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SHOWSIGHT - FROM THE EDITOR

Joe McGinnis

Well that was some month, April. And I don't mean just on the fifteenth, although that is not my favorite day of the year. April is the month that all the school children that live within 70 miles deliver all the stuff they have conned me into buying all year long, thereby breaking the bank but good. One nice thing about that is, that I have plenty of bottles of heavy-duty detergent, lots of candy bars, and lots (and I mean lots) of cookies. So, now I get to throw out all the stuff they sold me last year!

COMPUTERS ARE NOT ALL TO BLAME DEPARTMENT: I had a funny experience

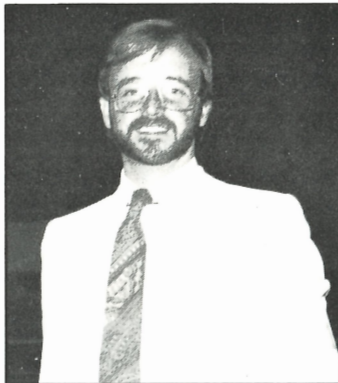
the other day. Well, actually, it was quite tragic, but during the chaos an amusing thing took place.

I had a Champion bitch go into toxemia - the first time ever for me. She had whelped five puppies, and we had to work fast. Normally, we can get a blood-calcium report within twenty-four hours, but we didn't have the time. I mean, she went down, QUICK. And so my vet wrote up a work order, and I roared across town to the people hospital.

Due to previous work experience, I know my way around hospitals pretty well. I know just how much to say to the ten people you have to talk to before you get to speak to the person you want. And I know pretty much what *not* to say. I was cutting through the usual hospital red tape (there's another name for it, two syllables) with incredible swiftness until I came up against a brick wall, so to speak. The Central Computer. "But sir," the admitting officer kept saying, "we have no record of this doctor's name." Well, I replied, she's a vet. "A vet?", she countered, "a vet?" I replied, well, yes, I told you that the blood sample was from one of my dogs. "Dogs! I thought you said daughters!" was her reply.

Well, when we had batted that around for a while, it was determined that, yes, the hospital would be more than happy to aid us in this emergency situation, but they could not process the sample until the patient was duly registered. By this point, the whole office was hanging around the admitting desk. Department Heads kept appearing and disappearing, and I was getting, well, a little irked. While they were fighting about whether to use a 'form 4040A' or a '5050A', my little 'daughter' was fighting for her life. And so I inquired just what we could do to expedite matters. And between two Department Heads, two Admitting Officers, and myself, we came up with the solution.

To make a long form short, I'll just hit the highlights...PATIENT NAME: COCO MCGINNIS.



WHITE SINGLE FEMALE. FOUR YEARS OLD. PREGNANT WITH QUINTUPLETS. BLOOD-CALCIUM LEVELS NEEDED STAT.

And the computer was made happy.

'Coco' is now duly registered in the Central Computer at the hospital, and is somewhat of a celebrity. She now has friends all throughout the place - they made me promise to bring her down to meet them just as soon as she gets better.

And she is going to get better, due largely to the quick work of the staff, and an excellent vet. But the puppies won't

be getting better. And we will have an examination of this not uncommon problem in a coming issue.

Speaking of computers, and breaking precedent, I am pleased to offer you a visit with a top-notch breeder (who has everything on computer), but she doesn't have any Poms!

Carol Garrison's name may be unfamiliar to many of you, but many, many of you have heard or seen the results of her work. The Carlee bloodline of Miniature Pinschers has broken all records in purebred dogs, and I recently interviewed Carol for The Min Pin Monthly. But the story I unearthed pertains to every breeder of pure-bred dogs. Thought provoking and extremely interesting are Carol's breeding principles.

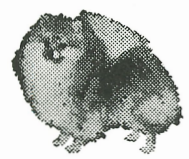
And I'm not saying that the rest of us don't have our own principles when it comes to breeding. Of course we do. But this is the first time I have ever heard them put so plainly, and so forcefully. See **In A Category By Herself...Carol Garrison** in this issue. And thank you, Carol.

SMART LADIES CAN BE FUN DEPARTMENT: You know who I always get a kick out of? **Olga Baker**, of course. She has such a great outlook on life - we're pleased to welcome Olga this month - see **Deep South Doings**. And the wonderful **Dorothy Bonner** again gives us good advice...this time it's about fighting fleas! See **Rambling Along**. Holding up the Western end of the country for us is **Marlene Presser**, out California way, with her report on the Northern California Specialty. **Carla Prewitt** covers the Dallas-Ft. Worth Pom Club Specialty for us, **Claudia Pfeffer** and **Sue Wade** offer some thoughts, and **Marilyn Marino & Nancy Ross** have once again 'cooked' up a comedy story for us. Thank you, ladies.

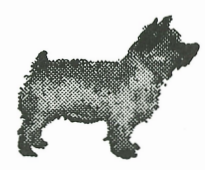
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'Til next month, Poms Away!

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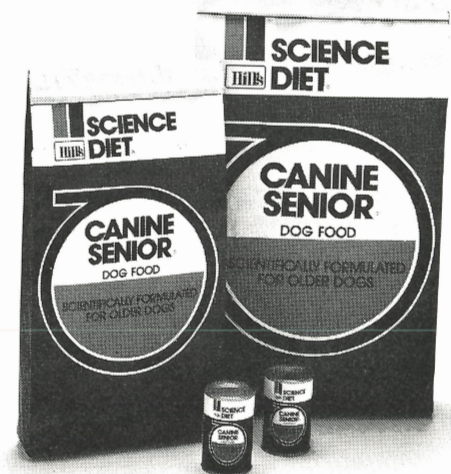
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“You’ve got to be kidding!”

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About twice a year, I purchase a leg of lamb. I know that sounds rather stupid to those who do not know me, but I am the only one in the family that is crazy about lamb. In addition to myself, my beloved Poms also are lamb lovers.

So, down to the grocery store I go, picking up this one, and then that one, and the woman who is stacking the meat is now giving me dirty looks because I have just disarranged her neat pile of legs of lamb.

I continue throwing them about like shoppers of old in Gimble’s Bargain Basement when they used to have those marvelous sales, and the customers would fling the merchandise around until they found exactly what they were searching for.

At last, there it was...on the bottom all the time. It was a biggie, and was a little better than fourteen dollars in price. My mind races, almost smelling the light scent of garlic and that oh, so heavenly aroma of cooking lamb. But, I am still in the store and getting emotional over a raw leg of lamb. I look around to see if anyone is watching me. I simply *have* to get control.

I check out at the cashier, not even thinking of what else I should have with it, as when I have lamb, vegetables and anything else can only be way down on the taste line. I even pass on the mint jelly, as I will do nothing to side-track the flavor of that meat.

I get home, unwrap it as carefully as you would handle delicate crystal, and place it in my pan with a little water. The oven is on, and I now rub the leg lightly with garlic. Not too much...just the right touch...careful now.

Into the oven it goes. The house smells so wonderful, you could just about join the Poms who are now pacing because they can smell what is coming up in a short time.

After slow cooking for four hours, out it comes. It is

a masterpiece! The skin all brown and crisp! I start carving it, and the juices that were precious aromas, start flowing onto the cutting board. Now all of the Poms are in a frenzy. One is starting to chase his tail, one is dancing on hind legs, one is leaning on the kitchen cabinets trying to be taller, and one is making noises that are not human, nor are they animal.

I cut up enough for my little group, and put the dishes down. There was no discussion, no looking to see what the other had in their dish, for it was just downright eating.

By the time I put the last dish down, the first one was empty, so I filled it, knowing that each enjoyed his treat. All in all, they had three dishes each.

I, of course, was doing a good job of sampling about every sixth piece cut off. Instead of who was dancing, and who was prancing, it was now who was snoozing, who was under the bed, who was upside down. Each had gone to their favorite place for forty winks. Their little bellies were full, and they were all off to dreamland.

I myself had sampled so much lamb that I decided to join the group in a quick nap. When I awoke, I decided to cut the rest of the meat off of the bone. I was shocked, for I only took off about six slices. I couldn’t believe that we had that much of an intake.

The next day, my husband asked me, “What happened to that leg of lamb? I don’t see it in the refrigerator.”

I was forced to tell the truth. “Lamb has a great deal of shrinkage when it is cooked slowly, so really we only could get one good meal out of that.”

Whenever I don’t tell the exact truth, my face gets really red. Thank goodness he left the room, as my face looked like a poinsettia in full bloom.

I could only hear him mumbling his last remark...“**You’ve got to be kidding!**”

CALIFORNIA REPORT

Marlene Presser

My apologies for not having an article in the April issue.

The Northern California Pomeranian Club held their 25th Anniversary Independent Specialty on February 16th in San Jose, California. They had an entry of 70 lovely Poms with a total entry of 110.

The trophies were silverplate and silverplate & crystal, and were arranged on a tired table covered with a turquoise (club color) table cloth, adorned with two very pretty turquoise, white, and silver floral arrangements.

Our Sweepstakes judge, Mrs. Lois Nurmi Plawchen had an excellent entry of Pom puppies to choose from. She took her time with each one and was very gentle in her handling of the dogs. First place winners in the Sweepstakes were:

JUNIOR DOGS 6-9 MONTHS:

Jubilee's Firecracker
Ruth A. Bugbee

INTERMEDIATE DOGS 9-12 MONTHS:

Pa-Ji's Royal Baron O'Millbrook
Patricia Romero

JUNIOR BITCHES 6-9 MONTHS:

Muller's Miss Hi Fashion
David & Lillian Muller

INTERMEDIATE BITCHES 9-12 MONTHS:

Apolloette Charley Ann
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BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES

Jubilee's Firecracker
BEST OPPOSITE SEX SWEEPS

Apolloette Charley Ann

SENIOR DOGS 12-18 MONTHS

Doris' Romeo of Doyal
Doris Weaver

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Fanfare's Absolutely Adorable
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GRAND SWEEPSTAKES WINNER:

Doris' Romeo of Doyal
BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPS

Jubilee's Firecracker
BEST OF OPPOSITE SWEEPS

Apolloette Charley Ann

Mrs. Mildred Bryant was the judge for the regular classes. She did an excellent job of judging and had a gorgeous array of Poms to choose her winners from. First place winners in the regular classes were:

PUPPY DOGS 6-9 MONTHS:

Chief's Lil Golden Skeeter
Sybil J. Tompkins



PUPPY DOGS 9-12 MONTHS:
Harbin's Time To Pop The Cork
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The NCPC wants to thank everyone who attended their Specialty, especially those of you who came so far, Dolores & Dave Watts of Maryland, Irene Harbin of Washington, and Jeanne VerHage and Donna McDonnell of Arizona.

I will be going East in April to visit and stay with Delores & Dave Watts. We will be going to the Cherry Blossom Circuit. Hope to see some of the nice people I met in November when Marlin & I went back for the APC and the Centennial. Those of you in California, please send me your news that you would like to share.

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CH. SOUTHLAND'S TOAST TO BEV-NOR



Multi BOB winner "Poasty" is pictured with judge Richard D. Hammond at 15 months of age. "Poasty" took her first Best of Breed at 8 months.

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In A Category By Herself...

CAROL GARRISON



Excerpts from the editor's visit with one of the most successful Toy breeders in the United States.

It's always a pleasure to be around a person who has worked hard, and attained their goals. Carol Garrison is one of these people. A resident of Hollywood, Florida, Carol and her husband Lee are very active in the dog game. Dog shows to them are always fun, they have a great number of friends in their breed, and other breeds, as well. And just as she does not limit her friends to just one breed, Carol does not limit her sharp eye and knowledge of structure to one breed, either.

I recently sat with Carol ringside during the Working Group judging. And from her comments, it was obvious that Carol has a good eye for all dogs, and a good grasp of many, many standards. Carol is devoted to her breed - as a breeder. Carol states that she doesn't have near as much fun *in* the show ring as she does planning her next litter!

And that devotion required hard work. Carol's family, the four children, (and now two grandchildren) always came first; it was during those years that Carol did the research and study to prepare for her role as a responsible breeder. And Lee has always been very supportive of his wife's love of pure-bred dogs.

Lee is very proud of Carol...it is evident anytime you are around them. And who wouldn't be? In addition to being a top-notch breeder, Carol had her own fabric shop for some time, and also had a ceramics shop. To this day, Carol designs trophies for Specialties, complete with head studies of the breed-that she paints herself. Both Carol and Lee are proud of their home, which is beautiful, and also the result of hard work. Between Lee's long-time experience as a contractor, and Carol's eye for design, they developed a home that bowls you over upon entrance. For

over two years they worked on their dream house, and that it is...The focal point is the atrium in the center of the house - also stocked with the result of their combined green thumbs. What better place to plan litters of quality living things, then in a house surrounded with quality things? The day I spent with the Garrisons was delightful. Carol's list of accomplishments is amazing. Many, many of the most prominent Miniature Pinschers presently in the ring are out of her Carlee program. For example, her foundation bitches; **Ch. Jay Mac's Rambling Rose is the dam of 24 Champions: her daughter, Ch. Jay Mac's Silk Stocking** is the dam of 22, and will surpass her mother's record, probably, as there are five more presently pointed. **Ch. Carlee Southern Prancer** has sired 25 Champions, and **Ch. Carlee Nubby Silk** not only has 32 Champions to his credit, he was Top Producing Toy in 1984, is a Multiple Best In Show winner, and is ranked as 1984 Top Producer All Breeds by several different systems. Well, you say, those numbers are pretty large, but out of how many puppies? *Not very many* - there's Carol's secret. She wants very few, but they must be very good.

I almost had to laugh while perusing Carol's pedigree file...she doesn't need a black ribbon for her typewriter, because there is so much red on the page! Several of her pedigrees are solid red for four generations. Several of her dogs are fourth and fifth generation Top Producers. Carol believes that you should only work with the best. And it's worked well for her in Min Pins. But will it work in other breeds? Well, here are Carol's ideas, the result of years of study in genetics, and years of experience and hard work.

You can decide for yourself.

- “NEVER COMPROMISE.** The quickest way to get burnt is to break your own rules. You must stick to your own code of ethics, in your breeding program, in dealing with the public,...in all things.
- “LEARN WHAT IS EASY TO CORRECT, AND WHAT IS HARD TO CORRECT.** For example, in Min Pins, eye color is easy to correct. The hardest things to correct in that breed are bad rears and bad feet. Once you get certain faults in your line, they will keep cropping up forever.
- “NEVER BREED TO A DOG YOU HAVEN’T SEEN.** Don’t breed to the top-winning dog just because he is the top winning dog. If it doesn’t click with your line, you will be doing more harm than good.
- “NEVER RULE OUT A BREEDING THAT MAY IMPROVE YOUR LINE.** Appreciate the gene pool of a good dog - any good dog. No matter where it comes from, a compatible gene pool is what you want. Some of the top producing dogs are not Champions: you want them to produce better than they are. Wouldn’t you think, if there was a non-famous dog with the traits you desired, that it would be worth it to try? What’s one breeding?
- “LISTEN TO BREEDERS.** It is very important for new people to talk to breeders, but everything they say is not gospel. Listen to everything, then decide for yourself.
- “THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS ‘A GOOD BROOD BITCH’.** Never breed a bitch that doesn’t possess as many positive traits as possible. You have to be very critical.
- “KNOW YOUR PEDIGREES.** It is important to know what the dogs were, where the present ones came from, but remember: the genes only hold for 3 or 4 generations - then, the influence dies out. Watch for the Top Producers. Top Producers produce.
- “PUT EVERYTHING IN PERSPECTIVE.** Decide what comes first in your breeding program, and stick with it.
- “NEVER OUTCROSS.** To start your own line, find 2 lines that are compatible, that have no anomalies. This is where you derive dominance. If you don’t have a dominant dog bred to a dominant bitch, in lines what will ‘click’, you have nothing.
- “KEEP YOUR NUMBERS MANAGEABLE.** You can not keep every dog. Don’t keep anything that is not helping your breeding program. Having too many will put you out of dogs faster than anything else. The number of brood bitches you have means nothing. It is the quality that counts.
- “EDUCATE YOURSELF.** You can acquire an ‘eye’ even if you’re not an artist. Take pictures, draw, learn. And study.
- “REMEMBER: EVERYTHING IS HEREDITARY.** You can not rationalize faults. If the mind is sound, a single bad experience will not ‘spook’ a dog forever. If the rear is sound, jumping off of the couch will not cause the dog to limp for days.
- “LOCK IN YOUR GOOD TRAITS.** Concentrate on keeping the positive characteristics in your bloodline, keeping in mind your priorities.
- “CO-OPERATION BETWEEN BREEDERS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Pet people won’t wait - if you don’t have something for them, they will wind up at a pet shop. We call back and forth, and can usually provide a good pet for these people.
- “DON’T BE IN SUCH A HURRY.** I always get suspicious of a dog that looks mature at 7-8 months. They will probably end up looking like a Mastiff!
- “KEEP RECORDS.** I keep graphs and weights of the puppies, and it is a tremendous aid in grading them. If you keep good records, you will soon see in black & white what you are producing.
- “PLAN EVERYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE BREED.** We have to fight for what is right. We need to educate our judges to see what breeders are aiming for. And, we must breed to the standard.” ★

So, now I hope you see what I meant about Carol’s code of ethics. And as I said, it’s worked very well for her. To tell you the truth, I thought long and hard about publishing this article in this magazine. It seemed a little funny to feature a Min Pin breeder in a Pom magazine, but there’s the key: *breeder*. If you run a successful hotel, you could probably run a successful restaurant, automobile dealership, or flower shop - many of the same rules apply. And as I have said, this is the best ‘set of rules’ I’ve put my hands on yet, and I didn’t want to waste time. Because if the above article can improve the quality of one litter, or save one person from heartache, it was well worth it.

Thank you, Carol.

JMcG

GENERALLY SPEAKING

SUSAN WADE

Don't knock it if you've not tried it!!!

'Knocking' handlers, judges, another person's dogs, a show site - whatever - seems to be the favorite past-time of some people. I wonder if some of these people have ever tried handling, or judging, or breeding, or finding a show site??? Handlers and judges seem to be the favorite targets for these chronic complainers.

If you keep losing to the professional handler, there **could** be some valid reasons. Put aside your sour grapes and ask yourself some questions. Number one question deals with your dog. Is it a good one? Is it perhaps better than good? You and I must pick from what we have in our kennels, while a professional has a much wider field from which to pick. We must be sure that when we make our choice, the dog is a good (or excellent) specimen of its breed. By that, I mean more than just its structural components and how they are put together. What about the temperament? The right temperament can mean the difference between taking the points and taking the Breed! have you assessed your dog honestly? If so, go on to the next question.

Grooming - oh dear! Do you know (really know) how your breed should be groomed? I don't mean - do you know the fashion or grooming fad of the week, but do you know how your breed *should* look? In some breeds, the standard states that the dog should not be trimmed, but shown in its natural state...now we know that people trim their dogs, but do they *look* trimmed? Everyone wants to camouflage faults - is it obvious? Is the dog clean? Is its coat in good condition? A lot of professional handlers are above average groomers; they are familiar with the breeds they show and the tricks of the trade, so you must hone up your grooming skills. Practice on that brood bitch that will not see the show ring again, or that puppy that is too young to show. If you goof, there is time for the coat to grow out. Does your dog present a picture of blooming health and elegance? If so, proceed to the next step.

Gaiting - do you *know* how your dog should move? Practice, practice, practice! Do you know ring procedure? All judges do not ask for the same pattern of movement, so be sure you get to the ring in time to find out what your judge wants. Watch the dogs ahead of you. You can really stand out in the crowd if everyone in the ring has moved in a triangle and you move in an 'L'!! Oh, yes - you'll stand out alright - but it will probably be in a negative way. Does your dog present a picture of floating along when you move it, or does it move with the grace of a rabbit on a pogo stick? You are looking for the speed that will give the optimum effect. Most judges like to see all four feet on the ground. Attend training classes! Now, if your dog



is groomed to perfection and moves with grace - onward! Stacking - have you ever watched a really good handler stack his dog? It is done with a minimum of effort, without undue bending, huffing and puffing, without 'mooning' the judge and without disturbing the other competitors. Can you 'ease' your dog into position? Does he present a picture of alertness, yet comfort? Watch your angles when you stack your dog - you can shorten a back, cover a not-so-great front, or expose an excellent rear just by changing the angle at which you stack the dog. Practice by posing the dog in front of a mirror.

Now, we have groomed, moved and stacked - but is the dog really trained? Very few pros are going to go into the ring with an untrained dog! By training, I guess I mean, do you have your dog's attention at all times, or is he more interested in the next ring, the other dogs in your class, the birds in the trees, or that pine needle that just dropped to the ground? Training classes and matches are the answer to this. Attend and take advantage of other people's knowledge.

Do you *listen*? Most professional handlers, long-time breeders and experienced owner-handlers are willing to share their knowledge. Ask questions! Pick your time carefully - don't make a nuisance of yourself by dashing up just before ringtime with a long list of questions. Wait until after you have been in the ring and everyone is taking a chance to relax. Any hints you can pick up can be used at the next show. The importance lies in whether or not you *listen*!! If advice is given, try it!

Now...do you pick your judges? Most pros do. By that, I do not mean that they show only under their 'friends' or the 'Handler-Judge'. They will actually study the type of dog a judge likes. If they or their client has a dog of that type, they enter it. You can do the same thing, but it could take some time. Follow the show reports, familiarize yourself with your breed. By doing this, you can determine which Judges have a preference for your type of dog - show under that judge.

Now, don't get the idea that I am that 'perfect owner-handler', that wouldn't be true, but I think I am an adequate one; I have won, and Boy!, Have I Lost! I've never fallen flat on my face in the ring, I've never put a Group placement on one of my own dogs, but I've never left the ring in terrible embarrassment, either. I have groomed my own dogs (and those of friends) until two in the morning, savored that first cup of coffee by dawn's early light while the dogs are in their ex-pens, exchanged comments (moans and groans) with the exhibitors in the next motorhome.

Our non-doggy friends think we are nuts, and they are probably right. All that work for a two-and-a-half minute chance of glory!!! Sure it's work, and heartache, but...

AIN'T IT FUN!

Sue Wade

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POM PIX !



"What do you mean, 'hurry up'? I haven't finished reading the funnies yet!"



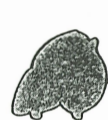
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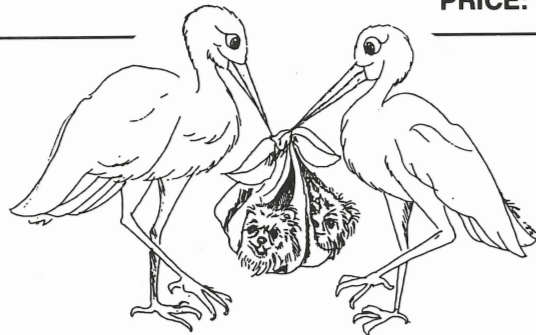
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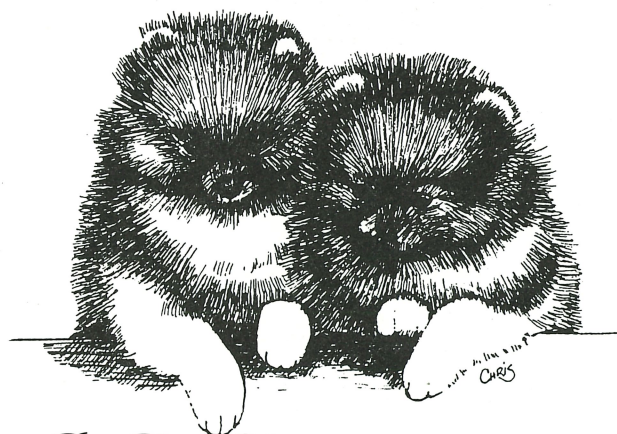
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DALLAS - FT. WORTH POMERANIAN CLUB 26TH ANNUAL SPECIALTY

by Carla Prewitt, Secretary

Well, by golly, if we didn't have one of the most roo-tin-tootin "shoot em up" dog shows and parties here in Big D. We really outdid ourselves **again**. WOW, what fun, what dogs, what people, yes; real Pom fanciers from all over, Dallas, Kansas, Waco, Louisiana, Washington, Oklahoma, Houston - all over. We really wish that all you Pom people out there (and there couldn't have been too many left) could have joined us here in Dallas. You certainly missed a great Specialty. The show ring was beautiful, the trophies were darling, the company was exceptional. Speaking of trophies, this year's selection were all items that *could be used*, and are not just for catching dust -UGH! The Puppy Sweepstakes trophies were exceptionally well done, and **Estelle McDonald**, 'ole girl', you really outdid yourself **again** making the trophies. The ring quilt and cuddlers were precious. The best trophies ever.

We also had a great Sweepstakes judge, **Chuck Johnson**, and what a fine job he did...even if I didn't win! What can I say? (Say who won, dummie, that's the real news!)

THE WINNERS WERE:



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Janice Luginsland.



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Owners Claudia & Joe Pfeffer.
Handled by Kathy Bucher.



BEST IN PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES
SHAREL'S SOUTHERN KNIGHT
Sharon Hicks. Judge: Charles Johnson.



WINNERS DOG:
BONNER'S PENDART CHALLENGE
Dorothy Bonner



BEST OPPOSITE SWEEPS
QUEENAIRE ESSENCE OF SPRING
Dudley & Wanda Roach.

Didn't they do a great job of picking lovely Poms from so many beautiful Poms? Thanks again to Mrs. Tietjen and Mr. Johnson.

So, keep your bags packed and your Poms brushed, and we hope to see **Y'ALL SAME TIME NEXT YEAR!**

FIRST PLACE WINNERS:
SWEEPS: Judge Charles Johnson
PUPPY DOGS 9-12: Sharel's Southern Knight (Sharon Hicks)
PUPPY BITCHES 6-9: Gray's Chattanooga TuTu (Bonita Gray)
PUPPY BITCHES 9-12: Queenaire Essence of Spring (Dudley & Wanda Roach)
BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPS: Sharel's Southern Knight
REGULAR CLASSES: Judge Sari Tietjen
PUPPY DOGS 9-12: Bonner's Pendart

Challenge (Dorothy Bonner)
NOVICE DOGS: Sharel's Southern Knight (Sharon Hicks)
BRED BY DOGS: Tim Sue's Puff Magic Dragon (Sue Goddard & Mrs. R. Frech)
AMERICAN BRED DOGS: West's Golden Winds Gift of Gold (Carla Prewitt)
OPEN DOGS: Jolly Wee Magic of Tim Sue (Sue Goddard & Mrs. R. Frech)
WINNERS DOG: Bonner's Pendart Challenge; **RESERVE:** Jolly Wee Magic of Tim Sue

PUPPY BITCHES 6-9: LLL T's Golden Crystal (Janice Luginsland)
PUPPY BITCHES 9-12: LLL Dazzlin' Gold Krissy (Janice Luginsland)
AMERICAN BRED BITCHES: Dazzlin Wee Golfire (Peggy Doyal)
OPEN BITCHES: Shy Acres Mac's Kan't Miss (Mrs. B. G. McDonald)
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DEEP SOUTH DOINGS

OLGA M. BAKER

The jury has been out but is now definitely *in* and with its decision on **THE POM READER**, Issue #1. I felt sure some apprehension and doubt drifted into the minds of many Pomeranian people with announcement of a new breed publication and, while I personally had met the gentlemen who would 'sire' the new magazine, had seen a sample of their publications, and was supportive from the outset...many Pom people did not have my advantage and were somewhat 'guarded'. **THE POM READER** arrived, was enthusiastically snatched out of mailboxes and reviewed (I am sure) with critical thoroughness, and acclaimed immediately by all Pom people I've encountered since. Unable to speak of course for the entire Pom world, I predict anyway triumph for a super new magazine! I shall, at the request of Messr. McGinnis and Doll, write newsy bits from the South part of the country for you each month and will welcome suggestions.

At the expense of this first column being far too localized (Houston, Texas type), it is imperative that we invite you here for early August for spectacular Pomeranian activities. The American Pomeranian Club's National Summer Specialty Show will be in Houston on August 7th, followed by the Houston Pom Club's specialty show the next day, then three big Texas-sized all-breed shows at the Astrohall. Who can resist 5 big Pom exhibitions in 5 days. But that isn't even the best part! We in the Pom Club in this area are planning terrific goings-on for you, with dinners, dancing with country and western style music and "KICKER" nonsense, fancy surprises and hospitality presents for our visitors, and an evening of real Texas barbe-que, long-neck's (you Yankee folks may have to go look that up)...maybe even horseback riding and roping. We've promised only one thing...you'll leave here smiling. We hope to make you enjoy yourselves so much, you won't even mind a yellow or white ribbon from the judge! Smile a lot, good people...and mean it!!

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After a year's rest from the ring due to a coat shed, Dancer is now going to be out and about looking for her last major. Thanks to the judges who have loved her as much as we do.

Congratulations to Claudia & Joe Pfeffer on your excellent wins. We wish you the best of luck!

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WHAT'S ZAT?

New Orleans News

by Claudia Pfeffer

Weather here is so hot, all the Poms say 'let's get rid of this fur coat.' I can't blame them, but don't they know they need coat to win shows?

I have been hearing rumbles that some Poms are over-trimmed. Let's look at our pride and joy. If this is true and your are doing this, or possibly your handler....STOP. I have found that this can be very costly in penalizing your beautiful Pom who deserves every good thing that comes to him and none of the bad. Since, after all, the Pom is not guilty, the people are! Let's preserve the natural beauty.

Hi to Jean Stafford, my friend in the midwest! ('Abe' says send down your Sweet Darlin'). Keep up the good news from your area.

Also, did anyone videotape the New York Specialty? Please get in touch with me as I would like to copy it. Thanks!

Claudia Pfeffer

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UPDATE

AS OF THE MARCH 1985 AKC GAZETTE

Welcome to UPDATE, your monthly rating list of breeders and exhibitors out there winning points in the show ring. As most all serious Pomeranian fanciers are, in one way or another, involved in campaigning their Poms for AKC Championship points, we feel that it is important to keep tabs on the Pomeranian doings in this area.

The procedures for tallying the point scale are as follows:

The source for all points is the official show awards book of the AKC Gazette. Only this publication will be used for point credits. Exhibitors are credited with all AKC Championship points won in the Gazette year, and published monthly according to appearance in the Gazette. As keeping track of each and every AKC show in the United States is an onerous task (accomplished diligently by AKC), many times the actual show dates will vary from the date of publication (i.e.- a September show may not be published until November.). The Gazette year, as a rule, runs from about October of the previous year until September of the present calendar year.

Point are allotted to THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE DOG AT THE TIME OF COMPETITION. Any questions concerning UPDATE may be addressed to the editor.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF THE TOP TEN EXHIBITORS AS OF THE MARCH 1985 AKC GAZETTE.

EXHIBITOR	POINTS
J. & B. YOUNG	29
N. GAD	28
A. CANNON	25*
L.W. CLARK	25*
L. ABJORNSON	22
E. GIRARDOT	20
S. BAUGNIET	18*
D. & S. DAVIS	18*
G. HODSON	18*
C. BURNETTE	15*
M. WOOD	15*

*tie: Placements alphabetical

SPECIALS ADDITION

AS OF THE MARCH 1985 AKC GAZETTE

Presently we find a number of Poms making their impact in Specials competition. In order to keep you informed as to the progress of these hard-working members of the breed, we are pleased to offer you SPECIALS ADDITION.

SPECIALS ADDITION is your monthly rating system of the Top Ten Pomeranian dogs and Top Ten Pomeranian bitches in the United States. Rules for the rating system are as follows.

Breed points (not to be confused with Championship points) are allotted to CHAMPIONS OF RECORD according to the highest placement received in any given AKC show. A certain number of points has been allotted to the various placements, and they are as follows:

BEST IN SHOW (All Breeds): 500
BEST IN SHOW (Specialty): 250*
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX (Specialty): 75*
TOY GROUP FIRST: 250
TOY GROUP SECOND: 150
TOY GROUP THIRD: 75
TOY GROUP FOURTH: 25
BEST OF BREED: 10

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX (All Breed): 5
NOTE: The only exception will be: BISS will be worth 10 points, and BOSS will be worth 5 points, until a total of three wins are published for that dog.

The following is the ranking of the Top Ten SPECIALS DOGS AND Top Ten SPECIALS BITCHES as of the March 1985 AKC Gazette:

POINTS DOGS	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB	BOS
5170 Ch. Coy's Top of the Mark	3	-	-	9	6	6	2	1	-
1275 Ch. Bi Mar Sundance Kid	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-
920 Ch. D. Nee's Darin' Duffy	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	2	-
685 Ch. LLL Charming Gold Brandywine	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	3	1
605 Ch. Sungold Diamond Stud	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	8	-
585 Ch. Patrick's Mister Larry	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	5	2
260 Ch. Millbrook's El Gran Caballero	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
180 Ch. Pomirish Pruf's Jumping Jack	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1
175 Ch. Sysame Topo Gigio	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
170 Ch. Daisy's Little Bit of Jabil	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	7	-
BITCHES									
245 Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasty's Tan Ya	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2
35 Ch. Mike-Mar's Sophie Mae	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
30 Ch. Emcee's Golden Jaymy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-*
30 Ch. Sweet Hill's Ebony Storm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-*
25 Ch. Queenaire Glory Huntress	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
15 Ch. Sandtown's Bi-Mar April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
10 Ch. LLL Charming Gold Kandee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-*
10 Ch. Harbin's Poetry In Motion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2*
10 Ch. Silva Lade Little Miss Marker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-*
10 Ch. Southland Toast To Bev-Nor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2*

*tie: placements alphabetical

RAMBLING ALONG

BY Dorothy Bonner
ON FLEAS

Fleas are horrible. They are the only things that I can kill with enthusiasm, and that's saying something for a person who can't bear to step on a bug. One recent summer we dipped and sprayed every 3 weeks. The Poms hated this procedure which effected them emotionally. Upon smelling the dip mixing, every Pom tried to hide, and several, shivering in the corners, up-chucked in anticipation. At lunchtime, the guillotine doors were lowered to prevent escape to the runs, and most Poms stopped eating. However, happiness and spontaneity returned after the quick dunking and face-wash, as each burst into the yard to shake and run dry. Then dinner was finished and all was right with the world until next time. None conceived that summer. Although the runs and compartments were sprayed, fleas began to return as soon as the hair dried, but it took several weeks to build up their population.

Reluctant to torture my little kids, a new method was tried the next summer starting early before multiplication began. A metal milk crate in each run provides a place to rest and obtain a higher view of the Pom world, also convenient for me at 'petting time', during the yard pick-up. This includes a hair-by-hair observation, with tweezers handy. Any flea found could be annihilated immediately, leaving one less to create dozens later. Before infiltration starts, a quick going-over consumes some 10 minutes.

Later, several hours could be spent on one dog. (An old adage: "A stitch in time.")

Petting time was popular with the Poms, each waiting eagerly, and controlled but not eradicated the fleas. Though abhorant to the Poms, flea sprays helped, especially on the back, chasing the fleas to the bare stomach were most of them could be crushed. Pursuing a lone flea has taught me a few particulars. Fleas don't run in a straight line through the hair, but zig-zag, often back-tracking. That's why a lost one is difficult to find. However, once he has room to jump, the chase is over in his favor, unless he lands in another place on the dog, which is often the intent. Fleas have territories. A head flea seldom travels to the tail, possibly going underneath the chin, but no further than the neck or shoulders to escape. A tail flea will usually stay around the anus, not travelling further than the hips or lower back. Most exasperating is failure in an execution, resulting in an excessive search without results. Otherwise, you can kid yourself into thinking that none remain. With the certainty that, at least, there is one more, determination continues, time consuming.

Fleas and dogs object to powders. They are allergy producers and rather ineffective here.

Of course, the above course of action consumes all of one's spare time, but makes everybody happy except the fleas.

Good luck to all of the Southern kennels, but start early and persist.

Dorothy Bonner

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Special thanks to co-owner and friend LAURA GRAY for her superb training and handling of "Rip." Also thanks to Christine Mullen for all her help - I couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to JOE & CLAUDIA PFEFFER on their wins with the beautiful "ABE".

Best of luck to THE POM READER!

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Midwest News

Jeanne Stafford



This month I'd like to share with you an offering from the Seminole Dog Fanciers Association News (reprinted by permission).

TIPS FOR PASSING TIME WHEN YOU ARE NUMBER 43 IN THE OBEDIENCE TRIAL

by Shirley Reilly

1. Arrive at Trial early...you might miss something.
2. Check catalog for your dog's number.
3. Check to see what number is in the ring.
4. Exercise your dog.
5. Visit rest room.
6. Check your friends' ring numbers.
7. Ask everyone you see what 'leg' they're working on.
8. Exercise your dog.
9. Check to see what number is in the ring.
10. Get a cup of coffee.
11. Visit rest room.
12. Change the toilet paper roll.
13. Check catalog again to see if you missed something or someone.
14. Ask everyone you see how they did in the ring.
15. Water your dog...find a field and take a walk.
16. Check your dog for sandspurs and ticks.
17. Visit restroom and change toilet paper roll again.
18. Converse with everyone...be sure to find out how tough the judge is.
19. Worry about the judge.
20. Wipe sleep from dog's eyes...trim your nails (with your teeth, naturally).
21. Check to see what number is in the ring.
22. Study judge's pattern.
23. Criticize pattern...you could improve on it if asked.
24. Listen to conversations of exhibitors who have been in the ring...avoid the tension-filled monosyllables of those who are still waiting.
25. Check to see what number is in the ring.
26. Worry about the judge for a while.
27. Visit restroom. Yeah...gone again!
28. Wish regretfully you'd worked your dog a little longer and stricter last week.
29. Listen to judge's criticisms about tight choke collars.
30. Change your dog's choke chain.
31. Listen to judge's criticisms about extra long chains.
32. Hurriedly change dog's collar.
33. Exercise your dog...gee, he's nervous!
34. Visit restroom. No soap.
35. Check to see what number is in the ring.
36. YOU'RE IN THE RING!
37. Forget first place...worry about qualifying.
38. Enter ring for sits & downs...it only takes ten 'Hail Mary's' or five 'Our Father's' for the long down!
39. Worry about the judge's math...you KNOW he can't read a watch.
40. Enter ring and receive green ribbon!
41. Start worrying about tomorrow's trial and bring your own toilet paper!!! □

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