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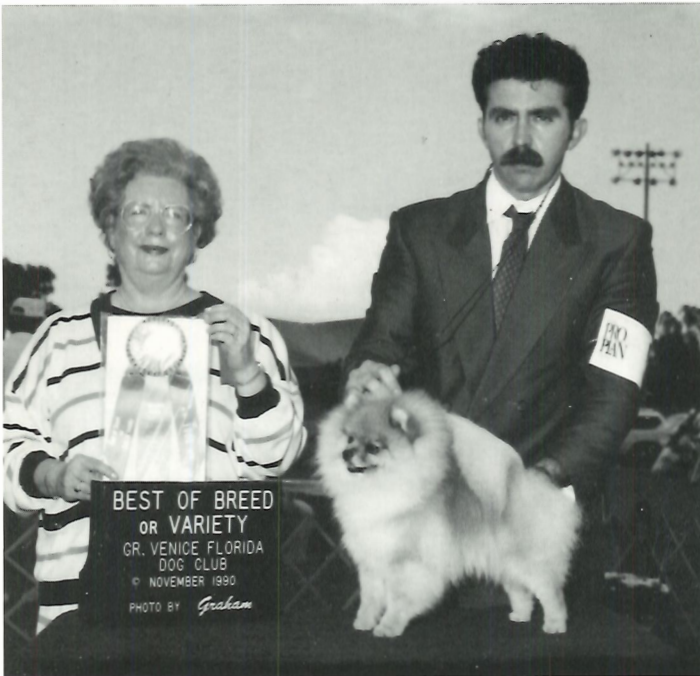
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EDITOR



The phone has certainly been weird lately. Of course, the average person will get the occasional odd telephone call; anybody at all involved in dogs gets more than his share of strange conversations, and any business is a target for pranksters. Should you be all of the above, however, you are really in for it.

I, however, am in a unique position for dealing with phone calls of an unusual nature, for when we were kids we were masters at the art of Telephone Tricks. Not for us the run-of-the-mill phone games played by the less innovative, like calling a drug store and inquiring if they had Sir Walter Raleigh in a can; when they answered yes, you shouted "Well, you'd better let him out before he suffocates!" There was also a stupid little trick wherein one would call a number at random and inquire if his or her refrigerator was running; when he said yes, one would answer "Well, you'd better catch it before it gets away!" That was kid stuff; we used more intriguing ploys to wreck someone's day.

One of the best was the Whistle Test. You called someone, identified yourself as the operator and said "We're testing the sound on your line. Could you please whistle into the receiver?" This one paid off in spades when you contacted someone who could not whistle very well. Puffs of breath would echo down the line, interspersed with reedy little bursts of musical tones. Then, when they had pretty much exhausted their repertoire, you simply burst out laughing and hung up. People all over the city were left staring at their handsets, wondering how they fell for that.

One really nasty telephone trick was the Wake Up Call, but it could only be employed in hotels, and was reserved for individuals you did not like, for whatever reason. You scanned the lobby for someone rude — and there's always one — and surreptitiously ascertained his room number. Then, you trotted over to the house phone, called the front desk and said "I'm in room 1409 and I have an urgent, early flight. Please make sure I'm up at 3:30 a.m." (This exercise is not reserved for juvenile delinquents; I did this again just last year at the Garden to someone who made a nasty crack at a party. All day Tuesday she looked bleary-eyed, and now you know why.) Although one must go to great lengths to accomplish a true telephone trick, they are almost always worth the trouble.

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Nowadays it would be easier to play telephone tricks, as voices do not have to be so cleverly disguised. The advent of male operators would allow one to speak in a normal tone of voice; in my day all operators were female, and one of the prerequisites of the job was an irritating, nasal voice. We simply clamped our fingers over our nostrils and raised the pitch an octave; the result was a perfectly passable Operator Voice.

One Telephone Trick for which you did not have to undergo vocal acrobatics was the Repair Man. A number would be dialed, and the phone, answered. One would then announce, "This is the telephone repair man. I have to redirect the electrical circuit in your trunk box. This may cause your phone to ring but please under no circumstance pick up the receiver, or you will complete the circuit while I'm working." Then you hung up. You waited one full minute. Then you called back and let it ring. And ring. And ring. No human being can stand it for long — the record was 39 rings — and so they finally grab the phone. Then you screamed at the top of your lungs.

Now you may note that this is not exactly an intellectual pursuit but hey, we were never malicious. We were just bored.

But the greatest of all was the Number Change. This was best accomplished around midnight on Saturday. You let the phone ring and ring, and finally made contact with an agitated individual on the other end. Again employing the Operator Voice, you said, "This is your telephone operator. Due to overload on the existing lines, your telephone number has been changed." Shocked, the person would inquire as to what was the new number. You then replied, "I'm sorry, but I do not have that information." Then you hung up. Nobody ever went back to sleep.

But what goes around comes around, I guess, and we have recently been the recipient of numerous stupid calls. The funny thing is that these are actual calls, not just pranks. My magazines bear the brunt of it, for example "Is this Top Notch Toys? Do you have Barbie and Ken's Fun House?" **The Orient Express**: "Do you deliver? We'll have a quart of Moo Goo Gai Pan, four eggrolls and two bottles of Heineken." (I'm always tempted to say we'll be there in thirty minutes, and then take the phone off the hook.) **Rottweil Xpress**: "Can you get a

package to Pittsburgh by the 25th?" And of course, our favorite, **The Pom Reader**: "Do you also do Tarot Cards?", or "My wife and I are expecting a baby. Is it going to be a boy or a girl?" (I said, *Two of each*. They dropped the phone.)

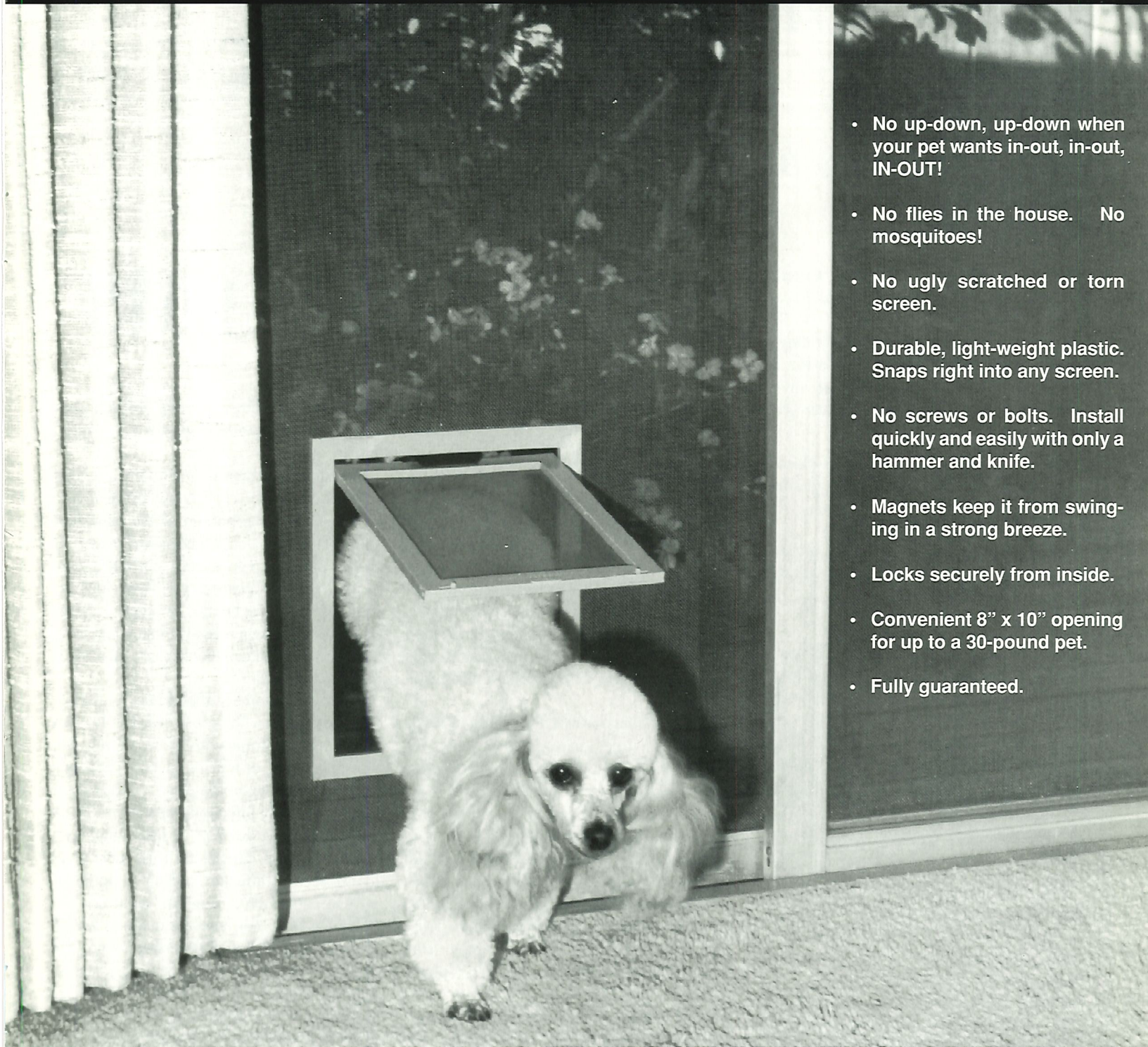
Complicating matters further is the tendency of people to say "prescription" rather than "subscription," and the new Walgreen's drug store whose phone number is one digit off from ours. Yesterday I got a call: "This is Mrs. Adams. I want to inquire about my prescription." Thinking she meant SUBSCRIPTION, I replied, *First name, please? I'll check on it*. I could not find a card under that name, and told her so. She then replied, "Well you'd better get it straightened out because I NEED THAT VALIUM!"

But sometimes I am the cause of the commotion. The other day I got a call: "I love **The Pom Reader**, I've been subscribing for years, and I'm especially glad to see you have **Olga Baker** back writing. She's great. What's she writing about next month?" I replied, *Yes, we're pleased to have her back, she's always been one of my favorite people*. But here is where the trouble started. I said, *In August, OLGA BRAKER IS TAKING A BAKE. Oops. Excuse me. I meant, OLGA BEEKER IS TAKING A BROOK. Cough, cough. Just a minute. Okay. OOGALOO IS A BARCALOUNGER. No. Wait. OLGA MO IS A VOLGA BOATMAN. Dear Gussie!* The caller then said, "Are you okay?" And I replied, "FINE. BUT MRS. DARRELL BAKER IS HAVING A MONTH OFF, OKAY? I hate when that happens.

But we are not without our prank calls, like one I received a little while ago. Being a retired expert at the art, they have to try awfully hard to get by me. The phone rang, and some kid said, "Do you groom dogs?" I said yes we do have a mobile grooming business. Then she said, "How much would you charge to wipe my dog's ---?" Without missing a beat I replied, "\$73.25 including tax. Would you like to put that on your credit card?" As she hung up I heard her say, "That's no fun. He's too smart." Until next month, if the phone rings...brace yourself.

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By

Sally Baugniat

SOAP
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I have very sad news to report. Edna Girardot, the grand lady of *Scotia Reg. Pomeranians*, died on May 13, 1991. She was well known for *Ch. Sungold's Gay Cavilier*, who still holds the record for siring more Champion puppies than any other Pomeranian. He produced over 65 Champions.

There has always been a special place in my heart for Edna, for several reasons. I bought some of my first show stock from her Scotia line. At the 1991 American Pomeranian Club Specialty she told me she was proud to have given me my start with show Poms. I am very thankful that she did.

Another very unusual reason, was her uncanny likeness to my mom. I had told Edna when I first met her that she looked very much like my mother. The year after Mama died, Dick and I took my dad with us on our annual January trip to Florida. We stopped in to see Edna at her Floral City, Florida, home. I asked my dad if she reminded him of anyone. He said, "Mama".

We, who were at the 1991 February Specialty, will never forget the applause given to Edna as she showed a veteran bitch. There were tears in our eyes. I said to myself, 'the other Veteran Bitch doesn't stand a chance today.' Edna loved to show her Poms so much that she always turned down the offers to judge Sweepstakes. She didn't want to miss the chance to show her Poms.

We send our sympathies to Dave and Dolores watts, who cared for Edna and with whom Edna lived when her health started to fail. The Watts' must have gotten a wealth of knowledge from Edna, and Edna, care and companionship from them. She enriched the lives of all she met.

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SKIN PROBLEMS

Is Elephant Skin, in the Pom, the same as *Subaceous Adenitis* in Poodles? In studying and talking with other dog people to educate myself in other breeds, I overheard the discussion of some Standard Poodle people. They kept talking about "SA". This, I found out, was short for Subaceous Adenitis, a skin disease that plagues several breeds. What they were discussing sounded much like what Pom people call "elephant skin". Since Pomeranians have several skin diseases, I inquired about their topic of discussion. **Barb Ingle** graciously offered to send some information to me.

The Genodermatosis Foundation, Inc., publishes a free quarterly newsletter for owners, breeders, and researchers interested in SA, called *Progress in SA Research*. They also publish a pamphlet on SA. Permission is given to quote from these two sources as long as credit is given to this foundation. All quotes and much information in this article are taken from the material published by the *Genodermatosis Research Foundation, Inc.*, a non-profit corporation: 1635 Grange Hall Road, Dayton, Ohio 45432. The phone number is 513-426-7060.

"The GRF was organized in 1990 by a group of dog owners, breeders, and veterinarians with a common interest in genetic skin disorders in dogs. the foundation provides educational and scientific support for research leading to the alleviation of animal suffering through understanding, diagnosis, treatment, cure and prevention of heritable skin diseases."

Interestingly enough, Pomeranians were one of the breeds listed as having been diagnosed with SA-like symptoms. All other breeds mentioned were some of the large breeds from the sporting and working groups,

plus Standard Poodles. No other breeds from the toy or non-sporting groups were mentioned.

"Sebaceous Adenitis," (inflammation and destruction of the sebaceous gland which is located around the bottom of the hair shaft under the skin) "is an inherited disorder. It usually appears in dogs from one to six years of age. It is not contagious. Most dogs affected with SA are healthy in other respects. It is believed to be a recessive trait where both the dog's sire and dam contribute to the genes that produce SA."

"At the onset an SA-affected dog will show varying degrees of hair loss or thinning. Patches of dry skin may appear on the muzzle, tops of the ears, or base of the tail. The dog's skin may thicken as the disease progresses. Secondary skin infections are common. A strong odor may develop. A silver-gray scaling may appear. This dandruff is most commonly seen in affected Standard Poodles."

"Unfortunately, current methods of treating SA do not cure the disease, but do make the dog feel and look better. Frequent bathing with a therapeutic shampoo is recommended. Antibiotics are useful in controlling secondary skin infections. Although hair may grow back where it was lost, the new hair is different in texture than normal hair."

The quotes for this article were taken from *Progress in SA Research* published by the Genodermatosis Research Foundation, Inc. They welcome your support.

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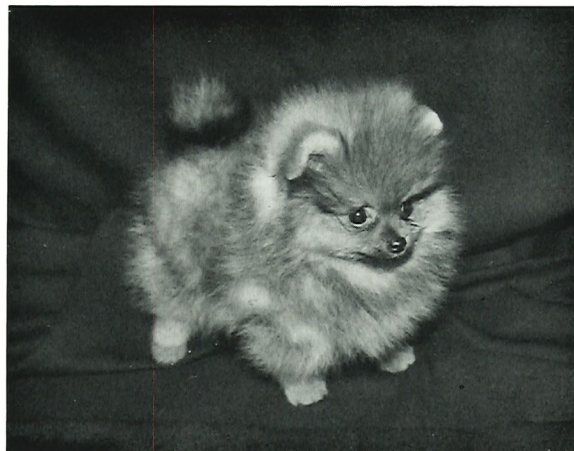
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Puf-Pride Tandilizing Angel (B), by Tiny Sun Dancer of Oakridge x LLL Happy Twinkling Tange. Breeder-Owner: **Virginia L. Dimick & Warren G. Dimick.**

Sun-Dot's Chewbka (D), by Ch. Sun-Dot's Ramboling On x Sun-Dot's Lil' Miss Ginger. Breeder: Socorro C. Dedmon & Joseph P. Dedmon. Owner: **Ruth Dotson.**

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Confirmed Champions of Record

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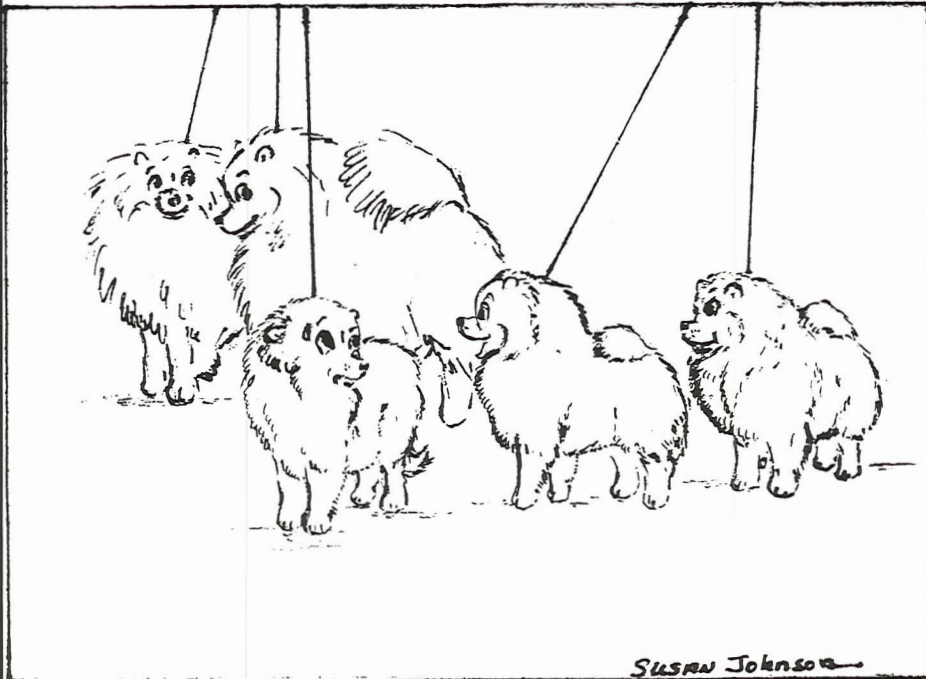
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Welcome to **UPDATE**, your monthly rating list of breeders and exhibitors out there winning points in the show ring. As most all serious Pomeranians fanciers are, in one way or another, involved in campaigning their Poms for AKC Championship points, 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 above dates of the AKC GAZETTE.

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SPECIAL ADDITION

Top 20 Poms January-June '91 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:

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

Statistician: Susan Wade. Tie placements are 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 dates above.

POINTS	NAME	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB
3275	CH. JAMOL'S CLASSIC HI-TIME (D)..... (B. Paull, Owner)	-	-	-	7	7	5	-	10
2090	CH. TOMHO CHAMPAGNE WISHES (D)..... (R. Koeppel, Owner)	-	-	-	4	5	2	4	9
1550	CH. SHY ACRES OUR MAN FRIDAY (D)..... (Smart/Roberts, Owners)	1	-	1	1	4	1	-	5
1485	CH. HOMESTEAD'S SPIT 'N POLISH (D)..... (J. Hurley, Owner)	-	-	-	1	7	1	-	11
1370	CH. SOUTHLANDS MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE (D) (C. Creed, Owner)	-	1	-	2	2	3	1	7
1305	CH. TOMHO STRUTTING TERMITE (D)..... (H. Sklar, Owner)	-	-	-	2	5	-	1	3
*1245	ACH. JANE'S WEE PRINCE O'JERIBETH (D). (G. & J. Reed, Owners)	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	2
*1245	CH. PIXIE'S BUTTONS-N-BOWS (B)..... (C. Galavich, Owner)	-	-	-	4	1	1	-	2
1195	CH. JERIBETH SIR LANCELOT (D)..... (Baumgartner/Contino/Baker, Owners)	-	-	-	1	5	1	4	2
925	CH. GLEN IRIS CASTLE ROCK (D)..... (Moureau/Jackson, Owners)	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	-
900	CH. PHYNER GOLD JACKPOT (D)..... (Trauner/Moreno, Owners)	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-
850	CH. SOUTHLAND'S MR. VIP O'IDA (D)..... (Jackson/Taylor, Owners)	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	10
805	CH. WEE HEART'S THAT'S NUFF (D)..... (C. & E. Evans, Owners)	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	3
*790	CH. STOLANNE THUNDERBOLT THOR (D).. (F. Stoll, Owner)	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	4
*790	CH. TIM SUE'S HARBOR LIGHTS (D)..... (S. & P. Conlee, Owners)	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	4
625	CH. TIM SUE'S HIGH LIGHTS (D)..... (T. & S. Goddard, Owners)	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	5
615	CH. SHADOMOUNTIN ONE MAN SHOW (D).. (Bucher/Snyder, Owners)	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4
455	CH. BI-MAR SHO-GUN OF JERBO'S (D)..... (J. & D. Owens, Owners)	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
445	MERRYMONT SAT'RDAY NITE LIVE (D) (P. Griffin, Owner)	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2
350	CH. BRITESTAR'S BINGO BONANZA (D)..... (M. Porter, Owner)	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	15

*Tie: Placements alphabetical

I.V. League

Your Hookup To Canine Health

Thomas K. Graves, DVM

It was my second night as the emergency room doctor at my new job as a clinical instructor of small animal medicine and surgery at the Ohio State University's veterinary teaching hospital. The Rottweiler bitch was lying on the floor of the exam room, depressed and weak. Her litter of four-day-old puppies huddled in a cardboard box beside her, crying to be fed...

I had seen the litter the day before and had docked their tails and removed their dewclaws. (I'll tell you frankly that I hate docking tails. I see enough pain on a daily basis without causing even more. I do it, however, because if I do not the next veterinarian down the road will. And at least I can make sure that the tail docking is done correctly to the breed standard and that it is done as cleanly as possible. I also think it's important for students to be exposed to newborn puppies so they learn how to examine them properly.)

The little Rottweiler puppies were doing fairly well, but I had noticed that mom was not doing a very good job of keeping her babies clean. Where was the bitch, I asked, and could I examine her, please? Unfortunately, the owners had left mom at home — a mistake.

The next day I was in surgery when my pager rang and I was told that the breeder was on the phone and that his bitch was not doing well. I called back as soon as we were finished with the surgery and after a couple of questions and answers we decided the bitch should come in on an emergency visit.

There are a number of problem areas associated with lactation in the bitch. Many of these problems are avoidable with proper nutrition, sanitation and preventative health care. Early recognition and proper treatment can lead to happy, healthy mothers and healthy puppies with a decreased incidence of neonatal death.

Decreased Milk Production

The absolute absence of milk production, **agalactia**, is very rare in dogs. In such cases, the mammary glands fail to develop prior to whelping and no milk is ever produced. The causes of this condition are poorly understood, but probably include hereditary causes, abnormal mammary glands, poor nutrition, systemic diseases and hormone defi-

ciencies.

More common than actual agalactia is the failure of milk letdown. In these cases, the mammary glands are developed and are producing milk, but the milk is not being let down into the teat canal which leads to the nipple. Mammary gland development and milk letdown are both stimulated by the suckling of puppies, but failure of milk letdown is usually due to stress and over-excitement. This is especially common in young, inexperienced bitches. Failure of milk letdown can be treated with tranquilizers and oxytocin, but providing a comfortable, soothing environment is the key to success in treating this condition.

Calcium supplements should NEVER be given to bitches prior to whelping. This predisposes to eclampsia.

Inadequate milk production, not associated with agalactia or failure of letdown, is not uncommon. The causes of decreased milk production include genetics (some lines of bitches produce more milk than others — just like dairy cows), poor general health, poor nutrition and unsuitable environment. Lactating bitches must be treated with the utmost of care and kept in the best possible environment for raising a litter. Excessive noise, stress, extreme heat or cold, rough handling and poor sanitation can all lead to decreased milk pro-

duction. I firmly believe that if we are going to ask our bitches to provide us with litters of puppies, we have an obligation to provide them with nothing but the best environment, the best food, and the best health care.

Feeding for Lactation

Experts in the field of veterinary nutrition believe that malnourishment of the bitch is a factor in up to 30 percent of all canine neonatal deaths. That's kind of staggering when you think about it. There is no excuse for not feeding a bitch properly.

As with many things, the topic of canine nutrition is rife with controversy. I'm not about to recommend a particular brand of dog food, but I have a few guidelines which, in my opinion, are important.

Lactating bitches need a food that is highly digestible, high in protein, and calorie-dense. You cannot feed a maintenance diet to a lactating bitch. Some veterinarians believe B vitamins are of particular importance in feeding the lactating bitch. This is probably true, but a good, balanced commercial dog food should provide all the necessary vitamins and minerals, and I tend to shy away from the use of dietary supplements in my patients and in my own dogs. A diet for a lactating bitch should have greater than 80 percent digestibility. The protein should be around 29 percent and fat should be 17 percent or more. Calcium and phosphorus should also be balanced and not excessive. Calcium supplements should NEVER be given to bitches prior to whelping. This predisposes to eclampsia. Calcium content of the ration should be between 1.0 and 1.8 percent, with phosphorus between 0.8 and 1.6 percent.

In general, the amount of food a bitch needs increases during the last 3 to 4 weeks of gestation. This is the period during which there is a rapid increase in fetal size. There are many formulas for determining the amount of food to feed a pregnant bitch. I think it is best to

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Dr. Tom Graves *continued*

use your own common sense. A healthy pregnant bitch should experience a 15 to 25 percent increase in body weight at the time of whelping. Bitches that fail to gain this amount of weight are probably being underfed. Also, pregnant bitches need to be fed more often than might otherwise be necessary. As the uterus fills with growing puppies, the abdomen becomes crowded and there is less room for expansion of the stomach. Twice a day feeding is a minimal requirement for advanced pregnancy, and free choice feeding is sometimes preferred.

Once the pups are born, feed will have to be increased over the first three weeks until the bitch reaches peak lactation. One rule is to feed 1.5 times the maintenance during the first week, 2 times maintenance during the second week, and 3 times maintenance during the third week. I don't like rules like this because I don't think they take into account such factors as breed or litter size. A better rule might be to feed the amount the bitch needed at full term pregnancy plus an extra 25 percent per puppy. For example, if a bitch was eating 1 cup of food during her last week of gestation, and she has three puppies, she should need $(1 \text{ cup}) + (3 \times .25 \text{ cup}) = 1.75$ cups of food during her peak lactation. If a bitch is being fed free choice food, the need for calculating requirements might well be eliminated.

The signs of malnutrition in the lactating bitch include: 1.) extremely poor body condition, 2.) inadequate milk production, 3.) fading puppies, and 4.) uncontrollable diarrhea. The diarrhea is usually caused by feeding food that is more than adequate in volume but not adequate in digestibility so that the bitch has to eat excessive amounts in order to meet her caloric needs.

Mammary Congestion and Mastitis

Mammary congestion is seen when one or more of a bitch's teats are not being adequately drained of milk. This can occur a few days prior to whelping and up to a few days after whelping. When the number of puppies is less than the number of nipples, the breeder must pay attention to make sure that all of the mammary glands are being milked out equally.

A congested mammary gland becomes swollen and can be quite painful and should be drained of milk by hand if necessary. If the gland is not infected, the milk will appear normal. If a congested mammary gland is left unattended it can lead to mastitis.

Mastitis is a very serious disease in the bitch and can lead to severe systemic illness

The signs of malnutrition in the lactating bitch include:

1.) *extremely poor body condition,*

2.) *inadequate milk production,*

3.) *fading puppies, and*

4.) *uncontrollable diarrhea.*

and very sick puppies. Mastitis in canines is usually associated with bacterial infection (*staphylococcus*, *streptococcus*, or *E. coli*). It is believed that factors other than mammary congestion can lead to mastitis. These include trauma, especially from sharp little puppy claws, and poor sanitation.

The signs of mastitis include heat, redness, swelling and sensitivity of the affected teat, fever, loss of appetite, listlessness, and loss of interest in the puppies. If the puppies drink the infected milk, they too can become sick and will cry excessively and appear to be bloated. Examination of the milk of a mastitic bitch reveals discolored milk (yellow, brown or bloody) with an abnormal consistency.

The treatment of mastitis involves milking of the infected glands, applying hot packs for 10-15 minutes at least 4 times a day, and administration of antibiotics. Amoxicillin, ampicillin and chloramphenicol have been recommended. I prefer to use a cephalosporin such as cephalexin (Keflex®) or cefadroxil (Cefa-Tabs®). These drugs are

more expensive, but they get good concentrations in the mammary gland and are effective against a wide spectrum of the organisms usually associated with mastitis. These drugs are also relatively safe for the puppies. (You have to keep in mind that whatever drug you give the bitch ends up in the puppies.) Puppies must be kept from nursing the affected glands. Tape a small piece of bandage material over the nipple when the bitch and her pups are left unattended. Should the puppies become ill, either from the milk or from the antibiotics in the milk, or should the mother become too ill to feed them, the puppies will have to be raised by tube or bottle feeding. Maybe next month I'll write an article about milk replacement formulas and tube-feeding puppies. We'll see.)

Fortunately, mastitis is fairly easy to treat as long as the breeder is dedicated. Full recovery is usually within a few days and the future reproductive and lactational performance of the bitch is not impaired.

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Anyway, the Rottweiler bitch is doing just great. I put in a quick phone call to my friend Patty and asked her how the puppies had done when her little bitch, *Peanut* was put on cephalexin during a bout of mastitis. She reassured me that the puppies had done just fine and that Peanut had recovered uneventfully, and I sent the Rottweiler home on hot packs, milkings and antibiotics. The next day the breeder called to thank me for seeing his bitch so late at night and to tell me how well she and her puppies were doing. I'm in a good mood just thinking about it. □

Tom Graves, DVM

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Readers are welcome to suggest topics they would like to see addressed in Tom's articles. Write to Tom Graves, DMV, c/o The Pom Reader, 8848 Beverly Hills, Lakeland, FL 33809-1604.

Understanding **CONTRACTS**

by Linda G. Rowell

*Being a firm believer in putting things in writing, I would like to discuss the **STUD AGREEMENT**. Keep in mind that the conditions of an agreement can be almost anything within the imaginations of all involved, so long as a few contract rules are followed...*

To understand a contract's purpose and content, first let's define it:

CONTRACT: a promise, or set of promises, for **BREACH** of which the law gives a **REMEDY**, or the **PERFORMANCE** of which the law in some way recognizes as a **DUTY**. 1 Williston 8 1.

The essentials of a valid contract are:

1. Parties **COMPETENT** to contract.
2. A proper subject matter.
3. **CONSIDERATION**.
4. **MUTUALITY** of agreement.
5. **MUTUALITY** of obligation.

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All of the above have to be present to have an enforceable contract. Here is a sample **STUD SERVICE CONTRACT**:

(A) THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

Breed/Name of Bitch/AKC Number/Owners/Address/Phone was bred to my stud: Name/AKC number;

Date of Breedings: () Due Date () **(AI)** Cash Fee Received ()

(B) CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:

1. No fee refunded in whole or in part unless no breeding, either natural or artificial, has taken place.
2. A **Guarantee of Mating Only** is made and **not of pregnancy** or of **puppies living or dead**. Mating may be either natural or artificial.
3. If no pregnancy occurs from this breeding, a repeat service will be given with no charge at the bitch's next heat. Proper notification should be given to stud owner by the "Due Date" above.
4. If my stud dies, is sold, or otherwise unavailable, I have the right to mate the bitch with one of my other studs. My choice.
5. I will sign litter registration upon proper proof of litter, but not before 4 weeks of age.
6. On maiden bitches or bitches difficult to breed, an artificial insemination will be performed and owners of bitch will be informed of such action, if AI is needed. Any expenses incurred by me, due to this procedure is extra and not included in the above stud fee, payable when bitch is picked up.
7. Five days care is included in stud fee. Any additional days will be charged at the rate of \$() per day, payable when bitch is picked up.

8. The owners of said bitch, upon signing this agreement, release the owner(s) of the stud from any liability for this bitch due to illness, accident or death.
9. Should either of the parties to this agreement default in any of the provisions under this agreement, then and in the event, either party may bring an action in law or in equity under the terms of this agreement for the specific performance of the terms and conditions of this agreement and shall, in addition to all other damages, be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in the bringing such action.
10. Each of the parties hereby represents, each to the other, that he is signing this agreement freely and voluntarily, intending to be bound by it.
11. Each of the parties hereto understands that they have incorporated into this agreement the full, complete and entire understanding and agreements; that this agreement, consisting of () pages constitutes the entire contract of the parties and supercedes any and all prior understandings between them on the subjects covered in this agreement, and that the parties agree that no representations or other matters of whatsoever character which have heretofore occurred and transpired between them, except as expressly set forth herein, shall have any force or effect.
12. This agreement is executed and delivered and shall be performed in the state of (), shall be interpreted, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the state of (), and the parties hereto agree that if any provision is found to be invalid or unenforceable, all other provisions will, nevertheless, be continued in full force and effect.
13. Time is of the essence in the performance of the conditions under this agreement.
14. The parties agree that any failure of either of the parties to insist upon the strict performance of any of the provisions of this agreement shall not be construed as waiving his or her right to enforce the terms and conditions contained herein, and the parties hereto further agree that no modification or waiver of the terms of this agreement shall be valid unless stated in writing, signed by both parties and properly witnessed.

The parties hereto have set their hands and seals on the date below. No part of this agreement is transferable.

Owner(s) of Bitch: _____ Date: _____

Owner(s) of Stud: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Witness: _____

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CONTRACTS Continued...

Using the sample contract on the previous page, we'll go down through the lines. (* denotes "essential")

A.* General info of all involved

Also, I require all bitches to be current on vaccines, fecal check, and brucellosis with written proof from their vet.

1. **Fee received: amount paid for service or puppy in lieu of cash, etc..** Normally cash is given up front for stud services, unless you stipulate a puppy back Remember, once you breed the bitch, there is no way to undo it even if you do not get paid. If a check bounces, or refusal to pay after breeding takes place, you are in an undesirable situation. To prevent this from happening, cash, not checks, is recommended when the bitch is dropped off for breeding.

B.* Conditions: These are tailored to each individual case.

1. This clause is self-explanatory.
2. This clause states what you are guaranteeing. Some people believe a stud service automatically means pregnancy. NOT SO. They are purchasing your stud's sperm. I personally, cannot guarantee pregnancy of every bitch I breed, but by giving repeat breedings on bitches that do not conceive, I am doing my best to achieve pregnancy, the ultimate goal.
3. This clause covers the repeat services. Most stud owners want each bitch to conceive on the first service, so repeats are not necessary. We tend to take the miracle of pregnancy for granted and assume all bitches can have puppies. So many things can come into play from the bitches "end" that even the most experienced stud dog cannot compensate for.
4. This clause allows you to use another stud if the original one is unavailable, as clause number one is in contract.
5. Since most people lose pups before 4 weeks of age, this clause is used to prevent unnecessary litter papers from being issued. You should try to see the litter when possible and keep records of numbers in litters. Although the AKC does not require the stud owner to substantiate this, I feel a responsibility since it involved my stud.
6. This is a clause of individual preference and thought. I do my own AI, so do not use this but it is food for thought for those of you who use your vet for this. The average charge for this at a vet's can be \$50.00 for the first AI, including smears, etc., and \$25.00 for each AI after that. With a stud fee of \$175-\$200, you can see that would leave very little left. Should the owner of the stud pay this expense or not?
7. This clause can be used to alleviate the problem of people leaving their bitch for weeks unnecessarily, or unexpectedly. Years ago, a bitch was sent to be bred and when I tried to contact the owners for pickup, I was told that they had gone to Las Vegas for vacation! Two weeks later they returned. So, for the stud fee, they had also received 17 days of free food and board. How nice! Some people seem to plan their vacations around "Poopsie" being bred and expect the stud owner to keep her the extra time. With this clause, keeping the bitch extra time is then YOUR choice, otherwise you may charge. Normally the phone rings on the sixth day to check on the bitch. I have yet to charge anyone extra, for if the bitch is still breedable, is a late breeder, etc., I'll keep her 15 days if necessary, but again, at my discretion.
- 8*. Having someone else's bitch at your residence is a large responsibility and should not be taken lightly. You must use reasonable care and caution with her. It is advisable to keep incoming bitches separate from your dogs for several reasons:

- A. To allow the bitch to rest and adjust to her new surroundings;
- B. To prevent your stud dogs from raising cane;
- C. To prevent undo exposure to your dogs and vice versa;
- D. To keep better control on her whereabouts so there can be no accidental breedings, and
- E. To keep better tabs on her health-wise. This clause is for things beyond your control which still could be up to a court of law to decide.

- 9*. Standard clause and should be in ALL types of contracts
- 10*. Standard (ditto)
- 11*. Standard (ditto)
- 12*. Standard (ditto)
- 13*. Standard (ditto)
- 14*. Standard (ditto)

OTHER CLAUSES YOU COULD USE

15. If you guarantee pregnancy and a litter, what constitutes a litter? Does one puppy or more than one puppy? What if she has a litter but all are stillborn? What if they die 2 or 3 days after birth?
16. If you choose to take a puppy in lieu of stud fee, specify first pick puppy. At what age will you make your choice? Normally 8-12 weeks is logical. Keep in mind, that if you do get pick puppy, make your choice on time, as agreed, as the owners of the bitch cannot make any decisions or sales until you make your pick. Common courtesy is needed here. What if there is only ONE puppy in the litter? Do you take the only pup after the owners of the bitch have raised it for 8-12 weeks, even though it is rightfully yours? Or do you repeat the breeding, thus waiting another 8 months-plus? Do you then take your cash stud fee in lieu of a pup? All these things need to be spelled out so that all is understood.

When designing a contract, you should speak with your attorney concerning the laws and requirements of your state. These are guidelines to make you aware of all the conditions involved and forethought needed to compose one.

As you can see, there can be a lot of ifs, ands and buts, which is why putting terms in writing is vital, whether it be your best friend or a complete stranger. Do not leave anything to assumption. Discuss the terms, making sure the parties involved understand all the clauses. A written agreement can hopefully save friendships, promote new friendships, prevent frivolous litigations, and bring answers of questions to light that may have been passed off or assumed, otherwise. □

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Best Wishes to

Susan Wade

Our Statistician and friend, for a quick recovery from her recent illness and hospitalization. Write to Susan at:

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*Duane Doll & Joe McGinnis
and The Pom Reader*

My Pet

By Pam West



Lacy & Prancer enjoy "their private pool"



Rosie, and Chamois the Lamb (thinks she's a Pom!)

As I sit here with my feet soaking in a tub of hot water, while a heating pad is propped against my back, I have time to reflect once again upon the sacrifices we make for our pets...

From the time I bought my first Pom, six years ago, I have been hooked on Poms. So hooked in fact, that as my pets grew in number, my small residential yard complete with inground pool seemed to grow smaller.

So, just a year ago we bought a house on 5 unfenced acres. We thought this would allow the Poms plenty of room to run. With so much room, why not build a kennel, we told ourselves. Why, we could even add in/out doors to allow the Poms to come inside or stay outside, at their own discretion.

While buying the galvanized fencing for the builder to put runs in the kennel, we thought, why not fence the back yard? By doing this the Poms could run and play in grass or on concrete.

So, with many thanks to **Richard & Terri Watts**, also Pom owners, we fenced the entire back yard, which happens to be 3 acres. (Now, that's a lot of fencing, not to mention aching muscles, and empty pockets.)

Of course, after the builder completed the kennel we decided a privacy fence around the kennel would provide safety against theft. Then after we built a beautiful privacy fence, we decided the kennel needed shade trees, and shrubbery for landscaping. We spent the following day at the nursery, where we bought several varieties of everything, a truckload of potting soil, new hoses with holes in them for equalized watering, and

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more shovels. (We had broken our others digging fence post holes.)

Last week while taking the first swim in our new inground pool, we had 3 Poms and a pet lamb jump into the water with us. At this point we decided it was certainly time to fence in the pool.

While Bill (my husband) is paying for the lumber, concrete, nails, and water seal, I run to get yet another do-it-yourself book, this one on building a picket fence (thinking if we do it ourselves it will be cheaper). Taking a day off work, we get started early installing a fence around the pool. (It must have been a coincidence that today was the hottest and most humid of days we've had yet this year.)

While keeping track of my extremely ac-

tive 3 year old, trying to keep the pet geese, *Amos & Andy* out of the pool, watching out for *Chamois* the lamb as my husband and my three teenagers dig post holes, drive the pickup that is full of lumber and a wheelbarrel full of concrete, I am spraying sections of the fence with Thompson's Water Seal. I look up once again keeping track of the whereabouts of everyone. I notice that the Poms are out in their runs watching excitedly as we work. Each of them has the same expression, as if to say, "Oh boy! What are they doing for us now?"

So, as I sit here with all these aches and pains, in addition to the knowledge of how much money our pets have cost us, I can't help but ask myself, "Is it really worth it?"

YOU BET!

Pam West

Send your pet's photo and description to MY PET, c/o Pam West, 3521 Buckner-Tarsney Rd., Grain Valley, MO 64029. Put name and address on each photo. My Pets published as space permits.



NOT THE MAMA! This 3-month-old male pup "Stormy" like to take over when "Dolly" (the real mama) takes a break!



"TANGY" loves to ham it up but hates to give up her favorite chair! Both photos courtesy of **Audene French**, N. Ogden, Utah.

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A Fashionable Fable — Part I



Long ago and far away, tucked into a tiny corner of the black forest, was a magical kingdom. It was known throughout the European continent as the hub of unique and innovative fashion. The inhabitants of this fair land wore such lively styles, a kaleidoscope of colors, in such perfect taste, that their garb was known far and wide as the epitome of sophisticated dress.

The gentlemen wore waistcoats and breeches of various hues, complimented by impeccable white collars and leggings, with jaunty caps worn rakishly over their ears, setting off their pale faces.

The ladies' gowns glide gracefully, as they move up and down the streets in hues of bitter chocolates, pale greys, rich golds or crimson, periwinkle, or the lightest sky blue. They are completed with white fur collars and sleeves, high white boots and bonnets to match the gowns.

Tourists flocked to the quaint kingdom, to browse the shops and admire the loveliness of the fashions there.

One day a traveling merchant happened into the little kingdom. Amongst his merchandise for sale were the latest fashions from Italy. In each town he visited he displayed the fashions. The residents of the magical kingdom

considered the Italian merchant's styles rather monotonous, but as true gentlemen and ladies they kept their opinions to themselves. The merchant was crestfallen, but tenacious. "How," he thought, "can I garner the approval of these most prestigious citizens for these new fashions?"

Now, the monarch of the little kingdom was renowned for his whimsical vanities and eccentricities, so the merchant devised a plan. The following day when he stopped at the Palace, he put it into action. When the monarch showed only passing interest in the fashions, the merchant whispered in his ear: "Your Majesty, what is there to distinguish you from your subjects?" The monarch frowned. Quickly, the merchant said, "Perhaps you could have a more individual style of dress. Won't you try one of these Italian fashions? They are unlike anything you have here. You'll set a new trend for your subjects."

This idea appealed to the monarch, and he chose a bright orange suit. "Perfect," said the merchant. "With autumn drawing near, it is the perfect choice."

The following day the monarch walked out amongst his subjects wearing his 'perfect orange suit.' The promised effect was immediately evident. Residents halted

mid-step, stunned. Shopkeepers thrust their heads out the windows and gasped. Children at play ran out of their yards to follow, point, and giggle at His Majesty. The tourists were quite confused by the uproar.

The Monarch hastened back to his palace and angrily summoned the merchant. "How dare you," he said, "sell me a suit that would make me a laughingstock amongst my subjects!" "How dare your SUBJECTS," countered the merchant, "laugh at the choice of the standard-bearer for fashion in this fair kingdom?"

"Hmmm", said the monarch...and that very day sent forth a proclamation that affected the attire of all the citizenry in his realm. It read:

*From this day forth
all fashion previously worn
will be put away
and all citizens will wear
the fashions sold by
the Italian merchant
that is favored by the monarch
of this fair land.*

Reluctantly, they obeyed. And for a time it seemed there would be no happily ever after in the little kingdom...

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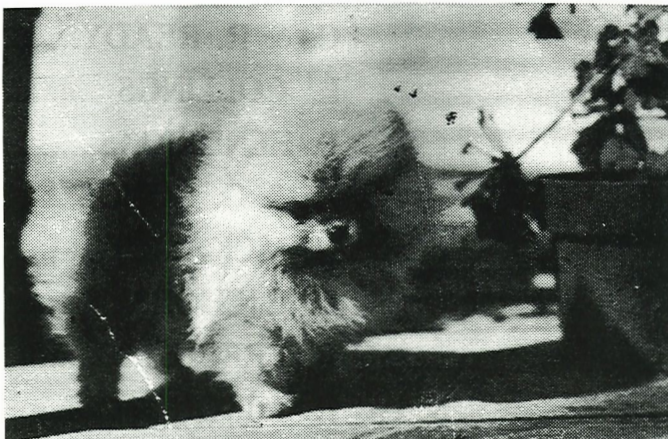
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