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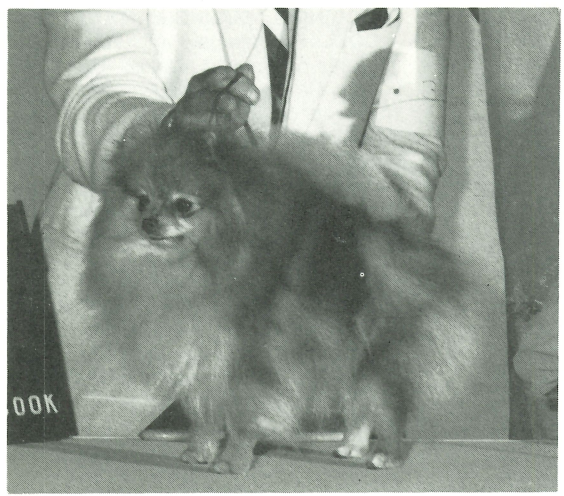
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SHOWSIGHT - FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take a moment to say a special thank you to **Nora Doll** for covering the Houston shows so beautifully for us. There are few endeavors more unpredictable than that of publishing, and constantly changing schedules often interrupt our plans. We were very disappointed not to be able to attend the Houston shows, but as you will see in this, which turned out to be the special Texas Issue of the Pom Reader, the Specialties and Festivities in Houston were fabulous. And also a special thank you from us at the PR goes out to all of you in Texas who were so gracious to Nora.

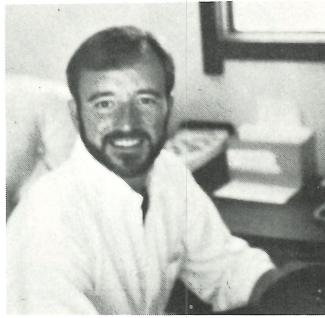
Oh, this is interesting. We just received a subscription to the PR from the NORTH POLE! I'm not kidding - Pom fancier **Colleen McFarland** hails from the land of the mid-night sun. I bet *her* Poms have coat! Slowly but surely The Pom Reader is covering the globe - from Breezy Brazil to Down Under Australia, several points in Europe, all over the States & Canada, Japan, and now the aforementioned icy environs. If it's happening in Poms, we will be here to tell it...to everybody!

THAT WOULD BE ALMOST LIKE BLACKMAIL Department...Of course, there are some things that should remain unpublished...like the priceless photo I have in my possession taken by Nora at **Erika & Wayne Moureau's** Barbeque. This is a classic. Of **Sue Goddard**, no less. Well, maybe I shouldn't call it *priceless*...if Mrs. Goddard would care to drop me a check for \$50,000.00 I will make sure no human eyes ever see it. Of course, there may be one month that I don't have the front cover sold, and may need something to put on it. In living color. I am, of course, just kidding. The more I looked at the photos from Houston the worse I felt for having missed it.

Speaking of living color and front covers, is there anything as pretty as a Pom in color? I doubt it. While most people would call stuffing hundreds and hundreds of Pom Readers into envelopes drudgery...it's almost a pleasure to do it, when you can gaze at a photo like that of **Norma Gad's "Killer"** while you work.

Many of you know about the hurricane Elena scare we just went through...luckily enough, no severe damage was sustained by anyone we knew, but it was nerve-wracking, to say the least. When you have dogs, you can't just take off for the hills, and so you just have to sit and wait. And you can't really work, because the power surges up and down and sophisticated electrical equipment (*Why, thank you!* - *Cynthia*) can be, well, to use a technical term, goofed up. And so you just sit. What a waste of time. And I hate to waste anything.

There are some things that make me think the whole world has gone a little spongy in the head. There is a common, rather stupid practice among nightclubs in which they offer "Twofers" - you buy one drink, and you get one free, mostly in the early evening. Of course, the secret is that you have to have both of them at once; so you end up with one normal drink, and one that is all watered down,



or warm by the time you get around to it. You can go to any of these places, and see a lot of glasses half-full and abandoned, which seems a stupid waste. Or they will kindly oblige you by putting two drinks into one glass, thereby doubling up the liquor content and throwing unsuspecting (or incautious) customers into early evening tailspins. And if you say to them, "I only want one - if I wanted two, I'd order two" they look at you as if you are some kind of a nut. So,

there's really no satisfying way to get along with this bargain-basement approach to entertainment. It is, however, a very popular offering. Well, that's all well and good, but the habit has passed on to other, ridiculous areas.

Yesterday, on my back from town, I saw a new pizza parlor, and decided to try it out. I placed my order, ran a few errands, and returned for my pizza. And this fellow handed me *two* pizzas. I said there must be some mistake, I only ordered one pizza, to which he replied, "Oh no, on Mondays it's two-for-one." Now, even on my most voracious days, I find it difficult to eat a whole pizza by myself, and so I was not overly thrilled with the prospect of lugging two pizzas home with me, and having to throw one away. When I told the gentleman at the counter that, he became very agitated. "You have to take it! It's Two-For-One".

Well, you can't fight that kind of logic, so I took the two pizzas. Having eaten too much pizza, that night I had a nightmare...The Day They Had TwoFers At The Dog Show...

"Here, here" the man at the entrance gate said, "you forgot your second parking sticker!" I told him I only needed one, and he got very agitated and said "You have to take it! It's two-for-one!" And so I drove on in, trying to figure out how to take advantage of my extra parking space. Rent it to someone else? Park sideways? As I pondered the problem, a lady yelled at me "Wait, wait, you left your second show catalogue." I said I could only read one at a time, and she got very agitated and said "You have to take it! It's two-for-one!" And so I collected my second show catalogue. Well, I could save it for a friend, or have one in good condition, and one dirty one, and as I was gamely trying to appreciate the situation, a little girl yelled "Wait, wait! you forgot your second doughnut!" Carrying my catalogues and doughnuts, I ventured into the grooming area to set up my table, whereupon they insisted that I take up twice as much room as normal. "You have to! It's two-for-one!" they screamed. Well now, this was really getting good. I was making out like a bandit this morning. Soon enough, they were insisting that I take two rubber bands, twice as much room at ringside, and twice as long in the ring. It all seemed like a dream - too good to be true. Until the judge turned to me, and said "Wait, wait! You forgot your second Reserve Ribbon. It's Two-For-!"...I woke up in a cold sweat.

Thanks again to all of you for your support, and for the help you gave to Nora. You made me very proud. But then again, I wasn't surprised. Dog People are the Best.

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VIEW POINT

VICTORIA POWELL



For this month's column, as promised, we have the pleasure of welcoming **Lois Frank** as guest columnist. She will be sharing with us her extensive knowledge on the subject of tube feeding; how it is done, when it is done, and most importantly, **why** it is done. But first, for those of you who may not know who she is, a short introduction.

Lois has been "in dogs" for over 28 years. During that time she was licensed by the AKC as an all-breed handler, and she has been showing, breeding, rearing, and living with many different breeds all that time. Lois has shown Salukis

(she was the handler of the great Billa de Esta line), Borzoi, Dobies, Poodles, Shih Tzu, and Beagles, and of course, is presently the exclusive handler for the Ai Kou Pekingese of San Mateo, California.

The formula and theories espoused in this article have been used by breeders too numerous to count and the method has saved countless puppies' lives in breeds ranging from Pekes to Ibizans and back again. Please think about this method if you have need for it later on - it really works. And now, here is Lois:

There are many reasons for supplemental feeding of newborn puppies. I find that after C-Sections, especially in Toys, the puppies are disoriented because of the anaesthesia and sometimes lack the sucking instinct. Also, the mother is hurting and groggy and can be unwilling to accept her new responsibilities. Occasionally, the bitch will develop an infection after giving birth and will be unable to nurse her pups. In any of these cases, you will have to take over the care and feeding of the pups at least temporarily. In some instances, the litter may be too large and there may not be enough room at the dinner table for everyone, in which case you may have to assist. But the saddest reason of all that necessitates tube feeding is that the mother dies and you are left with the orphan pups to raise. You may choose to bottle feed in any of these cases, but there many disadvantages to that method; if the pup ingests air with the formula it may bloat or develop colic; also, you can not measure exactly the amount of food the pup actually consumes and he may be overeating which also can cause colic or bloat. A big killer of newborn pups is overfeeding.

Prevention of the above problems is easy with tube feeding. When tubing, you can measure accurately at every feeding and always know that every bit of the formula went into the stomach. A good rule of thumb for measuring for-

mula is: **1 c.c. of formula per 1 ounce of body weight.**

A good ounce scale, then, is the first necessary piece of equipment for every breeder for it enables you to weigh each pup DAILY and feed accordingly, increasing formula as the pup gains each ounce. (It is necessary to note here that even those who have had great success with bottle feeding will have no luck with a pup who is too weak to suck, but this common future champion could be saved by tubing). As for the rest of the equipment needed, I prefer to use a #8 catheter, cut off the flared end and attach it to a clean 35cc syringe. You are now ready to measure - place the end of the catheter at the puppy's last rib or the umbilicus, and run it the length of its body to the mouth. Mark it at that point with a twist tie from a bread wrapper. Fasten the tie tightly enough that it will not slip but not tightly enough to stop up the feeding tube. **DO NOT GUESS AT YOUR MARK — YOU MUST MEASURE AND MARK YOUR TUBE EACH DAY, FOR PUPPIES GROW QUICKLY.**



Lois Frank

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Lois Frank on Tube Feeding continued

HOW AND WHAT TO FEED

Here is the formula that has worked so well for so many for so long:

- 1- 13 oz. can evaporated milk**
- 4- egg yolks**
- 4 oz. (½ cup) plain yogurt**
- 1- tsp. (rounded) Best Foods (Hellman's) mayonnaise**

Blend in a blender until mixed well (5-7 seconds). DO NOT OVERBLEND or it will be too frothy to use immediately. This formula can be stored in a covered jar in the refrigerator for up to one week. ***Before I go any further it just occurred to me that many of you reading this are thinking "Why mayonnaise?" - bitches' milk is high in fat. Mayo adds additional fat to balance the formula and make it as close to bitches milk as possible. "Why yogurt?" - It helps the digestive tract assimilate and utilize the nutrients better and keeps the intestinal flora in balance.

Now you are ready to begin feeding the babies. Begin by weighing the pups (remember - EVERY DAY) and record it on a weight chart; you should be keeping one on every pup. Next, take your measured catheter and syringe set-up and insert the tip of the catheter into the formula, drawing up the exact amount for the first puppy. Remove any air trapped in the syringe and then place the syringe ONLY in a bowl of hot tap water to warm the formula - if you put it into a saucepan on the stove or in the microwave it will turn to custard. If you have never tube fed before you will be more comfortable sitting at your kitchen table with the pup on a folded towel. With your left hand, hold the puppy's head so that you have a straight line from mouth to stomach. With your right hand, insert the tip of the catheter into the puppy's mouth and very GENTLY slide the catheter down the puppy's throat. DO NOT FORCE THE TUBE DOWN - if it is in proper position it will slide down easily. If the tube should stop, back off an inch and try again. You should be holding your marker at this point, and when the marker reaches the mouth, stop inserting the tube and begin to slowly depress the plunger on the syringe and feed the necessary ounce(s) of formula to each puppy. Remember to feed only 1cc per ounce of body weight. (a 5 oz. pup gets 5 oz. of formula; a 4½ oz. pup only 4½oz). Once again, it is important to remind everyone not to overfeed. When you are through, withdraw the tube and go on to the next pup.

After tube feeding your whole litter, you will need to clean up both the instruments and the pups. Clean your syringe and tube thoroughly by rinsing with hot tap water. Push several syringe-fulls of hot water through the catheter and then follow up by pushing air through to get all the water out and dry the tube out. Leave to air dry until the next feeding. Do not use soap in the feeding tube or the syringe.

Because newborn pups do not eliminate on their own, you will need to provide the stimulation they need by gently rubbing them with a moistened cotton ball to stimulate their elimination. The pup will not have a bowel movement after every feeding, so PLEASE, absolutely DO NOT give newborn pups enemas or suppositories. Puppies are not born constipated. The first stool is firm and hard and will be eliminated

shortly after birth. After nursing or being fed the stools will be yellow and softer. The puppy will eliminate when it is ready, with a little help from its mother or you and your cotton ball. I have heard of breeders doing the darndest things to newborns - please be very careful.

Now for the feeding schedule: Feed a healthy pup every 4 hours. A weak or sick pup needs to be fed more often so cut the amount of formula in half and feed it every 2 hours, i.e. 2cc every 2 hours for a 4oz. pup that is weak or sick. Remember to weigh every morning and feed accordingly. When your pups reach 12oz. you may want to keep feeding 12cc for two or three days and then increase again. They will continue to gain weight at this point, but not at such a rapid pace and they seem to need less food at this stage. For my own convenience I feed at 10, 2, and 6 around the clock. You won't get much sleep, but you will have healthy, contented puppies. At about 12 ounces or approximately 10 days of age, you can stop the 2:00 A.M. feeding.

Hopefully, most of you will not encounter situations where the above method is needed, but if you should, remember that proper nutrition is imperative to keep the newborn pups alive. Proper nutrition in the pre-natal stage for the dam is equally important. Tube feeding is very simple after one gets over their fears. You will find that after the first feeding the pups will swallow the feeding tube and with a little practice you will be very comfortable with this life-saving procedure.

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I wish to thank Lois Frank for taking the time out of her incredibly busy schedule to write this informative and life-saving article for The Pom Reader. It is so important for breeders to share the valuable knowledge they have on various subjects so that we all can promote healthier and better dogs. I know all of you out there have so much to share - please don't be hesitant to do so. I always welcome for submission any item anyone would like to contribute or see covered and would enjoy working with any of you to share knowledge via this medium.

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Love, Baby

Dear Baby,

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Love,



Shu-Shu

Dear Shu-Shu,

I am not very large, only 2 pounds to be exact. Even though I am three years old, I haven't been able to overcome my fears of storms and especially the wind. Am I a...

Scare Dee Cat

Dear Scare Dee,

If I were you and of your size, I'd even have fears of a flea's sneeze!

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Shu-Shu

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Dear Shu-Shu,

I'd like some simple grooming tips for my dog. He will begin his show career this fall in the Michigan area and I want him to look his best. What to I trim and what do I leave alone?

Sure Winner

Dear Winner,

If he is as perfect as most of us Pomeranians, he won't need one thing done to him. However, appreciating your questions, the best suggestion I can offer you - seeing as how my own family will be competing against your dog - is to:

- 1. Shave down the center of his back (with Oster #40 blade).*
- 2. Clean tail of all hair except for the tip.*
- 3. Leave hair long at tips of ears and ends of feet.*
- 4. Pour calcium into him and let nails grow to curl under feet (to protect pads, of course).*
- 5. Soak whatever hair remains with mousse, comb flat, and spray heavily with spray net.*
- 6. Castrate. (Not a simple grooming tip, but last suggestion for sure wins...Ours, not Yours!)*

Lovingly,



Shu-Shu



SHU-SHU & SHANNON

OLGA M. BAKER

Texans notoriously bid farewell to friends by saying...*"Y'all come back now, y'hear?"*. Following the August Astrohall series of shows - 2 giant Pom specialties, and 3 all breed shows - limitless parties, dancing, eating, playing, NOT sleeping, jamming 36 hours of activities into each 24 hour day...not one Texan had the heart to use that old Texas phrase! Rather, since all attendees seemed convinced we were trying to KILL THEM, we felt the need only to promise dear guests and visitors that if they would come back to Texas again, we would vow to do

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! We only saw smiling faces and got genuine hugs and kisses though, as they all departed, and no complaints. Subsequent telephone calls, cards and letters from across the country verify that a good, good time was had by all.

Now...okay, you guys - watch me make you a teensy bit ashamed...**JOE MCGINNIS AND DUANE DOLL (Mr. & Mr. Pom Reader)**...where *were* you? Does this mean it's all over between us? Naaaaahhhh, guys...we do understand, but were sorry you could not be here in Texas with us. We missed you. Thank you, though, for sending adorable little **Nora Doll**...your cute little Lois Lane reporter for Pom Reader, who covered all events beautifully. She fit right into the rowdy, friendly crowd and we were delighted to have her...right there with pencil, pad, and camera in hand...ready to record the news, and there was **lots** to record!!!

I'm commissioned to report only social aspects of August 7-11. Doggie winners are being reported elsewhere, so I shall focus on the associated events. However, to comment on the dogs from my own personal standpoint, competition was absolutely **awesome**...even getting a ribbon (of any color) was an honor for these dog shows. Record-breaking entries from exhibitors coast to coast astonished everyone.

It is impossible to properly express thanks and to acknowledge all the terrific Houston Pom people who put this all together. Take my word for it...these hard-working folks had an unequalled 'team' functioning magnificently to do things up properly. Attendees had little happy surprises constantly...flowers in their rooms, beautiful handmade fabric bags filled with surprises for attendees, decorated with fancy candle-wicking Pom figures...real treasures. Cut bumper stickers that said, "I showed my tail in Houston"...such as that.

Thanks to fund-raising efforts by Houston Club members, our guests paid for only ONE EVENT. The big



dinner dance after the show...still a bargain since everything was provided...fine food, entertainment, open bar (no extra charges), and hours of dancing and fun. All other things were 'on the house' for our special guests. Speaking of that after-show dinner, have you ver heard of an after-show dinner being a sell-out? Certainly NOT! These things are often dull, expensive, tiring, and historically NOT well-attended. **Wrong!** We had room for only 90 people maximum at ours...instead, we squeezed in 106 and literally had to turn some folks away!

Everyone was beautiful for that evening...handlers appeared in party clothes...tired exhibitors came to life, clad in cute 'hussy clothes'; sneakers were forsaken for high heels; and even the menfolk amazingly handsome in their 'Calvin Klein' looks...smelling of Brut...and mild-mannered gentlemen (even some of the judge types) forsook their images and took to the dance floor and really got **DOWN!** A terrific disc jockey [**Ed note- Johnny 'JC' Colunga of JC Sounds did the honors**] provided perfect banter and music for the jovial (and amazingly sober) crowd, and a special exhibition of super-fancy Country/Western dancing got everyone in the mood. No one was immune...ALL DANCED...some even participating in the notorious "B - S - Cotton Eyed Joe". Everyone sang along to dumb songs like "**Don't Mess With My Toot-Toot**" and "**I Wanna Go Home With The Armadillo**".

Another special event was planned by APC President **Sue Goddard**, and came off beautifully...a free potluck Mexican dinner provided to all guests following the Specialty Show on Thursday...held for convenience right there at the show site...welcomed by all tired and ready-for-bed guests and exhibitors.

Then came the real "whing-ding" Saturday night on the gorgeous rancho of **Wayne & Erika Moureau**...we weren't kidding...we really **did** have calf-roping, horseback riding and Texas Bar-B-Que-ing with all the trimmings...huge auction (**Sam Zaneoff** 'accidentally' bought a horse?)...a superb evening for everyone.

All 5 shows were held in excellent air-conditioned buildings...comfortable, spacious, and convenient, important to travelers. Our excellent judges should be recognized; August 7th, National Specialty - Classes, **Barbara Jarmoluk**; Sweepstakes, **Sam Zaneoff**. August 8th, Houston Specialty - Classes, **Fred Bassett**; Sweepstakes, **Tony Tellez**. Judges were presented with Texas cowboy/cowgirl hats (what else?), and cute **Barbara Jarmoluk**, such a super good sport, wore that big (**continued next page**)

Olga 'Happy Trails' Baker continued

Western hat, mounted a horse right alongside my hubby, **Darrell Baker**...and they rode off into the sunset like Roy Rogers & Dale Evans (well...sort of...)

Back to that wonderful day of the National Specialty...one very special part was my own creation...the "Old Timers Event". A total of nine (9) wonderful seniors were given the spotlight and lovingly announced by **Peter Galindo**. The crowd lingered after the judging for this memorable part and specially-selected music was played for each senior-dog attraction. Goose bumps and happy tears were everywhere. One old 12 year old guy even performed some of his special obedience tricks, to the delight of the crowd! This seemed the highlight of the day, and even those macho-men at ringside dug out handkerchiefs, sniffing right along with the gals. Superb performances...terrific event. Many have expressed a desire that this be made a part of every February's New York Annual Specialty. A great idea, as I see it. Never have we seen people so united and loving as during those few minutes of beautiful fanfare music, with the oldsters being presented for all to see.

The night of that sellout dinner was lovely...*not* boring with lots of speeches, presentations, acknowledgements, and such. Master of Ceremonies **George West** gave a fine appropriate speech, commending Houston people for their artful and tedious work and donations of time and talent towards making this show as perfect as it was...then he presented Presented of the National Club, **Sue Goddard**, who further expressed gratitude for the success, commending those responsible and welcoming visitors most graciously. Mr. West then asked that I make a brief comment (as President of the local Houston Club). It occurred to me that my guy, Darrell, had not really been mentioned yet, although the poor guy had worked his "tush" off in preparation for the shows, as Show Chairman for both shows...up so very early that morning...laying down plastic sheeting, getting ring equipment set up, co-ordinating, working to be sure everything went right...so, in typical *Olga-idiocy*, I chose to equally acknowledge his hard work, so rose to my feet for a quickie address and thank-you to everyone...stating only that "One person we failed to mention was Darrell Baker...I just want you all to know that he was **absolutely wonderful at six O'clock this morning!**" Seems I have a way of putting things that never turns out quite right...so this obviously brought the house *down* with catcalls and raucous laughter from all present...completely precluding my chance to clarify just what I had meant!! Oh well...(Post Script: Darrell says he recieved lots of offers later...all wondering just how wonderful he truly *is* at 6:00 in the morning!)

Speaking of "lots of offers"...our Show Chairman, Peter Galindo, was without a doubt the finest of "foremen-supervisors-captains-leaders"...putting together absolutely everything at just the right times. What on earth would we do without our main man? A few days after the events, Peter called to tell me he had received 3 or 4 requests from across the country...wanting him to similarly

"secretary" the shows of other Clubs in different parts of the country...hopefully 'like Texas'. What a lovely compliment for us!

If you missed all this...we are truly sorry, and you were missed. We even wound it all up by taking some of our visitors out to **Mickey Gilley's** Club for country & western "dancin" the final night (Sunday). A couple of our normally proper and mannerly Pom exhibitors, whose names I shall not mention, were even photographed RIDING THE BLAMED BULL AT GILLEY'S...imagine that!! Oh yes, and there were dog shows too for those days. Almost forgot! 'Til next time nice people, Smile a lot...and mean it!!

Olga M. Baker, 207 Shirleen, Seabrook, TX 77586

★ The following is a glossary of terms provided by Olga Baker for those of you who spent the Texas week answering questions that you didn't understand and thinking that surely you were in a foreign country. A TEXAN SAYS...TRANSLATED:

- ARE**..... 60 Minutes, as in "Pom judging starts in about an are or an are-and a half.", or "we'll have a brief cocktail are before dinner."
- Sacks**..... Male/female designation. "Classes are divided by sacks"...or "Best of Breed & Best of Opposite Sacks".
- Awrnge**..... Citrus fruit. Also typical Pomeranian color. "That Pom is sure a purty (pretty) awrnge!"
- Summitch**..... Mild Texas profanity. Texans use this in several ways: Complimentary: "That Summitch is a fine judge!". Derogatory: "He's a good dog, but he's a Summitch to show!"
- Par**..... Force/strength. As: "More par to ya."
- Warsh and Arn**... Cleanse by scrubbing...then get the wrinkles out.
- Nekked**..... Bare - without clothing - sparsely coated. Naked.
- Har**..... Coat, tresses, fur, etc., As: "I need that major today, but my dawg lost all his har, and now he's buck-nekked."
- Lawng-nax**..... What Lone Star Beer comes in (tall bottles). Also - as: "Giraffes all have lawng-nax."
- Yawl**..... A most important Texas word, for which there is no substitute in the English language. Translated, it means simply...you, and you, and you, and et cetera. How else can you possibly say,...

"Yawl come back now, y'hear?" □

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

by Betty Claire Peacock

Almost every summer my husband and I appear in our Community Theater's summer musical. This year we were trudging home about 1:00 A.M. after a performance, when we spied a dog in the street, which we recognized as our neighbor's pet. The car lights revealed that their gate was standing open. Tom stopped the car, and I hopped out to round up the culprit. When I carried him inside the



fence I discovered the gate could only be latched from the inside. It is a very substantial eight-foot stockade fence, but undaunted, I latched the gate and began the struggle to climb over the beastly thing. Once I made it to the top, the next problem was to find a foothold so I could lower myself carefully to the ground. As my astonished husband watched from the vantage point of the driver's seat, I managed to balance on the top, find a way to shinny down the outside of the fence, and make my getaway undetected. When I got to the car, Tom said, "You know, dear, I was trying to decide what to say if a policeman had come along. It's rather difficult to explain what a forty-year-old woman in short-shorts, ballet slippers, and eight inches of stage makeup might be doing on top of her neighbor's fence at this hour. Especially since I am attired in a T-shirt, shorts, ballet slippers, and am also wearing eight inches of makeup!" Our teenager laughed all the way home!

As the Bible says, "That which I fear has come upon me." I have always worried about my kennel air conditioner failing. I change filters regularly and keep it serviced. This morning I woke up with a virus and proceeded to faint on my way to the back door. My daughter, **Brenda**, let the dogs out for me and went to check on them around noon, at which time the kennel was cool. I usually check them every two hours during the day, but it wasn't until about 4:00 that I felt able to go out. When I opened the door, I panicked - the temperature was 90! I snatched up the phone and called Brenda to come home. Then I opened all the windows; Brenda arrived with two friends in tow and they began carrying dogs and crates into the house. Brenda remembered our discussions about what to do if this happened, and she got frozen ice packs for each crate. The repairman came within 30 minutes and pulled the unit to check it out and hopefully put it back in the morning. Meanwhile, my living room, dining room, and entry hall are full of crates, and everyone is just fine. We have switched ice packs for them and have ceiling fans and box fans, as well as central air. The dogs think it's fun to be in the house, especially when we popped some popcorn and they all got some. If it had happened yesterday, Brenda and I were gone for ten hours. Other people

have not been so lucky and I feel very thankful that I caught it before any of my dogs suffered. Apparently the unit had just quit and the fans kept the dogs from being in distress right then, but, of course, it wouldn't have been too long before they would have been in trouble. I dread summer's arrival each year, and I'll be glad for cool fall days.

A thought occurred to me while holding a cuddly baby puppy...when you pick up a puppy and suddenly feel something warm and wet running down your leg and pooling in your shoe, whatever you do next is probably going to be wrong! □

Betty Claire Peacock, 101 Patrick, Dumas, AR 71639

HELPFUL HINTS FROM HERE & THERE

Thymol Glycerine is a most useful cleaner for the teeth, particularly where there is tenderness and perhaps a little infection in the gums. It cleanses and leaves the breath with a pleasant smell. Use it diluted, 1 part to 3 parts of water.

While on the subject of teeth, try cleaning with milk of magnesia; this, too, will sweeten the breath.

Bitch in season at the show? Spray with any feminine hygiene product - nothing permanent, you understand, but it can help to relieve her of "unwanted attention"...at least temporarily!

Bitch in whelp? Need extra calcium? Try what a California breeder does - recycle your egg shells. Dry them and put them in the blender, he says. We've had better luck with drying and then grinding them up in a mortar to a fine powder. Mix is with their food as you would any calcium powder.

Hot spots? Listerine seems to work.

Ear Mites? Use a diluted vinegar and water solution in the ear. About 2 tablespoons to a cup of water. The ear goop is alkaline which the mites like to live in. Turn the goop to acid by adding the vinegar water and the mites don't like the environment!

Hate scrubbing feed bowls? Keep a bucket of 10 percent bleach water solution in the kennel. Pick up the bowls, dump them in the bucket - Zap! Disinfected and clean as a whistle. Rinse well with very hot water.

Messy stool in the coat? Dampen the hair with a piece of cotton moistened in peroxide. It will dissolve the debris quickly.

Helpful Hints courtesy of: Susan Wade, Laura Keator, Duane Doll
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A MESSAGE FROM

Gabriel

Kathy and I had a heavenly time in Houston! Two days Best of Breed and a Group IV. Then we went out to Missouri and received Back to Back Bests of Breed and two Group II's.

Here is my picture with my pretty handler Kathy Bucher, and a pretty fine judge, Mr. Joseph Gregory. Thank you Mr. Gregory for this wonderful win. My Breeder/Owner Claudia Pfeffer, is so proud, she's on cloud nine!

Now, I'm not much for blowing my own horn, but I couldn't help it...The Devil Made Me Do It.

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Mr. Moureau was the auctioneer! He had been barbequing since 9:00 a.m. - and still running the auction at midnight! Such humor - he really kept that bunch going. I think he could have picked up a pebble from the ground and sold it for a pretty penny! He had been a professional auctioneer - he must have been plenty good at that.

Sam Zaneoff from New York, who judged the APC Sweeps, turned out to be quite a guy. Right after the auction started, a horse was brought out to be auctioned...bidding went fast & heavy...**"Sold - to Sam Zaneoff for \$700.00! Take him and go!"** the auctioneer said. Sam took the reins and headed off across the yard with the horse. Barbara Jarmoluk came running up - **"Sam, this is a joke! I put them up to this!"** Sam said **"It's my horse - I'm taking him!"** Everyone razed him the whole evening, and what a good sport he was! Later I found him in the kitchen eating watermelon. He is a very likeable per-

son - I would have liked to visit with him some more.

The auction was still going on after midnight. Vernon suggested that maybe we should get going. I said, "Why? We don't have that much to do tomorrow." to which he replied, "It's *already* tomorrow!"

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Joe & Duane,

I felt very honored that you asked me to cover the Pom festivities. I have been to every kind of show imaginable, cattle shows, horse shows, livestock shows, flower shows, every kind of show that man has, I suppose, but this is the first time for a show of just Poms. I met very sweet people and had such a good time. Everyone was wonderful. And you were missed. I want you to know without a doubt - you are very special to these very special people. □

Nora



Master of Ceremonies **George West** and APC President **Sue Goddard** provide a hearty Texas welcome



The cake... before Olga got to it



Barbara Jarmoluk with **Darrell & Olga Baker**. Olga seems to be saying "Don't mess with *my* Toot-Toot!"



Jackie Liddle and APC Best of Breed Winner **Ch. D-Nee's Darin' Duffie**



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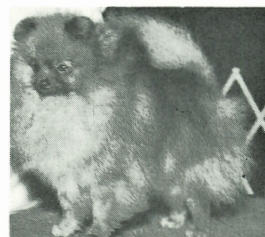
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OPEN LETTER TO A NOVICE EXHIBITOR

by Dorothy Bonner

Everything was in such confusion recently after each Cluster Show, that I was unable to contact you for a pat on the back and an encouraging word. For your first shows, you were evidently overwhelmed and swamped by professionals, so departed hurriedly without talking to anyone, taking with you the thought that the other exhibitors were cold, uncaring, and only self-interested. Part of this was true just before they went into the ring - concentrating on their own exhibits - but after the Breed is finished, there is a different attitude and a better time to talk. Your entry, though young and unpolished, was very nice and might well have later possibilities. You undoubtedly entered without close advice which the more experienced breeder of your puppy could have offered.

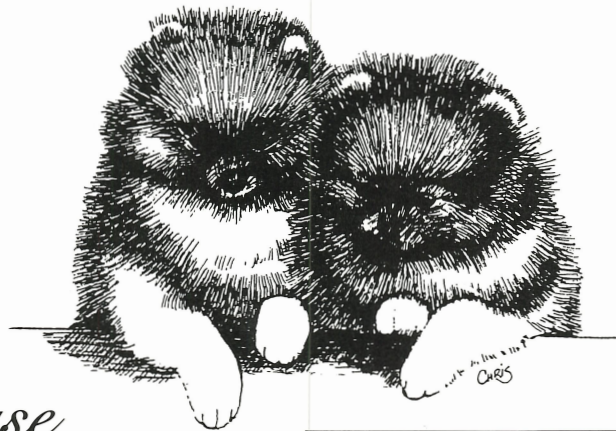
Now, if you are willing to accept advice to advance slowly and patiently, I want to help you. One must learn to swim before he dives...into some of the biggest shows in the country with all of the famous professionals. There is no better learning school than your local Club which puts you in touch with everything important. Join one.

To polish your little dog while he is maturing, take him to training classes, enter him in Matches, and limit his shows to small ones where there is a better chance of success. Talk with every "dog person" possible, either long before shows, or afterward, to secure encouragement and advice, but don't stop now. Instant success is difficult to achieve, the slower route often being necessary.

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MIDWEST NEWS

Jeanne Stafford

By now, "y'all" should be 90 percent recovered from the excitement of Texas. It was definitely an action-packed week, and I had to come back to Michigan just to catch up on my sleep! I will not elaborate on the Texas shows as I'm sure there will be plenty of articles on them.



Congratulations to **Millamor's Country Music** on finishing his Championship with a Group III from the classes. 'Country' was bred by **Eleanor Miller** and is owned by **Chuck & Veronica Boudreau**.

Another Pom from this area is making quite a name for herself. **Mercer's Alyssa of Dooshay** is her name, winning is her game. 'Lyssie' picked up her first major by taking the breed over Top specials on to a Group III. The following weekend she took two more breed wins, and a Group III & IV. Not bad for a puppy that would not even walk on a lead after a bad experience at training class. My congratulations to two wonderful people, **Doug & Shannon Johnson**, the proud owners of Lyssie.

Thanks to **Ann Welshinger** of Anador's, and **Claudia Pfeffer** of Precious Petites, for the packets of doggie information that you sent to me. Anyone that knows me at all is aware that I practically devour any info that even refers to dogs. Oh, well, you can never know enough, right?

Before I close, let me go back to the subject of 'Texas'. To **Sue Goddard**, it was a pleasure meeting you, and thanks for helping me feel so welcome in "Huge" Houston. To **Peter Galindo**, you still owe me 1/2 cup of coffee, remember? And to **Ken & Eleanor Miller**, thank you both for convincing me that **Jammer** (my little stowaway) [Ed note: I knew I shouldn't have told that story-J], and I could survive a trip to Houston - my first plane ride - and for taking us under your wings when we arrived. And to all the deserving winners, congratulations on a job well done!

Until next month, **Jeanne Stafford**
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by Susan Wade CONTRACTS...AGAIN!



We all have puppies that are pets - not showable and not breedable. How do you "dispose" of these? Do you give them to carefully screened applicants? Do you sell them at a lesser price - without papers? Do you sell them with a neutering agreement? However you place them, it is wise to have a contract.

The following is a quote from John Brownell, former AKC Vice President, in reference to the proper procedure for selling AKC registrable stock as pets without papers:

"When a breeder sells a defective puppy from a registered litter for a nominal price as a pet, with the understanding that AKC registration is not to be given the purchaser, it is important that he get a signed statement from the buyer showing clearly that he (the buyer) understands that the dog is not to be registered and that he is not going to receive registration papers. This statement can be written on the Bill of Sale, with the original going to the purchaser and a copy being retained by the breeder. When this is done, the breeder should return one of the blue individual applications forms from the litter kit to AKC with the notation across the face of the form SOLD WITHOUT PAPERS, followed by the date of the sale and the breeder's signature. The sex of the puppy should also be shown so the approximate notation can be made on AKC's records. If a person who has bought a dog on this basis later wants to enter it in Obedience competition, he can apply to AKC for Indefinite Listing Privileges (an I.L.P. number)."

I have placed puppies without papers (haven't we all?), but the majority of my "pets" are sold with a neutering agreement. On this agreement, I state the fact that the animal in question is purebred, the breed, the whelping date, Sire and Dam (and their AKC reg. numbers), and the litter number for the pet, plus the statement that this sale is made upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The price of \$--- to be paid immediately upon purchase of the dog.
2. Until proof of sterilization has been received by the breeder, (name of breeder), the American Kennel Club application to individually register this dog will be held on file, along with a copy of this agreement.
3. Upon receipt of a veterinarian's certificate of sterilization, the breeder will forward to the owners the American Kennel Club application to individually register this dog.
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I hereby accept the above terms and considerations of the sale.

Buyer's Signature

I make an original and two copies - the buyer taking the original, a copy for myself, and a copy to retain in my file to be sent to AKC.

I consider the fourth condition very important. You cannot FORCE someone to neuter a dog, but YOU are the breeder and you have every right to protect your bloodline and your breed.

One breeder of my acquaintance routinely gives a partial refund to the buyer upon proof of sterilization. Another takes the animal to her Vet, has it neutered, and the new owners pay the Vet bill and take the dog home with them. Settle on a policy and get it in writing!

This method works for me!

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SPECIALS ADDITION

AS OF THE AUGUST 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 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 DOGS AND Top Ten BITCHES as of the August Gazette:

POINTS	DOGS	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB	BOS
5765	Ch. Coy's Top of the Mark	3	-	-	10	7	8	3	3	-
3290	Ch. D. Nee's Darin' Duffie	1	2	-	6	2	3	4	14	0
1275	Ch. Bi Mar Sundance Kid	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-
970	Ch. Patrick's Mr. Larry	-	-	-	2	1	1	5	11	2
870	Ch. Herd's Little Yo Yo	-	-	-	1	2	2	3	9	1
850	Ch. LLL Charming Gold Brandywine	-	-	-	1	1	3	4	6	2
730	Ch. Daisy's Lil Bit of Jabil	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	13	1
685	Ch. Sungold Diamond Stud	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	16	-
545	Ch. L-R's Monty Rock of Millamor	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	9	1
340	Ch. Sungold's Gay Caballero	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	4	-
BITCHES										
265	Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasty's Tan Ya	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	6
260	Ch. Emcee's Chicquita D-Oro	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
130	Ch. Queenaire Glory Huntress	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	7
80	Ch. Southland's Toast To Bev-Nor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10*
80	Ch. Tim Sue's Angel Sabrina	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1*
65	Ch. West's Miss Charm Patrick	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
55	Ch. Emcee's Golden Jaymy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
45	Ch. Hi Times Kaleidoscope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5*
45	Ch. Mike-Mar's Sophie Mae	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3*
30	Ch. Harbin's Poetry In Motion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6*
30	Ch. Sweet Hill's Ebony Storm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-*
30	Ch. McGuire's Little Nike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6*

*tie: placements alphabetical

UPDATE

AS OF THE AUGUST 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 AUGUST 1985 AKC GAZETTE.

EXHIBITOR	POINTS
E. GIRARDOT	71
S. BAUGNIET	39*
A. CANNON	39*
J. LUGINSLAND	38
C. PFEFFER	
D. WATTS	33*
J. & B. YOUNG	33*
L. ABJORNSON	32
L. CLARK	31
D. & S. DAVIS	30

*tie: Placements alphabetical



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