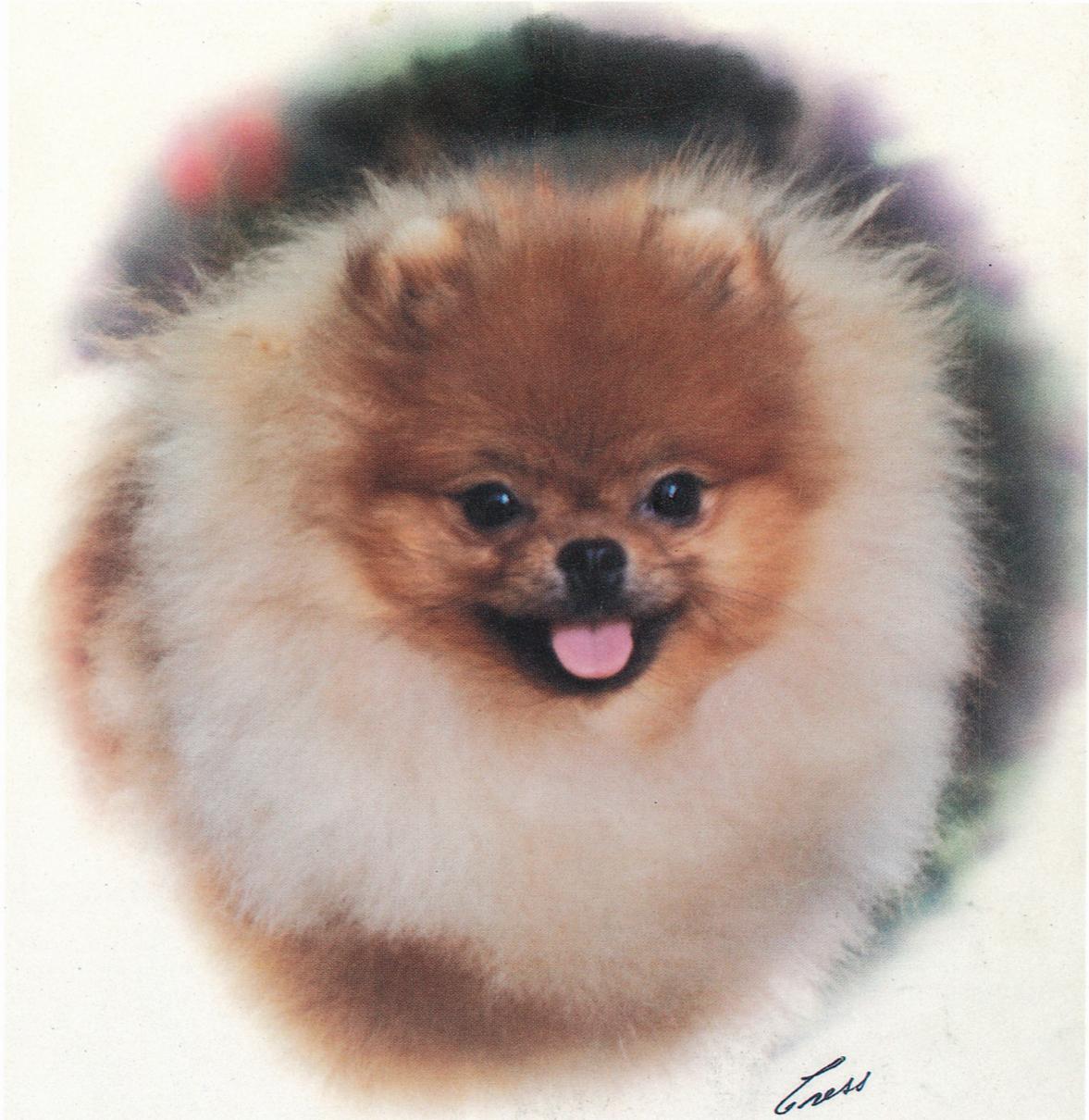


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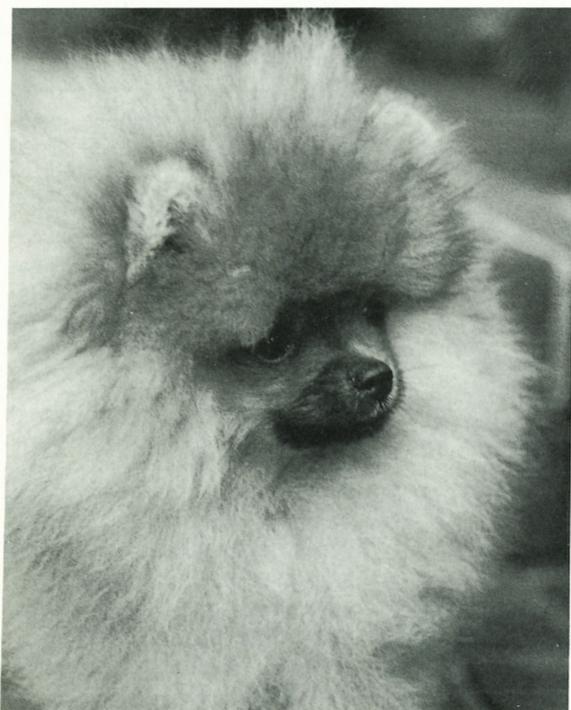
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FROM THE EDITOR

I was absolutely floored by a comment made to me the other day. A very nice lady said, "I depend on you every month to make me laugh and put me in a good mood. It makes everything else a little easier." My God, I thought, *that's a responsibility I didn't know I had. How on earth, in light of current world affairs, can I find something to laugh about?* It is a challenge, indeed. I know you are praying along with me for a swift and conclusive solution to our Problem in the Persian Gulf. But if it is at all possible to provide some vehicle by which to keep our spirits up, I will try.

Speaking of vehicles, our trip to California was terrific with a capital T. What a pleasure to again visit a State I love (it had been twelve years since I'd been back), and be among Pekes and People of the highest caliber. There was only one slight problem which surfaced repeatedly and instantly distinguished me from the Natives.

Or maybe not *just* the Natives. There are 3.4 million people in the city of Los Angeles. There are 8.6 million people in Los Angeles County. And there are 13.6 million residents in the Los Angeles Five-County area (L.A., Ventura, Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino Counties, making the 5-County area larger than any U.S. State excluding California, New York and Texas). In addition, there is an annual influx of roughly 47 million tourists. This adds up to about 60 million people vying for space on the 700-mile-long Freeway system. AND I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO SIGNALLED LANE CHANGES. I'm not kidding.

But I didn't care for from arrival to departure we had a great time. We flew into Ontario, a busy little airport with none of the headaches of LAX. From Ontario it was just a hop and skip to the home of our friends and Peke breeders **Bob & Dorothy James** and their **Mingtree Kennels** in San Dimas. Bob & Dorothy's setup for their dogs would instill envy in anyone, and they are always great company. We were pleased to see the finished areas of the 100-plus-year-old home they are renovating and I was unable to smuggle out several pieces of antique Oriental furniture I would have killed to own. These people have exquisite taste. If the whole place ends up as planned - and I'm sure it will - it will knock your socks off. As it is, it's lovely.

We ventured on to our hotel in Covina, and
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by this time I was back in freeway mode, battling with the best and zipping along at 80 - oops, I mean a polite and proper 54 $\frac{2}{3}$ miles per hour. The next evening we enjoyed dinner with Bob & Dorothy and **Mitch Wooten & Bobby Schulze**, whose 45-plus years in dogs made for fascinating conversation. (And they're not done yet. Sunday at the all-breed show Bobby & Mitch finished yet *another* Champion to add to the long, long list. Bobby & Mitch are also instrumental in the **Golden West Toy Specialties**, with which members of the **San Diego Pom Club** are very familiar). The restaurant in Pasadena thoughtfully provided a private dining room for us, making us feel like Royalty and, coincidentally, protecting other patrons from our conversation which taxed, but did not surpass, the limits of Pasadena Propriety.

Friday brought a visit to numerous Specialty shows all held at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, the largest fairground in the United States. The rings were covered, the weather was cool and we enjoyed visits with many people we enjoy. **Janice Luginsland**, for one, now enjoying her new position as AKC Field Representative and looking every bit the professional - which is no surprise, for as a breeder, handler, and judge she was always the picture of efficiency. Also judges **Bill Bergum, Martha Olmos-Ollivier, Luc Boileau, Edith Izant, and Lorraine Boutwell** were on hand or around the rings on Specialty day.

Saturday and Sunday brought the **Rio Hondo KC** and **Orange Empire DC** all-breed shows respectively, with entries hovering around the 2,700 mark. Rio Hondo was also held at the Fairgrounds, while Orange Empire moved us out to San Bernardino. Among those with entries were **Diane Carlson, Mary Porter, Margaret & Daniel Ontiveros, Jim & Penny Dees, Ellen Frank, Dorothy & Jack Keller, Steve & Barbara Nagy, Sharon & Neil Ponte-Corvo, Steve & Gloria Carlin, and**

taking a break from busy judging schedules were **Art & Joy Davison**, exhibiting a couple of beauties.

Speaking of which, **Patty Griffin** certainly cut a wide swath through the venerable January Florida Circuit, winning I think 17 points during the week. That's a pretty nice start to the year. So we're off and running for 1991 and it promises to be an exciting year. By the way, you will notice the absence of a Point System in this issue: Due to popular request we have revamped **Special Addition**, our Top Twenty Pom list, and **Update**, our top ten Exhibitors list, to run by show date instead of Gazette calendar year. So, from now on the year totals will include all shows from 1991 whether they be published in the 1991 Gazette or 1992. Watch for it, coming next month.

In between shows and Specialty functions we got to visit with many friends in other breeds and meet and get to know many more. We were entertained in magnificent fashion, the weather was perfect for our entire stay and the whole experience was superb. So of course I got to worrying when things would go wrong. Our return flight Monday included a short layover in St. Louis, and I heard myself being paged. *Oh boy*, I thought, *here it comes*. With trepidation I met the supervisor and he said, "Mr. McGinnis, I just wanted you to know that your dog is fine and will be boarded shortly." I almost fell over in shock - that has NEVER happened to me in all these years and myriad air miles. The last leg of our flight was uneventful, the car had not been stolen in Tampa and when we arrived home the house had not burnt down. I was amazed.

Now don't go thinking I am a pessimist, but I've traveled a great deal and have never had a trip unmarred by some trouble. But this perfect trip was a first in my life, a pleasure from beginning to end. And so I say thank you, California, for a magnificent memory and a vacation that I needed very much. If in the future I again have the opportunity to get away, you will hear me singing *California Here I Come*. Count on it.

We'll see everybody in New York next week, if there is no blizzard, and the airline's not bankrupt, and the plane's on time, and the hotel is still there and...

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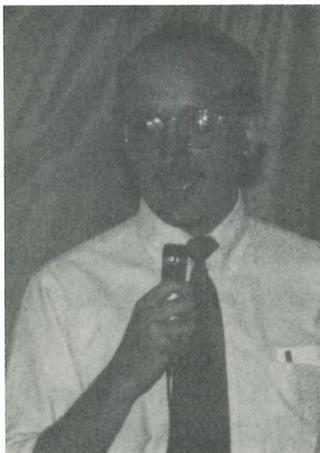
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By The Book

Tom Graves



Being as this is February I suppose I should honor the spirit of Valentine's Day and write an article about heart disease. The possibilities are endless — heart failure, heart attacks, heart malformations, heartworm, broken hearts. However appropriate it might be, I have not selected a heart-related topic this month. Sorry to disappoint anyone, but this month I feel compelled to write about skin — specifically, those lumps and bumps in the skin that almost all dogs eventually seem to develop.

Skin lumps are one of the most common complaints pet owners have when they bring their dogs to the veterinarian's office. It makes sense. The skin is one of the few systems of the dog's body the owner is able to observe easily. When you take your dog to the veterinarian with a skin lump, there are a few questions you should be prepared to answer. The purpose of this article is to discuss some of those questions and to discuss some of the differentials for skin lumps in dogs.

The first thing you should ask yourself when you notice a lump on your dog is how long it might have been there. Did you recently groom or bathe your dog and not notice a lump, or is this lump in a location where you don't routinely look? If you don't groom your dog frequently, a lump could have been there quite a while without you noticing. That's just one of the reasons why good grooming is so important for your dog.

When you first notice a lump, you need to make a few careful observations. Does the lump seem to bother the dog? Is it painful or does it itch? If so, it could be an abscess, a wound, or an insect bite. Looking carefully at the lump, do you notice any breaks in the skin? Could the lump be a reaction to a bite from the needle-sharp teeth of an overly-playful puppy? Is the lump warm? If it is warm or red it could be an abscess and would require treatment. Does the lump

feel as if it is filled with fluid? Is it symmetrical with a smooth surface and easily moveable within the skin? If so, it could be some type of cyst. a cyst is a lump that is filled with fluid — usually sebaceous gland secretion. Sebaceous cysts are quite common and are rarely a problem. Like most skin lumps, they bother the owner more than they bother the dog. These cysts can be drained with a needle and syringe, but they often refill shortly after they have been drained.

The most important observation you can make regarding a lump on your dog's skin is whether it changes or stays the same. Is it growing rapidly in size? Is it changing in color? Is the shape changing? (It is getting harder) Is it no longer easy to move? Does it feel as if it is attached to the tissues beneath the skin? Are other lumps starting to spring up? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, your dog should be seen by a veterinarian as soon as possible. The skin is one of the most common sites for tumors in dogs (about 30 percent of canine tumors are cutaneous). Fortunately, most skin tumors in dogs are benign, but many are malignant and can be cured if detected and treated early.

I recently received a letter from a distraught reader whose dog had died of cancer. Cancer is a difficult subject to talk about and it is almost impossible to understand. Cancer has, in one way or another, touched all of our lives. At a

large referral center hospital such as the Small Animal clinic at Cornell we see many animals with cancer. Seeing such a hideous disease in something as innocent as a dog or cat strikes me as particularly obscene and sad. It's almost like seeing cancer in a child. As I said earlier it is hard to understand, but cancer is very common in dogs. Dogs are our true companions. They eat our food. They live in our cities. They drink our processed water and breathe our air. They sit quietly and do not complain as we force them to inhale our cigarette smoke. They also share our tumors. Just about any tumor you've heard of in a human being also occurs in the dog. There is much to be said about cancer in dogs. The veterinary profession is making great strides in the treatment of cancer in animals. Much of our understanding of cancer and chemotherapy in humans has come from our experiences treating cancer in animal patients. (People are often shocked at the thought of cancer chemotherapy in dogs. This is a topic which raises many ethical and economic issues and deserves more than just a few lines hidden in the middle of an article. Let me just say that, in general, dogs experience less of the deleterious side effects to anticancer drugs than do human patients. I have seen many fantastic and highly rewarding responses to chemotherapy in dogs.)

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The most common skin tumor of the dog is called a *lipoma*. This is a tumor made up of fat cells and is benign. These tumors are usually round or oval and are symmetrical. They are easily moveable with the skin and do not invade the surrounding tissues as malignant tumors do. They grow very slowly and usually are not a problem for the dog. However, if they become too big, they can become a nuisance. These tumors are, in fact, capable of growing to extremely large sizes. I have seen them the size of grapefruits on a dog's side. The largest one I ever saw was about the size of a basketball and was attached to a 15-pound dog. The owners had finally brought the dog to the hospital because the tumor had gotten so large that the dog could no longer carry it around. I was appalled at the neglect on the part of these pet owners. However, it is best not to judge people too harshly. It is always amazing how much impact fear and denial can have when a person is afraid his dog might have a dread disease. The owners really did love this dog.

Most lipomas never get as big as the one I have just described. These tumors are usually small. There is no need to

remove them unless they begin to grow rapidly or are in a location where they bother the dog.

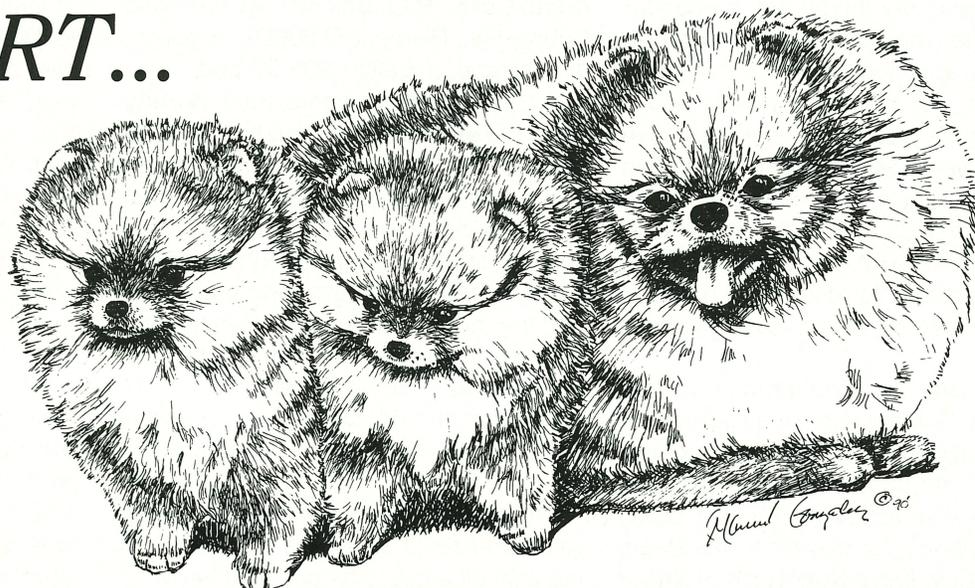
There are many other benign cutaneous tumors which dogs get — fibropapillomas, basal cell tumors, and sebaceous gland adenomas are among the more common. These tumors are usually diagnosed by histopathology after they have been surgically removed. There are also malignant tumors of the dog's skin. These include mast cell tumors, malignant melanomas and squamous cell carcinomas. The squamous cell carcinoma is more common in Scottish Terriers, Poodles, Boxers, Norwegian Elkhounds and Pekingese than in other breeds of dogs. These tumors occur in middle aged and older dogs and often appear as non-healing ulcers in the skin. They are particularly nasty tumors and are very locally invasive, but they are rather slow to spread to other parts of the body and to lymph nodes. Thus they can often be cured with wide surgical excision and radiation therapy. Cryosurgery (freezing the tumor) has also been used successfully in the treatment of these tumors. These tumors are most malignant when they occur on the toes or around the nails.

This article is certainly an incomplete discussion of skin tumors in the dog. The most important thing is for the dog owner to be a good observer of any changes in his or her dog's skin. If there is any question regarding a skin lump, your veterinarian can always stick a needle in it and collect a sample of cells. (It used to be believed that needle biopsy might cause a tumor to spread more readily than might otherwise have occurred; there are very few people who still believe this to be true.) Fine needle aspirates/biopsies are very easy to perform and cause very little discomfort to the patient. I recently performed such a procedure on my 8-year-old bitch, **Su-Chia**, who had a lump in one of her mammary glands. Fortunately it was a lipoma and it has not grown in size. By the way, I hope you are all doing careful examinations of your bitches' mammary glands for tumors. Breast cancer is very common in dogs — especially in unsprayed bitches and bitches spayed after 2 years of age. You don't have to let the bitch know you are examining her for lumps. Just tell her you are giving her a special tummy rub.

On that note, I'll wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day See you next time!

Tom Graves

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AFTER THE NEW YEAR'S RUM CAKE "POT LUCK"

It's a brand new year, time for brand new resolutions. Last year I resolved not to do anything illegal, immoral or fattening. Immoral was the easy one to keep, at my age. Illegal went fine until April when I had to send in my tax return. No, I didn't fib on it, in mailing it off late I double-parked in a fire lane to avoid the long lines at the post office. I got a \$35 ticket. The guy who was there first and was *single* parked in the same fire lane didn't get a ticket. He was a deputy sheriff in an unmarked patrol car! The fattening part wasn't as hard as I had thought it would be. I lost 33 pounds and didn't binge until Thanksgiving when I went to one of my daughters' homes for dinner. After that I ate my way through Christmas and New Years. Thereupon this year's first resolution was to add a new 20-pound loss to last year's 33. (See me NEXT year!) My only other resolution this year is to get new glasses so I can see my own dogs without being the least bit kennel blind. But, on second thought, let's amend that to rose-tinted glasses. Those faults might be too glaring without the tinge!

An update on **Cheyletiella mites**: December 1990's column was devoted to the walking or moving dandruff and how it affected my puppies. I asked for and received some response about this pesky situation, which for me led to the death of one puppy. **Kaye Sukeforth** of **Kitkor Poms** and **Maine Coon Cats** wrote to say that the *Cheyletiella* mite is as bad a problem in cats as in dogs. Kaye said that the following shampoo with **Rotenone** is sworn by in the cat show world and she uses it after each cat show to knock off anything that might have hopped on and also to cleanse her show crates, as well as using it on her Poms. She says she has never had a reaction to this sham-

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poo, which she has had with **Mycodex** in the past. The shampoo literature states kittens of 7 weeks of age can be shampooed with this product, which to me is a big plus since I know how delicate cats, and especially kittens, are when it comes to pesticides and on my own Pom puppies and our resident cat I do not care to use any product not declared safe for **KITTENS!** The shampoo mentioned is **Goodwinol Rotenone Shampoo** and the literature declares it kills mites (mentioning *Cheyletiella* specifically) on contact, eliminates fleas and leaves the show coat lustrous without the aid of conditioners. It can be obtained from **Goodwinol Products Corp.**, P.O. Box 407, 41710 Weld County Rd., Pierce, CO 80650. 1/2 gallon, \$19.00 ppd; 1 gallon \$35.00 ppd.

Next response came from **Wendy Feist** of **Feisty's Poms** who had phoned me after reading about the kennel cough article and we talked about the mites that I had just come in contact with. She had told me of her method of fighting these mites, or rather of preventing a problem with the mites. I had written down the product she uses but I had to request it from her again as I had lost it. (Mayhap my NY resolution should be to clear off this overstuffed, completely disorganized desk?)

Wendy uses **Beecham Labs Mycodex** with **Allethrin** (0.12%), it is the bottle with the light blue cap. She gets it at her vet's for \$6.50, but you might find it in wholesale catalogs or, as she suggested, search for the same product under a different brand name. Her treatment method is: shampoo twice a week the first week, then once a week for 3 more weeks, using a Q-tip to work into the facial areas. Her preventative method is: beginning between 4 and 6 weeks of age on puppies use the product every 2



weeks. She says that since one initial outbreak she has had no recurrences and uses the above preventative for 'insurance'.

There you have it, folks. 2 methods used successfully by two different breeders and either of the methods seems a lot less stressful on the pups (or kittens) and on owners than some methods that many vets offer, and less expensive. (Read **Olympia**, Dec. 1990, The Pom Reader.) Kaye Sukeforth did not mention how often she uses the shampoo she advised but from the way I read it once seems enough, but I can only guess that this is for preventative measures, I do not know if it takes more than one shampooing of the Rotenone product to eliminate the mites once they have taken hold. In any case Olympia is going to try both products on her own resident cat. My cat, now 7 years old, loves her baths but she has always foamed at the mouth and had reactions from the majority of 'cat-safe' pesticide products.

Speaking of reactions, it was not too long ago that I heard a fellow exhibitor mention they had just purchased a flea-spray product based on citrus. About 9 years ago I was approached by a salesman in my grooming shop (I'm retired now from grooming) hawking citrus-based flea products. I bought a case and proceeded home to try it on some of my Poms. I sprayed 4 adults dogs. 3 showed no reaction, but the forth, a Champion bitch in her 4-year prime, fell over and was losing consciousness fifteen minutes after spraying. She was promptly given a shot of Epinephrine and whisked into a plain shampoo and rinse bath and she recovered fully without an emergency trip to the vet. However, next day the vet said without the emergency methods employed the bitch would most

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likely have gone into convulsive coma and died. His opinion is that at least 10 percent of dogs may be allergic to citrus products and who knows which one until you use the product? He recommends that if you use such a product and do not have or know how to administer epinephrine to at least immediately wash the dog to remove the product and then high-tail it to the vet for further aid. Needless to say I returned the case of citrus-based flea spray and I turn livid green with purple polka dots whenever I hear of any such product!

I cried the other day though, when a nice elderly lady who operates a small travel trailer park a quarter of a mile south of my highway property told me she had just lost her 13-year-old mixed breed, **Queenie**. Queenie was a grand old gal whose widowed owner doted on her. I had just run into them both at the vet's not two months back, when Queenie, in for her routine checkup, was pronounced fit as a new fiddle, to everyone's delight. I figured Queenie would simply wear out her grand old heart doing what she did best, making her owner feel needed. But, alas, grand old Queenie bit the dust the hard way. Instead of passing peacefully in her sleep her brown-eyed, tail-waggin' life went out in a series of horrid convulsions which could not be stopped until the vet, tears in his eyes, put the needle to her to end her suffering. What killed Queenie? Flea spray! You know, the kind we **pros** don't buy that is available in all the grocery stores, along with the rack of toys and the bird seed and other 'fast franchise' pet merchandise that the average pet owner has come to feel every confidence in over the years. After all, if it's in the grocery store and you see the familiar product every day you just feel it has to be safe, don't you?

Queenie had become infested with the usual crop of drought-brought fleas we experience in this area and she was, scratch, scratch, scratch, going around in circles, thumping the floor with her rear leg as she tried to reach those pesky creatures behind her ears. Her owner, knowing no better, sent a friend to buy 'something' to 'end' Queenie's discomfort and upon returning with the 'innocent' product proceeded to thoroughly douse stoic-standing Queenie. Soon Queenie began to tremble, then to shake, then to run around like the devil with the

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archangel after him, and finally she dropped by the bedside of her stunned owner. The first convulsions were treated seemingly successfully, but thereafter the convulsions returned from once to several times daily until in 2 weeks one of them did not stop at all.

I first learned of it when I phoned the owner, after not noticing Queenie running up and down the fence line, where she happily but unnecessarily kept the 'defense of the border', as her mixed Collie-Shepherd ancestors might have done long ago. The news shocked me. If only the owner had phoned me when Queenie got the flea problem. But the kindly and elderly lady was afraid to be a 'bit of a bother'. What a pity. I have read about the class action lawsuit regarding this particular flea spray product and could have warned Queenie's owner.

Queenie is buried now, peacefully sleeping until she meets her owner at heaven's gate, under the 20-year-old oak

that partially shades the 'border' fence separating our properties. But I wonder how many thousands of other Queenies, and kitty Sylvesters, are also buried because of the continued sale of this product? I wonder...but when it comes to the dogs and puppies that leave our home to journey into life to make other owners feel 'needed' they leave with a detailed piece of paper in paw, warning their new owners about reactions to 'familiar', but over-commercialized products and stating just which products should be used. I wonder...might not ALL of us do so little and yet so much for our pets when they leave our safe environs? Coming next month, sales contracts and co-ownerships. The good, the bad and the ugly.

Until the dog howls again...

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Bev-Nor's Trish Jul-Kan (B) by Ch. Bev-Nor's Statesman x Bev-Nor's Missy Miss. Breeder: Beverly A. Norris & Charlotte Creed. Owner: **Julia A. McCullough.**

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H

Brocks Judge Me Tops (B) by Collier's Here Come De Judge x Collier's Golden Topsy. Breeder: Lula Mae Collier. Owner: **Connie Brock.**

Tru-Kep's Cocoa Pup (D) by Ch. Tru-Kep's Starman x Cheridel Kep Evening Dusk. Breeder: Trudy B. Keplinger. Owner: **John H. Cribbs.**

A

Emcee's Mister Biff (D) by Ch. Emcee's Golden Topo De Oro x Emcee's Terrific Wee Betsy. Breeder: Morris F. Carson & Betty Carson. Owner: **Estils W. Evans & Cassandra Evans.**

Watt's-Scotia Willie Winks (D) by Ch. Moe-Best Repeat Sinsation x Ch. Scotia Commander's Rockette. Breeder-Owner: **Dolores A. Watts.**

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Fry's Lil Hollybelle Magic (B) by Ch. Fry's Magic Kamehameha x Ch. Fry's Magic Pru. Breeder: Nancy L. Fry. Owner: **Beverly A. Smith.**

All records taken from the American Kennel Club Awards Book January 1991, Volume 11, Number 1.

CORRECTION:

I

Gamlan's Itoba First Run (D) by Aurora's Alibi x Ch. Gamlan's Fire Belle. Breeder: Mary Ellen Hendrickson. Owner: **Joyce B. Winkels.**

The information on two November 1990 Champions (published in December '89 Pom Reader) was incorrect. The following is the corrected information.

O

Jan-Shar's Southern Style (B) by Ch. Bev-Nor 'N Southland Rambo x Jan-Shar's Coca Cola Classic. Breeder-Owner: **Sharon Hanson.**

Silver Meadows Love Tico (D) by Ch. Silver Meadow Love of Legacy x Bi-Mar Rose Marie. Breeder-Owner: **Jacquelyn Klein.**

N

Silverwood's May Day Tomho (D) by Ch. Tomho Apricot Strut x Silverwood's Full House Annie. Breeder: Bess P. Roberts. Owner: **Dr. Humberto Escabi-Pagan.**

Sweetheart's Forever Bravo (D) by Sweetheart's Wee Cinna-Bear x Sweetheart's Coronet Duchess. Breeder: Kathy Carroll. Owner: **Marge Kranzfelder.**

My apologies to all. JMcG

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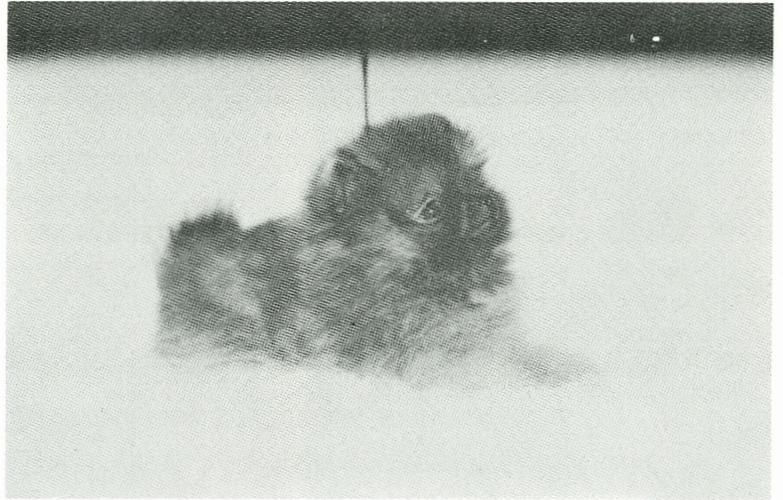
POM PIX!



"We're here to steal the show!"

Jamie Lepera & "Lady Di" in costume for the Ohio Valley Pom Club's Specialty Match, October 1990.

Photo Courtesy: Judy Shearer, Secretary, Ohio Valley Pom Club



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

Snapshot courtesy Jane Coy & June Johnston



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

Courtesy Jane Coy & June Johnston



"Forget Twin Peaks! We want to watch POM SPRINGS HOLIDAY!"

Courtesy Clara Sage

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Bronze Medal

Breeder/Judge Jodi Hudspeth is a winner at the Dog Fanciers Club Annual Contemporary American Dog Artists Contest



Jodi Hudspeth and her award-winning bronze "The Party"



"The Party"

The Dog Fanciers Club of New York City presented the 3rd annual **Contemporary American Dog Artists Contest** November 14, 1990. There were 31 finalists on exhibit at the recently reopened **Sardi's** restaurant in Manhattan. A Bronze entitled **The Party** by **Jodi Hudspeth** was the winner of the **Ann Serann Award** donated by the Manhattan Savings Bank. "The Party" depicts three Yorkshire Terriers mischievously tearing the ribbon from a present and playing with various toys. The three Yorkies show expression typical of the breed: arrogance, surprise and jealousy. This was the only award for a work depicting a Toy breed.

Jodi Hudspeth was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky. She lived in several southern states, spending a great deal of time on a farm in Kentucky. She has lived in and around Atlanta, Georgia, since 1955. she pursued a career in commercial art after attending High Museum School of Art (now Atlanta School of Art).

Jodi started breeding and showing Collies in the mid-sixties. Following the death of her husband she moved into the Pom Reader / February-March 1991

city and she decided to breed Toy dogs. She focused her attention on Toy Poodles and Yorkies, Shih Tzu, and in the early seventies, Pomeranians. Most people know Jodi for her home-bred **Champion Honeycrest Radz'le Daz'le Dante** who achieved 14 BIS. she also owned and showed Maltese, Chihuahuas, Miniature Pinschers and a Group-winning Brussels Griffon. She is one of the founders and the President of the **Georgia Toy Breed Association**.

After several years in commercial art, Jodi felt that a career in animal care would be more rewarding. She opened her own grooming business in 1969. The demand for groomers grew so great that in 1976 she opened Jodi's School of Dog Grooming, now the oldest grooming school approved by the Georgia Department of Education.

She wrote and illustrated "**Professional Dog Grooming**" because she felt there was a need for a book illustrated by a breeder and groomer of purebred dogs.

In the 1980's Jodi designed formal-wear under her own label, "**Fantastic Fashions Inc.**" She won several awards

with her designs.

Jodi is approved by AKC to judge Pomeranians and Yorkshire Terriers and has applied to be licensed to judge Poodles and Papillons. Jodi has been a student of canine anatomy and movement for many years. She feels this is a must for judging and sculpting.

She has been commissioned to create sculptures of many top winning dogs. Although she has sculpted dogs for the last ten years, The Contemporary American Dog Artists Contest was the first she has entered.

The award will be presented February 13, 1991, at the Dog Fanciers Luncheon at Sardi's restaurant during Westminster week, and the sculpture will be on exhibit then.

Jodi is also entering "**The Art Show At The Dog Show**" sponsored by the **Wichita Kennel Club, Hutchinson Kennel Club, Salina Kennel Club, Wichita Dog Training Club, and Hill's Science Diet**. She hopes for as good a reception as she received in New York.

We congratulate Jodi on her success and wish her much more of the same!

More photos next page



Pomeranian



"The Lion Hunters"



Chihuahua



Poodle



Papillon



Maltese



WEE HEARTS



CH. EMCEE'S MR. BIFF

WEE HEART'S proudly presents Ch. Emcee's Mr. Biff, shown finishing with a 5 point major under judge **Mr. James Moran**. Handled by **David Fitzpatrick**, he finished in less than one month with 3 majors.

Our sincere thanks to **Morris & Betty Carson**, his breeders, **Nancy Shellman** for allowing us to purchase him and special thanks to all the judges who admired his style.

He has already proven himself in his offspring we have (see page 3 in this issue).

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Thank you David! We know Snuffy was tough as he is so spoiled and likes to have it his way!

Look for Snuffy's younger ½ brother, **Wee Heart's Can't Touch This** to be on the show scene with David.

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Poet's Corner

To All Who Have Loved & Lost A Pom

Barbara Stoffer

POMS to fill each day with love, that knows no bounds nor barriers;
 'Little Ones' that think they're big, and guard us just like Terriers.

POMS that only wish to share, their time, close by our side;
 Offering a tiny paw, to comfort 'dented' pride.

A flick of tiny ears that say, "I know you're feeling sad..."
 A 'smiling' face, with twinkling eye, to change the sad to glad.

POMS with tails that wag to say, "Let's play and have some fun..."
 Poms with 'Tales' that entwine our lives, for each & every one.

POMS to share the loneliness, through long and empty hours...
 Poms that bring us happiness, to chase away our sorrows.

Prancing 'round, close by our feet, or curled up by our side...
 Their world is wrapped in the destiny that we alone provide.

Shining in the show ring - doing their best, for YOU,
 Or brightening up our homes, with each new thing they do.

No matter shwere you taken them, no matter where they go...
 POMS are always near-at-heart, because they love you so.

Although the years pass much too soon, and faces tinge with gray...
 Each Pom brings something special that will never fade away.

Deeply etched in a special place, reserved within our hearts,
 Each Pom we've loved will always live and remain a treasured part.

Although, in time, they slow...and tiny paws no longer play,
 Somewhere I know little Poms still 'show', in a 'ring' along the Milky Way.

When I look up into the sky at night, filled with a million stars,
 I believe each POM I've loved looks down at me from afar.

Still shining in a special way, brightening up the darkest night,
 Prancing, Dancing, here & there - an everlasting light.

Bringing happiness to the Heavens, and a smile to all therein;
And I know, a very special Pom is held in the arms of "Him."

Bobbie Stoffer

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Doo-Shay's Lil Bit E Tyke - sire, **LLL Bit O Gold Jigger.** Dam: **Doo-Shay's Annie Getsha Gun.** Very stylish youngster with 13 points. Needs one major to finish. Outstanding headpiece.

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Doo-Shay wishes to extend many thanks to those who offered so much emotional support over the past several years. This is a very difficult decision but one that is very necessary at this time. Good luck to all Pom Fanciers within the **Pom Reader's** reach. We will still be keeping a watchful eye on all of you and will miss not being part of the action.

Shu-Shu will still be a part of **The Pom Reader** from time to time as long as Joe & Duane can put up with her!

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ASK SHU-SHU!

Shu-Shu & Shannon Johnson

Dearest Readers:

When you are cute and adorable like me you attract attention wherever you go. Most of the time I enjoy meeting my fans, but there are times when it can become most tedious and irritating. And that is when they mispronounce my name. Or more exactly, my breed.

"Oh how cute. A POMERIAN." "Isn't she sweet? A POMAGERANIUM." "Honey, come quick! A PELLERENIAN!" "Why, Ms. Johnson, that's the sweetest POONEROOLIUM I ever did see!"

Sheesh. But it doesn't happen just to me. Case in point...



A NEW FORM OF SNOBBERY

From the Humane Society of North Texas NEWS

Some people are snobs about their ancestors; others about their colleges. And who doesn't know a man who's snobbish about the kind of car he drives? Over the last few years, however, we've noticed a new form of snob - the purebred dog snob! This is the person who insists on adopting only one breed of dog and refuses to consider any other animal. Usually they call the shelter and ask whether we have the special breed they want.

This snobbery has its funny side when we hear the mangled names of dog breeds used by some callers - mispronunciations so delightful that Shelter manager **Peggy Irvine** has started listing them in a notebook. An easy error was made by the man who asked for a LABORATORY RETRIEVER. Of course, he meant a Labrador. (But what about the other man who wanted a LAVATORY RETRIEVER?)

And that woman who asked if we had a MANHATTAN. And a man looking for the same breed asked for a MANSFIELD. He quickly sensed his mistake and changed it to a MANCHESTER FIELD. Another man wanted one of those aristocratic long-haired dogs...an AFGHANASTAN. And a woman asked whether we had any BRITTLE SPANIELS (Why not? Who wants a limber dog? An IRISH SETTLER is better.)

And the SAINT BARNYARD wanted by one man might get along very well with the DUCKSHOUND wanted by a woman. Variations on the latter breed are DODSON and DASH-HARD and even DUCK-SHUSH!

Still another fine German breed and a true aristocrat is that large grey dog with the most mangled name of all - here are a few versions: WIREMINGER; WEENIERANNER; WINNEBAGO; WIREMIRE; WEENEMYER; (most mangled of all: WIEMARANIUM or VITAWAMMER.) What about the BELCHIN SHEPHERD a man had heard of...got any of those? A woman asked about a GEN-MAN SHEN-

MAN. (She wanted a watch dog.)

Many people now prefer only the LASA PASO, also known as the APPLE LOSHO. And one man (not from Massachusetts) wanted a BOXING TERRIER, another a BOILER COLLAR. Collies are unfashionable now, but SHELBIES (or SHELSIES) are in demand.

But to some callers only a big fierce dog is wanted: Give them a DUMMERMAN...or a DORMAN...if not a DOMEPEEN otherwise known as a DOPERMAN. (Also called a DOBEMAN-PINCHERMAN and DOBERMAN SPENCER.) In a class of its own is that rare avian canine the DERMAN PIGEON. We're still wondering about the SHA-WABBLE!

The CHI-WOW-WOW is clear enough. The so-called barkless DIMEJI is now popular...and much less dangerous than the PYROMANIAN. One caller asked for that roamer the BEETLE. Another insisted that we tell him whether or not we had a little PEEKANEEX (not to be confused with a toy PODDLE.)

Put the last two together and you have a PINKAPOOLANS. But that wouldn't do...nobody wants a mixed-breed dog! □

So you see, dear readers, the problem is widespread. This outrage must be stopped! Therefore, I have come up with the solution...

I am having a T-shirt printed up for Shannon to wear on our walks. It will say, "NO, SHE IS A POMONIUM." Wait! I meant PROTUNIUM. PROSCENIUM! PEMESTRIUM! POMEGRANATE! What the heck am I, anyway? **Confusedly yours...Shu-Shu**

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CARE AND RESEARCH

Carol A. Rosson



Getting through the holiday season is always something of a major accomplishment for me. With all the hustle it usually leaves me in something I refer to as a *severe stress mood*. Fred usually reminds me that "IF YOU HAD TAKEN YOUR VITAMINS THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED". I always thank him and promise to do better next time. This leads me into this month's topic regarding Vitamins.

We will try to answer some of the most asked questions regarding these important nutrients.

Most of us feed very expensive dog food, and expect that food to contain all of the necessary vitamins that our dogs require. Unfortunately, this may not be true. Depending on a particular problem you may need to supplement with a specific vitamin. The following is a brief description of some of the most important vitamins and their specific functions. If you are having special problems it is advisable to consult your veterinarian.

VITAMINS: *VITA*, the Latin word for life; *AMINS*, a group of chemical compounds.

Vitamin A: sometimes called the *Growth vitamin*, more commonly known as the *Skin vitamin*. It maintains the epithelium, a close-knit layer of cells that form a sheet covering every surface of the body (inside and out) that may come in contact with substances. A Vitamin A deficiency may be recognized by dryness and itching of the skin. It is important to note that *sodium nitrite*, an additive usually found in commercial dog food, has been known to deplete Vitamin A reserves in the body. Reproductive failure, nerve degeneration, weight loss and deafness have been closely associated with Vitamin A deficiencies.

B Complex Vitamins: This group of vitamins are referred to as the *Nerve Vitamins*. These are very important to "working" dogs since stress breaks down the B complex vitamins. We should remember that this group of vitamins works together, so if a deficiency should occur with one a shortage is likely in another.

Vitamin B1, Thiamine: This is usually referred to as the "first" vitamin. Loss of this vitamin in milling processes around the nineteenth century led to the widespread disease known as *Beriberi*. While brown rice was left unprocessed and in some cases substituted for the processed white rice, diseases such as rickets, pellagra, and scurvy seemed to disappear. This led scientists to the discovery of *Thiamine*. This nutrient is especially important in the development of the entire nervous system. B1 can be especially useful in the prevention of fleas and parasitic insects in the form of

Brewers' Yeast. It is rich in all of the B complex vitamins, and if you should overdose, any unused quantities of the vitamins are passed out through the urine. Signs of the B1 deficiency include; vomiting, unsteadiness, and lack of appetite.

Vitamin B2, Riboflavin: Protein and fat are transformed into energy and new tissue with this vitamin. B2 has also been used as a supplement for the prevention of cataracts. Signs of the B2 deficiency include: conjunctivitis and blood-shot eyes.

Vitamin B3, Niacin: Called the *antipellagra* vitamin, used to treat a disease known in the 1930's as pellagra, caused by a "corn-eating" diet. This disease affected the skin, gastrointestinal tract, and nervous system. The disease was known as "Blacktongue" in the canine equivalent. Treating these dogs for this deficiency often caused sensitivity to light and tearing, so B2 was added and the condition cleared up. This vitamin has been used in controlling seizures.

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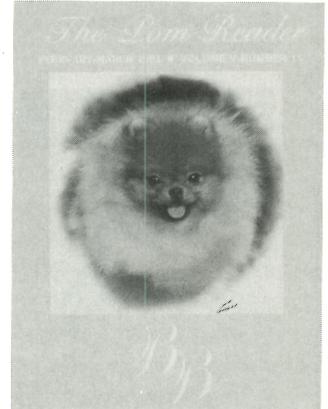
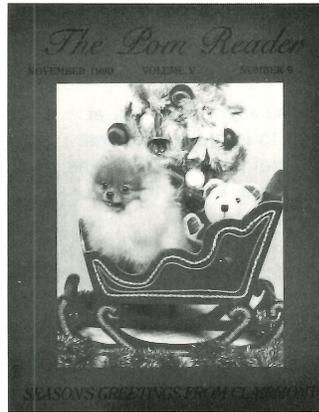
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PREPARING FOR... THE GARDEN

Sharon Irons Strempsi

By January nearly everyone is preparing for the Westminster Kennel Club show and several Toy Specialty shows held on the weekend. Dogs need to be brought up to perfection and the tack box packed. Little thought is given to security. Nobody goes off to New York expecting to be robbed or taking precautions to prevent it...

It does sound rather paranoid to associate the shows with theft but we must be realistic. You're going off to a large city with a high crime rate and a drug problem. The shows aren't held in the best of neighborhoods so you're foolish if you don't take steps to protect yourself.

Women are especially vulnerable since we carry purses. Purse snatching is an easy way for a junkie to get quick money. There are right ways and wrong ways to carry purses in the city. The best way to carry one is like a football - tucked close to the body with a firm grip. Purses that dangle from your arm can be cut free quickly with a knife by a thief on the run. Shoulder bags should not be slung over the head the way you used to carry them as a child. Unfortunately, a lady was pulled under the wheels of a van and killed by a drive-by purse snatcher when she carried her purse that way. The incident occurred in broad daylight in a supposedly "safe" neighborhood in the city. [Ed. note. Another manner espoused by New Yorkers is this: put the purse over your shoulder hanging straight down, then don your coat and secure the front. You may appear to have one extra-large hip, but better safe than sorry. J]

A purse at the dog show and a purse at a restaurant are targets, too. Sometimes the crooks work in pairs. One person will "accidentally" bump against your table at the restaurant while the other will grab your pocket-book off the back of your chair, in the case of a shoulder bag, or from bet-

ween your feet on the floor. Try to carry a small bag which you can hold on your lap under a napkin. At the show you may be engaged in conversation while the accomplice slips your bag off the bench into a shopping bag. I've heard of people reaching over partitions on the benching, grabbing a purse and taking off full tilt into the crowd.

Leaving your purse under some bedding in a crate while you go off to be judged is foolish. Even if there's somebody you trust watching the benching, he or she can be distracted too.

If you must carry a purse to the dog shows, strip it down to the bare essentials. Do not leave anything in there that can't be replaced. Carry only the necessary I.D. and as few credit cards as possible. If you carry keys, keep them to the minimum. It's not a good idea to carry your keys in your purse. If you live within a short drive of the City and your I.D. shows where you live, a thief might take a little trip while you're tied up at the show.

Some of you are wondering where you can put your keys, I.D. and money if carrying a purse is risky. Men have money belts but women have access to items even more useful. A number of catalogs carry a "security" half slip. The slip has a pocket in it that's closed by a snap or zipper. A quick trip into the ladies room and you can get out your keys and money. If you'll be wearing a jacket, consider a shoulder-holster type device designed for men and women which will keep your money and keys secure without adver-

tising that they're there. There are other little "pocket" type things that snap on to a bra providing you with an extra hiding place. I've a Childs' change purse that goes around my neck on a string. If I'm wearing a high-necked dress, I just tuck it inside. My little purse neatly carries a key, two credit cards and a bit of money.

Men have an advantage over women because they often carry their keys and wallets in separate pockets. Usually a criminal asks them to hand over their wallet in a robbery. Men should strip their wallets down to basics, too. It's safer to carry a wallet in an inside pocket rather than a back pocket where it can be quickly lifted.

Dog people of both sexes tend to wear their favorite dog jewelry at the shows. Do be careful, chain snatching is all too common. Have enough sense to go out in groups in the evenings, stay away from trouble areas, and don't flash your jewelry.

So far I've been fortunate enough not to be a victim during the Garden and Specialties period, but I do know people who have been robbed. A friend went out to a nearby hamburger place for lunch at Westminster in 1990 and had her purse taken despite having it clamped between her feet. The year before I heard the laments of a victim who had her purse grabbed off the benching. These things do happen.

As you prepare for the upcoming shows, take this article to heart. A little paranoia now may save you a lot of grief later. **Sharon Irons Strempsi**

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Susan Johnson, J-Windfall Poms
Kansas City, MO



Molly Brown & adopted litter

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Susan — My niece Julie and I thank you for your compliment and for your kind offer. However, Julie is taken care of (her parents bought her a Pug - how dare!), and in addition to the dogs I show for a hobby, I have 1) a rescue Beagle; 2) a rescue Bassett; 3) a rescue Doberman; 4) a rescue Peke; and 5) 3 rescue felines. And that's about as far as I can stretch it. Best of luck in finding homes for Molly's 'kids'!
JMCG

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Dear Mr. McGinnis,

It might be of interest to readers of the 2-part harrowing tale by **Olympia!** that there was an excellent article in the December 1989 issue of **Pure Bred Dogs/American Kennel Gazette** by **Leland Carmichael**, The Pom Reader / February-March 1991

DVM, entitled: "Canine Parvovirus Immunization: Myths and Realities." This article should also do much to dispel the other "myth" that is being advanced by some ignorant people that Toy breeds should receive only a half-dose of vaccines (!) because of small size.

Gazette available at single copy price of \$4.00 from AKC Gazette, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

Like your magazine and happy my friend renewed my subscription. Sincerely,

Sophie H. Mayes, May Morning Poms
West Chester, PA

Sophie — Thanks for reminding me of the article. I am a big fan of Dr. Carmichael, who is one of the guiding lights of **Cornell University's** Vet School. I'll try to get reprint permission for the article. Best — JMCG

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Dear Joe,

The letter about the litter of seven Pomeranian puppies in your December **Pom Reader** caught my attention. I, too, have had one litter of 7 Pomeranian puppies. Their mother free-whelped with no help from me on April 16, 1988. All six boys and one girl survived. It was the first litter for this 1½-year-old mother. She whelped a litter of three over a year ago and her third litter is due soon. (She is a short-bodied 7-pounder.) I kept the daughter from that litter, a 4-pounder that has whelped two litters of three.

The granddam to this unusually large litter whelped litters of 4, 5, and 6 (as did her 7 sisters). At age 10 she whelped a litter of 5 live puppies and most recently whelped a promising show puppy. This "senior citizen" still has all her beautiful white teeth and great health!

A female puppy I sold to a friend and bred to my male free-whelped a litter of 7 live puppies well over 20-25 years ago. This was the only other litter of 7 I had knowledge of until I saw "Tiffany's" brood.

How unfair Mr. Griffith's comments seemed. Surely there must be room for all colors of Poms. And, surely parti poms can't take all the blame for low tail sets (Sheltie), shallow flat coats (Chihuahuas) and ears (Papillon) which seem to fly.

Just as breeders are tired of "none or one

litter" sizes, the parti pom breeders have answered the challenge of those who want to see more than the usual orange or red in the show ring. Partis and other less common colors are making the show rings come alive with renewed interest and enthusiasm.

I don't mind if a Pom is purple or chartreuse as long as it is good. Isn't that **REALLY** the name of the game? Sincerely,

Diane L. Finch, Finch's Poms
Kelley, Iowa

Diane — The next question I have for my readers is this: what is the largest number of **CHAMPIONS** produced in a litter?

And Ken and I certainly opened a Pandora's box concerning parti-color Poms. Almost everyone has an opinion, and although we all may not agree, we all can learn from each other. Read on... JMCG

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Dear Joe,

Here is my money for the next year. I sure enjoy the magazine each time I get it.

But! I was horrified when I read the letter from Mr. Griffith. It would seem that he doesn't know what he is talking about concerning the parti colors. For his information, partis were around a lot longer than our reds and oranges. The parti color came about many years ago when the breeders bred the whites down in size but lost the coat and type. They bred the whites to the blacks to improve the type and coat and sometimes came up with partis.

Instead of picking on partis, maybe we should start educating the pet and show breeders that are using the so-called within Standard Poms (but 'oops' - hit 12 to 14 lbs.) for breeding, that our Standard states "3 to 7 pounds but ideal is 4 to 5 pounds." Not the 8 to 10 pounds that are being used today. A lot of people buy puppies from these horses and are not told what is behind the so-called show dogs. We should be making sure the poorer quality dogs that are being sold today just because they have a Ch. sire are not used for breeding and placed into pet homes on a non-breeding contract.

One more thing, Mr. Griffith; if we were to have the attitude that you have towards partis, we would not have all the wonderful colors that we have today. **Continued** ►

Letters continued...

It takes years of trial and error to produce a good quality dog regardless of color, even poodle breeders come up with mismarks and partis and they don't consider them cross-breeds. And I feel that if you are so strong on your convictions against parti Poms, why did you sell one of your Champion males to a parti breeding kennel?

Jane Lehtinen, Jan Le Poms
Iron, Minnesota

Jane — Ah, but you forgot one thing. Parti-color Poodles are disqualified from AKC competition. Thanks for writing and continued success. **JMcG**

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Dear Joe,

After reading the letter from Ken Griffith, I felt as if I had to respond with an open letter.

Ken, you consider all parti poms mixed. Have you considered the fact that solid color Poms can be mixed, also?

Several years ago I was involved in a situation where we proved a certain person was breeding her male longcoat chihuahua with her female Pomeranians. She was using the registration number of a male Pom that had died at a young age. I saw three of the puppies and believe me it was hard to tell they weren't pure Pom. The main thing I noticed was the heads were Chihuahua type and the tails stood up off the back. The coats were of medium length. There was NO white at all on any of the pups. They were all orange to orange sable. An inexperienced person would not know the difference. The only way we found out about this was the breeder herself told somebody she thought would keep quiet of the fact she was doing this. Poms do not have to be parti to be mixed.

I have also bred 2 Poms with no partis in the pedigree for 7 generations and come up with a puppy with a white foot or chest. This comes from the fact that parti poms were around long before solids and it is carried down through generation after generation and finally surfaces. What I am saying is if you would go back far enough you would find a parti pom in every pedigree. Remember the litter of black & tans you had that had white feet?

Parti color pom breeders are breeding their partis to champions to improve the partis. They keep the best to show or breed and place the others as pets or breeders. Are you not doing the same thing with your breeding program? There are some super partis appearing from such matings. Can you not agree? If you don't want your good lines bred with partis, then I would suggest you keep all of your offspring. Partis are in, they are

hot and they are here to stay. Like it or not. I do not breed partis because I do not have room for the proper "stock" to do so. I do have a lovely chocolate & white bitch that draws most of the attention when I have visitors to my kennel.

The Pom Reader is not pushing partis. They are simply publishing what the public want to see and read.

Ken, you have your breeding program and I have mine, but don't knock others who are trying to bring back and improve one of the original colors...the parti.

Joanne Shiflett, Shannon's Poms
Montvale, Virginia

Joanne — Although I may not agree or even like what someone says, I will defend to the death his right to say it. That is the American way. And I feel that the exchange about the parti color Pom did clear the air somewhat about what is sometimes a rather murky subject. I myself have never cast a vote one way or another, because, I feel, to each his own.

I was on the phone last night with Mr. Griffith and we wholeheartedly agree on one thing, anyway...if we all liked the same things, this would certainly be a boring world. And finally, one LAST note on the subject:

Dear Mr. McGinnis,

I have only recently subscribed to your magazine, and must say that I have enjoyed it very much, except one area. I must agree with **Mr. Ken Griffith** with his statements about the parti poms. When reading your magazine, I have no interest in the articles that have any information on parti poms.

I have not been breeding Pomeranians long (1982), however, my lines are very old, and free from any parti poms, and will continue to stay that way. Most Poms I have, I have 10 to 12 generation of pedigrees. My foundation stock came from **Jewel Weber (Jewel/Ken)** and Jewel expressed Mr. Griffith's view, also. Jewel had shown and bred Poms nearly 24 years.

Otherwise, continue the good work. It's hard in life to please everyone; however, I must take a stand on what I feel is right, also,

Brenda Segelken & FAME
Percy, Illinois

Brenda — Amen! Continued success and thanks for writing. **JMcG**

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Joe,

Hi once again, was really pleased to receive my **Pom Reader** by the 23rd of this month [letter written in October '90] as I usually don't get it until the middle of the following month. I sure hope I will receive your great publication close to the first of each month mainly so I can be able to pur-

chase Poms advertised for sale.

I have been breeding my own for many years but at times an exceptional purchase comes along and when I've called I'm told the Pom or Poms were sold 2 days after the Pom Reader was delivered. When I've asked when they received theirs it's always at least 15 to 20 days before me.

Now that I think of it, how much does your subscription cost to be delivered 1st class?

As always, I know you're trying your best. Thank you.

Sue Soares & TLC Poms
Chino, California

Sue — Since you sent your letter you probably noticed that our publication date was moved up. We try to be out by the fifth of the month. However, third class service can take up to THREE WEEKS to get from here to practically anywhere. We have no control over this.

Just for fun one month I sent a magazine to MYSELF by third class. *I never got it!* So you can imagine how anxious I get when I mail my several thousand magazines...it's like sending the kids off to school and never knowing if they got there or not.

First class costs an additional \$16.00 per year, but many people feel it's worth the added expense.

Hope to see you at **Rio Hondo & Orange Empire** shows this weekend - my first trip back to California in ten years. And thanks again for your support. **JMcG**

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Dear Pom Reader Editor,

I just received my first Pom magazine. I got the subscription from my friend for Christmas. I think it is wonderful to have a magazine all about Poms - I love it! My friend and I bought our first Pom not thinking about showing or knowing what to look for. We didn't have a lot of money but we always wanted one. Our Poms are not show quality but are wonderful, well-tempered dogs.

I've had 4 and she has 11 and they are all loved and well-cared for. The reason I'm writing this letter is to say we don't like the way we are put down just because we don't have show quality puppies. Out of all the people that have taken one of our puppies only one person was interested in a show quality pup. They just wanted a dog they could love and not have to pay \$500 or \$600 for.

We have gone to a lot of dog shows and most of the top breeders are snooty and laughed at our dogs. I don't think that was fair. I even bought a so-called champion [quality] puppy from [two well-known] bloodlines. This dog is wonderful, but he weighs 14 pounds. **Continued ►**

Letters continued...

I think it is unfair that we are always told not to breed our inferior dogs when so many people want Poms and can't find them or can't pay over \$200 for one.

I would just like to know how many so-called inferior pups the big breeders get rid of before they get their champions, and how many C-sections are performed to get these pups? We don't think that's improving the breed.

We love our little Poms and want others who can't afford a Pom to be able to enjoy and love them as much as us. As long as there are people who want them we will continue to breed our special dogs. Sincerely,

Clara Sage

Pom Breeder & Pom Lover

Clara — I can't imagine what shows you attended that would leave such a bad taste in your mouth about the people that breed and show Poms. This is a great bunch of people who are dedicated to these wonderful dogs and make incredible sacrifices in their quest for quality. I'm afraid, however, that we're getting caught up in semantics.

Inferior? Show quality? Pet quality? What do these terms mean? They only have meaning when applied to, or against, the (Official AKC) Standard of Excellence for the Pomeranian. The sport of purebred dogs is more than just going to dog shows. We are protecting a living work of art. (Inanimate objects of quality end up in museums; the purebred dog fancier has to perpetuate the breed.) The Standard clearly states what is accepted as

a nearly-perfect specimen of the breed. This includes a sound mind and body in addition to physical characteristics that typify the breed and its breed purpose. The closer we can stick to the Standard the more good we are doing this breed, and the better we ensure that there will be Poms to be enjoyed by people generations down the line.

Try again to meet the people who are the backbone of this sport. I think you'll find they are very special, indeed. Thanks for writing.

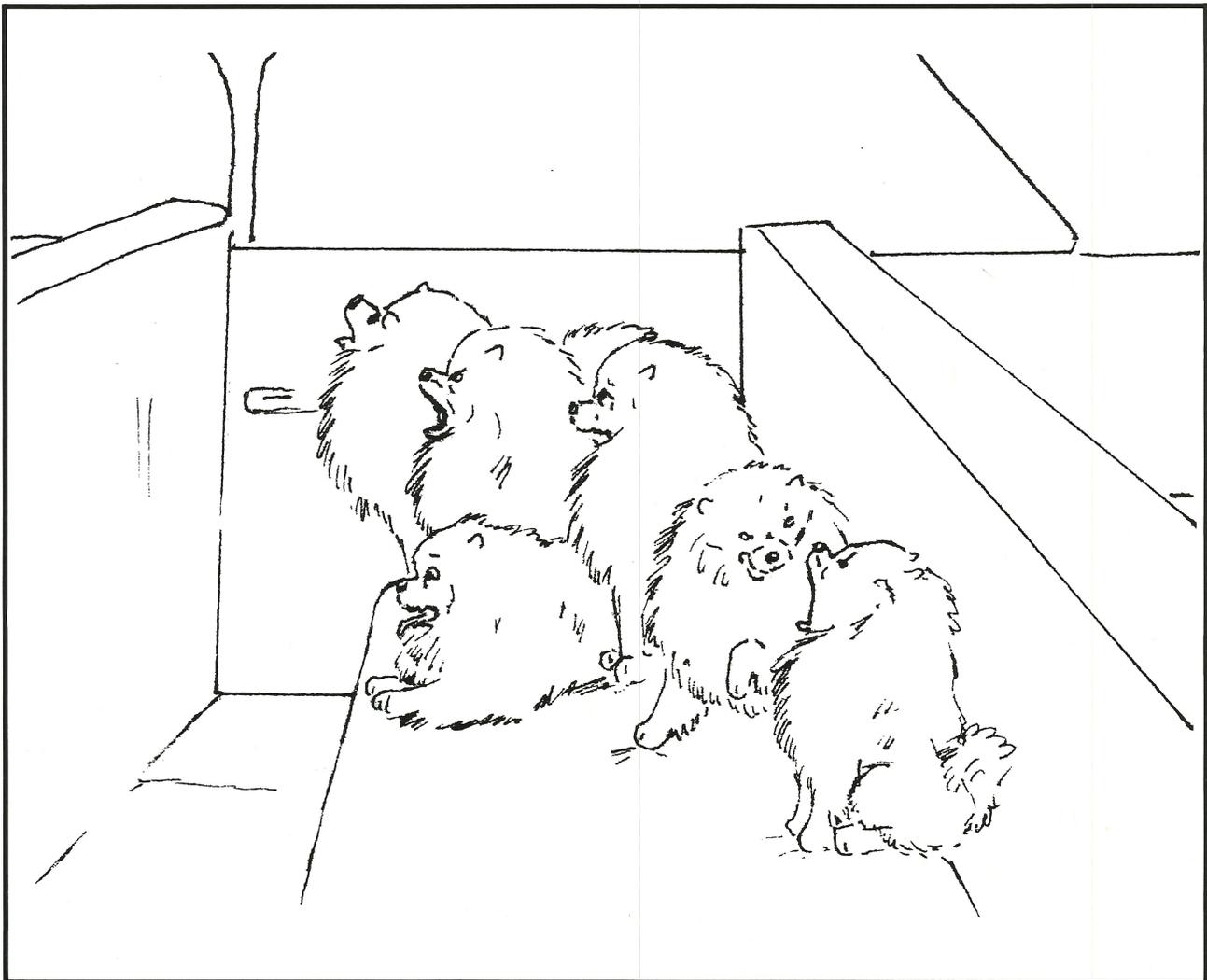
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POM ESCAPADES!

Susan Johnson



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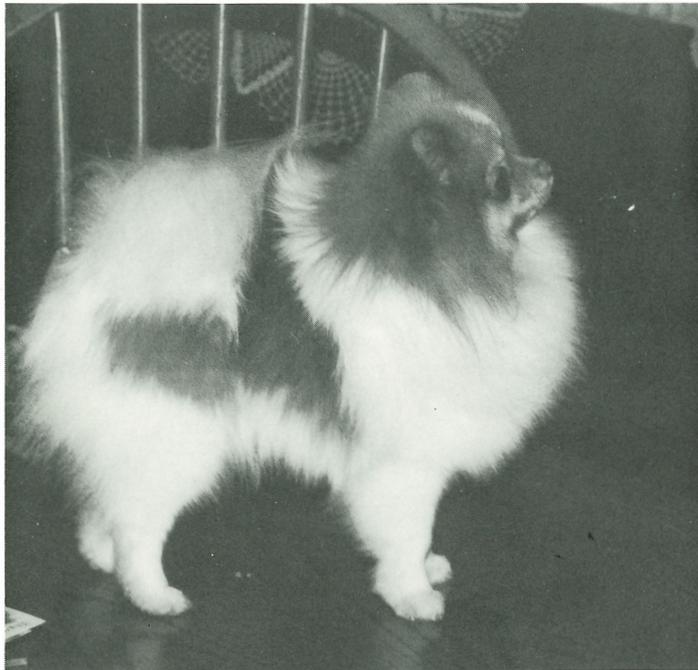
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