There is much documentation and information related to the merle and white spotting patterns, and they will be the focus of this article.

COAT COLOR DEVELOPMENT

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. Defects in certain color genes can be associated with defects in the nervous system, as evidenced by vision and hearing problems. If pigment cells are not present, the coat will lack pigment and appear white. Color provides

a logical genetic indicator, and explains why it is likely that certain patterned dogs, such as extreme piebalds (>90% white) and merles may be at risk for specific health problems. In studies to date, the coat patterns resulting from genes producing white are significantly associated with deafness. In addition, suppression by "white genes" of pigmentation in the iris of the eye 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.

WHITE SPOTTING AND HEARING

A coat pattern strongly associated with deafness in dogs is the so-called "S" series- commonly known as white spotting, Irish spotting, or piebalding. Breed examples are the Bull Terrier, Samoyed, Greyhound, Great Pyrenees, Sealyham Terrier, Beagle, Bulldog, Dalmation, English Setter, Papillon and Fox Terrier. Recent studies done by Schmutz have linked the MITF gene to various patterns of white spotting in many breeds. There are different types of insertions at MITF affecting pigmentation in dogs; not all are recessive as has been traditionally believed. Some dogs with white spotting do not have any mutation at MITF, leading us to believe that there are some other genes that also produce white spotting.

The white spotting coat patterns are believed to be related to the path of migration taken by the pigment cells in the embryo. During fetal development, the melanocytes (cells that produce pigment) are concentrated in the neural crest. The neural crest is the area which eventually becomes the brain and spinal cord. From the neural crest, the pigment cells migrate to the peripheral areas of the body, such as the head, legs and tail. However, sometimes the melanocytes don't reach the farthest distal areas of the body. This could be due to the effects of genes, or it might happen because of an environmental factor during development (such as nutrition or infection). Any areas where the pigment cells fail to migrate will remain white. This is why sometimes dogs will have a white spot on the end of the tail, the tips of the toes, or on the chest. If pigment-producing melanocytes fail to reach the inner ear, deafness will result. The gene insertions at MITF that produce white spotting patterns are believed to suppress expression of melanocytes during embryogenesis and fetal development. In

addition to regulating the differentiation of neural-crest derived melanocytes, MITF is also involved in several other developmental processes. It controls the retinal pigment layers in the eye. MITF mutations in mice cause reduced eye size, failure of secondary bone resorption, and early onset of deafness. White color on the head is often, but not always, associated with deafness due to 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 an 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.

Both white spotting and merle are known to sometimes affect hearing. 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.

WHAT IS MERLE?

"Merle is a coat pattern caused by a dominant mutation in a pigmentation gene called SILV. The mutation (an insertion of repetitive, mobile DNA) causes dilution of the base fur color and often blue eye color. Merle affects all coat colors, but is more apparent in dogs with darker colored coats (e.g., black) than those with lighter-colored coats (e.g., sable). Coat color is determined by another gene. Because of the type of mutation that causes merle, merling is random and characteristics such as the size and number of colored patches and eye color can not be predicted." Dr Leigh Anne Clark

Merle is a coat 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 grey, the color is called "blue merle".

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, produces what is known as a "heterozygous" or "single" merle. This single copy of the gene will usually cause the affected dog 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. Sometimes, blue flecks in the eyes are the only sign that a 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 usually predominantly white, and almost always has impaired hearing or vision or both. Many double merle dogs do not survive to birth.

In French, the word "merle" means "blackbird", and "le merle blanc" ("The white blackbird") is an expression, meaning something that is impossible or something that cannot exist. This is an admirable goal for the white merle dog!

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.

HOW MERLE WORKS

Merle is a "transposon", or transposable element; a mobile parasite segment of DNA in the chromosome. Transposons usually 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 behind 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 often referred to 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.

The merle transposon segment consists of a head, a body and a longer tail segment. During cellular replication of early embryonic development, the tail segment of the merle gene may lose some of its DNA nucleotide particles. Coat color in that area will often be less affected by the gene, or possibly even 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. This may also explain how cryptic merles can be produced.

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. 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 sometimes use transposons to try to intentionally introduce certain genes into an organism.

There are also documented cases (about 3-4% incidence) of homozygous merles producing non-merle offspring. This process is known as "germline 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 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. Researchers have tested merle dogs in many breeds and found that all merle dogs have the same merle gene, inserted at the identical location. If this same gene were inserted at a different color location, it would produce a uniform coat color dilution, similar to other dilution genes, rather than a mottled

effect. There was no question in this regard with any merle dog in any breed researchers have tested: merle is found in a wide variety of breeds and it is an old mutation. All merle dogs share common ancestry.

MERLE AND EYESIGHT

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). 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. The exact mechanism by which merle produces most these eye problems is unknown. Eye pigment reduction to blue is presumed due to suppression of pigment in the iris.

THE MERLE LINK TO MICROPHthalmIA

The term "microphthalmia" means a smaller than normal, tiny eyeball due to a defect in early development. Microphthalmia is a defect very commonly associated with merle; particularly homozygous "double" merle, it even rarely occurs in heterozygous or "single" merles. Complete absence of the eyeball in the eye socket sometimes occurs. This is known as anophthalmia. MITF, or "Microphthalmia Transcription Factor", was recently discovered to be the location of genes that affect pigmentation, causing white spotting (otherwise known as the particolored or piebald pattern).

The merle gene is believed to possibly affect eye development through some sort of interaction with MITF. Now, why would microphthalmia occur in association with merle and not just with white coat color in particolored dogs? I've asked several canine geneticists, but have received no answer! This relationship is still a mystery. The exact mechanism by which merle interacts with the white spotting gene and produces the defect of microphthalmia is still waiting to be discovered!

Relationship to Pigment Continued

MERLE AND HEARING

Hearing impairment can occur in merles 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.

Canine geneticist Dr. Leigh Ann Clark, now working at Clemson University in South Carolina, has done extensive research on the merle and harlequin coat patterns. Dr. Clark notes: "The biggest factor that I have noticed with deafness in heterozygous merles is whether there are other coat color genes involved - dogs that also have piebald seem to be more likely to have problems."

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 or unilateral hearing impairment may never be noticed, and is rarely tested for.

ONE COPY OF THE GENE HARMLESS?

The popular belief is that heterozygous merles are completely normal, and that only homozygous merles have problems. Heterozygous merles can have expression of lesser defects of the eye such as clefts in the iris, and a thinning of the retina (similar to what is found with Collie eye anomaly). There are also rare cases of microphthalmia in "single" merles. Deafness can also sometimes occur, if the merle gene prevents pigment deposition in the nerve cells of the inner ear during embryonic development.

Heterozygous "single" merles often have reduced eye pigment which produces the characteristic blue eyes. Interestingly, the amount of white even in homozygous merles does not correlate to severity of eye defects. In a study of the embryonic origin of merle eye defects, Dr. Cynthia Cook, of the University of California, San Francisco, observed that the severity of eye defect and amount of pigment were not related. This is in contrast to hearing impairment in merles; the likelihood of deafness increases with increasing amounts of

white in the hair coat.

According to researchers, merle combined with piebald increases the risk of deafness. Future testing of vision and hearing in merle dogs will hopefully paint a clearer picture for us.

GENETIC LINKAGE CAN CAUSE SPREAD OF DEFECTS

Genes on the same chromosome are usually inherited together. However, during cellular division and replication, sometimes chromosomes will randomly break and recombine. Genes that were formerly associated with each other can then become separated and inherited independently. This process is known as genetic linkage. We have already mentioned the Aussie cleft palate syndrome which originated with a merle bitch. Iris coloboma, or missing part of the iris, is being reported in non-merle Aussies. Coloboma 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. This trait is now inherited independently from merle.

It is likely more than coincidence that breeds in which merle is most common are also breeds which are heavily plagued with a variety of eye defects. 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.

BREEDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MERLE

Dogs with one merle gene are generally unaffected with serious health problems, so these can be avoided by breeding a merle dog only to a non-merle.

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. For this reason, it is usually recommended to avoid breeding merle to sable, brindle or any predominantly phaeomelanin (orange-red-gold-yellow) coat color.

It is almost universally recommended to NEVER breed two merles together, to avoid producing defective double merles. But, unfortunately, some breeders will intentionally breed merle to merle, hoping to produce a higher percentage of merle offspring. This is a sadly misinformed idea. Others may breed

merle to merle in an attempt to produce a double merle sire to use for future breeding. Such a double merle dog (even if vision or hearing impaired) will produce 100% merle offspring. There is a demand for the unusual merle color. Although this method of breeding may be considered unethical, it does happen in many breeds, by uneducated or uncaring breeders.

A merle dog should be bred to a dark colored mate, preferably black or black and tan. A dominant black dog will only produce black offspring half the time, unless he carries two copies of the dominant gene for black. Couple a black with a merle parent, who will produce merle offspring 50% of the time, and the odds just dropped to 25% for producing a blue merle from a black to merle mating - the same odds of producing a sable merle from such a breeding.

Black and tanpoint pattern is recessive and would breed true. If one parent is also merle, you have a 50/50 chance for producing blue merle offspring, and 50/50 tanpoint who are not merle. Recessive black would also breed true, just as black and tan does, but recessive black seems to occur only very rarely in our breed. Also, in our breed, there is a widely carried recessive gene "e" which suppresses all black pigment in the coat. This gene can double up in the offspring to hide the visual appearance of merle.

Here is part of a statement by canine geneticist Sheila Schmutz, written for the Pomeranian standard revision committee in April 2006:

"Yet another gene in the "blue" family that can cause health issues is merle. Merle can not be seen in dogs with an e/e genotype. This e/e genotype occurs commonly in Pomeranians since orange, red and white probably account for the majority of Poms. The problem is that M/M (homozygous merle) dogs are always deaf based on our studies. We recently genotyped 24 mostly white Australian Shepherds and all tested M/M (based on the Clark et al. 2006 PNAS published test) and all were deaf. A proportion of these dogs were also blind in one or both eyes since microphthalmia is another common side effect in M/M dogs. Although in many breeds it is possible to educate breeders to never breed two merle dogs together this advice is not possible to follow in Pomeranians since e/e dogs would not show the merle pattern. It would therefore be necessary instead to advise all persons who breed a merle dog to use only a black or sable mate or to have DNA testing done on their red, orange or white mate prior to breeding to be

sure it did not carry merle.”

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 with more than 50% white coat is advised against; especially if the merle parent also carries genes for parti-color or “white spotting”. It would be difficult to determine if the resulting puppies were merle or extreme piebald white-or both-without DNA testing! In either case, hearing can be affected.

Another factor to consider is that, according to a canine geneticist involved in a merle deafness study, the risk of deafness with merle increases when there are other coat color genes involved. Dogs that also have piebald are more likely to have problems.

DNA TEST FOR MERLE

We now have a DNA test for merle! This is a wonderful tool for breeders who choose to avail themselves of the technology. A cheek swab from the dog is sent to the lab, and they can tell you if your dog is merle or not. This test can also tell you if your dog carries one copy or two copies of the gene. Unfortunately, the U.S. company offering this test closed its doors in March 2009. However, another company (Idexx) is poised to take over this service.

Unfortunately DNA testing remains costly, and may not be widely used even if available. AKC registration for Pomeranians now allows for designation of color as merle. However, merle status will continue to involve guesswork based on visual appearance until such time as the DNA testing becomes more widespread. Registration can not represent an accurate assessment of merle status, particularly in our breed, without this testing.

In the future, as the merle pattern becomes more popular and widespread in our breed, we may notice it will represent an ever-expanding portion of the gene pool.

HEARING TEST

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.

OTHER PROBLEMS

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.

CONCERNS RELATED TO THE PRODUCTION OF HANDICAPPED DOGS

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.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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.

Education about reducing risky breeding practices is vital for continued good health of the breed. 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. (For instance, our Pomeranian standard stipulates that eyes must be dark.)

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. (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 should 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. Any puppies from a litter with a merle parent who do not appear to be merle should be DNA tested to determine merle status, (unless of course they are going to be sterilized, in which case DNA merle testing would not be necessary).

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.

SUMMARY

Our breed already has some health concerns. It would seem unwise to encourage an increase in problems 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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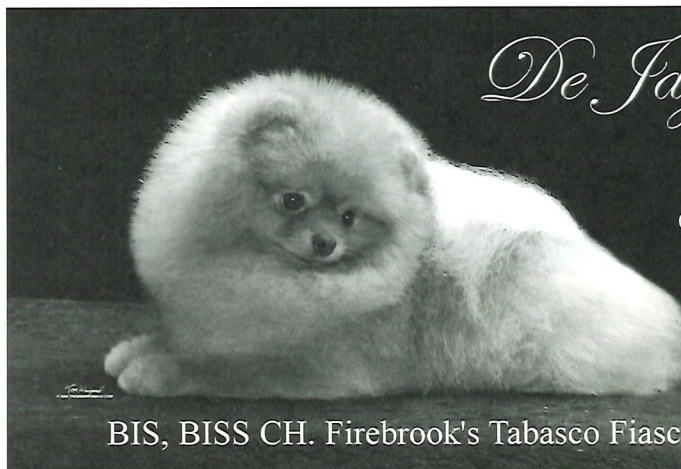
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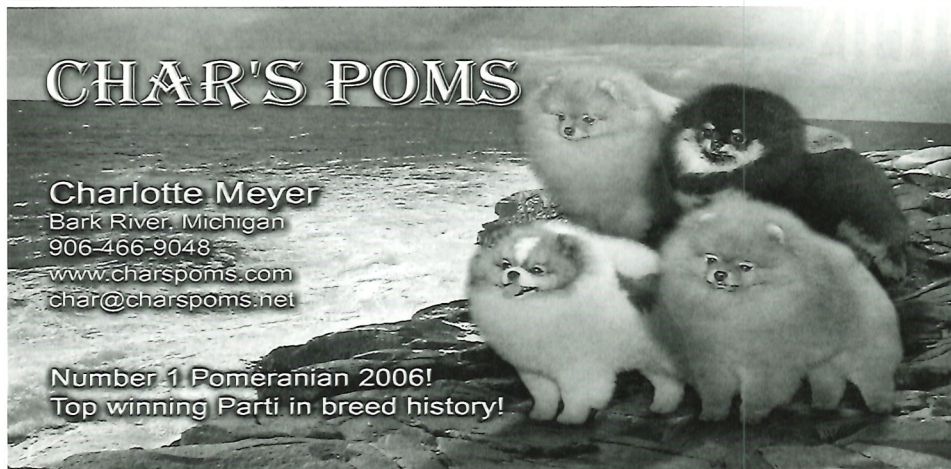
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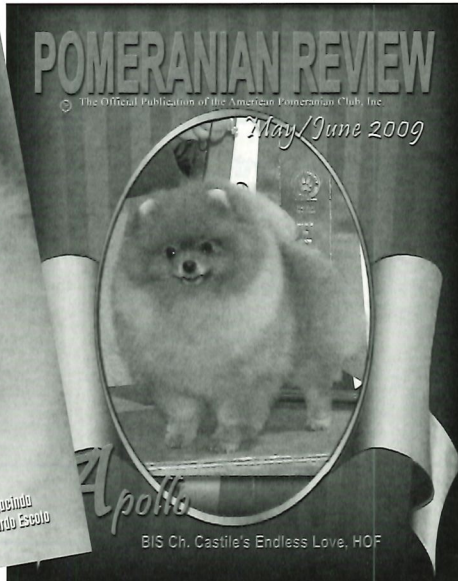
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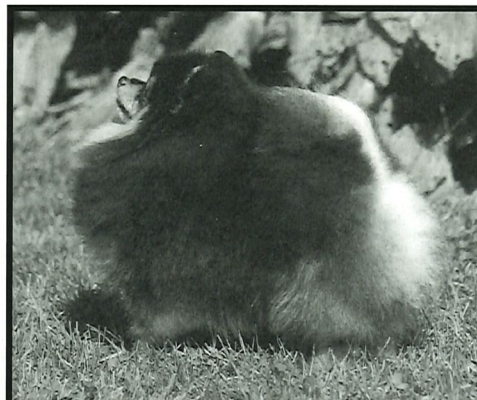
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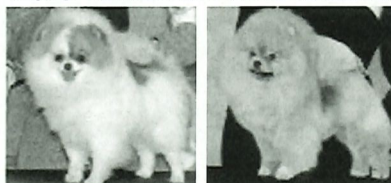
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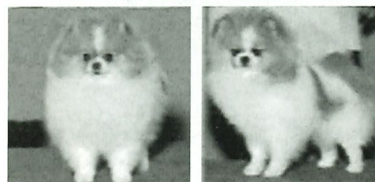
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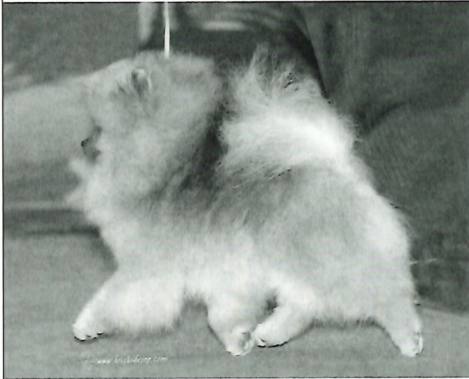
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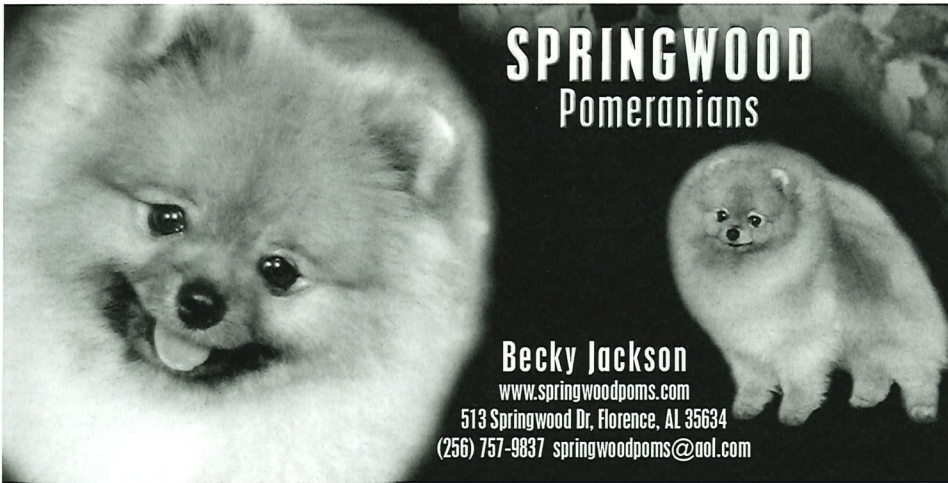
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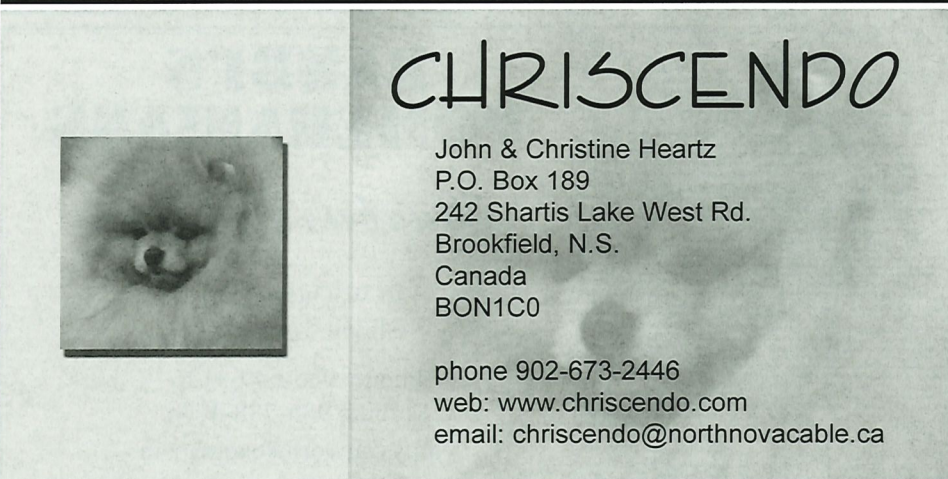
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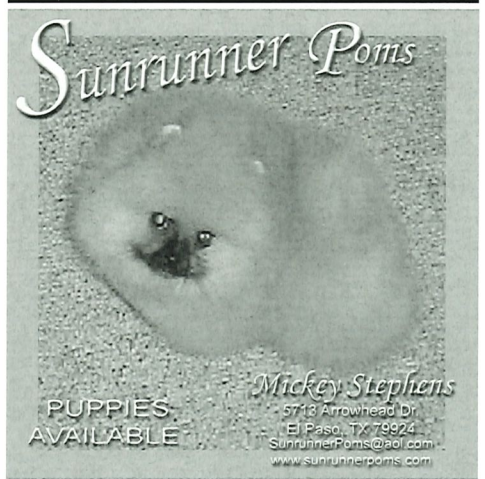
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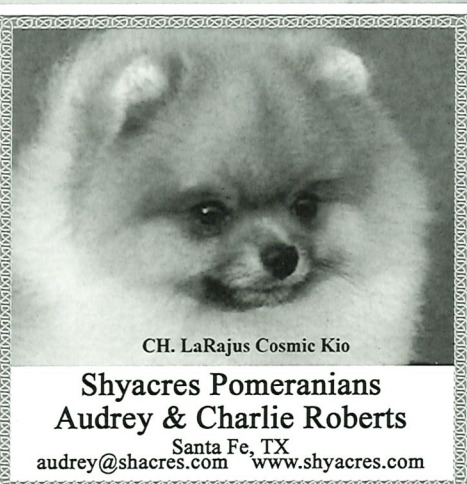
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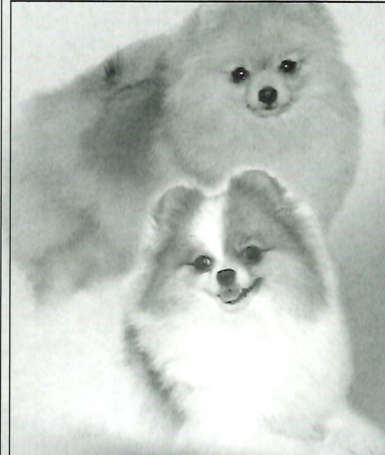
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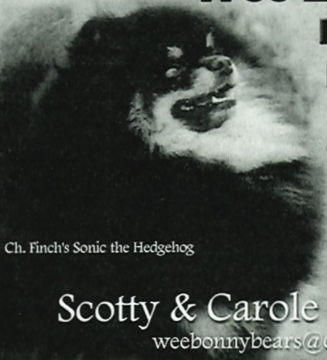
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to

July 20, 2009

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So long for now my faithful friend;
you were our buddy until the end.

I would like to thank my friends for their love and support during this heartbreaking time in my life. Special hugs and thanks to Bronya Johnston, Virginia Watkins, Caryl Scrimsher, Barbara Hunley, Suzanne Ussery and Linda Pelz.

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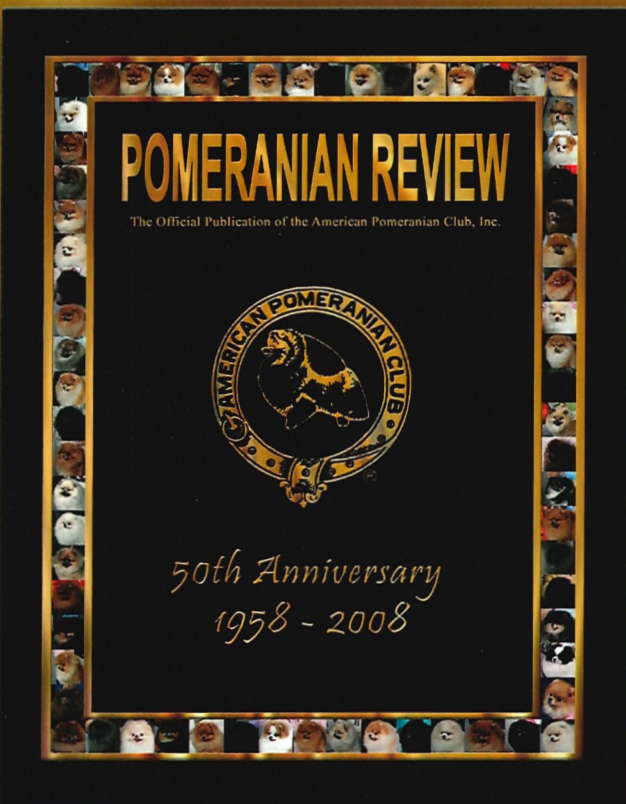
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