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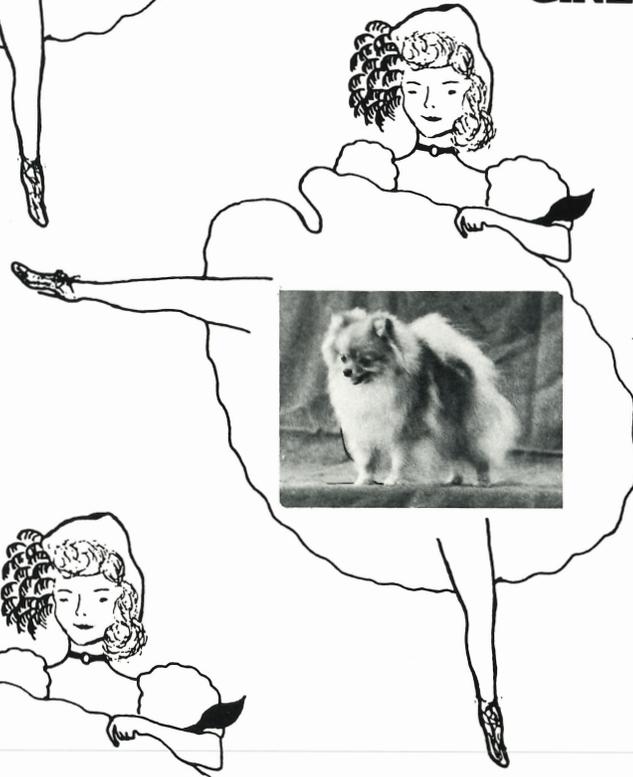


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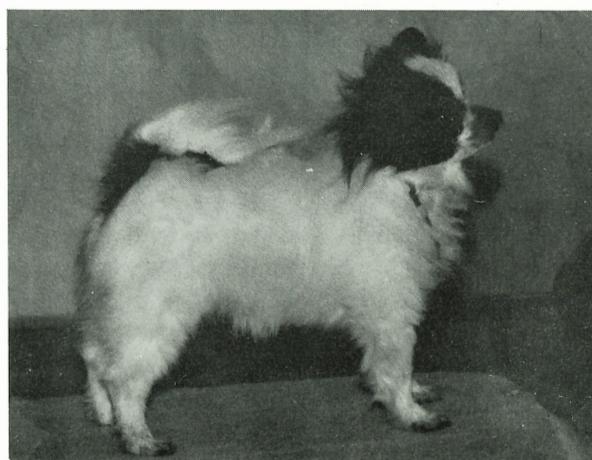
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SHOWSIGHT - FROM THE EDITOR

Every once in a while I try to view the sport of pure-bred dogs through the eyes of a, well, how can I put this? Civilian. Just to see where we are, for our sport has got to be one of the most misunderstood of all. And it seems that every time I do see us through outside eyes, my pride and confidence are restored. Three scenes from the Dallas Cluster which supported my ever-high opinion of my dog fancier



friends...A woman, who must have been 93, in a wheelchair, had come by herself and was planning to spend the whole day and early evening (there were a number of specialties going on). When my civilian friend asked her if there was anything she needed, the lady replied, "Not right now, dear, but don't worry. These people won't let anything happen to me."...A good friend of mine in another breed was showing a lovely open bitch, got dumped for Winners in what has to be the worst call I have ever witnessed, and still volunteered to take the opponent's bitch in for Best of Breed. My civilian friend commented, "That's true good sportsmanship, isn't it?" - knowing that my friend in the ring was gritting her teeth, I replied, "More than you know."...The lady telling my civilian friend that her 17 year old daughter had driven out to the west coast for a number of shows, by herself, had spent a month, and...my civilian friend stopped her. "By herself?" she asked. "Weren't you worried?" And the mother gave her a funny look, and said, "Worried? Why? She was at dog shows."

Well, of course, not everybody's a saint, but by and large, what a great, caring lot of people are in the purebred dog game. And so I try to treat the people and the sport with the respect it deserves. Even if it's sometimes a little out of place.

I was raised to do some things that don't always fit in at dog shows. We were taught to open doors, not just for older ladies, and not just for female persons, but for *everybody*. (Try holding a door open in Manhattan, these days, and notice the dirty looks you get. Everyone thinks that you are going to slam it on them, and take their wallet at the same time.) That's a shame. But I'm going to keep on opening doors for people.

And we were taught to say 'Excuse me' - and I mean to the point of being ridiculous. In Madison, Wisconsin, they are still laughing about the time I tackled a fellow in a football game, and then said 'Excuse me'. I didn't realize that I did it - it was simply a matter of reflex. And, of course, this year at the Garden I said 'excuse me' 7,456 times. Half the time I don't think anybody heard me, but occasionally, someone did, and would look up, startled...and then smile. So I am going to go on saying 'excuse me'. It's those little things, I guess, that can make the difference

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between just getting through the day, and having a *good* day. And it's not just a desire for Gracious Living, it's because I like people. And Lord knows, when you're a dog fanatic, Gracious Living goes out the window.

Being a dog fancier can sometimes interfere with your desire for Gracious Living - and I am not talking about the usual doggie complaints, i.e., a litter of pups in the hot

tub; those little teeny hairs that stick like cement to the brocade upholstery; all those muzzle marks on the division window of the limousine; or the dried-out bait in the pocket of your Tux. We all live with that kind of thing. But there are some things that you do *not* have to live with, if you take the time to fix them.

For over a year, an ice-maker of our was on the fritz, and if we had taken the time to think about it, it was really stupid. Guests would arrive, and we would say, "Welcome! Welcome! Come in! Would you care for an iced tea? A lemonade? Perhaps a cocktail?", and then proceed to pull out this huge slab of ice and whack off little chunks with a butcher knife. Although a few eyebrows were raised, most people were too polite to say anything. Or too busy; most of our guests are also dog fanciers, and we would all be feverishly planning (and predicting the outcome of) the next show circuit. And so month upon month went by in that manner. We were getting to be very adept with the butcher knife.

But then...a *sensible* person came over. Witnessing our ice ritual, this individual was upset enough to throw caution to the wind, and said, "Why don't you get your ice-maker fixed?". We were shocked, to say the least, but we did have a reply. "Oh, we will, right after the Tarheel Circuit."

And next it was "right after Philadelphia". And then "right after the Garden".

When confronted with a situation like the above, most sensible persons would probably vacate the premises, fast. But, in an effort to help (or in an attempt to get a decent sized ice cube in his drink), this sensible individual did an astounding thing. He ordered the part, which cost almost nothing, and in a major repair operation that took all of two minutes, *Fixed The Ice Maker!* No more risking life and limb for a cold glass of water! Of course, the sensible individual *did* find dog hair in the chip dip. You can't have everything.

Having mostly everything are the ladies featured in the pages of this issue devoted to bitches - continued advancement and improvement is surely promised through these beautiful girls. Thanks again for your support.

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Joe (and, of course, Cynthia)

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The Female

THE FEMALE dog has all the virtues of her sex. Prejudice too often prefers her brother altho she excels him in almost all the good qualities. In the field, on game the female is just as keen and successful; trainers in fact prefer her for she learns more quickly than the male. In the house she is a better watchman and surely discriminates more carefully between friend and foe.

The housewife has less trouble with the female, less furniture to mend and less sweeping to do. And the female attends strictly to her own business unless it be with children, when she takes a motherly care in them and will take them out of danger or give extra attention to the baby. Why do we, like Chinamen, drown the girls and save the boys? In a dog we want companionship, watchfulness, and usefulness; these the female gives in greater measure and more ably than does the male.

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In breeding, the female is just as important as the stud male for producing ideal puppies. Her pedigree should be studied just as carefully. And she has the advantage of motherhood, for a female dog can be bred and thus add to the family funds and present her owners with duplicates of herself to carry on. Logically a female is worth more than the male and the purchaser of a puppy should give her the advantage.—Will Judy

Submitted by Vila Herold and Marilyn Marino.

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FOND MEMORIES OF CLARA

by Bob Jackson



Clara Alford with the Pekingese Ch. Chik T'Sun of Caversham, Mid-Continent KC, July 1957. Judge Hans Oberhammer.
(Randall photo courtesy of Edna Voyles)

The Kettle Moraine Kennel Club held its July 27th show at Waukesha, Wisconsin, to honor the memory of Clara Alford.

We remember the first time we saw Clara. We were attending one of our first dog shows, a group of Breed Specialties held at Navy Pier in Chicago. We were fascinated by the tiny lady with sterling and turquoise rings and bracelets covering her fingers and arms, rushing back and forth to the Chihuahua ring. We didn't know much about showing dogs at that time, but could tell that there was something between Clara and the dogs she showed.

After she started showing the famous Chik T'Sun of Caversham and made several shows in our area, we had the opportunity to get acquainted, and it was always a thrill to watch her show Chik T'Sun to some of his many triumphs. We never saw him with a hair out of place or making a wrong move with Clara. This was the perfect combination of dog and handler. Chik T'Sun adored Clara and never took his beautiful eyes off of her when in the ring. He was to start a new trend in coat and glamour for the Pekingese Breed, and Clara's conditioning and presentation of him was perfection.

We saw him go Best In Show at the Chicago International twice, and in those days, this was one of THE shows with the top dogs from both coasts and all points in between meeting to battle it out for BIS.

It was a thrill to get to carry him from the ring or to the car after the show when Clara came up to Illinois.

Clara showed two young dogs for us in our early days, winning all of the points but the last major on each which was elusive at the shows she was making. When we finished Ch. Lin Yutang of Four-

winds with a five point win at the International, she was ready to cheer us on and said, "Okay, I'll get the points on your boys, and you can get the major to finish them!" Something that few handlers would tell their clients, I'm sure! But that was Clara.

When she retired as a handler and started judging, she drew wonderful entries, as everyone wanted to show under her.

I remember one of the first times she judged in our area. We had a parti-color bitch that we hoped to finish. When she gave me the Reserve ribbon, she winked at me and said, "You know I don't like parti-colors." However, all was not lost as our Special won the Breed and went on to the Toy Group First.

Another time at the Peoria show we had a puppy that I knew she would like and he took a 4 point win under her. This was just when it became fashionable for women to wear wigs, and when having a picture taken, Clara said, "You are the first person to have a picture taken with me and my new wig!" Needless to say, this is now one of our most prized photos.

The following was a page in the recent Kettle Moraine KC Show Catalog which was dedicated to her memory. Clara meant so much to all who knew her and made the greatest history ever for the Pekingese Breed. I don't know who wrote this tribute but felt that it was beautifully done and should be shared with Toy breeders everywhere. (see **CLARA MAHALA ALFORD — A TRIBUTE**)

[Ed. note - Robert M. Jackson is well known in Toy circles as one of the most successful Pekingese breeders in the United States. We thank Mr. Jackson for this beautiful tribute to a tremendous lady.~J]

CLARA MAHALA ALFORD — A TRIBUTE

"In continuing our series of annual memorial shows honoring the departed greats of our sport, we take particular pleasure in paying tribute for the first time to a lady - and what a lady! Clara Alford demonstrated all the varied qualities which lead to distinction in any field - especially the world of dogs; determination, coolness, an uncanny rapport with her beloved dogs, plus the artistry and "star quality" which sets the special ones apart from the crowd. In addition, she accomplished all that she attempted, plus something "almost unheard of in dogs - she never made an enemy" (a direct quote from Tom Crowe, ex-handler and currently the President of MB—F, Inc.).

"Clara was a 90 lb. dynamo, but a true giant in every other sense of the word. She will always be remembered as the tiny genius who piloted the immortal CH. CHIK T'SUN OF CAVERSHAM to a then world record of 126 all-breed BIS triumphs, in an age when the Interstate system was barely started and when the luxurious, air-conditioned motor homes were still on the drawing boards. Despite lengthy hours on two-way roads and far fewer shows than today, the record of the Venables' fabulous Pekingese stood for many years until the "modern" era of dog shows.

The idea that Clara was a "one-big-winner" handler should be quickly dismissed. Despite the fact that she was older than is customary when she first got

seriously involved in dogs, she soon acquired a reputation as one of the country's top handlers of Toy breeds. Many of her great wins were made with Pomeranians, Miniature Pinschers, Italian Greyhounds, Chihuahuas (her original breed), as well as the Pekingese.

"Clara Alford fought cancer with the courage and dignity which she displayed throughout her life, and she met an untimely death in 1972. Her last few years saw her develop into an outstanding judge, and her passing was a loss to the sport.

"In saluting Clara Alford's memory, we are also paying tribute to all the ladies in the world of dogs. They have bred and handled great dogs. They have founded clubs and organized many of the world's greatest dog shows, and their ranks have produced and are still producing fine judges; this is the sorority of which Clara was such an outstanding representative. It is sad to reflect that she did not live to see the day of the belated acceptance of the gentle sex in the ranks of AKC delegates, and of the seating of a talented woman on the ruling body's Board of Directors.

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By CH. BRICKEN'S PENELOPE L



Dear Friends,

*Well, my appeal to my canine compatriots concerning the titles **BB** (Bed-Buddy) and **BBX** (Bed-Buddy Excellent) has resulted in a flood of response. This month I would like to share with you this letter I received from one of our more illustrious Bed Buddies.*

Dear Penelope,

I have little problem acquiring the BB & BBX Canine Awards - you see, I am quite a remarkable dog! At least my friends, Cymbal (a Golden Retriever), Duffy (an Irish Setter), and Max (a Doberman) keep telling me this whenever we are sitting around in Obedience class. They always keep muttering something about my size. I really don't know what they are talking about - after all, I am just as much dog as they are and I just sometimes get into these perdictaments. But, back to the BB & BBX.

The first requirement is easy. At home my mistress' bed is composed of a mattress and box spring flat on the floor. She tells her human friends that this is so she won't be able to hide things under the bed. *Actually*, it is this way so all of us can get up there easily. She is well trained.

I do enjoy traveling to either friends homes or motels. There the beds are normal. I usually start out the night "under", but as soon as She is asleep, I take my proper place.

Pillows are not really important to me. I have two myself - a king size one, and atop that a regular one. I prefer to start off the night on these. After mistress Mary is in her place, I curl up between her neck and shoulders. Sometimes, though, she gets very restless - disturbing my sleep. Then the Under Cover Exercises become very important! I perfected that when I was about 6 months old and must admit that I was a master of Stealth.

Only get to go to the sand when we are near a beach. And I really don't like sleeping on sand granules. But if it is a requirement, I'll do it. How about using food crumbs? It's great having a midnight snack in bed.

The Long Sleep is really fun. I never thought about it until you told me. It mystified my mistress when I did it. She couldn't figure out what was wrong with me. Most of the time I do a variation on the Long Sleep, but I do it with the covers on top of me. (I have to come out when she starts saying that Burglars must have come in the house and stolen me. Doesn't she know that I would take care of any mysterious strangers in the night?!?)

At home, doing everything to get the BB & BBX is easy. Once, though, my mistress sent me away with some people to show me in the show ring. Now, it was really hard there. They kept me locked in a crate at night. It took a lot of thought and time, but I finally figured how to get to sleep in a nice, soft bed.

First, I became the 'darling' of the kennel. Since I already had my CD in Obedience, I made sure to behave myself. They let me have the run of the kennel, and finally, the house. It was a short hop into bed whenever someone was taking a nap. And after that, well, night came and I just stayed. And stayed....and stayed....and stayed. Never did get to sleep with them when we were traveling. I always had to stay in my crate next to the other show dogs.

One of the things that happened, oh, a while ago (which none of my obedience friends believed until I showed them this picture), is how I saved my mistress when she fell into the water. I don't really remember what happened to her as I was resting. But there

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she was in the water calling for someone - *anyone*. So I jumped in and swam over to her. She grabbed hold of my leash, and I pulled her to the grass. Some man walking by took the pictures which he sent to us. (She'll be upset is she finds the pictures gone, so please return.)



Me - to the rescue!

You'll notice that when I typed my name, I put the X in parentheses. I've got two legs towards this title. My mistress is threatening that if I don't get the 3rd leg on either September 21 or 22nd, that she'll never take me to Obedience classes again. I really like seeing all my friends and all her friends, so I'll do it. Besides, that means steak, french fries, and a bit of ice cream for both of us, and she'll really be happy. I really like the idea of the special dinner, but most importantly is how proud and happy she will be. After all, that's what it is all about...especially when you are a Toy!

Annon's Huggy Bear from Scamp CD (X)

Susan & Penelope - Huggy has fulfilled all requirements for the BB & BBX. I wondered why his sleep habits had changed so much. He never did wake me up, but bedmate Joy (another Pom) really bitched about these changes one morning. When I asked Hug what he was up to, he carried over the **August Pom Reader** and flipped it open to *A Low Point Of View*.

Huggy really is exceptional. Despite all his schooling and worldly contacts, his grammar, spelling and typing leave much to be desired...but he really tries.

Mary Vickers

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P.S. I know all about the pictures! Huggy hates licking stamps and envelopes.

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New Arrival

by Shannon Johnson

The phone rang and I answered, hoping it was the call I had been waiting for. It was! My little Pomeranian puppy was to arrive tomorrow. Yes, she was fine and yes, they arrived from Minnesota to Michigan with no unusual problems.

This was my first small dog, and I was in the process of selling the last of my larger breed. Someone to cuddle and hold on my lap - finally! I was ecstatic to say the least. Tomorrow, a long 24 hours to wait, but much preparation to keep the new little one confident and secure in her new environment. I sat back in the rocker, with my head against the head rest, daydreaming of what she would look like. I had never seen a 7 week old Pomeranian before. Will she heed me to hand feed her and walk with her up and down the steps? She will be so tiny, so fragile, so insecure. My baby.

Time was getting short and it was time to get prepared for the new arrival. I looked at my 60 foot kennels and realized she would get lost in there, but where would I put her? She will want a small space to call her own. It seemed odd that a small dog could change your entire kennel structure. Baby bowls, baby toys, baby blankets, baby gate, baby bones, even baby scales, baby everything. It was off to the (what else) baby store, where I purchased all the above and a few extras for the cost of \$150.00. That was just the beginning.

Food! Will her tummy be touchy with so many recent adjustments in the last 24 hours? It was off to the grocery store, pet shop and feed store, and out with 300 pounds of dry dog food and cases of a variety of canned meats. Just for persuasion! Stop by the veterinarian for kaobiotic. To the drug store for kaopectate, the department store for a clock and water bottle, baby-sized, of course. I had heard this clock routine worked for a new arrival, but fortunately never had to use this method with my larger breed. Home again to arrange a special corner in the kitchen for her.

A crate! I had forgotten to purchase the crate. It was back to the pet store (luckily it was only 20 minutes away), where I was able to buy a tiny crate, a lovely soft red bed, and adorable little round, barrell-shaped carpet house used for cats, I was told, along with a leash, collar, vitamins, a baby-sized brush and a winter coat. Another \$200.00. They would arrive in the early morning, which left me with less than 12 hours to go. Check all the equipment. Set out water and food in a bowl on the rubber mat, set the toys out in a small box. Less than one hour to go. Check equipment, change food and water bowl.

The door bell rang. In walked the breeder with a wooden box held by its heavy wooden handle. "Oh, set it down please, I can't see inside!" I pleaded. The breeder set the box down on my kitchen carpet and explained that the papers were back in Minnesota, but that they would be

mailed, etc., etc., the reason they were a few minutes late this morning was...and on and on with gentle small talk that I hardly even heard. The box, I just wanted her to open the carrier so I could see that sweet adorable baby curled up on a little blanket in the corner of the box, looking up at me with such sad, mournful eyes.

As the breeder unsnapped the latch of the wooden carrier, my heart began to race with joy and excitement. She raised the top of the deep box and out jumped the most precious little Pomeranian you have ever laid eyes on. I went to pick her up and to love and comfort her and to let her know it was alright to be afraid, but she was gone. Running from one room to another, chasing my new 7 week old puppy, hoping she would need my comforting touch, I ran into furniture and objects I never knew were there. Up the stairs she ran, with me after her and down again she came. She never seemed to tire out. Shy? Afraid? Insecure? Fragile? **Never!** Not then, and surely not now.

That puppy never stayed in a crate, played with her baby toys very seldom, never used a clock or a hot water bottle, nor did she need any medication for an upset stomach. Rarely did I need to comfort her, she was never a baby that needed it. Back then, I would have to steal a hug and squeeze from her. Three years later and I am still feeding the dry dog food to the wild ducks and geese that fly in for daily visits on the pond. Three years later, that dog and I are still wonderful companions with great admiration for one another. Three years later, Shu-Shu is still full of the dickens and there is no animal that could take her place. Each Pomeranian is its own individual, and with each individual Pomeranian, there is something very unique and special. We have all found this to be true, that's just the way it is.

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VIEW POINT

VICTORIA POWELL



This month, in keeping with the position that we should all share as much knowledge from as many diversified sources as we can, I would like to present Dr. Bill Johnson's thoughts on Caesarian Sections and his explanation of this not-often used method. All of the vets I queried on the subject had indeed heard of the method and many had seen it performed, but not one had sought to utilize this section method in their general practices. Many large Bay Area kennels and smaller breeding operations have had Dr. Johnson do their C-sections and mortality in dam or her pups is rare.

In our immediate family on the West Coast, **Jean Thomas** uses Dr. Johnson exclusively and is very enthusiastic about the results she is getting with her Pekes.

Anyone desirous of communicating directly with the owners of bitches successfully sectioned with the **epidural method**, or any other questions you may have on the subject, should feel free to write to me and I will be happy to get you the answers whenever possible. And now, wishing all of you healthy bitches and many healthy litters...here is Dr. Johnson's report:

EPIDURAL ANESTHESIA

ANESTHESIA for any reason can present a problem for the dog breeder and owner.

Choices of anesthesia have increased over the past 10 years or so with the discovery of new anesthetic agents. **Narcotic agents** (demerol, leritine, morphine); **Tranquilizers** (acepromazine, thorazine, valium); **Tranquilizer-Analgesic Combinations (rompum, ketamine, innovar-vet)**; **Inhalant Gas** (halothane, metaphane); **Barbituates** (biothal, surital, brevane); and **Local** (procaine, xylocaine); anesthetics or combinations of these drugs are all available to your Veterinarian. Each veterinarian has his or her favorite(s) - that they feel comfortable with in anesthetizing your dog.

The choice of anesthesia depends on the surgical procedure at hand. When doing a Caesarian section on a bitch there is only one safe - and I do mean safe - anesthesia for both the bitch and her puppies. Nearly all anesthetic agents cause some degree of sedation in the puppies, which can mean life or death to the newborn. The exception to this is the use of a local anesthesia in the posterior spinal canal - it's called **Epidural Anaesthesia**. 1-2 cc of Xylocaine (1-2

percent) is placed into the epidural space slowly with a needle and syringe. **Posterior paresis** (temporary paralysis) occurs with effective anaesthesia up to the umbilical area. The bitch is fully awake during the surgery, but feels no pain in the surgical area.

Duration of anesthesia is variable from 1-2 hours. The puppies are lively, kicking and full of energy providing no other problems were present prior to surgery. The most important factor in this anaesthetic procedure is that there are no respiratory problems for the bitch. Too often I hear from clients that their bitch died of a heart attack (cardiac arrest) during anesthesia. Epidural anesthesia when properly administered has absolutely no effect on your bitches' heart and will not cause cardiac arrest. I use epidural anesthesia as my anesthesia of choice in Caesarian sections on all breeds of dogs. Ask about epidural anesthesia before you need it. Prepare yourself for a happier bitch and lively puppies. □

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Generally Speaking by Susan Wade

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Some years ago, an article appeared in *Prevention Magazine* dealing with the uses of Vitamin C in dogs - megadoses of Vitamin C! That article was written by Wendell O. Belfield, DVM, and was most interesting - he found that by using Vitamin C, he could effectively fight viral diseases in animals, namely, Distemper.



Vitamin therapy for animals? Routine supplementation? Absurd?? Not really. Over the years, Dr. Belfield has found that a little brewer's yeast mixed in your dog's food will keep the fleas off. The brewer's yeast is a rich source of B complex vitamins and produces a taste in the dog's skin that fleas don't like. A pregnant bitch on supplements will deliver her pups in far less time. Extra Vitamin C will stop hip dysplasia. Vitamin C and vitamin E will prevent ruptured discs. A good regimen of vitamins and minerals can eliminate those "itchy" problems. This so-called "unorthodox" therapy can help our Senior Citizens live a more comfortable life. I see nothing silly in this.

After the article in *Prevention Magazine* and a paper published in 1976, Dr. Belfield, with the aid of **Martin Zucker**, published the book "**How to Have a Healthier Dog**" in 1981. This book has taken its place on my shelf next to **Mercks** and the **Dog Owners Home Veterinary Manual** - "my Bibles".

Dr. Belfield recommends a prevention program that certainly seems to work for me. The first litter I used his program with will soon be three years old. I have kept in contact with the owners of these pups and all have been extremely hardy animals - the owners have been very co-operative in continuing the vitamin and mineral supplements in the book. I retained a bitch from the litter for my own use and have two males in co-ownership. Two bitches I sold are nearby so I see them frequently. All are healthy, have shiny coats, and bright eyes. Two of the bitches have been bred (I whelped both litters) and produced their pups in a short time and with relative ease for a first litter, so I am convinced. I must add - these dogs are Longhaired Dachshunds, therefore I cannot judge whether or not I will have back problems in the future, but things do look good. Oh yes! Coats have been thick and shiny at birth.

Dr. Belfield's blueprint for a prevention program calls for three separate items: (1) A pet multivitamin and mineral, following the dosage instructions on the label of the product, (2) Extra Vitamin C and (3) Extra Vitamin E. This plan applies for all animals except pre-weaned puppies, who will be taking pediatric drops. The following dosages are given according to the activity of the dog - an active dog should receive the higher dosage.

FOR ADULT DOGS: Vit.C 500 to 1500mg. Vit.E-100 IU
FOR AGED DOGS: Vit.C- 250 to 750 mg. Vit.E 200 IU
FOR PREGNANT AND LACTATING DOGS:

Vit C.-1500mg Vit.E-100 IU

(Remember: You will be giving a good pet vitamin and mineral supplement along with the above.)

PRE-WEANED PUPPIES: Vit. C pediatric drops. Dosages are figured in milligrams and increased after the first five days and then again after the second five days. Maintain the last dosage until weaning, when the puppy can gradually be switched onto a tablet or powder form of supplementation.

1-5 days: 20 mg.; 5-10 days; 35 mg.; over 10 days: 65 mg.

WEANED PUPPIES Follow directions of label for pet vitamin and mineral supplement. This will contain some Vitamin E and is sufficient for the young puppy. Start with Vitamin E supplement at about six months and build gradually to the adult dosage.

First six months; Vitamin C-250 mg.

Six months to one year: Vitamin C-250 to 500 mg.

Remember, you increase their Vitamin C gradually and over a period of time. If a puppy is placed in a high stress situation (Obedience School, any type of training), Dr. Belfield suggests that the Vitamin dosage be built gradually to the higher level.

All dogs will not tolerate the same level of Vitamin C. You must start small and build up gradually - even when starting adult dogs on the prevention plan. Increase the Vitamin C. gradually until the dog develops a soft stool. When this point is reached, back off to the next lower level when the dog's stool wasn't soft. This would represent the maximum level for that particular dog. The level can shift from time to time depending on stress and activity, but you can simply follow the general recommendations and cover your dog's needs nicely. If, at any time, you do encounter a soft stool, just drop down the level of Vitamin C.

For the Pre-weaned puppies, you will be using the pediatric drops that come in a small bottle with droppers. The label will tell you the milligram potency and you can compare that to the chart. The pups can be started on the drops two or three hours after birth.

Just as you slowly wean puppies off mother's milk, you can wean them from the drops. The doctor suggests a transition period where you apply the drops to their food and then gradually introduce the powdered or crunched-up tablets.

The whole idea of Dr. Belfield's plan is to use supplements to prevent and minimize disease and infections, and to develop a strong immune system. It is not wise for any of us to play doctor with our dogs when they are sick. Take the dog to the vet for a proper diagnosis!

The supplementing as recommended by Dr. Belfield will yield results in a myriad of situations: Allergies, Seizures, Heart Problems, Dysplasia, Kidney and Bladder Problems, Skin and Hair Coat, Trauma and Viral Disease.

For my own crew, I have found that using the powdered form of Ascorbic Acid is the easiest. You can buy this under different brand names from any number of Veterinary Suppliers. The smallest size of Vitamin E is 100 IU capsules-if this is over the recommended dosage, don't worry. Dr. Belfield says that the extra Vitamin E is unlikely to cause any problems as it is extremely non toxic. If anything, the animal will benefit.

I am very happy with the health and vitality of my dogs, so it's up to you. Dr. Belfield's preventive plan, coupled with a good commercial food can do nothing but good. Get a copy of his book from your library or a friend, read it and see if you won't add it to your bookshelf.

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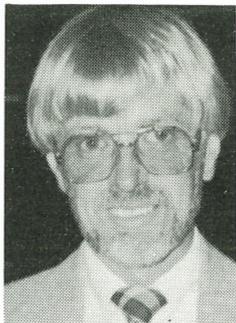
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Shu-Shu

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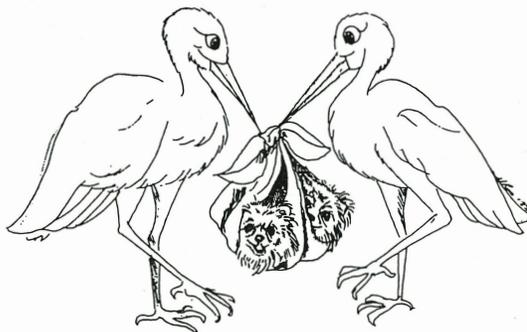
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POMNOTES

Dear Joe & Duane,

As each month goes by, your magazine gets better and better! You are doing a super job, and we look forward to every month's issue.

I would like to comment on the sportsmanship of "Pom" people in this area. With the exception of a few (of course), we are all like one big happy family. While everyone hates to lose, who better to lose to than to a friend? My husband and I have made several friends, lasting ones, I hope. These friends have given us their never ending support every time we've entered a ring, and we have even had fellow exhibitors apologize for beating us!

To all these people (you know who you are), we thank you and value our friendships with you!

We will see you in the ring!

Bob & Jean Stafford

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Dear Duane & Joe,

Just received **The Pom Reader**. Love it!

Thanks,

Lois Ciliberto

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Dear Joe,

This may sound silly or out of order but all I can think of to say is that you are precious. I think this is about the nicest thing that can happen. You certainly have boosted my morale with all the attention you have given me. There is no way I can really and truly express my appreciation for all you have done for me.

Per usual, the Reader is just great, and all work stops here when it comes in. I don't even try to estimate the time and effort you put in on this magazine we Pom folks enjoy so much.

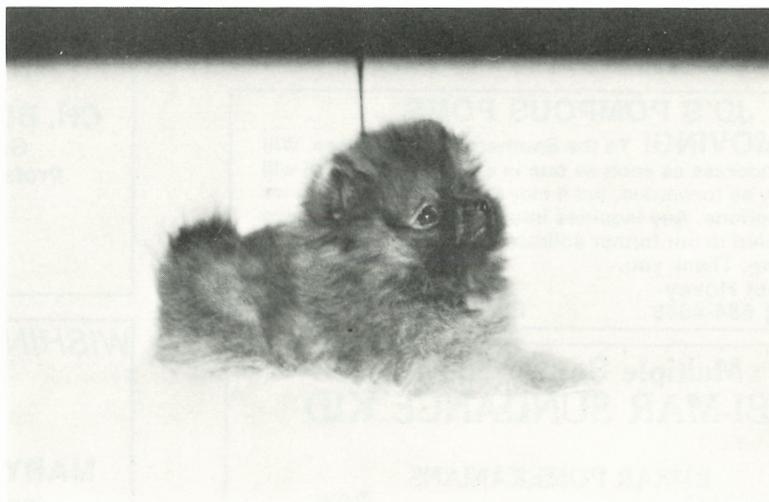
I am entered in the NC shows and hope to go but I never know. Just put in 48 hours of constant pain - I could hardly stand and I am sure I could not have shown dogs during that time. It is come and go with me and I just have to chance that it will not be too bad this coming weekend. Nothing ventured, nothing gained so I am venturing and hope all goes well.

Again my sincere thanks,

Edna Girardot

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POM PIX !



"Do I look like the type to have done that on the carpet?"



"Leave me alone. You know I hate Mondays."



"Thish new water'sh great! I din't like the olivesh, tho'. HIC!"

photos courtesy Jane Johnston & June Coy

SPECIALS ADDITION

AS OF THE SEPTEMBER 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 September Gazette:

POINTS	DOGS	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB	BOS
5770	Ch. D. Nee's Darin' Duffie	2	2	-	11	6	4	5	17	0
5765	Ch. Coy's Top of the Mark	3	-	-	10	7	8	3	3	-
1340	Ch. Herd's Little Yo Yo	-	-	-	1	3	5	3	11	1
1275	Ch. Bi Mar Sundance Kid	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-
1065	Ch. Patrick's Mr. Larry	-	-	-	2	1	2	5	13	2
850	Ch. LLL Charming Gold Brandywine	-	-	-	1	1	3	4	6	2
810	Ch. Daisy's Lil Bit of Jabil	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	16	1
685	Ch. Sungold Diamond Stud	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	16	-
585	Ch. L.R.'s Rock Concert Av Strand	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	-
570	Ch. L-R's Monty Rock of Millamor	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	11	2

BITCHES

265	Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasty's Tan Ya	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	6
260	Ch. Emcee's Chicquita D-Oro	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
145	Ch. Hi Times Kaleidoscope	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	10
130	Ch. Queenaire Glory Huntress	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	7
110	Ch. Southland's Toast To Bev-Nor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	10
*80	Ch. Mike-Mar's Sophie Mae	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	5
80	Ch. Tim Sue's Angel Sabrina	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
70	Ch. West's Miss Charm Patrick	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4
55	Ch. Emcee's Golden Jaymy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
*45	Ch. McGuire's Little Nike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
*45	Ch. Moonshine Snapshot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5

*tie: placements alphabetical

UPDATE

AS OF THE SEPTEMBER 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.

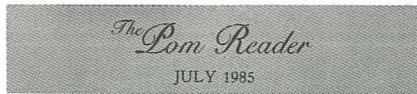
Any questions concerning UPDATE may be addressed to the editor.

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

EXHIBITOR	POINTS
E. GIRARDOT	77
J. LUGINSLAND	55
G. HODSON	45
S. BAUGNIET	41
A. CANNON	40*
L. CLARK	40*
C. EDWARDS	38
C. PFEFFER	37
D. WATTS	33*
J. & B. YOUNG	33*

*tie: Placements alphabetical

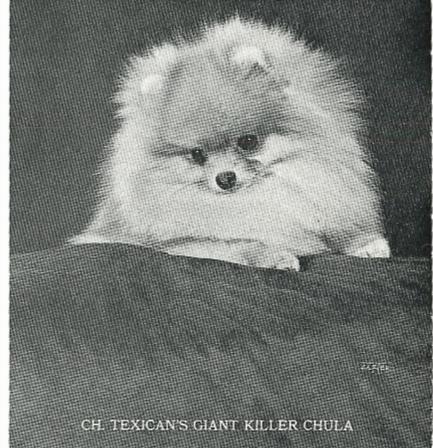
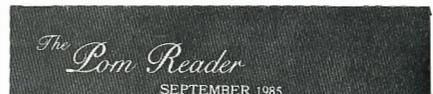
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