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LLL Rocky's Ginnie Mae, F, O, 4¾ lbs., 11/20/87, attractive head with short muzzle, tiny ears, free whelp, short back.

LLL Prince's Shining Gold Eve, F, O, 5½ lbs., 1/1/88, free whelp, small ears, good coat, longer back, excellent pigment, scissors bite. Sire: Ch. Great Elms Prince Charming II - top Pom US past years. Dam: Ch. LLL Kaptivating Katy - finished 7 months, short back.

LLL Hi Lites Jezebel Puffball, F, RO, 5¾ lbs., 10/27/88, foundation brood, excellent pedigree, free whelp, all pups in first litter appear show prospects. Intermediate head type, excellent pigment. Sire: Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights - 3 BIS US, 6 BIS Canada, 2 BISS US. Dam: LLL Bonanza Gold Stella.

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Showright

FROM THE EDITOR

It was a nightmare. Truly a disaster. And I pray that if I ever recover I will not be reminded of the incident.

I was invited to narrate the Variety Groups, at a major all-breed show, on a prestigious dog show circuit. And I was most gratified to be asked, and quickly agreed to do it. I firmly believe that the Variety Group judging can be a great educational experience, and yet most all-breed clubs provide no color commentary. This one did, and I was it.

I've done it before, out loud, and also for cable TV, and enjoyed it immensely. With pleasure I anticipated the day, making clear and concise crib notes in case of mental blank, and compiling exciting and little-known facts to titillate and educate the audience. I arrived well-armed with nifty information, and fairly bursting with desire to make this a very special show.

Speaking of which, the Florida **January Circuit** is in full swing, nine shows in ten days, a grueling, exciting experience for dogs and people alike. The January Circuit is traditionally host to the top dogs in the country, and represents the first shows of the year. And the January Circuit is also the place to see the stars of the future, as many people bring out their new babies at these shows.

Speaking of which, congratulations are in order for **Dr. Cheryl Jackson** and her husband **Joel Taylor**, expecting a litter of one. I hope it looks like Cheryl, whatever it is. But regardless, it will be well groomed. Cheryl & Joel are very often down in our parts and it's always good to see them. Of course, there's a lot more of Cheryl to be seen these days, and she'll definitely have to enter the Over 8 lbs. class, if classes are divided.

Also down our way for this year's set of shows are many of our favorite people and Poms. Among those entered are **Susann Stackhouse, Cassandra & Estil Evans, Tony Cabrera, Benson Ray, Shannon Johnson, Vince & Dale Adams, Sue Cook, Harold Collings, Larry & Dianne Johnson, Jean Hurley, Ruth Beam, Fran Stoll, David Gibbons, and Bill & Carol Cates**. There are five point majors to be had most days, so excitement is at a fever pitch. We will have results of the judging next month.

From here and California, too! We're on our way San Jose, or more exactly, Chino, for a couple of shows and to take in the sights and see the Poms. Then it's off to New York for **Westminster KC** and the **American Pom Club Specialty** in February. And in between, before and after, there is much work to be done. *Which is the reason I missed the first* The Pom Reader / January 1991



three shows of the January Circuit. And that's a first.

Not a first, but a reminder - **February-March** is our combined issue, so don't go thinking we took off for Tanganyika. But the February-March issue promises to be packed with goodies, so stay tuned.

And speaking of which, back to being emcee. Narrating the Groups at an all-breed show is not an easy task. You must be informative but not intrusive; firm yet kind while reminding of rules (NO SMOKING IN THE BUILDING! COUGH. COUGH.) And you have to be fairly quick, for if the PA lets out with a squawk while somebody's dog is being gaited, you run the risk of being beaten to death. And it is best not to swear much over the public address system, no matter how things are going. Yes, being the emcee can be tough. If you do it often enough you develop a cadence and fairly swing through the afternoon or evening. Or you're supposed to.

But once in a while things do get bungled up, and this is when experience pays off. I've been on enough stages, and before enough microphones, to have seen almost everything, so I felt I could take just about everything in stride. I was, I felt, prepared.

I arrived and the cleanup people were sitting on the speaker's table. I politely said I needed the mike and they said I couldn't use it. This made for some dashing around and verifying authority, not likely to instill inner peace. And then, of course, as I pulled the table out to get a better vantage point the wires pulled out of the PA. With two minutes to go. So we had to search around for a screwdriver - at a dog show, sure. I began to feel I could use a Screwdriver, and not the implement kind.

Somebody made off with my **Complete Dog Book** which was my life preserver, so I was forced to just wing it with skimpy notes. And then came the worst part; the crowd rushed in and surrounded the ring *completely blocking my view*. If I stood on tiptoe I could just make out the heads of the exhibitors, but I couldn't see the dogs. And I couldn't get any

closer or the wires would pull back out. I thought I was going to have a heart attack. I thought I might *enjoy* a heart attack.

The Terrier Group was first and I missed the Airedale all together - my apologies. I ran up, poked my head through the people, and saw the tail of the Wheaten. I ran back, grabbed the mike, and rattled off his data. I knew the Kerry was next so I got him done, too. Then a lady asked me for directions to the rest room and I missed the AmStaff. I ran back up, saw the Sealy and came back to recite, back and forth, on and on...it was a mess. Upset and perspiring I began to wish I had never come.

It was not the fault of the kennel club that I had no help. They were overworked and understaffed and anyway I figured, it's my job, it's my problem. But I was not having fun.

A little kid was watching me and apparently felt bad. And he said, "Mister, why don't you stand on the table? Then you'd be able to see." I blinked. How dumb.

I hopped on the table and he was right, I could see. By the time they gaited the Scottie the announcer had kicked into gear. As time went on I started to calm down and tried to do as professional a job as possible, under the circumstances. But it was the Pomeranian that almost did me in.

The Toys were in and the Pom looked especially appealing. I talked as he was on the table, pointing out the qualities of the breed. And as I spoke I stepped closer to get a better look. But I forgot that I was on the table, too. *Ah, the Pomeranian*, I boomed. *His diminutive size, docile temperament and vivacious spirit make him a KERPLUP*. Down I went, crashing to the floor. Everybody around me thought it was hilarious. I did not.

Never again, I mumbled, when I regained my vantage point. Never again. But never a quitter I kept on through the afternoon and into the early evening. I thought I did a horrible job and felt miserable. And then a man came up to thank me. He said he had never so enjoyed a dog show. And he said he was amazed that I could so retain my composure. Little did he know. And then the Show Chairman asked if I would do it again next year. And I said yes.

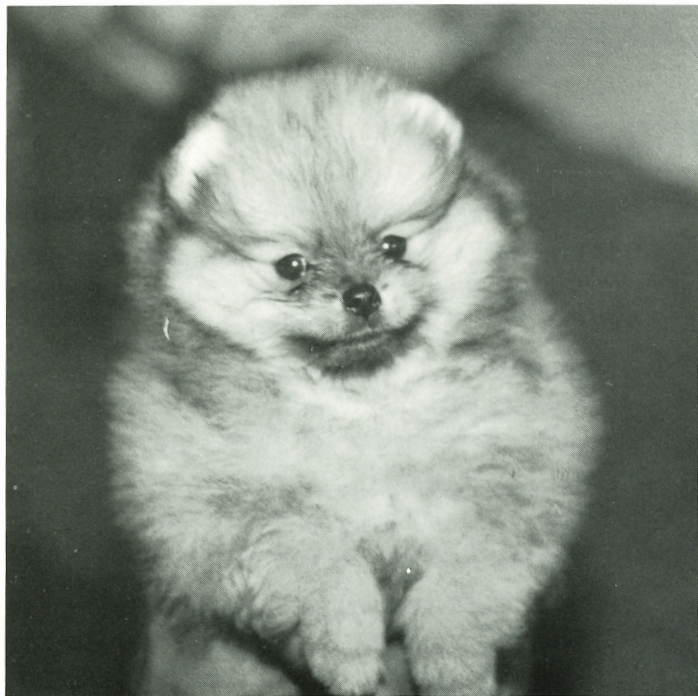
I leave you with the thoughts I left them with, and I don't need notes for this: *On behalf of the Show Chairman, the Club and the sport of purebred dogs I wish you a safe trip home, a successful New Year and many more wonderful dog shows. My name is Joe McGinnis and I thank you and good night.*

See you next month.

JMcG

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Then on 10/28/90, **Si (MNM's Gold Si-Ren-A O'Striker)** went GROUP I at the Orange Empire All Breed AKC Sanctioned Match. Si is owned and adored by **James & Penny Dees** of **Pen's Poms** and is a full littermate to our Treasure.

Watch for these Striker kids in the ring soon!

ON THE GROUND...11/17/90: A blue female and 1 orange male. Ju-Paw's Confederate Rebel (Pointed choc.) x **Chesai Double Luv of Two J's**.

11/19/90: 2 orange females and 1 red orange male. MNM's Unique Cameo Appearance (f), MNM's Simply Devine Decadence (f), and MNM's Presidential Candidate (m). 1 female will be for sale and possibly the male. Del Sol's Lil' Babear (blk/tan) x Texican's Honey Berry (Ch. Pico Chico daughter).

DUE.....12/14/90: Am. Mex. Ch. Sun Ray's Bat Man x Del Sol's Penny Candy. 100% Sun Ray linebred litter. Expect possible black & tan.

01/08/91: Sun Ray's Gold Strike (major pointed) x MNM's a Lulu of a Jolly Wee. 1/2 Sun Ray & 1/2 Jolly Wee. A repeat on Treasure and Si.

01/08/91: Sun Ray's Gold Strike (crm) x MNM's Black Magic-N-Miracles (blk). 1/2 Sun Ray & 1/2 Jolly Wee. Blacks of superb quality expected.

01/20/91: Ch. Joart's Golddust (Am. Mex. Ch. Sun Ray's Bat Man son) x Cobb's Lutece of Chaps. 1/2 Sun Ray & 1/2 Jolly Wee. This gal is the dam of the two above listed bitches.

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December 1990

Bell's Grandstand Dragon (D) by Ch. Bells Grandstand Rowdy x Ch. Chula's Lullaby of Dragon. Breeder-Owner: **Mrs. Betty Bell.**

Beltane Sheer Sauce (B) by Ch. Tim Sue's Just A Bright Light x Ch. Beltane Such A Spree. Breeder-Owner: **Paul T. Curry & Barbara A. Curry.**

Bev-Nor's Spark A Plenty (D) by Ch. Bev-Nor's Statesman x Bev-Nor's Sparkling Sherry. Breeder: Beverly A. Norris. Owner: **Beverly B. Ferguson & Catherine A. Sheridan.**

Bev-Nor'n Southlands Who Me (B) by Ch. Southland's Toasted Fudge x La Cheries Cinnamon Imperial. Breeder: Charlotte Creed & Beverly Norris. Owner: **Beverly Norris & Charlotte Creed.**

D Judge's Morning Majic (B) by Collier's Here Come D Judge x Beau's Little Peep. Breeder-Owner: **Annette Rogers.**

D'Ann's Precious Brass Image (B) by Ch. Tim Sue's Brass Lights x Kra-Li-Mar Magwey. Breeder-Owner: **Doris Pressley.**

Eastwyck Texican Pico Negrito (D) by Ch. Tomboy's Pico Chico x Al-K's Midnite Lace O'Scotia. Breeder: Patrick Farmer & Robert Kennedy. Owner: **Erika K. Moureau & P. Farmer & R. Kennedy.**

Glen Iris Janesa Star (B) by Ch. Jamels Fugicle Of Southland x Ch. Janesa's Glen Iris Sorceress. Breeder: C. A. Jackson & Joel Taylor & H. Stewart & Jerrie Freia. Owner: **M. Hechinger.**

Hy Jan-Le's Coup D-Etat (D) by Ch. Queenaire Coup De Grace x Ch. Guysngals Orange Krush. Breeder-Owner: **Janet M. Cox.**

L-R Mark Comet (D) by CH. Chricendo Causin Cornment x L-R's Rose Beau-K. Breeder-Owner: **Ronald J. Feyh & Larry L. Rookstool.**

Merrymont Lord of the Jungle (D) by Ch. Merrymonts Lil Red Bearon x Merrymont Cameo

Keepsake. Breeder-Owner: **Patricia Jo Griffin.**

Millers Wee Copper Ninja (D) by Millers Tiffini Wee Nikki x Millers Glory Amy Lou. Breeder-Owner: **Patricia L. Miller.**

Mosaic Only A Dream (D) by Ch. Windjammers Mosaic Dream x Windjammers Sundae Surprise. Breeder-Owner: **Mrs. Riki Barker.**

Nice Guy of Point Loma (D) by Pop Corn of Point Loma x Lulu Bear of Point Loma. Breeder-Owner: **Pauline B. Hughes.**

Phyner Gold Jackpot (D) by Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz x Ch. Phyner Sweet Success. Breeder: Dolly B. Trauner. Owner: **Dolly B. Trauner & Julie Moreno.**

Shur-Loc's Bunnie Love (D) by Millbrooks Disco Tex x Easter Bunnie Love. Breeder-Owner: **Elaine Keseloff.**

Southlands Mr. Extraordinaire (D) by Ch. Southland's Mr. Vip O'lda x Bev-Nor 'N Southland Poasty. Breeder: Charlotte Creed & Beverly Norris. Owner: **Marlene Presser & Marlin Presser.**

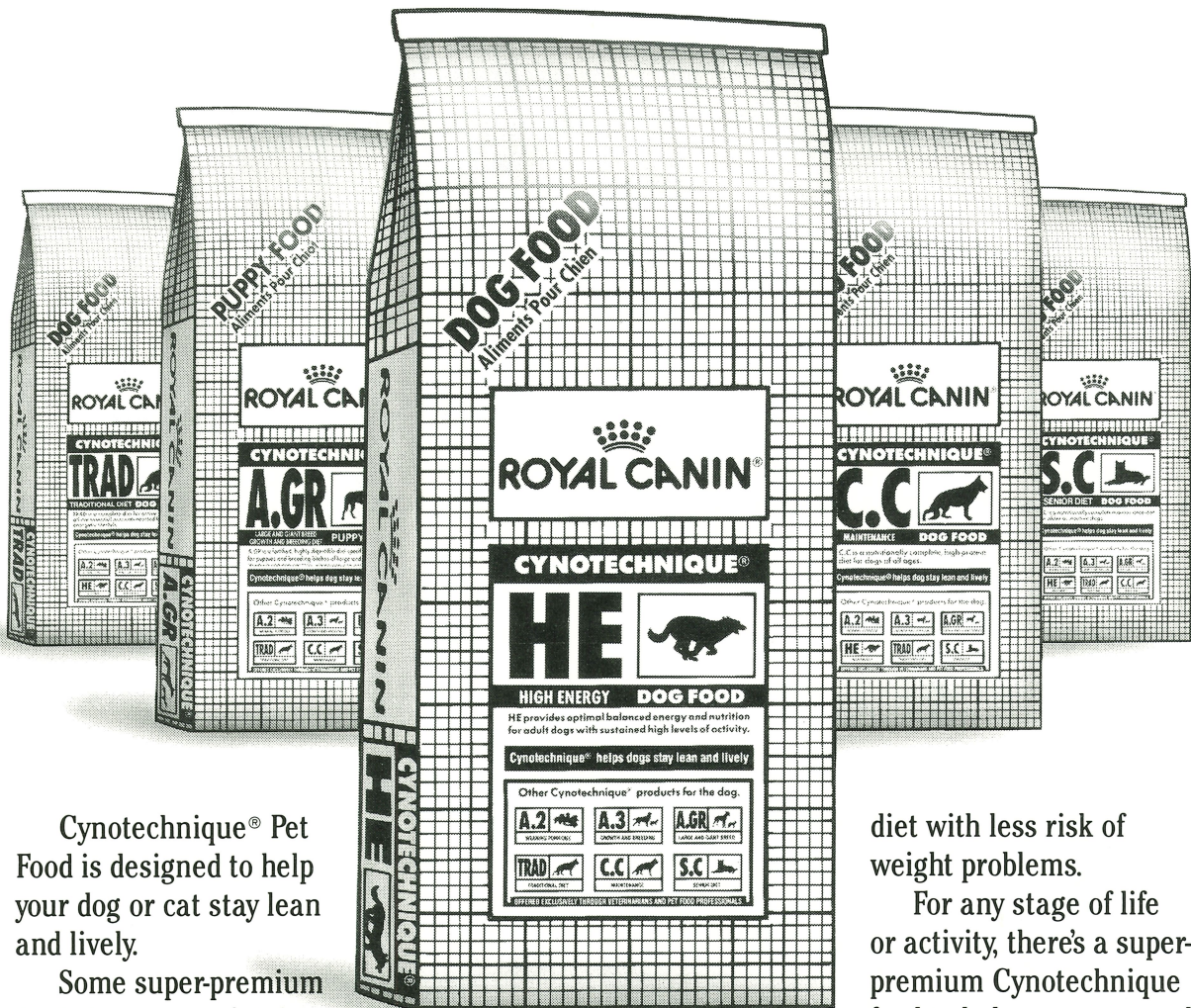
Tru-Kep's Dandee Attraction (D) by Ch. Theldun's Dandee Sensation x Keplingers Princess Buffy. Breeder: Trudy B. Keplinger. Owner: **Trudy B. Keplinger & Irvin P. Keplinger.**

Wee Hearts Kopper 'N Kohl (B) by Wee Hearts Stacked Deck x Wee Hearts Almost Paradise. Breeder: Cassandra Ready. Owner: **Cassandra Evans & Estil W. Evans.**

Woodrose Tiffany of Haiku (B) by Ch. Creiders Jason of Woodrose x Creiders Dear Abby. Breeder: Clarice M. Oganeku. Owner: **Marti Hattori & Clarice M. Oganeku.**

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SPECIAL ADDITION is your monthly rating system of the Top Twenty Pomeranians in the United States. Rules for the rating system are as follows:

Points (not to be confused with AKC championship points) are allotted to individuals according to the highest placement in any given AKC show, as reported in the **AKC Show, Obedience and Fields Trials Awards Book**. *Only this source will be used for point credit.* 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

Statistician: Susan Wade. Tie placements are marked with an asterisk. BISS is for Independent Specialties only. The following is the listing of the Top Twenty Poms, as per the JANUARY-DECEMBER 1990 AKC Gazette.

POINTS	NAME	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB
5325	CH. TOMHO CHAMPAGNE WISHES (D) (R. Koepfel, Owner)	-	-	-	7	14	13	8	30
5285	CH. HOMESTEAD'S SPIT 'N POLISH (D) (J. Hurley, Owner)	2	1	-	8	8	8	5	11
4875	CH. SOUTHLAND'S MR VIP O'IDA (D) (Creed/Jackson/Taylor, Owners)	1	-	-	8	8	10	9	20
4825	CH. JERIBETH SIR LANCELOT (D) (Baumgartner/Conino/Baker, Owners)	1	-	-	5	13	11	8	10
4055	CH. SHADOMOUNTIN ONE MAN SHOW (D) (K. Bucher, Owner)	-	2	-	7	6	9	4	13
3760	CH. JAMOL'S KLASSIC HI TIME (D) (B. Paull, Owner)	1	-	-	7	5	7	5	11
3020	CH. TIM SUE'S HARBOR LIGHTS (D) (S. & P. Conlee, Owners)	-	-	-	3	11	7	3	2
2760	CH. JANE'S WEE PRINCE O'JERIBETH (D) (G. & J. Reed, Owners)	-	1	-	2	8	8	4	11
2450	CH. STOLANNE THUNDERBOLT THOR (D) (F. Stoll, Owner)	1	-	-	4	4	2	4	10
1975	CH. JAN-SHAR'S HILLBILLY CLASSIC (D) (F. Henson, Owner)	-	-	-	5	4	-	1	10
1950	CH. TOMHO STRUTTING TERMITE (D) (H. Sklar, Owner)	-	-	-	4	5	-	6	5
1920	CH. SHY ACRES OUR MAN FRIDAY (D) (A. Robert, Owners)	-	-	-	3	6	3	1	2
1865	CH. TIM SUE'S HIGH LIGHTS (D) (S. & T. Goddard, Owners)	-	-	-	2	5	5	4	14
1705	CH. CLAIRMONT'S TRAVELING DIAMOND (D) (L. Bryson, Owner)	-	-	-	3	3	5	2	8
1540	CH. LANA'S TOP PRIORITY (D) (Craig/Ejchorszt, Owners)	-	-	-	2	5	2	2	9
1055	CH. TEXICAN'S HOUDINI (D) (M. Lang, Owner)	-	-	-	2	3	1	-	3
1035	CH. PIXIE'S BUTTONS-N-BOWS (B) (C. Galavich, Owner)	-	-	2	1	2	3	2	6
955	CH. FRY'S MAGIC LIL ANGUS (D) (B. & L. Smart, Owners)	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	2
930	CH. GOLDCREST PACIFIC DREAMER (D) (J. Hovey, Owner)	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	8
900	CH. LLL HIGH LIGHTS GOLDIE HAWN (B) (Stetson/Luginsland, Owners)	-	-	-	1	3	2	-	5

DACAR'S POMERANIANS

Proudly Presents Our Puppies for 1991

Watch for them in the Show Ring.

★ Dacar's Lil Mr. Destiny (Orange)

Great Elms Joey of Lenette x Dacar's Goodtime Gal of CJ's

★ Aija's Lil Chi-Town Hustler (Blk & Tan)

Ch. Scotia Commander Gin Fizz x Aija's Dark Jewel

★ Dacar's Sweet Peaches (Cream)

CJ's Little Prince x Feisty's Black Cherry

★ Aija's Uptown Girl of Dacar's (red)

Que Sera Wild Joker O'Sungold x Aija's Has The Pizazz

★ Dacar's Ebony 'N Gold Felicia (Blk & Tan)

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★★★★ NEW LITTERS EXPECTED ★★★★★

Ch. Starlite's Chocos Lucky Elf x Bedeliah Ebony Young

Ch. Scotia Commander Gin Fizz x Dacar's Gal of CJ's

Can. Ch. Harbin's Editorial Comment x Aija's Fairie Luck of Dacar's

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THE PARTI LINE



by Nan Shartel

GARDEN PARTI

Years ago **Ricky Nelson** wrote and sang a song called "**Garden Party.**" It was written as a complaint to his fans about their unwillingness to listen to his new sound. They seemed to only want to hear his '50's renditions. He had just appeared at Madison Square Garden in New York, and that experience made the song really take shape in his mind. His song and its complaint reminds me of the special yearly **Westminster Kennel Club** show held there, and its special significance for the Parti Pomeranian.

in 1988 at the **American Pomeranian Club** National Specialty held the Sunday before the Westminster show, a Parti Pomeranian went Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex and won an Award of Merit. The points involved made him a Champion. The judge was **Mrs. Dorothy Bonner**, his handler was **Patricia Foley**, and he was **Ch. Pombreden's Heavenly Toy Boy**, a black & white parti, who Mrs. Bonner later described "was of a bone and coat type especially appealing." I was working at **Pombreden** kennel as the kennel manager at the time, and for **Barbara Breden** and me it was a time of sheer jubilation. Our excitement could barely be contained. A Parti champion on the West Coast, where most of the work on parti breeding has been accomplished. What could have been better?

What could have been better would have been the way this parti win was received by the breeding community
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at large. If you think that the Pom breeders in general were overjoyed, then I've got a bridge to sell you. Then, as today, parti politics, in some breeding factions, is in the realm of bigotry. Sometimes I think all parti bitches should be named **Cinderella** - only in a fairy tale will they find their "Prince Charming." You may not agree with me, but if the shoe fits - wear it. Cinderella did...but it allowed her to live happily ever after.

Parti prejudice exists. In some parts of the country some breeders want partis shown in a class by themselves, not with other Poms. The potential of partis shown separately ever becoming champions is close to nonexistent. Newsletters disseminated nationally have slandered parti breeding purity. If this had ever happened to whole-coloured breeders, "I'll see you in court!" would have been the rallying cry. Even into the canine world color prejudice is reflected.

But from coast to coast tough-minded and innovative breeders and handlers are beginning to show partis more and more. In the (San Francisco) Bay area, **Dolly Trauner** and **Julie Moreno** have taken up the banner of the Chocolate Pom. Have you ever seen a show quality Blue? I have, in someone's kennel, rarely in the show ring. Why? Because that breeder doesn't want to throw his money into the face of color prejudice.

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But, if that doesn't happen, Parti Poms and other exotic colors will continue to be Parti-Crashers. Exotic colors are finished with being disregarded. And soon, very soon, the naturally-occurring range of color in Pomeranians will be represented with Champion in front of each color's name, balancing and beautifying the breed as a whole.

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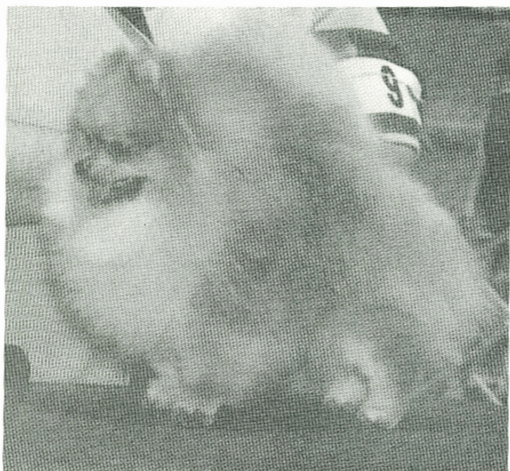
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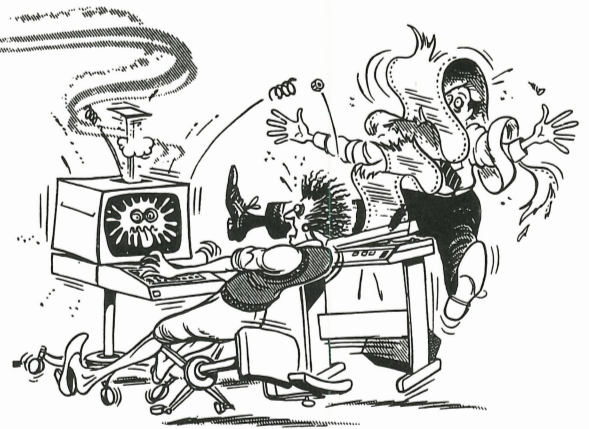
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Never in a million years would OLYMPIA wax humorous on a serious subject; yet there is only so much gravity one can take. Although it would be nice to wander through this life oblivious to trouble, it is very often there, and sometimes closer than you think. A recent legislative move in the state of California may well affect all of us; we who breed and show Poms for a hobby, we who own and love a Pom just for fun, and we who may need - hopefully long down the line - to replace the Pom who's sitting at our feet right now. I felt compelled to fill you in on this recent development, but fear that too much can be, indeed, too much.

In keeping with my resolve to be more positive than negative, I offer you two disparate yet important pieces; one to make you worry, one to make you laugh. You decide which is which...

San Mateo County's cat, dog breeding ban proposal sparks howl

By Sue Hutchinson
San Jose Mercury-News

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA
Thursday, November 15, 1990

Raucously jeering dog and cat breeders from San Mateo and Santa Clara counties opened fire on a precedent-setting ordinance Tuesday which would ban the breeding of dogs and cats in San Mateo County.

The San Mateo Board of Supervisors officially introduced the ordinance at the end of a hotly emotional four-hour public hearing at the Peninsula Humane Society in San Mateo.

Dozens of the breeders and animal lovers, who took time off from work to attend the hearing, lined up at the microphone to denounce the ordinance, even while praising its intention.

"We don't want a board of supervisors that is a rubber stamp for an ideological non-profit corporation that seeks to criminalize our way of life," said **Sharon Coleman** of the newly-formed **Responsible Dog Breeders of San Mateo County**, to a wild standing ovation from the crowd.

Cars with bumper stickers such as "A Dog's Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste" jammed the The Pom Reader / January 1991

society's parking lot. And though some at the hearing wore yellow tags reading "Ban Breeding—End Pet Overpopulation" in support of the ban, most of the overflow crowd vituperatively attacked the plan and the Humane Society that sponsored it.

Some breeders claimed the Humane Society doesn't give the public enough time to adopt animals before they are euthanized. Others said the Humane Society would have a "monopoly" on breeding dogs and cats in the county.

The ordinance would prohibit the breeding of all cats and dogs in San Mateo County until there are no more animals scheduled to be euthanized. For the past 10 years, the Peninsula Humane Society has been killing 10,000 dogs and cats each year.

Most of the 100 speakers who testified at the hearing supported the Humane Society's concern about pet overpopulation but blamed the problem on irresponsible breeders who, they claimed, would not be affected by the new law. Others charged that the Human Society, by sponsoring the ban, was alienating its most important allies: responsible breeders.

"In us you have a resource, and a simplistic proposal will alienate that resource," said **Alan Stern** of **The American Kennel Club**. "This legislation is porous and unenforceable."

The few who spoke in favor of the ordinance were often heckled by the crowd.

Despite Tuesday's public resistance to the breeding ban, **Tom Nolan**, the county supervisor sponsoring the ordinance, said he would not abandon it. However, he said it is likely that there will be some amendments.

Some of the proposed amendments include instituting the moratorium on breeding for six months after which further amendments could be made, developing a breeding licensing program, securing \$12,000-\$13,000 from the county for a spaying and neutering program and developing a licensing program for cats.

"This hearing was more emotional than I anticipated, but I'm not dissuaded at the moment," Nolan said.

The board will meet Dec. 11 to discuss amendments and exceptions. □

Group seeks ban on dog, cat breeding

The Associated Press

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

Humane Society officials are pressing for an ordinance to ban all breeding of dogs and cats. It's not that they are against puppies and kittens, but they just want to stop the killing of 10,000 unwanted animals each year.

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pets, and shelter workers who must euthanize thousands of those pets' poorer cousins each year.

"What is radical is what we've been doing, killing animals," said **Kim Sturla**, executive director of the **Peninsula Humane Society**. "I think it's crazy that it's become acceptable to kill dogs and cats."

Under the proposal, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, pet owners found in violation would face fines ranging from \$100 to \$500. Penalties would be waived if the animals are spayed or neutered.

"It doesn't seem right. If people allow their animals to roam outside, then I understand why they should be spayed or neutered," said **Carolyn Varner** of San Mateo County, who is selling two 5-month-old Persian kittens for \$175 each. "But my cats are indoor cats and they aren't allowed to breed every time they go into heat."

The proposed ordinance, which would apply to unincorporated areas in this affluent county of 600,000 south of San Francisco, is designed to reach zero pet population growth.

It calls for a one-year moratorium on breeding and then mandatory spaying and neutering of cats and dogs. Pet stores would be allowed to import puppies and kittens, but the animals would have to be neutered.

Opponents argue that it is unenforceable. Breeders, they say, would lose a livelihood, and animals spayed and neutered to comply with the new law would be barred from many competitions.

San Mateo County Supervisor **Tom Nolan**, the ordinance's sponsor, said he expects some details may be modified after public hearings. But Nolan says the tragedy of euthanizing thousands of animals a year ultimately outweighs other concerns.

"If you put show and prize animals as one value next to an ordinance that might potentially save 10,000 dogs or cats a year, I imagine the choice is clear," Nolan said.

Sturla said there are no large-scale breeders she is aware of in San Mateo County.

"I would challenge anybody to show me anyone making a living off breeding animals, except 'puppy mill'-ers," Sturla said. We're certainly having an impact on somebody's hobby, but we're not having an impact on anyone's livelihood."

And Nolan said he is less interested in catching every violator than encouraging pet owners to be responsible.

"My hope is that...there will be some kind of social sanctions attached to the person in
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the neighborhood who lets their dog or cat go around without being spayed or neutered," he said. □

An Open Letter To The Dog Fancy

Karin Abe

The first public hearing on the proposed ordinance was held November 13, 1990, at the Peninsula Humane Society. I attended that meeting and would like to share my personal view of the proceedings. You must understand my bias. I reside in the affected portion of San Mateo County and will be directly affected by whatever ordinances the board finally passes.

The meeting was very emotional and confrontational. The beleaguered Society workers against the dog breeders. The Peninsula Humane Society spokespeople were allowed to speak first. There were three of them and no time limit was imposed. The remainder of the speakers that afternoon were restricted to either three minutes or one minute time limits. **Mr. Alan Stern** of the AKC was allowed three minutes. Most of the arguments made by members of the dog fancy centered around the fact that hobby breeders produce quality dogs, only breed when they have a waiting list for the litter, follow up on the fate of the dogs they sell or place, are willing to take dogs back if necessary, require spaying or neutering of pet quality puppies, belong to breed clubs and participate in club rescue efforts, etc...

Members of the dog fancy were at a definite disadvantage. The majority of the breeders attending the meeting did not have an opportunity to read the proposed ordinance until that day. How can anyone organize a logical rebuttal to a proposal that has not been readily available?

What was the Board of Supervisor's reaction to this hearing? Supervisor **Nolan**, sponsor of the ordinance, still wishes to institute a moratorium which will include breeders. The rest of the board of Supervisors were leaning to a shorter moratorium (four to six months) which probably will include breeders. What happens at the end of a moratorium is still unclear. The Board is now looking at an ordinance to shut down 'puppy mills' in San Mateo County. They will also sponsor state legislation aimed at eliminating puppy mills within the state. They plan on allocating \$12,000 to \$15,000 for a low-cost spay/neuter clinic within the county. An advisory commission comprised of all interested groups would be formed to aid the board in further measures.

Five years ago the Peninsula Humane

Society attempted to enact similar legislation and was unsuccessful. This time it appears a modified form of the proposed ordinance will pass. Five years from now when this ordinance has had little effect, the Humane Society will be back asking for more restrictive ordinances.

I believe the Dog Fancy could be the Peninsula Humane Society's biggest ally. Most breed clubs in the Bay area have rescue services available for the Humane Society to utilize. Breed clubs could do more. They could offer to donate a portion of the cost to spay or neuter dogs of their breed adopted from the local Humane Society. The Peninsula Humane Society could do more. They could alert rescue services within the first 72 hours when an adoptable dog has been received. Currently they wait until the last 48 hours before calling a rescue service. They do this because they believe that they are the best judge of who is worthy of adopting a pet. It's time for a cessation of hostilities. This could be a win-win scenario with some sincere effort and communication between these two dedicated groups.

The attached letter from AKC mentions that Marin County and Santa Clara County are considering similar ordinances. These counties were represented; also present was a representative from San Francisco who announced that they too are considering a similar ordinance. Contra Costa County across the bay has in the past attempted legislation; how quickly will they join the rush to enact restrictive ordinances? Which County is next? Yours?

What can you do to help? You can make a donation to the group **Betty-Anne Stenmark** of the **Del-Valle Dog Club** is forming to specifically protect the rights of reputable dog fanciers. Make checks payable to **Mrs. Dale Miskelly, 400 Walnut St., Ste. 350, Redwood City, CA 94063**. Close to home, you can review your breed club's rescue efforts and strengthen your club's ties with your local animal shelter. *Don't let this trend spread!*

Sincerely, **Karin A. Abe**
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THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TWO OF DIVISION III OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 6.2 IMPOSING MORATORIUM ON BREEDING AND MANDATING SPAYING/NEUTERING OF DOGS AND CATS

Section 1. Part Two of Division III of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is amended to add a new Chapter 6.2 to be numbered and entitled and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 6.2

Section 3332. FINDINGS

- (a) Approximately 10,000 healthy but abandoned dogs and cats are euthanized annually in San Mateo County by the Peninsula Humane Society, at great expense to taxpayers.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that, due to the large numbers of stray and abandoned cats and dogs, euthanasia is not a cost-effective, acceptable or ethical solution to the threats to public health and safety posed by large populations of stray domestic animals.
- (c) Stray and abandoned pets, specifically cats and dogs, create numerous public health and safety problems, including transmission of disease, attacks by stray dogs on people, livestock and pets, and traffic hazards created by stray dogs and cats running loose on public streets.
- (d) The Board of Supervisors has determined that a moratorium on breeding of cats and dogs owned by or harbored in San Mateo County, combined with a stringent program for mandatory spaying/neutering, is a reasonable and effective means of reducing the population of abandoned or stray cats and dogs.

Section 3332.1 DECLARATION OF INTENT

The Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby finds and declares that it intends to provide for the public health, safety and welfare through a temporary moratorium on breeding of cats and dogs owned, harbored, or kept in the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County in order to bring the population of abandoned and stray animals to an acceptable level for protection of the public health, safety and welfare. Further, if the moratorium does not achieve this goal within one year, a program for mandatory spaying/neutering will be instituted in order to attain an acceptable population level.

Section 3332.2 DEFINITIONS

- (a) "Person" shall include any individual person, partnership, corporation, trust, or association of persons.
- (b) "Zero growth" shall mean that level of population growth of cats and dogs at which control of the population of stray or abandoned cats and dogs can be accomplished without the necessity for euthanasia of any healthy dog or cat in San Mateo County.

Section 3332.3 MORATORIUM ON BREEDING OF CATS AND DOGS

- (a) There is hereby established a moratorium on breeding of all cats and dogs owned, harbored, or kept within the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County. This moratorium shall be in effect for one year from the effective date of this

ordinance.

- (b) No person shall cause or allow any cat or dog owned, harbored, or kept by that person within the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County to breed or reproduce within the moratorium established under Subsection (a) of this Section.
- (c) No person shall transport any dog or cat to, from or within the unincorporated area of San Mateo County, for the purposes of breeding such dog or cat, during the moratorium period specified by Subsection (a) of this Section.

Section 3332.4

MANDATORY SPAYING/NEUTERING

- (a) This Section shall become effective after expiration of the one year moratorium established by Section 3332.3 of this Chapter, unless the Board of Supervisors determines that the population of dogs and cats owned, harbored, or kept in San Mateo County has reached zero growth.
- (b) No person shall own, harbor, or keep within the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County any cat or dog over the age of nine months which has not been spayed or neutered.

Section 3332.5 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

- (a) A fine not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for a first violation.
- (b) A fine not exceeding two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for a second violation within one year.
- (c) A fine not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each additional violation within the same year.

Section 3332.6 WAIVER OF PENALTY

- (a) Any person who has been cited for a violation of this Chapter may elect to have the applicable fine waived if such person demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Peninsula Humane Society that the subject cat or dog has been spayed within ninety (90) days after giving birth for female animals or neutered within thirty (30) days of the citation for male animals.
- (b) During 1991, Peninsula Humane Society plans to undertake an informational campaign to promote voluntary compliance with this Chapter.

Section 3332.7. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT

The Animal Control Program, as defined in Section 3330.0(b) of this Code, is responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance and shall have the authority specified under Section 3333.1(b) of this Code.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 1991.

[Ed. Note — On December 11, the Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance. Starting in July 1991, a moratorium will be placed on any breeding of dogs or cats in the County. After January 1, 1992, only dogs and cats owned by professional and hobby breeders "who hold special permits" will be allowed to reproduce. Many are unhappy. Alan Stern of AKC said "A (breeding) moratorium is blackmail,"; Mark Rudy, a lawyer for local breeders, warns "it is going to be heavily litigated,". And Betty-Anne Stenmark says, "Our canine defense fund has \$350,000 in it and we will use it." We will keep you informed. JMcG]

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The Yankee / Michigan

Hey Yankee:

for your information, we Southerners have it ALL — INCLUDING SNOW! Just for the record - weather alone does not produce coat. I never had any up there, either, so there!

Christmas, you ask? Well, for your information, I had a wonderful Christmas. I got:

- a silver gravy-coated ball
- a candy coated tug toy
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- a brand new waterbed in my size
- a custom made lazy boy swivel rocker recliner, complete with automatic feeders on each side of the chair
- a conveyor belt to take me inside and outside and vice versa
- an automatic and timed barking machine
- a new VCR complete with all the Rin Tin Tin and Lassie reruns

and ZZZ ZZZZ

(Dream on dear Shu-Shu,
DREAM ON!)

Dear Joe & Pom Readers:

I would like to respond on the correspondence regarding Parti's. I feel that if I can be considered a registered Pom - a parti color should be too. After all, everyone's likes and dislikes are different and believe me...SHANNON'S ARE REALLY DIFFERENT - she fell in love with me, didn't she???

Delightfully yours, SHU-SHU

Write to Shu-Shu & Shannon Johnson, Route 1, Box 455, Warrenton, SC 29851.

Pom Escapades

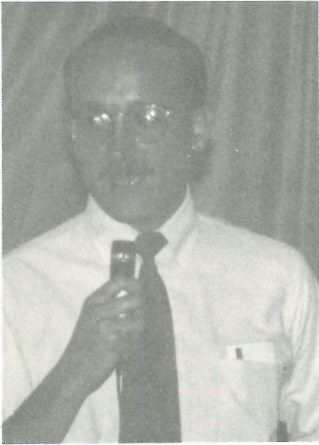
Susan Johnson



She'll get over it. She always cries when she botches an ear-trim before a show!

By The Book

Tom Graves



BARBIE THE COW • KEEPING PUPS COZY

These days I work in Cornell's large animal clinic where I am in the midst of a large animal surgery rotation. I see a lot of race horses with leg injuries and an occasional cow. I know the Pom Reader is supposed to be about Pomeranians, but I recently had a cow in the clinic that so impressed me with her courage, will, tenacity, and strength of character that I feel compelled to write about her...

This little cow, a mostly black Holstein from one of the larger dairy farms in the area, had no name, just a number. I called her Barbie. Barbie came to the clinic for repair of a left displaced abomasum, a condition in which the cow's stomach bloats and migrates to an abnormal position within the abdomen causing her to go off feed, drop in milk production, become weak, etc., etc. There are several ways of fixing this problem, some of which can be done in the field, such procedures having been done three times on Barbie before the dairyman finally decided to send her into the hospital for more extensive surgery.

When I first laid eyes on Barbie I noticed that she was a very petite little heifer; she could not have weighed more than 800 pounds, and she had the perfect little udder and proper teat placement of a quality heifer not yet ravaged by years of calving and milking. As I entered the young lady's stall, I was greeted with a sharp snort and a flaring of nostrils. "What a personality," I thought to myself as I saw a cow hoof zoom by, grazing my right leg. Barbie was a cow with spirit! Getting her into a stanchion to restrain her for a physical examination was a task which required the help of three barnmen. Yup, she had a displaced abomasum alright.

It was 2 a.m. the following morning when the real excitement began. Barbie had somehow managed to squeeze her sleek bovine figure through the stanchion and escape from the barn. It was a pitch black, bitterly cold, moonless night in Ithaca, and I had a black heifer running loose on the Cornell campus! The area was enclosed and there was no danger of Barbie getting out onto the highway, but several acres of scenery stood between me and my patient. There I was, sweeping the landscape with a penlight hoping to catch a glimpse of an eye shine from a black cow in the middle of the night while my dogs no doubt snoozed contentedly in their beds. I'll skip over the details of Barbie's capture except to say that while I returned to the barn covered with scrapes, bruises, thorns, and mud, Barbie remained unscathed and undaunted.

The next morning Barbie went to surgery. The surgery we
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performed was done with the cow lying on her back restrained by ropes and tranquilizers; a local anesthetic was used to block the surgical site on the abdomen. We performed the surgery kneeling on the floor, and Barbie made sure that she urinated several times during the procedure knowing full well that my surgical gown would act as a wick. Following the surgery it was my job to lead Barbie, haltered, of course, back to her stall. Barbie saw this as an opportunity to do further damage to my body which she accomplished by slamming me up against the metal bars of the stall of another cow in whose manger Barbie had noticed some particularly appetizing corn silage. The first thing Barbie did when I got her back to her stall was to start eating again. My stethoscope told me that she was ruminating with great gusto. (this time the hoof did not graze my thigh. Barbie's aim had improved.) To top it off, the next morning, Barbie got up and gave 25 pounds of milk, an exceptional job for a post-surgical cow of any age.

"That's quite a heifer," I said to my professor later that day. "Heifer?" she replied. "That's no heifer. She's 9 years old."

I was shocked. I couldn't believe it. First of all, Barbie was so small. secondly, she had such a lovely udder. Thirdly, most dairy cows are not kept past 5 or 6 years of age due to the decrease in milk production that comes with maturity. Barbie was quite a cow — an animal I admire.

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This month's issue is dedicated to puppies. There are many puppy-related topics which deserve discussion, so I'll choose one I think is of particular importance, **thermoregulation in the neonate**. Hypothermia (decreased body temperature) is one of the most serious threats to the survival of a newborn puppy. Puppies lack the ability to maintain a high body temperature in constricting their small blood vessels thereby conserving heat. These responses to cold temperatures are not well developed in the newborn.

The normal body temperature of a newborn puppy is approximately 96°F. By one week of age a puppy's body temperature should be around 100°F. (Normal adult dog body temperatures are between 101 and 102.5°F.) Subnormal▶

TOM GRAVES continued...

body temperature in a puppy can have devastating consequences. Decreased body temperature leads to a decrease in heart rate. Decreased heart rate diminishes the sucking reflex, leading to dehydration, weakness, and, eventually, death. This scenario can occur quite rapidly and newborn puppies should never be allowed to get cold, even for a short period of time. In addition to lowered heart rate, hypothermia leaves puppies more susceptible to viral infections (i.e. herpesvirus) than if they are maintained at adequate temperatures.

There are a number of methods breeders use to keep their puppies nice and warm. If you are raising puppies, it is a good idea to keep a thermometer in the whelping box so that you can monitor the temperature of the litter's environment. As a guideline, between 0 and 7 days of age, the ambient temperature in the whelping box should be 95 to 90°F. The mother can supply much of the needed heat, so these figures are more important to keep in mind when rearing orphaned pups. Between 8 and 28 days of age, puppies should be kept in an 80°F environment. From 29 to 35 days of age, the ideal temperature is between 70 and 75°F. After 35 days of age, 70°F is optimal. Once puppies are older, they can withstand very low environmental temperatures. I have a litter of 12-week-old puppies at home. These kids absolutely love the snow! In fact, I have a rough time getting them to come inside. Apparently, puppies think it is great fun to watch a human running through the snow, falling occasionally, trying to catch them. The little fuzzers are very adept at evading most attempts at capture by a human on foot, and I find that I usually need to lure my puppies by getting down on the ground and making funny noises which they find intriguing. At this point hypothermia in the dog owner is more of a problem than hypothermia in the puppy.

Breeders disagree as to the best means by which to heat a whelping box. Heat lamps are an excellent option. They provide a safe source of heat which generally keeps the box quite warm. The only problem I have seen with heat lamps is that the bitch often finds them objectionably hot. Bitches often appear uncomfortable and pant quite heavily for a few days following whelping of a litter. A more discrete area of warmth, such as that afforded by a heating pad might be preferred by a bitch. Heating pads, however, can be associated with some serious problems. Electric heating pads are quite dangerous. Newborn puppies lack the neuronal development to be able to react to excessive heat and will stay on a heating pad despite being burned. Direct contact with electric heating pads, even those set on low heat settings, often (and I do mean often) causes burns. I have seen, for instance, animals slough off most of the skin on their backs after having been placed on their backs on electric heating pads during abdominal surgery. Similarly, puppies have died from extensive burns due to lying on electric heating pads. The best solution to this problem is to use a warm water circulating heating pad instead of an electric one. These, of course, are expensive and hard to come by, but they are the best means of keeping your puppies warm. These pads are connected to a water heater and pump which constantly circulates warm water through the pad. Thermal injury is never a problem with this type of heating pad. If, on the other hand, you have no choice but to use an electric

pad, be sure that it is covered with an adequate amount of insulation. Don't just put a towel over the heating pad and think you have protected the pups from direct contact. Bitches often like to dig around in the whelping box and can easily remove a covering from the heating pad. The heating pad cover should be thick and placed in such a way that the bitch cannot remove it.

That's all for now. Just remember that a warm puppy is a happy puppy. Happy New Year to everyone. Here's hoping you and your puppies stay nice and warm this winter. See you next time.

Tom Graves

Tom Graves is in his final year at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine and has twice been awarded the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Veterinary Scholarship. We all say thanks, Tom, for your wonderful work. JMcG

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K.G. GRIFFITH, Owner

Dear Pom Breeders:

I write this letter of explanation and apologies to you for the following reasons:

The note that appeared in the December issue of The Pom Reader was a personal note written from an advertiser to the editors. It was never written to be published and in fact published against my will. Joe did not get my permission to publish this note. I have heard from some of you asking if my permission was given and asking why Joe would do this to me. I have never had any problems with the Reader and staff to my knowledge and belief. I have always paid my advertising bill and I believe I have advertised in almost every issue. In fact Joe, will tell you himself that I have been most supportive and publicly recommend the Reader very highly. I think that if there are problems between individuals that airing them in a magazine is not the proper way of handling them.

The sad part about this situation is that innocent parties have been hurt. I want to publicly apologize to Nan, Bob and Randy for the embarrassment this has caused. I should have never used an example regardless as to whether or not it would have been published. I have written these breeders asking them to forgive me. I just wish I had the words to express my regret in this matter.

I want to apologize to my wonderful wife of twenty four years. Eleanor and I have gone through the most difficult year in our lives. We have seen our two daughters go astray. We have seen the recession hurt our little plant business so badly that we wonder how we can possibly survive. We have been behind with our bills and our mortgage on our home. Eleanor has a heart condition and she does not need any further stress. "Babe," I love you and ask your forgiveness.

I want to apologize to all Pom breeders, especially parti breeders for this disgusting mess. I want you to know that I love each and every one of you.

I especially want to apologize to our heavenly father. I have allowed little fuzzy dogs with dirty rears to become idols to me. I have promised God my life and I want to serve and love Him more each day. The Poms now belong to the Lord and whether or not we stay in Poms is entirely up to Him. I am perfectly willing to sell every one of them. I have always heard that in all bad things there has to be something good and yes, indeed there is good in this situation. I have a peace with God that I haven't had in a long time. I anxiously await the time when I can spend all of eternity in heaven with my heavenly father.

Thank you for listening and may God's richest blessings be upon you.

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UPDATE

★ TOP TEN EXHIBITORS ★

★ FINALS FOR 1990 ★

Welcome to **UPDATE**, your monthly rating list of breeders and exhibitors out there winning points in the show ring. As most all serious Pomeranians 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 this area.

The procedures for tallying the point scale are as follows: Exhibitors are credited with all AKC Championship points won in the calendar year, as published in the **AKC Show, Obedience, and Field Trials Awards Book**. Only this publications will be used for point credit. 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's calendar year runs from about October of the previous year until September of the present calendar year.

Points are allotted to the REGISTERED OWNER OF THE DOG ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION. **Statistician: Susan Wade**. Any questions concerning **UPDATE** may be addressed to the editor.

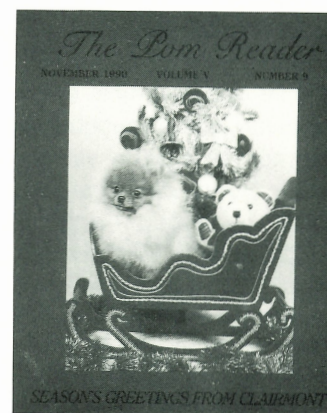
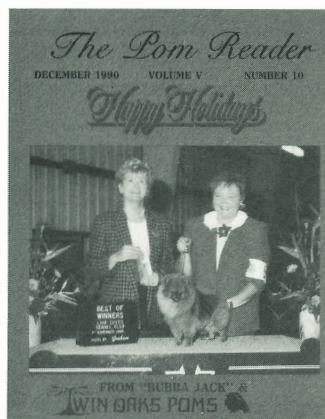
The following is the LISTING OF THE TOP TEN EXHIBITORS AS OF THE JANUARY-DECEMBER 1990 AKC GAZETTE.

EXHIBITOR	POINTS
P. GRIFFIN.....	77
S. HANSON.....	* 72
S. JOHNSON.....	* 72
D. WATTS.....	67
GEMMILL/PLONKEY	* 53
JACKSON/TAYLOR.....	* 53
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World Dog Show 1991

Bill Ledbetter, West Germany

I am delighted that you are promoting in The Pom Reader that American fanciers and enthusiasts show and develop an increasing interest in the international dog-breeding advancements and dog-showing events.

As subscribers to **The Pom Reader** no doubt read in **Sharon Strempsi's** May and June articles this year recommending and encouraging participation at the **World Dog Show 1991**, the largest and truly the most prestigious FCI (*Federacion Canofila Internationale*) show not only in Europe but also throughout the world, this mammoth exhibition will be held June 14-17 in Dortmund, West Germany at the beautiful auditorium and building complex called WESTFALENHALLE with its superb indoor exhibition halls and ideal show rings. I agree with Sharon that a flight with a small dog in an underseat carrier on a 7-9 hour flight from the States to Germany with Lufthansa, TWA or Pan Am could be easily arranged and executed. (I recommend a *direct* flight).

The only documents that would be needed for entry with the dog into West Germany and into the Westfalenhalle in Dortmund would be:

- 1.) a valid U.S. passport (no visa is needed for entry into West Germany)
- 2.) a rabies vaccination certificate from a local vet for the dog brought along (not less than 30 days old and signed no longer than 12 months before the show date)
- 3.) a health certificate from a local U.S. vet which is LESS than 10 days old upon entry into West Germany
- 4.) a 3-generation AKC pedigree (it must be a Certified Pedigree issued by the American Kennel Club and bearing the seal of the American Kennel Club. The Certified Pedigree is recognized by the VDH in Germany, as well as at all other FCI shows throughout the world.

The entry deadlines for showing a dog at the World Dog Show (June 14-17, 1991) are March 1, 1991 (normal registration fee) and final deadline April 15, 1991 (increased registration fee).

Entry fee for each dog (this fee includes a copy of the show catalog) is 100 German marks (this is approximately \$80) BEFORE March 1, 1991. AFTER March 1 but BEFORE the final deadline on April 15, 1991, the entry fee is 140 German

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Marks. Entry blanks can be obtained from and should be returned to the following address:

VDH (Verband fuer das Deutsche Hundewesen), Postfach 10 41 54, 4600 Dortmund 1, West Germany. (Telephone if dialing from the States: 011-49-231-596096 or 011-49-231-596097).

The VDH is the German equivalent of the American Kennel Club (AKC). The VDH is recognized and highly esteemed by AKC, and vice versa. Any information regarding entry requirements, reservations, etc., may be obtained at above address.

The money for the entry fee should be sent from an American bank to the following West German Postal and Banking Transfer Account used by the VDH:
Bank: Postgiroamt Dortmund/West Germany
Account: VDH (Postfach 104154/West Germany

Account No.: Konto-Nr. 1241-464
Bank Code No.: BLZ 440 100 46

On the bank money-transfer document sent from the American bank, the following information should be noted for VDH bookkeeping: Dog Breed, name of dog, World Dog Show 1991, Name and address of exhibitor.

An easy way to make hotel reservations for the June shows would be simply to go to a local Holiday Inn Hotel in the United States and ask at the reservations office for advance reservations at one of the Holiday Inns in Dusseldorf, Cologne, or Hannover, West Germany. All the Holiday Inns in the United States now have a world-wide TELEX and FAX reservation service. Through their reservation offices a reservation in advance for West Germany can be made within seconds. Reduced rates are often given with advance reservations. From one of the Holiday Inns in Dusseldorf, Cologne or Hannover (in West Germany), one could take a taxi cab with the dog to be shown at about 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. on the day of the World Dog Show travel to the nearest train station. The next train leaving from Dusseldorf, Cologne or Hannover would arrive in Dortmund within an hour's time, allowing for plenty of time to take a convenient taxi cab from the Dortmund train station to the show at the Westfalenhalle, where the judging each day will not begin until 9:30 a.m.

The train ticket from Dusseldorf, Cologne or Hannover over to Dortmund only costs around \$25.00. Children and dogs can travel in the train for half-price. (I would recommend the train in order to avoid traffic jams on the morning of the show.)

If one is interested in a more extensive tour of Germany either before or after the Dortmund shows, a Hertz rental car may be reserved through the reservations offices at a Holiday Inn in the United States. Holiday Inns are now located throughout West Germany: in Augsburg, Baden-Baden, Cologne, Bonn, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Munich, Passau, Stuttgart, Wiesbaden, and Wolfsburg. There are also Holiday Inns in the neighboring countries France, Italy,

WORLD SHOW continued...

Netherlands (Holland), Poland, Switzerland, England, Belgium, Scotland, Wales and Yugoslavia.

Regarding the show schedule at the World Dog Show in Dortmund's Westfalenhalle June 14-17, 1991, I would say that June 15 would be most interesting for subscribers to **The Pom Reader**, since on this Saturday Pomeranians from all over the world will be shown. In addition, the following breeds will be exhibited on **Saturday, June 15, 1991**: all Terrier breeds, all Sighthounds; Akitas and other Nordic, African and Asian Spitz varieties, including Basenjis, Canaan Dogs, Chow-Chows, Keeshonds, Finnish Spitz; Shiba Inus, Buhunds, Lundehunds, Samoyeds, Norwegian Elkhounds, Siberian Huskies, all German Spitz varieties, all Japanese Spitz varieties and other Nordic, European and Asian Spitz varieties.

Friday, June 14, 1991: Dachshunds, Scent Hounds, Pointers and Setters of all types, Retrievers, Flushing Dogs and

Water Dogs: all breeds and varieties.

Sunday, June 16, 1991: Most of the companion and Toy breeds: Bichons, Havanese, Bolognese, Boston Terriers, French Bulldogs, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Chihuahuas, Chinese Cresteds, Coton de Tulear, Dalmatians, Brussels Griffons, Belgian Griffons, Japanese Chins, King Charles Spaniels, Lhasa Apsos, Maltese, Pugs, Papillons, Phalenes, Pekingese, Lowchens, all Poodles, Shih Tzus, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintles. In addition all the sheepdogs and cattedogs, for example Collies, German Shepherds, Schipperke, Shelties, Welsh Corgis and all other shepherd and cattle dogs.

Monday, June 17, 1991: Affenpinschers, Miniature Pinschers, Doberman Pinschers, all Schnauzer varieties; Bernese Mountain Dogs, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Bulldogs, all Mastiff varieties, Great Danes, Boxers, Dogo Argentinos, Dogue de Bordeaux, Hovawarts, Leonbergers, Newfoundlands,

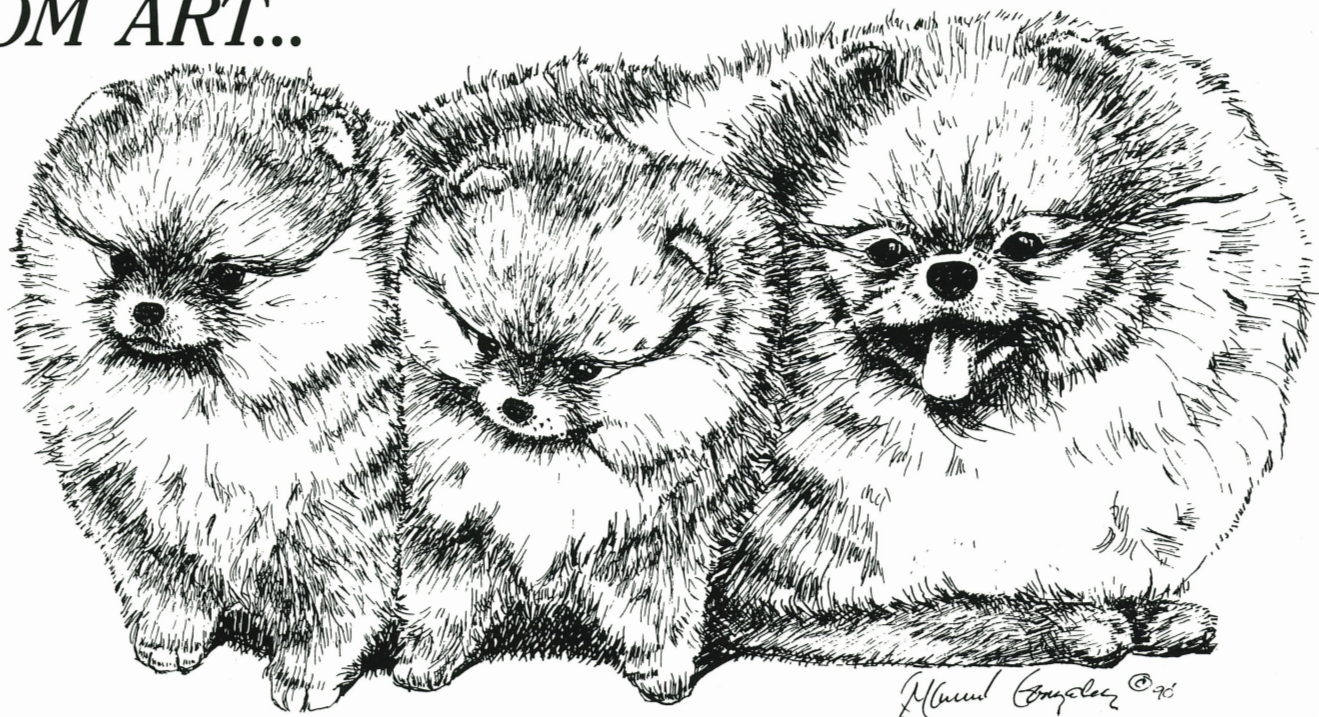
Rottweilers, Chinese Shar-Pei, Saint Bernards, Tibetan Mastiffs, and Tosa Inus.

There will be a fascinating and educational **Scientific World Congress** on June 12-13 which will deal with many aspects of dog breeding genetics and canine veterinary medicine. Further information on this interesting congress can be obtained by writing to the VDH: Verband fuer das Deutsche Hundewesen e.V., Postfach 10 41 54, 4600 Dortmund 1, West Germany. Tel: 011-49-231-596096.

I hope that not only Pomeranian enthusiasts and fanciers from the United States and Canada, but also breeders, exhibitors, handlers and judges for the many other dog breeds in the United States and Canada as well, will make early plans to fly over next June to **The Scientific World Congress** (June 12-13) and to the **World Dog Show** (June 14-17), all at the **Westfalenhalle** in **Dortmund, West Germany**.

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