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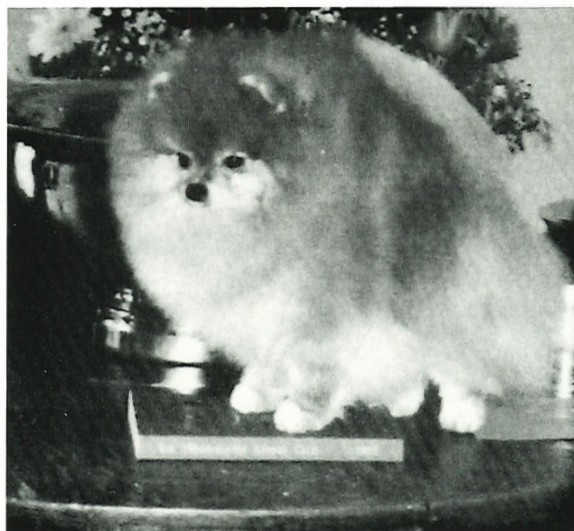
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# Showsight

## FROM THE EDITOR

It's been some time since my APO days, and although I have no intention of pledging another fraternity, this does not mean that I did not recently, regrettably, experience the ultimate in Hell Weeks. I have never known, nor would have believed, that so much could go so wrong, simultaneously.

Now, you may already have noticed a radical change in the looks of the PR. This is due, of course, to *Cynthia*. Many of you will recall, those many years ago, when we were unhappy with the quality of the magazine, and I bought my own equipment and learned how to do it myself. This began a long and loving relationship with the phototypesetting system that I called, affectionately, *Cynthia*. For eighty-two months, I spent upwards of 8 hours a day working on this machine, and "she" became, in time, an extension of myself. It quickly became unthinkable that I would ever work with anyone else.

Not that we were without our problems. Any sophisticated equipment is subject to quirks and glitches, but for the most part, *Cynthia* produced beautifully and uncomplainingly.

Until I made the last payment. As soon as the mortgage was burned, our troubles started heating up. *Cynthia* was suddenly afflicted with various hiccoughs and belches, most of which required expensive repairs. As the workload increased, *Cynthia* proved herself ever more incapable, and the time had come to make a change.

It is my most distressful duty to report the death of one of Pomdom's most beloved individuals. **Edna Girardot** breeder of the *Scotia Poms*, died this month, leaving many broken hearts but many fond memories of decades of love of the Pomeranian breed. Up until three years ago Edna was a resident of Florida and we had the pleasure of her company at almost every dog show. Those of you who never had the privilege of knowing Edna cannot imagine what you missed; the lady was a fountain of knowledge on the breed, a boundless bundle of energy and drive and a person of tremendous spirit. Edna's last foray into the Pomeranian ring was at the **American Pomeranian Club Specialty** in New York where she piloted her homebred *Ch. Scotia Shamrock's Sue Ellen* to first place in the Veterans Class to a standing ovation from ringside. She will be greatly missed by all. ★

But back to *Cynthia*, if we must. As the production problems increased exponentially, **The Pom Reader / June 1991**

there was little choice but what to do. Without dependable equipment there was no way to provide this showcase for our favorite breed, the Pomerania. So again we signed on a major dotted line and again we hoped for the best. The new equipment would arrive in 30 days.

But somehow *Cynthia* knew. The minute I signed the contract she was suddenly afflicted with ills and ailments of a most serious nature. The likelihood of my suffering Separation Anxiety from *Cynthia* was becoming more remote all the time. But I had to make do; there was no recourse. The magazines had to be done, and they had to be done on *Cynthia*.

The dismantling of old and bringing in of new is a major problem at any time. This was compounded, of course, by the events of Hell Week. The new equipment arrived on Monday. But of course not everything came and so installation was not possible. This was also the day that Duane had to report for Jury Duty and so, in addition to my normal duties, I was solely responsible for a large boarding kennel, a mobile grooming business, my own dogs and a lot of other things I never realized Duane did. And of course Duane ended up on a protracted case - as Foreman of the Jury, of course - effectively knocking him out of the daily routine for the duration of the week.

Which would have been okay except they piled all the new equipment inside the front door so I was climbing over and under and around everytime something took place. Then the storms blew in and the roof - which was supposed to have been repaired but obviously was not - proceeded to leak in about twenty places. Pots and pans placed strategically around contained most of the drips, but the place began to resemble a disaster area. Then one of the groomers smashed up a new van; I laid my glasses down on the stove and melted the frames; my favorite car - with three payments to go - decided to blow some gaskets or something; we had to euthanize the White Cat whom we had rescued from the pound 13 years ago and who was a cherished member of the family - that alone would have ruined a good week; the cover photo for one of my magazines was sent to 8848 Lakeland, Beverly Hills, FL and it took forever to trace; an electrician disconnected a circuit while I was working, destroying about four hours of my labor; it became laughable. But somehow we managed to make it through to Friday. At 4:00 p.m. Friday two of my largest magazines came



off the press - with the editor's page in the wrong magazines. I somehow felt the Maltese people would not appreciate a picture of a Rottweiler in the magazine, or vice versa. This would involve disassembling several thousand magazines, reprinting the pages and rebinding the lot. At nine that night Duane's court case was finished. We decided to heck with it, there's nothing we can do till Monday. And we looked forward with pleasure to two dog shows on the weekend.

At 6:00 on Saturday morning - an hour after we should have left - the phone finally rang; the girl that helps us out was sick; we both could not leave. But we had a bitch entered at the shows and it was a major on the nose. It was decided one would go ahead and one would follow later. I made a 3-hour drive in 127 minutes arriving just in time to be awfully late. The show site was hot and sticky and by the end of the day my clothes were unsuitable for a second day's use. I looked forward to Duane arriving with spare clothes, etc. No Duane. I called. There would be no Duane, the girl was still sick. "You'll have to buy some clothes," was Duane's solution. I replied, *Well, I would, but I'm low on cash and I think you have the Rupert's credit card* and Duane replied, "That's okay. My wallet, my driver's license, money and my identification are under the front seat of the car you took..."

And so Hell Week drew to a close. I have never seen such a stupid set of circumstance in my life. I decided to check into the hotel, get the dogs comfy, have a drink and dinner and call it a day. Or week. But the hotel's dining room and lounge were closed for repairs; there was no place reasonably close and I never leave dogs unattended at a hotel. With a sigh of resignation I ordered a pizza and the dogs and I sat on the bed to eat and watch TV. *WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BABY JANE* was on, the scary movie chronicling several days in the lives of two sisters which culminates in one of them dancing wackily and the other expiring on the beach. And I thought to myself, *well, here I am with two Poms and a pizza, and we're comfortable and secure, so things aren't all that bad. But just look at these two ladies - now THEY'RE having a bad week!*

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To Horst Graf on his homebred Champion black, CH. GRAFENHORST GUCCI.



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Both Poms are white

Wizard  
is pictured on the  
back cover of the  
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# What's COOKIN'?

IN THE SOUTH AND ROUNDABOUTS

by  
**Olga  
Baker**

ISN'T IT FUN TO HAVE A COLUMN IN THE POM READER especially for the Houston folks?

It's been a while, so long overdue. These columns will not necessarily be those (who won?...who lost?) columns, but rather...SOME FUN things (typical of that wonderful POM READER magazine).

If you've suggestions, please feel free to yell at me...**Olga Baker, 207 Shirleen Drive, Seabrook, Texas 77586**...and I'll include your ideas in future columns! As many of you know, I write the POMERANIAN COLUMN for the AKC GAZETTE - but that one must be a little more "formal" — must conform a bit to standards — but for THE POM READER, let's enjoy them a little more! A little frivolity never hurt anyone...and is usually appreciated by the publishers of the Pom Reader, Duane Doll & Joe McGinnis.

Last week we had an infrequent visit from our adorable single "Yuppie" daughter, **Toni**, accompanied by a perfectly wonderful big giant Greyhound named "**Rosalie**" (gross name). Toni is our single child, a professional person (Pharmacist who manages a large pharmacy-store), and an avid lover of dogs, cats...anything. Toni had agreed (in her typical benevolent fashion) to babysit with the greyhound for a week or so while her owner (also her Professor) had a vacation in Las Vegas. Toni had made the recommendation that her Professor get this doggie instead of an SPCA or Humane Society Dog, as she had heard wonderful things

about those "Racing Greyhounds" that were put out to pasture by the racing people...sometimes put to death at the end of their careers. Well...it worked, and the gentleman bought lovely brindle "Rosalie". Paid for having her spayed and immunized...(\$120.00) and is loving having her with him now. Only negatives were: 1) Rosalie had not "bonded" with her new owner - seemed distant and detached - loved EVERYONE equally (which of course reflects her history, and is not uncommon); 2) would not come instantly when she was called - again, a rather common thing, considering her history.

Positives were: 1) Rosalie was 100-percent housebroken; 2) clean and quiet; 3) did not object to being crated at times; 4) ate beautifully, anything, and 5) loved everyone with whom she had contact - owners, visitors, etc.

Not a bad track record, huh?

Darrell and I thoroughly enjoyed having Rosalie here for a brief visit. We cut her toenails, enjoyed her bouncing smack into the middle of our big King-sized bed to go to sleep, and got quite attached to her during her visit. Rosalie was curious about our two kitties (but not at all aggressive). Rosalie examined and talked to Champions Prince Charming and Jeribeth Sir Lancelot, showing absolutely NO assertiveness. Turned and walked away! We were enjoying her thoroughly, and I decided a photograph of a tiny CREAM FEMALE POMERANIAN PUPPY ABOUT 10 WEEKS OLD, snuggling up with this

giant big racing greyhound (lovely conformation by the way)...would be a delightful picture to use in the future. This tiny little fuzzy cream (almost white) Pomeranian baby is a precocious child anyway (as she is an only child) and afraid of absolutely NOTHING!!! My idea was to bring the baby into the living room to introduce her to this big silly greyhound and hopefully snap pictures!!



At this point, my Darrell suggested (sensibly) that perhaps I was being a little bit trusting...that tiny pom-puppy (cream, almost white in color) MIGHT JUST POSSIBLY CLOSELY RESEMBLE A BABY BUNNY, right? All you racing enthusiasts (touts) will quickly realize that racing greyhounds are trained to run 900 miles per hour trying to CATCH and KILL a bunny rabbit, right? OH MY GOD!!!

I changed my mind...Rosalie never met the tiny Pom puppy and will NEVER meet her!

*Can you imagine what the outcome might have been of that incident? Boy, what a column THAT would have been...*

Till next time, SMILE A LOT, AND MEAN IT!!!

**Olga Baker**  
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## A WINNING COMBINATION...

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Owner-Handled by Ed Martin

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DAM: Golden Aires Lady Kaye

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# SPECIAL ADDITION

Top 20 Poms January- April 1991 AKC Gazette

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

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

**Breed 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:

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|---|-----|
| <b>BEST IN SHOW (All Breeds)</b> .....      | 500 |
| <b>BEST IN SHOW (Specialty)</b> .....       | 250 |
| <b>BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX (Specialty)</b> ... | 75  |
| <b>TOY GROUP FIRST</b> .....                | 250 |
| <b>TOY GROUP SECOND</b> .....               | 150 |
| <b>TOY GROUP THIRD</b> .....                | 75  |
| <b>TOY GROUP FOURTH</b> .....               | 25  |
| <b>BEST OF BREED</b> .....                  | 10  |

**Statistician: Susan Wade.** Tie placements are alphabetical and marked with an asterisk. BISS is for Independent Specialties only. The following is the listing of the Top Twenty Poms, as per the JANUARY-MARCH 1991 AKC Gazette.

| POINTS | NAME  | BISA | BISS | BOSS | I | II | III | IV | BOB |
|--------|---|------|------|------|---|----|-----|----|-----|
| 3040   | CH. JAMOL'S CLASSIC HI-TIME (D).....<br>(B. Paull, Owner)                 | -    | -    | -    | 7 | 6  | 4   | -  | 9   |
| 1475   | CH. HOMESTEAD'S SPIT 'N POLISH (D).....<br>(J. Hurley, Owner)             | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 7  | 1   | -  | 10  |
| 1245   | CH. PIXIE'S BUTTONS-N-BOWS (B).....<br>(C. Galavich, Owner)               | -    | -    | -    | 4 | 1  | 1   | -  | 2   |
| 1235   | CH. JANE'S WEE PRINCE O'JERIBETH (D).....<br>(G. & J. Reed, Owners)       | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 6  | 1   | -  | 1   |
| 1220   | CH. TOMHO CHAMPAGNE WISHES (D).....<br>(R. Koepfel, Owner)                | -    | -    | -    | 2 | 3  | 2   | 2  | 7   |
| 1195   | CH. JERIBETH SIR LANCELOT (D).....<br>(Baumgartner/Contino/Baker, Owners) | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 5  | 1   | 4  | 2   |
| 990    | CH. SHY ACRES OUR MAN FRIDAY (D).....<br>(H. Sklar, Owner)                | -    | -    | 1    | 1 | 3  | -   | -  | 4   |
| 850    | CH. SOUTHLAND'S MR. VIP O'IDA (D).....<br>(Jackson/Taylor, Owners)        | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 3  | -   | 2  | 10  |
| 755    | CH. TIM SUE'S HARBOR LIGHTS (D).....<br>(S. & P. Conlee, Owners)          | -    | -    | -    | 2 | 1  | 1   | -  | 3   |
| 650    | CH. PHYNER GOLD JACKPOT (D).....<br>(Trauner/Moreno, Owners)              | -    | -    | -    | 2 | 1  | -   | -  | -   |
| 645    | CH. WEE HEART'S THAT'S NUFF (D).....<br>(C. & E. Evans, Owners)           | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 2  | 1   | -  | 2   |
| 615    | CH. SOUTHLAND'S MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE (D)....<br>(C. Creed, Owner)            | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 1  | 2   | 1  | 4   |
| 540    | CH. SHADOMOUNTIN ONE MAN SHOW (D).....<br>(Bucher/Snyder, Owners)         | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 1  | 1   | 1  | 4   |
| 530    | CH. STOLANNE THUNDERBOLT THOR (D).....<br>(F. Stoll, Owner)               | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 1  | 1   | 1  | 3   |
| *410   | CH. BI-MAR SHO-GUN OF JERBO'S (D).....<br>(J. & D. Owens, Owners)         | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 1  | -   | -  | 1   |
| *410   | MERRYMONT SAT'RDAY NITE LIVE (D)....<br>(P. Griffin, Owner)               | -    | -    | -    | 1 | 1  | -   | -  | 1   |
| 295    | CH. BRITESTAR'S BINGO BONANZA (D).....<br>(M. Porter, Owner)              | -    | -    | -    | - | 1  | -   | 1  | 12  |
| 280    | CH. GREAT ELMS POPE GREGORY (D).....<br>(R. Beam, Owner)                  | -    | -    | -    | 1 | -  | -   | -  | 3   |
| *270   | CH. DEL SOL'S MIGHTY MURPHY (D).....<br>(S. & L. Levin, Owners)           | -    | 1    | -    | - | -  | -   | -  | 2   |
| *270   | JAN LE'S LASTING IMPRESSION (D).....<br>(Hansen/Lehtinen, Owners)         | -    | -    | -    | 1 | -  | -   | -  | 2   |
| *270   | STAR HAVEN'S ROCK N JAMES BROWN (D).<br>(J. Young, Owner)                 | -    | 1    | -    | - | -  | -   | -  | 2   |

# Jeribeth's Prince Put-Up Pat



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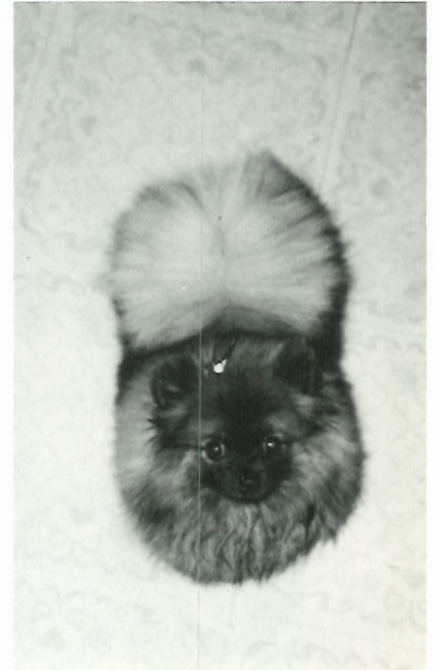
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Special, he went Group 1 under judge **Mrs. Betty J. Munden**. Our thanks to these, and all judges, who recognized Rusty's attributes.

We would also like to thank **Wade Burns** for the outstanding handling of our special dog.

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## ● HEARTWORM DISEASE ●

Yesterday, while mowing my friend Patty's lawn, I contemplated ideas for articles. I have already written about heat stroke (from which Patty and I were both suffering) so that was out of the question...

The dogs were lined up in the shade along the edge of the porch that overlooks the massive acre of lawn, and they were quite cool and content to watch their mother and I toil in the hot sun. My mower coughed and sputtered as I slashed my way through a clump of *solanum dulcamera*. There's an idea, I thought. How about poisonous plants? I looked around me at the bumper crop of dandelions releasing their flocks of tiny umbrellas with each gust of wind off the lake. I noticed the young pine cones just getting ready to spill their powdery pollen. Most of the blossoms had already fallen from the fruit trees. Allergic skin disease! What a good idea for an article. Then it hit me. Or rather, it *bit* me. With my first mosquito bite of the season came the end to my mental search.

Very few of you who read this column are unfamiliar with heartworm. The disease has been recognized for many years and most dog owners are aware of the disease and familiar with testing and prevention methods. However, there are a couple of important new developments to report and some myths to dispel. But first, a brief review of the disease.

### Heartworm Disease— How It Happens

Heartworm is the common name for *dirofilaria immitis*, a worm that actually infects and takes up residence in the heart of the unprotected dog. The adult heartworm is very large (they can be up to a foot long) and great numbers of these worms can pack themselves into the chambers of the heart causing devastating disease.

Understanding the life cycle of the heartworm and its transmission from dog to dog is the key to understanding testing and prevention methods. The adult heartworm produce tiny, microscopic offspring called microfilaria which circulate in the blood throughout the body of an infected dog. A mosquito, quite innocently

taking a blood meal from an infected dog, also become infected. The microfilaria then develop into infective third-stage larvae in the salivary glands of the mosquito. When said mosquito bites another dog, the infective larvae are transmitted into the dog's body. The young heartworms go through the remaining developmental stages within the corrective tissues of the dog and eventually enter the bloodstream and take up residence in the heart and *vena cava*. When the number of heartworms becomes too great, the dog becomes ill with signs of heart and respiratory disease (coughing, weakness, dullness, difficulty breathing, collapse) and, if nothing is done to treat the infection, the dog eventually dies.

Heartworm disease is a serious problem in many parts of the U.S. and is seen, at least to some degree, in every part of the country. The disease is especially prevalent along the Atlantic Coast and in the South, but there are endemic areas scattered throughout the U.S. In some parts of Minnesota, for instance, the disease is quite common. In endemic areas, nearly half of the dog population is infected with heartworm.

### Testing and Treatment

Fortunately, the disease is easy to prevent by giving microfilaricidal drugs. These drugs are relatively inexpensive and almost never produce unwanted side effects. Before heartworm preventatives are given, however, a blood test must be performed to make sure the patient does not have the disease. If given to a dog with heartworm disease, the preventative drugs will cause circulatory problems, anaphylaxis, and even death to the patient. If a blood test indicates that the dog indeed has heartworm disease (the test actually looks for the presence of microfilaria in the blood), other drugs must be given to kill the adult worms. The treatment for heartworm disease is very taxing on the dog. In fact, it usually

makes the patient very sick. Some dogs have died during treatment. As you can see, prevention is very important.

### Prevention

#### **Diethylcarbamazine.**

There are basically three drugs available for use as heartworm preventatives. The first, and oldest, is diethylcarbamazine. This drug comes in many different formulations — some are pills, others (for example, **Filaribits**<sup>®</sup>) are chewable treats. The drug is relatively inexpensive and must be given once a day throughout the mosquito season.

#### **Ivermectin**

A few years ago, dog owners everywhere cheered the introduction of a heartworm preventative that only had to be given once a month. The drug is marketed as **Heartgard-30**<sup>®</sup>, and the active ingredient is ivermectin. Heartgard-30 comes in a nice little package of six pills along with a set of little heart-shaped stickers to place on the kitchen calendar so that you always remember when it's time for the monthly dose. For a dog under 25 pounds, the cost of a six-month supply would be about \$15 (maybe a little less). That sounds expensive for just six little pills, but most people think it's well worth the cost.

In order to save money, people with large numbers of dogs (breeders, for example) have tried using the formulation of ivermectin which is marketed for use in cattle (**Ivomec**<sup>®</sup>) instead of Heartgard-30. In theory, there's no reason why this shouldn't work. Ivomec is not officially approved for use in the dog, and a veterinarian who prescribes it for heartworm prevention could find himself in a legal mess if anything should happen to go wrong. The biggest problem with using Ivomec in dogs is the likelihood of overdosing. Ivermectin is a relatively safe drug. It can be used at recommended doses in pregnant and lactating bitches. It has been shown to

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be safe when used in dogs being treated for a multitude of other diseases. But if overdosed, the drug can cause toxicity. The dose of ivermectin in the Heartgard-30 tablet prescribed for dogs 25 pounds and under is 68mcg — that equals 0.068mg. Since Ivomec contains 10mg ivermectin per cc of solution, the dose of Ivomec which would be used for heartworm prevention in a small dog would be 0.0068 mg. If you dilute 1 cc Ivomec with 9cc propylene glycol (keeping in mind that propylene glycol can cause side effects of its own) you have 1 mg ivermectin per cc of solution. This makes the heartworm preventative dose 0.068 cc. While this volume of solution (or at least close enough), can be measured with a tuberculin syringe, I think you can see how easy it would be to make a mistake. I know breeders who routinely give 0.1 cc ivomec each month to their dogs and do not have problems. This dose might be

used to treat mange, cheyletiella mites or ear mite infection, but is certainly overkill for monthly heartworm preventative. As far as I am concerned, the monthly use of this dose is unsafe.

**Milbemycin Oxime**

Recently Ciba-Geigy Animal Health introduced a new once-a-month heartworm preventative called *Interceptor*<sup>®</sup>. The active ingredient in interceptor is milbemycin oxime which is of the same class of drugs as ivermectin. This new drug appears to be very safe and very effective — similar to Heartgard-30. However, Interceptor has also been studied and approved for use in hookworm infection. This is a great advantage and is a key element in the drug company's advertising campaign. It is possible (if not probable) that ivermectin is also effective against hookworms in dogs — it probably works against roundworms too. we certainly make use of ivermectin for treating many different

species of parasites in horses and cattle. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see the makers of Heartgard-30 working to get their product approved for use in treating parasites other than heartworm. We'll see what happens.

**A Popular Myth**

Finally, I'd like to address a myth that seems to be prevalent among breeders of heavily-coated breeds (i.e. Poms). Some people think that since these dogs have such heavy coats it is impossible for a mosquito to bite and that heartworm, therefore, is not a potential problem. This is simply not true. I have known of a number of Poms with heartworm. Two of them, in fact, were show dogs — one a bitch and the other a magnificent male special. Coat or no coat, you can't afford to ignore heartworm.

So long for now. Remember to keep those Poms cool this summer.

*Tom Graves, DVM*

## *Pom Escapades* By Susan Johnson

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# Specialty Scenes

by Sally Baugniot

*What a wonderful A.P.C. Summer Specialty in Oklahoma! The Sooner Pomeranian Club* has always put on a quality event. I remember going to one of their "B" Matches during their quest for a point show. Their BiM trophy was a little pocket Sony "Watchman" T.V.. I won that T.V.! Its protective case is one of Dick's old 'holey' socks. It works great when traveling...

The Sooner Pom Club hosted an **American Pomeranian Club Judges' Study Group** on May 23rd. This was open to not only judges, but any breeder or exhibitor who wanted to learn more about the Pomeranian Standard and what the judges were learning about the Pom. The group was led by me, **Sally Baugniot**. Three other Pom judges helped with the discussions. I thank **Garland Baker**, **Al Williamson**, and **Darrell Baker** for helping. We received a very positive feedback from the participants. So much so, that I am planning on doing the same thing next year in Washington State for the 1992 A.P.C. Summer Specialty, if both A.P.C. and the host club approve. The Sooner Pom Club had a wonderful Hospitality Room for everyone, delicious snacks, soft drinks and bubbly.

Friday, May 24th, was the big day! Not only was it the day of the Specialty, but it was my birthday. There was a beautiful cymbidium orchid corsage waiting for me when I checked into the motel on Thursday. The card said something like, "For your 39th Birthday, just like Jack Benny, Love, Dick." Wasn't that sweet? 39??? I'm not afraid to tell, but don't tell anyone else. (*Whisper - It was really 59. SSHHHH!*) Now, find another lady that truthful.

Sweeps judging started at 12:00 noon, with **Prince Charming's** owner **Olga Baker** judging 41 Sweepstakes entries. The 6-9 month puppy class had an entry of 11 with one absent. The winner of that class was **Jan-Le's Touch of Fascination**, bred and owned by **Jane Lehtinen**. He was a very outstanding cream puppy, who showed his little heart out. He was

also Best in Sweeps.

Of the 11 (1 absent) 9-12 puppy dogs the winner was **Allayn's The Entertainer** owned by **Mary Allan**. There were some excellent puppy dogs shown.

In the 6-9 month puppy bitch Sweeps, 11 were entered with 2 absent. **Estelle McDonald** had a gorgeous cobby little gal. **Mac's Morning Star** was the winner of this class.

The 9-12 month class had 8 entered. All were shown. **Alden's K's Country Chrisma** owned by **Karen Ludke**, a very nice puppy, won this class and went on to win Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweeps.

The regular classes were judged by **Roger S. Pritchard** of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Puppy Dogs 6-9 months first place winner was **DeArta Tuf Cricket of Santer**. A beautiful cream, he is owned by **Sandy Pritchard & M. Deane Rinehart**. There were 11 entered and shown in this class.

Puppy Dogs 9-12 month winner was **Alden's Hard Headed Harry** owned by **Alden A. & Janet Domrase**. He was a nice orange guy. 7 were entered and shown in this class.

Bred by Exhibitor class was an entry of 4 with no absentees. The Best in Sweeps winner won first and went on to Reserve Winners Dog. Again, **Jan-Le's Touch of Fascination** owned and exhibited by **Jane Lehtinen**. I have been told that this nice puppy is now owned by **Mary Rinehart**. Congratulations, Mary!

An Open Black, Brown & Blue entry was absent.

Winner of the Open Dogs, Red, Orange, Cream & Sable was **Primrose City Limits** owned by **Matt & Maria**

**Kreisler**, who was the eventual Winners Dog. This finished this dog as he was moved up to BOB class the next day. Congratulations, Kreislers! There were 15 entered in this class with 1 absentee.

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months had 11 entries with 1 absent. Winner of this nice class was **Texican's Rainy Day**, breeder-owner **Ericka Moureau**.

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months with 8 entered, 3 absent, had **Heartland's Fancy Free** as its winner. She was a very nice, showey, orange and sable who went WB, BOW, BOB the next day. What a thrill for **Dianne Kieffer** at Seminole KC!

There were 2 Bred-By-Exhibitor entries. **Tim Sue's Starlight** took first place.

Open Bitches Black, Brown & Blue, 4 entries, 1 absent. Winner was **Ballykin Magic Noire**, breeder-owned by **Renee McGrath DVM**. She was a nice, sound moving black, nicely proportioned and a breedable size.

Open Bitches Red, Orange, Cream & Sable had an entry of 14. 3 were absent. Winning this class made breeder-owner-handler **Al Williamson** very happy - I have never seen him with a bigger smile. This was on **Cenla Annie Laurie O'Friday** (guess who daddy was). But...this was only the beginning. Catch you in a minute.

Open Bitches AOC. The single entry was a beautiful real true (as true as I have seen in a long while) wolf-sable bitch. Very nice but not really excited about being in the ring. **Mercer's Sassette** bred, owned and shown by **Dan Mercer**. Don't give up, Dan!

Al's bitch went WB. Reserve Winners Bitch went to the second in Open ROCS, **Fame Gold And Glitter**, a

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There was one Veteran Bitch, a pretty little gal, **Ch. Carousel's Miss Bo Jangles**, owned by **Linda Gustafson**. She was accorded the applause this veteran so richly deserved.

Best of Breed had an entry of 16 (11D, 5B [2 ab.] ) and Veteran Bitch, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, of course. There were some beautiful specials competing for Best of Breed.

The stunned but very deserving owner **Al Williamson** was elated when BEST OF BREED and BEST OF WINNERS was awarded to his Winners Bitch, **Cenla's Laurie Annie O'Friday**. As the saying goes, you could have knocked him over with a feather. This little showy girl really finished in a blaze of glory. Congratulations, Al!

After judging, many things were raffled; dog food, T-shirts, grooming aprons, other grooming products and doggy products, a dog kennel, grooming table and blanket. Each person received a little hand-made tote bag with lots of miscellaneous things in it.

That evening we were treated to local Indian-type food and various singing and dancing entertainment by one of the Indian tribes in full ritual dress. The next day, after early Pom judging, those of us who signed up, went to Remington Park to watch, yes, and BET at the Quarter Horse races. What an experience for me, who has only bought one lottery ticket ever, and never gone to the Greyhound races that have been allowed in our state for a year! Horse race betting is now allowed and this was a first for me. We had an all-afternoon buffet, including a delicious array of desserts. (Just what we need, right?) A good time was had by all.

I, personally, would like to thank **Ray & Brenda Hudson** and the entire **Sooner Pomeranian Club** for the time and energy devoted to put on

this **1991 A.P.C. Summer Specialty**. This was the best Birthday Party I ever remember having. Wonderful! Thanks guys. Those of you who didn't come, really missed it. Watch for the Sooner Club's first point show this fall!

## SKIN CONDITIONS SEMINAR

FEBRUARY 9, 1991, NEW YORK CITY

A dedicated and interested group of over 40 attendees gathered on February 9, 1991, at the Loews Summit Hotel in New York City to listen to information on skin conditions of the Pomeranian. Guest speaker was **Clint Lothrop, DVM**, Associate Professor with the Department of Environmental Practice at the University of Tennessee. He gave a 3-hour presentation which covered the various types of possible skin conditions that occur in canines. The last session of his presentation and slide show dealt specifically with adult onset growth hormone responsive alopecia as it occurs in the Pomeranian. He showed "before" slides of what is commonly seen in severe cases of the "skin condition", and "after" slides of dogs that were re-coted. He left everyone with much information to assimilate and discuss and decide how we as breeders and members of the parent club wish to proceed. Clint Lothrop suggested that formulating a protocol for specific tests to be performed by veterinarians might be the first place to start. The results of these tests could then be sent to him for his research. He also needs pedigree information for genetic research.

The afternoon session was a question-and-answer session with the following panel: **Sue Goddard, Chris Heartz, Olga Baker**, with **Janice Luginsland** as Moderator. The honesty and integrity of the breeders on the panel is to be commended. Many of the various treatments, home-made and otherwise,

The Skin Condition Seminar Committee submitted a report on the presentation in New York in February. It follows. Until next month, best of luck to all!

*Sally Baugniet*

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were openly discussed.

The new APC President, **Mary Vickers**, has a serious and dedicated in anomalies specific to the Pomeranian as well as does the Board. The task now lies with the Board and General Membership to carry this project forward.

Special thanks needs to be given to the committee — **Sue Goddard, Chris Heartz, Dana Plonkey and Janice Luginsland**. Mary Vickers headed up the video production and distribution. Chris Heartz generously donated her lovely artwork for the cover of the packet which unfortunately did not carry her name. **Bonnie Stetson and Executive Services** of Akron, Ohio, were responsible for securing a donor for the printing, etc., of the packet saving APC several hundred dollars.

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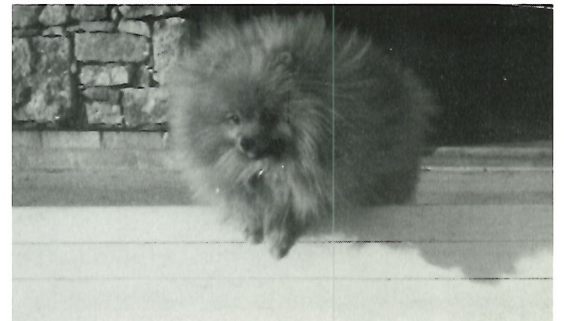


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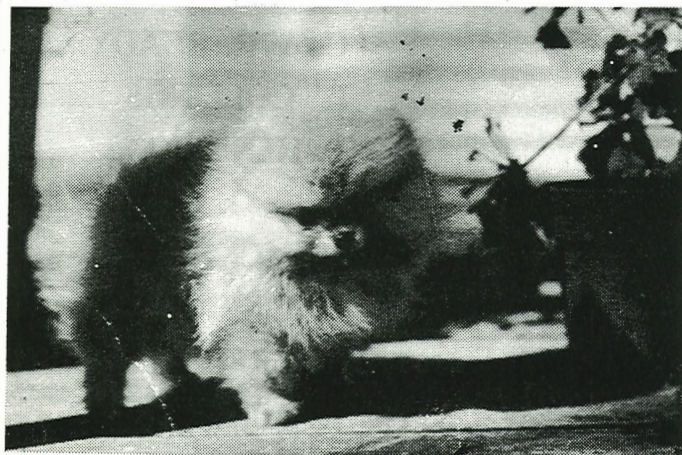


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## *And Collecting Your Claim*

Part I of II — by Candace McCall

**In the early 1970's, I lost "Major", a magnificent specimen and a dear friend. I remember virtually everything about him: his gorgeous deep red color, even the expressions he would get on his face. But most of all, I remember Major when he chose to keep me company in my kitchen, lying luxuriously on the floor with those liquid eyes watching me. Once in a rare while you have a special kinship with a dog. He was one such.**

I shipped Major to Florida. He felt so good that morning, and traveling did not seem to bother him. He took off for the blue skies and his life was over. He had been put into a plane that did not pressurize the compartment he was in. That was it for him, but my grief went on. To make matters worse, the airlines gave me a bad time. We won out, but it took a lawyer and it was an awful experience.

Times change. I am a lawyer now, and I don't ship dogs. I don't participate in breeding or shows much, but I do try to keep up with the fancy and my friends. Therefore I was saddened when Frank Tingley called. Another beloved dog, another tragedy, this time Frank's prized champion bitch. I'm sorry, Frank and Ruth.

I want to share with you what I know about dealing with public carriers. Bear in mind that this is not intended as a substitute for individualized legal advice. This is more what to do whenever you ship an animal, the reasons why, and how to protect your claim should you suffer a loss.

First, understand that there are two and sometimes three sets of laws that will affect you: federal law, state law and possibly arbitration law. State laws vary, so I am being very general here. My purpose is to tell you not what your state's laws are, but what you can do so that the law that applies to you, whatever it is going to be, will work in your favor.

Second, a word about your pain. Feelings can set you reeling. Before you blow up in frustration and grief, think deeply about what you are trying to accomplish when you file a claim with an airline. You may get hot when dealing with the people who caused you this loss. Ask yourself what purpose blasting an airline employee will serve. It will NOT make

you feel better. When you lose control of your feelings it will be when talking to the guy who found your dog (he's not at fault - he knows it's the airline's fault and truthfully came to your aid), or the woman in the claims department who has the power to direct your check to be mailed today. And don't get mad at the airline as an entity, either. It is not a person and does not exist except for business purposes. You might as well be mad at the clouds. I know how it feels: I desperately wanted to make the airline not make any more mistakes, and also I wanted them to reimburse me for my financial loss. I promise, angry exchanges about your claim will not reform the airline industry. To reform, you must deal at a deeper level with those who have the power to change things from the inside out. This is only at the highest level of management. You will not find this person at the shipping desk or answering the phone in the claims department. It was hard for me, and it will be hard for you, too. Take charge of yourself. Put the energy to work in other ways.

### **The Shipping Papers.**

These vary slightly from airline to airline. The purpose of these shipping papers (also called a contract or agreement in this article) is to represent the contract between them, the carrier, and you, the customer. Your champion may even be called "goods" or "equipment" in small print. It's not meant to be an affront or an inaccuracy. The word "goods" was chosen to cover as many things as possible so that it would be clear that the agreement you sign covers whatever it is being shipped, be it Pomeranian or pine oil.

First, it is important to **READ WHATEVER YOU SIGN**. Your response

is, after a silent mental groan, *tell me something I don't already know*, right? I am telling you this because everyone has a favorite excuse for not doing it. Most people don't feel comfortable doing this and as a result don't do it. I'm sure we've all thought or heard the biggies: 1) I have to agree to whatever is there anyway, so it really isn't so important, or 2) it's too hard, or 3) I read one once but I don't know what I'm supposed to look for or do about it, or 4) all shipping contracts are the same, or 5) there isn't time, and everybody gets so impatient. I hope by the end of this article you will be so convinced of the importance of reading your contract that you will never think this way again.

Reading shipping papers can be slow going at first but requires no magic mental transformation based on voodoo or worse, legalese. Carriers learned long ago that as makers of the contract, any misunderstanding between you and them will most likely be decided in your favor if it is the language's fault and it goes to court. Result: understandable English is now the rule. Don't let fine print scare you; you can puzzle much of this out by careful reading. Common sense meaning is what it means, and after a couple of times you will be reading them much better without the anxiety attacks or magnifying glasses. And you will have little to do once you've read it, except perhaps something critical, like buying insurance because you are not covered.

Second, **always fill out the forms completely**. Leave nothing to the imagination or the pen of another person after the fact. Of critical importance is the declared value. **ALWAYS** put a declared value on the papers. Some carrier contracts state (sometimes in tiny print on the back) that a carrier will only

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**AIRLINES continued...**

pay for things of "ordinary" value. What that means, in extremely broad language, is that if it is a \$5,000.00 antique breakable lamp, they want to know about it. They are entitled to know what they are dealing with so they can take proper care when handling other people's property. Tell them. **SOME** contracts state (does yours?) that the carrier is not responsible for extraordinarily valuable items if you **DON'T** disclose the value, and that if you do not you will only get ordinary value. So, if you do not tell them it is a \$5,000.00 antique lamp, you technically may get the replacement value of what it costs to buy a replacement lamp at K-Mart!

Here is another twist: if the item is of more than ordinary value, the contract papers may require that you purchase special insurance or pay more if you want more than ordinary value. So when you put in the value of your champion, it may not have any relevance at all because you did not also enquire about extra required insurance. These are two great examples of how important it is to read the contract. There is no other way to tell if you are making sure your dog is covered. Do it. If you are not sure if you need extra insurance, ask. (More about spoken words later.) Failing to put down value can be impossible to remedy and even if you can, it will be expensive and extremely difficult. And a small possibility: when they see how valuable your dog really is, they just might make different arrangements about where they will keep him and how they will handle him.

**Declared Value**

You are probably wondering just how much declared value to put down. A rule of thumb is to put in the replacement value - not future or past worth, but the value today. For those in your breeding program you would never dream of selling, being shipped say for a stud service or a show circuit, this idea may help: If you had to sell on shipping day, try your best to calculate what someone else, not you, would pay to buy your dog. Your personal feelings about your prized dog might interfere with what you would pay for your own dog if someone else tried to sell it to you. Be fair, and be fair to yourself also and don't underestimate either. You may have to substantiate it later. If the value is grossly overstated, it may cost you more eventually because you may be challenged to prove it by the airline. And if the airline feels the amount is too high, it may insist you buy expensive insurance. You must call your own number on this one. If there is a stud serv-

ice or other reasonable and relevant costs that you will be out because of the shipping, yes, you include them. Key points to remember: **GET A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT YOUR CONTRACT SAYS.** Do you need separate insurance? A separate agreement? **READ YOUR CONTRACT. ONLY YOUR CONTRACT, AND NOT THIS ARTICLE, CAN TELL YOU WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BE FULLY INSURED.**

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Third, the written word usually has more credibility than the spoken word. If an airline employee tells you something and you rely on it, for example here that putting down the value is not important, remember that most contracts say somewhere that you both agree that only what is in writing is binding. If the contract clearly says other than what you were told, if he is wrong, you may be bound to what the contract has in writing. I can't tell you how hard it can be to undo this one. Sometimes under unusual circumstances it

can be undone, but if an employee misrepresented something to you, whether intentional or not, and it involved shipping your dog, it can be the devil to fix. You were asked to sign the contract because the airline intends to rely on it. It represents in writing what you both agreed on. Can you see how hard it will be to prove that it is **NOT** what was agreed on? Therefore if you rely on what someone tells you and the contract you did not read clearly states otherwise, you are likely to either lose your claim or incur great expense. (HOW ARE YOU GOING TO KNOW IF WHAT HE SAYS IS NOT CONTRARY TO THE CONTRACT IF YOU HAVE NOT READ YOUR CONTRACT?)

Fourth, **remember that this article is general** and many other circumstances and clauses can come up. Read, ask and understand.

**Filing a Claim.**

It cannot be overstated: **DOCUMENT EVERYTHING YOU DO.** Get a file folder or an envelope or something where all your papers will be put together. Keep whatever originals you can, and copies of everything else. **DO NOT WRITE ON ANY OF THEM. KEEP THEM IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION. KEEP A PERFECT, CLEAN COPY OF EXACTLY WHAT YOU GAVE THE CARRIER.** Better yet, keep two copies of everything in two different places. Note everything **BUT ON SEPARATE PAPER:** the dates and times, names, and anything important that was said. Often people get burned when they do everything right but forget to document it and the other guy lost it, or never acted on it, or misfiled it. If later it is said that you never did anything in the first place, for example file the claim within 30 days as the contract requires, and therefore you lose, you must show that they and not you are at fault. Send it certified mail, or have someone go with you, get a receipt, a signature, whatever is appropriate. Think Murphy's Law: if anything can go wrong, it will. Only you can protect yourself.

In addition to filing a claim, make for yourself as soon as possible a written account, or even a tape recording of everything you can remember about what happened. Memories can fade over time, and should there ever be a dispute it can be invaluable. Anything that comes to mind should be added over time. □

*Candace McCall*

**NEXT MONTH: PART II  
Deadlines and Getting Help When You  
Need It.**

# New

# Champions

*Confirmed Champions of Record* *May 1991 AKC Gazette*

**Cordies Apache Teardrop** (D), by Cordie's Black Jacks x Cordie's Jaquaita Bea. Breeder: Cordie Musgrove. Owner: Cheryl Caldwell.

**De Arta's Gold Mist of Kenny** (D), by Ch. Kenney's Gold Mist Casper x Kenney's Gold Mist Roxanne. Breeder: Sallie Sajonce. Owner: M. Deane Rinehart & Nina K. Epps.

**Extace's Solid Gold Nuggett** (D), by Hoch's Whimsical Gold Nugget x KC's April Lamore. Breeder: Patricia L. Forst. Owner: Elsie J. Hull & Gary Hull.

**Pomaunok Earth Angel** (B), by Ch. Homestead's Spit N' Polish x Pomaunok Thank Heaven. Breeder: Fran Bosmann. Owner: Fran Bosmann & Gloria Setmayer.

**Prestigious Kitty Hawk** (B), by Ch. Tim Sue's Moon Rocket x Prestigious Straight Flush. Breeder: Sherry D. Steinmetz & Earl L. Steinmetz. Owner: Janine G. Pannell.

**Rambo's Double Rock Top Mark** (D), by Ch. Wee Rambo of Coy's Top Mark x Rock's Golden Rockette. Breeder: Geneva B. Pennock. Owner: Geneva

B. Pennock & Brenda K. Segelken.

**Rhynstone The Main Event** (D), by Ch. Rhynstone Dodger of Lenette x Ch. Rhynstone Lady In Red. Breeder-Owner: Joyce Urban.

**Star Haven's Rock N James Brown** (D), by Ch. Stylestepper Mark of Oakridge x Star Haven's Cameo Appearance. Breeder-Owner: Janice Yong.

**Stolanne's Texas Tumbleweed** (B), by Ch. Stolanne's Stormy Sequel x Texas Fancy Lady. Breeder: Thelma Worley. Owner: Frances Joanne Stoll.

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whined, fussed, how he fret;

Was happy to leave her  
to be just a pet.

On a lead at a dog show,  
a judge that we met,

Her eyes quite admiring  
came to rest on our pet.

“How old?” she asked sweetly  
“Six months - not grown yet.

“We guess he's a big one  
“too big — just a pet.”

Here eyes softly twinkled:  
“Stopped growing, I bet.

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*Nan Shartel, 1991*

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# No Crates?

# NO THANKS.

*BY DALE ADAMS*

*Consider this article a "Call to Arms" for all small-dog exhibitors who are tired of the "No Crates At Ringside" rule made by some clubs...*

This rule has always been a problem which has caused great inconvenience at ringside, lower entries for the club in question and in some cases very real physical or emotional damage to the small dogs placed in a situation where they are completely vulnerable. And of course these same clubs always put the Toy ring in between the Rottweilers and the Sight hounds (who only have eyes for the toys). For my part the last two show weekends were enough to motivate me to write this article and to try to stimulate some interest in this problem and a solution.

**Show Number One** was held in a Rodeo Arena in — what else — the livestock barn. It should be noted at this point that the premium list did *not* state "No Crates." My husband and I along with several other Toy people were pulling our dollies through three inches of meadow muffins in a valiant attempt to reach the ring and higher ground. Suddenly we were accosted by a horrible little individual whose manners had obviously taken sick leave and were being filled in for by a classic "Napoleon Complex." This was *his* day. His small badge of Authority covered 80% of his chest and this he thrust forward with pride as he proclaimed that all crates must be kept in the spectator bleachers and that the large very adequate aisleway was for the spectators.

I thought, *What am I, a hemorrhoid, why do I feel this is ass-backward.* Well, you can't argue logic with the terminally illogical so off to the ring we went — five dogs, two exhibitors and some pas-

serby who was commissioned into the dog-holding service. The end result was a perfectly miserable show experience, trying to present a dog in the ring while watching the dogs outside the ring as they were being descended upon by a Mastiff whose mere footsteps measured 1.46 on the Richter scale.

The next weekend was a repeat performance except that "Napoleon" had been replaced by a lovely Southern Lady who tugged on her vowel sounds as if for dear life. I quickly calculated that it would take her 15 minutes to tell me to get the crates out of the building and into the 90° heat and I only had ten minutes to get in the ring so I gave up and left her drawling her way into oblivion with some poor slob she thought was with me.

The more I thought about this "No Crates" rule the more convinced I became that it is a self-defeating, unfair and in 80° of the cases a useless travesty of fairness and safety laws. And further that if everyone sits around complaining to each other about the seriousness of the situation and does nothing then it will NEVER change. I would like to list a few facts to draw from and offer some possible solutions and then I would invite readers to please join in sending additional information or suggestions and let's give it a try.

**Fact:** Small dogs pay the same entry fee as larger dogs.

**Fact:** The Toy entry at shows takes up less room per entry dollar than any other Variety Group.

**Fact:** Typically, small-dog exhibitors show an average of 3 dogs in a

breed ring while large dog exhibitors show *one*.

**Fact:** It takes 4 #100 crates stacked to cover the area used by one dog 60 lbs. or more.

**Fact:** No dog has ever been injured in a crate at ringside.

**Fact:** No spectator has ever been bitten by a dog in a crate at ringside even if he fell on it (unless he poked his fingers inside the crate - whose fault is that?)

**Solution:** Since Toy rings can be smaller, use the extra space *paid for by the Toy breeds* for a roped or fenced off "Safe area" for the Toy Breeds.

**Solution:** Place the small-dog rings near an exit where dead area can be utilized for a "Safe Area."

**Solution:** Designate an area at ringside with a "Leave right after exhibiting" rule and limit the crate size.

I truly feel this is a huge problem in our sport right now and it doesn't appear to be getting any better. I invite input from our readers; send your ideas for ways by which we can solve this problem without added trouble for show-giving clubs or ruffled feathers of all involved. If the Toy people will band together, we may be able to get something done.

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# UPDATE

## TOP TEN EXHIBITORS JANUARY-MARCH 1991

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-MARCH 1991 AKC GAZETTE**.

| EXHIBITOR .....                 | POINTS     |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>P. GRIFFIN.....</b>          | <b>30</b>  |
| <b>J. YOUNG.....</b>            | <b>28</b>  |
| <b>E. &amp; C. EVANS.....</b>   | <b>23</b>  |
| <b>J. CABRERA.....</b>          | <b>*21</b> |
| <b>S. HANSON.....</b>           | <b>*21</b> |
| <b>T. &amp; S. GODDARD.....</b> | <b>*20</b> |
| <b>FARMER/KENNEDY .....</b>     | <b>*20</b> |
| <b>D. &amp; W. ROACH.....</b>   | <b>*18</b> |
| <b>VASUTA/LANE .....</b>        | <b>*18</b> |
| <b>J. LUGINSLAND.....</b>       | <b>*17</b> |
| <b>S. MASNICK.....</b>          | <b>*17</b> |
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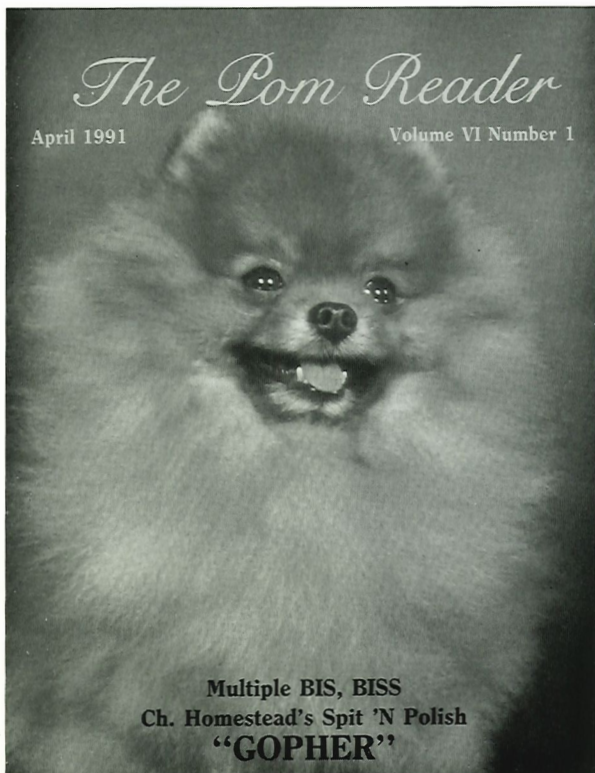
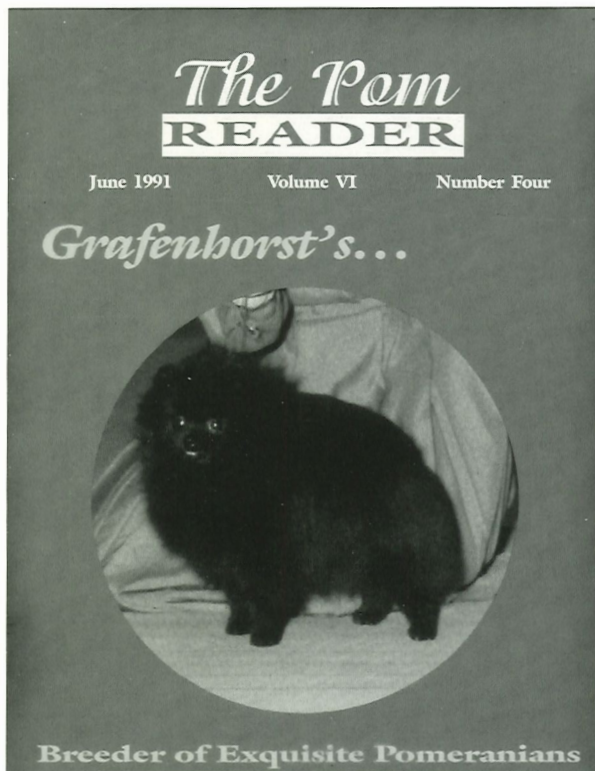
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