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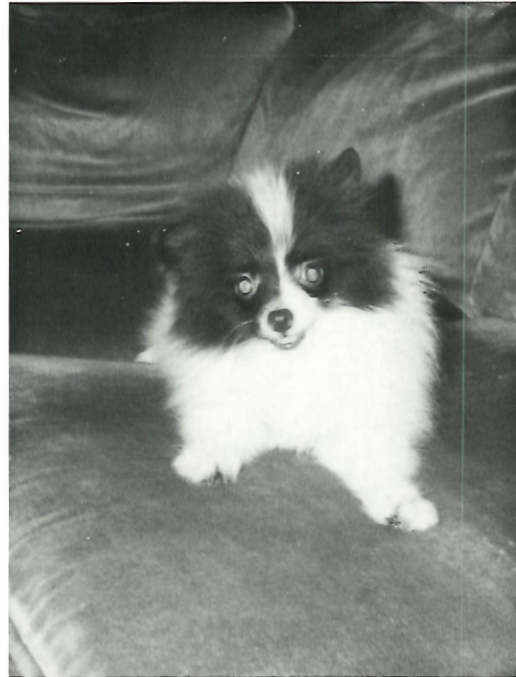


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I just this moment remembered that I practically pioneered Pet Therapy. The year was '72, and the town was Galena, IL. The memory was triggered by an incident that happened, not two minutes ago, to me.

Now, one would think a person could navigate the entrance to my office without problems. Down three steps, around a corner, through a door and there you are. But it was ridiculously early, I was still groggy, and a dog was sleeping on the stairs. The dog is black, and the carpet is burgundy. In the dark all cats look alike, and dogs and carpet can, too. Luckily, my quick reflexes averted certain injury to the dog — by jumping straight up I managed to not only miss the dog, but to also slam into a bookcase and splash my coffee all over the wall, on a pile of papers, and in my very own face. As I stood there dripping I was reminded of the immortal words of **Janet**, one of my 'kids', on the occasion of the Pitcher Incident.

It was a typical Sunday morning, and we were out with the 'kids.' Twelve kids, ranging in age from 7 to 42, all with boundless energy, endless enthusiasm, and all with limited mental faculties, ranging from mildly, to profoundly, retarded. They were residents of a care-giving facility, state-funded, and we were the volunteers who, once a week, took them out and about for a breath of fresh air.

In truth, only one of us had formal education tailored to the task at hand, and to this day she still exercises her Master's Degree in Special Education. The other three of us had On The Job Training, having done volunteer work for years, for the Red Cross and other organizations. I for one got started by my mother, who was forever working with emotionally disturbed and mentally impaired individuals, ferrying them about in Red Cross cars, teaching them basic tasks, and in general making them smile. The nice thing is the smile appears on the face of the volunteer, too. Through the years I had taught swimming — actually, water survival — finger-painting, singing, tying shoes without getting your fingers stuck, and any number of everyday things about which you and I think little. To those Kids, these things are Big.

One unfortunate time I was in a party of ten, on a field trip to the Field Museum in Chicago. And I would have never guessed

that seven Special kids could cause so much trouble, holler so loud or run so fast. There was at the time, and probably still is, an exhibit demonstrating Acoustics. It seems to me that it was a curved wall of plexiglass, way across the room from which was a matching wall. If one aimed a whisper at one, an individual standing in front of the other, forty feet away, could hear it echo off the other. But the kids thought whispering a little understated, and insisted on screeching at the top of their lungs. Unsuspecting patrons on the other end were practically blown out of their socks. The curators of the museum thanked us ever so kindly as we departed.

For several years around the time to which I refer I had been reduced to volunteer work only on Sundays. It was also the only time I got to spend with my dog, **Murphy**, so naturally, he would come along, too. The kids loved him, and he put up with them. They would coo and stroke his fur, attempt to cuddle him, and on occasion yank an ear or tail. But they never did that more than once, as they were quick to learn what Murphy did or did not like. Murphy wouldn't think of biting anyone, but he could growl with the best.

I guess the most endearing thing about the kids was their outlook on life. To a person there was absolute absence of malice. The occasional tears of frustration were readily replaced with smiles, and they could be so sensible and sensitive at times that one was amazed. Theirs was a world always inconvenient and sometimes uncomfortable; they embraced it with unbridled glee. They were an inspiration.

Some of our best times were in the park in the summer. The kids would fall off the swings, fall off the slide, trip over the bases and swing the bat in a menacing manner, making us nervous wrecks but with unflinching good humor. And all of them delighted in an ongoing game, Chase The Dog Until Someone Says No. Murphy was given an occasional break by two other canines, **Cyrano**, my friend Peggy's Yorkie, and **Brandy** — can you guess? Yes. A Golden. But neither was there the day of the Pitcher Incident.

But do not recommend that I again throw a whopper picnic for a bunch of Special Kids. This brilliant idea came upon me on a sum-



mer's day, and it was soundly applauded and hastily arranged. We loaded up the 12 kids into cars and vans, picked up some chicken and took off for the park. Murphy was along for the ride, as were the regular volunteers and several Significant Others. We descended upon a park and basically commandeered the volleyball net, swings and tennis courts. (Until one of the kids wound up for a Wimbledon-worthy serve, and hit me in a most unfortunate area: that was the end of Tennis for the day.) The goings-on that were going on were something to behold, and raucous shrieks of laughter were the order of the day. All went well right up to the time that we were to eat.

Being the instigator I of course had my choice of beverage, and my beverage of choice was as usual Lemonade. My background in Mixology served me well; I mixed up a gargantuan pitcher of the icy stuff, and it was the most perfect pitcher of lemonade in history, if I do say so myself. As we were hot and tired, all looked forward to it with relish. And here is where I miscalculated.

Janet, one of the kids, had been bugging me to let her help, and finally I allowed her to carry the pitcher from the van to the table. Where my brain was at that time I don't know, for Janet was most unsuited for the task, being more than a little bit clumsy and very near-sighted. Janet approached the table and the thirsty throng and in an incredible slapstick maneuver, tripped and flipped and whirled, showering kids and Murphy and food with Lemonade. I ran to help her and with Lemonade dripping down her face she looked up at me and said, "IT WUTH A AC-THREE-DET." Then she giggled.

God, I miss those kids. Take some time today to appreciate what you have. And thanks again for your support.

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SOAP BOX

In May, in conjunction with the **American Pomeranian Club's** Summer Specialty Show and with the **Sooner Pomeranian Club's** help, a Pomeranian seminar was conducted. This was the third time a Pom judge's seminar was sponsored by the A.P.C.

The first was presented in New York by **Janice Luginsland**, Chairman, assisted by **Ken Miller**, **Nadine Hersil**, and myself. This first seminar was for licensed judges or potential judges. No one showing a dog at the next day's National Specialty was allowed to attend that specialty that day. The reason for this was...I was judging that specialty the next day. I happened to have been in the unusual position of being A.P.C. Education Coordinator and the Specialty judge that year.

The second A.P.C.-sponsored Judges Pomeranian seminar was held in conjunction with the **Los Angeles Dog Judges Association**. This association contacts one breed person from each group to give a seminar. That particular year, the Pom was chosen to be represented. **Jackie (Liddle) Stacey** and I presented that seminar. I presented the seminar in the morning. Jackie presented the seminar in the afternoon. That freed me up to attend some of the other breed seminars.

I arranged the third seminar to take place with the roving Summer Specialty. This was done especially to accommodate the judges in a different area of the country away from New York. The week of the National and Westminster K.C. show has so much going on, including the Dog Judges Association seminars, that I felt it would be better to conduct our Pom seminars in a different part of the country each year. I hope to try it this way for a couple of years on a trial basis. This can only be done with the help and approval of the local sponsoring Pom club in the area.

The seminar given at the roving summer specialties, will be open to all Pomeranian fanciers as well as judges. It is my feeling, **The Pom Reader / September 1991**

that we all can benefit from these seminars. None of us can afford to rest on our laurels. We don't know it all and need to learn, continually. The focus is on the Pom Standard.

It is hoped that some day soon the A.P.C. can bounce back financially and eventually reimburse me for some of my expenses. Right now, Dick and I are footing the bill ourselves on borrowed money. Not financially smart, but this is how important I feel it is to reach people in various parts of the country. It is also one way for us to do something in our club. Please support this venture with your participation when the opportunity presents itself. The 1992 Judges' Study Group will take place in Washington State.

Thought for the month: *Faith is assuring a friend she can do the impossible; loyalty is being sure enough to join her.*

Another thought for the month: *If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?*

We recently received a letter from a lady who was most distraught over the loss of her dog. After years of companionship, age had taken its toll and the little dog's life was no longer one of carefree, happy days; arthritic joints and incontinence had coupled with numerous other conditions and the result was a state of constant misery. The lady and her vet came to the unhappy conclusion that there was but one solution to the problem.

She wrote, heart-broken, to our editor, and he discovered in his files the following piece which appeared in a 1983 *Ann Landers* column. I reprint it here in the hopes it may afford some comfort to those of us who have been in this unhappy position; that it will reinforce that we did what had to be done, that we made the right decision.

A DOG'S PLEA

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness, than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me to learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall on my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet, for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements. I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And, my friend, when I am very old, and I no longer enjoy good health, hearing and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going...Please see that my trusting life is taken gently. I shall leave this earth knowing that with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands. □

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Traveling with Edna

Sadly we mourn the passing of **Edna Girardot**, SCOTIA POMS. Edna suffered a massive heart attack and passed away May 14th. Many of you saw her for the last time at the American Pomeranian Club Specialty in New York in February. She gamely entered Veterans Class at the specialty and WON. She had written us a note just prior, saying that recent foot surgery had crimped her style but if she had to wear bedroom slippers she was going to New York! That, in essence, was Edna!

Edna's attitude was never more apparent than in the statement she made to Joe McGinnis in an interview featured in the Pom Reader, July and August 1985: "The one thing I really want to stress is to never give up. There will always be setbacks and disappointments, but you must always keep going."

Never give up. Always keep on going. That was Edna. That was always her advice when asked how to become successful in breeding and showing dogs. That was always her comment when the going got rough and the tough little Edna got going. It was her credo. She came to this credo through vast experience...as her 62 years of participation at America's premier dog show at Madison Square Garden, the Westminster Kennel Club Show, evidence. This year's Garden event (1992) will be the first Westminster show since 1929 that will go on without the presence of Edna Girardot! Imagine - a Westminster attendee *every year since 1929*. Based on that record alone, she had few peers. Based on the enormous number of champions she bred and finished from the foundation of her entry into dogdom in 1929, I would say that she has even fewer peers...

Edna and her husband Charlie began in Black & Tan Coonhounds back in '29, founding the now-famous *Scotia* kennels in Scotia, New York. Next, they acquired Otterhounds, a rarity in that section of the country, and from there they got into Gordon Setters and were charter members of the Gordon Setter Club of America. They participated in both bench and field events. Edna and Charlie also worked with English and American Foxhounds. They were very deep in Sporting dogs.

Then fate took a hand. Edna, a licensed registered nurse, experienced health problems which caused her doctors to advise no more running around the show ring and a more relaxed lifestyle. She felt rather lost without dogs. She purchased two Pomeranian pets to keep her company and these two Poms convinced Edna and Charlie that the Pom is a big dog in a little package. Heretofore, typical of **The Pom Reader / September 1991**

most large-breed fanciers, Edna could not imagine WHAT people saw in the Toy breeds. But Edna began to realize that the Poms sensed danger faster and better than the larger protection breeds. Edna was also highly attracted to the Pom because of its characteristic loyalty to its owner. The 2 Pom pets made up her mind for her. She was quickly into purchasing a Pom for showing, but of necessity, following doctor's orders, left the exhibiting to professional handlers.

In 1959, after finishing literally hundreds of Sporting dogs, Edna and Charlie purchased *Sungold's Gay Cavalier* from Anna LaFortune. The late Frank Ashby took Cavy to his first show, an APC Summer Specialty, where Cavy was awarded Best of Winners. Eventually, the late **Clara Alford** (who rose to fame as handler of the Pekingese *Ch. Chik T'Sun of Caversham*, one of the top winning show dogs of all time) took Cavy out to win in the groups and BIS ring. Clara and Cavy became a by-word. The record Cavy made before his early retirement at age 2 to found the Scotia line was in its time an enviable record: 2 Best in Show All Breed; 5 Best in Specialty Show; 37 Group placements and 18 Group Firsts. Charlie and Edna were not wrong to end Cavy's show career so early and thus miss making an incalculable show-winning record. Cavy went on to sire 66 American Champions and 6 foreign Champions, as well as to make Edna & Charlie's Scotia kennel prefix the most famed in Pomdom. Edna often wrestled with her conscience, though. There were many who thought she should have kept Cavy in the show ring, instead - as some whispered - of being selfish about it and using him to found her bloodline. In those days big-winning Poms were rare and many thought it would

do the breed a lot more good to have Cavy exhibit his expertise in the ring arena, rather than the whelping box. In the end, Edna told me, she and Charlie decided they had justified their action in retiring Cavy so early and had done more for the Pom breed through the production of countless champions than they might have done by putting a lot of "icing on the cake!"

We will leave the dog breeder/exhibitor Edna to posterity and the books which have had and will again have her winning and champion-producing records officially recorded. Most of us are familiar with the official Edna. Personally, as I mourn her passing I like to remember the happy-go-lucky little Edna who loved good food, good friends and living life to the fullest.

That she did. From early on her physical problems reminded her that life can be short, that it can end in the snap of a moment, and that she, in particular, was vulnerable. She didn't complain; she laughed about it. She kept on going and going and far surpassed the doctors' prognostications. She had heart problems and other ailments that she never mentioned publicly. There were certain foods she was not supposed to indulge in - indigestion brought on severe pains, and gases which pressed against her heart. Despite this, Edna loved rich food. Especially oriental food. More especially, pressed Peking duck! If there was an oriental restaurant within sniffing distance of a dog show and good friends were at hand, there was never any doubt as to where Edna was going to dine.

Once, over Daytona (FL) way, Edna found a quaint, off-the-beaten-path oriental restaurant and proceeded to coax my husband Bernie and me into making a detour home from the dog show in order to check out the



Edna Girardot with Ch. Scotia Cavilier's Leader, Ch. Scotia Dividend, and Ch. Scotia End of the Rainbow in 1963 Photo: William Brown)

pressed duck. How Edna even knew where this quaint, out-of-the-way oriental establishment was is still beyond me. The place was on a downtown street, not anywhere near the show site, and had a severe ration of parking space, as you entered the place right off the sidewalk. What little parking was available was in the rear and from inside you could not keep an eye on your vehicles and the dogs inside. This Edna had not counted on. When she realized we could not possibly leave the dogs safely and also would not be able to dine on the food, the aroma of which we could smell as we connoitered the joint, she was severely disappointed. Bernie got out of our car and went into the restaurant. Edna and I thought he might be getting some "take out" and plotted where we could park in the shade to indulge ourselves on our favorite Peking duck and egg rolls. Bernie emerged empty-handed but smiling.

Edna's grin went from ear to ear. She chuckled as Bernie informed us we would be taking the dogs into the back of the restaurant - SHHHH! - quietly, 'no dogs allowed', but where a tiny but air-conditioned room awaited their safe storage.

Sneaky-petey we crept in the back door, opened to us by a frail little oriental cook, wiping his hands on his big, white apron. His eyes grew delighted at the Poms in their crates, and mercifully they forebore to let out even one telltale bark! But the cook had no forebearance. He chattered away, half in barely understandable English and half in Chinese. He pointed at the dogs and had big grins for us - and then all the restaurant staff came, one by one, to see the Poms and they were all chattering and laughing and pointing. How the dogs suffered all this strange chattering and pointing and laughing, while they watched from the confines of their crates, is beyond me. Maybe it was just dog show compartment. Who knows - to the dogs, maybe being at shows is a carnival in itself, with all the milling of people and loud noise.

We settled the dogs and admonished the cook NOT to dare open a crate door and he bowed and said "yes, yes" to everything and, still looking back to grin delightedly at the dogs, he led us through the door and through his kitchen towards the dining area. Edna turned back to whisper to me, "Lois, do you

think...I mean, you know the orientals do relish dogs...er, the cook is grinning ear to ear and so EXCITED...you don't suppose..."

And she bumped right into a duck.

The duck, Peking, of course, was hanging upside down, suspended on a rope, awaiting preparation. Edna, short of stature, was eye-level to his orange beak. I can still see Edna's expression as she stared at the duck...I can't imagine why, but Edna ordered items all from the seafood side of the menu that day! And it was nearly a year before anybody heard Edna say anything about oriental food or eating pressed duck...

Edna was always entering contests. She never won. She estimated that postage paid for the contests she entered in one particular year had cost her about forty-eight dollars and she vowed that she was going to stop fooling around with the dream vacations and the new cars and the free TV's, but about a month after she said this I got a call from her. Excitedly she told me Bern and I just had to come to dinner. Steak dinner. Edna was chuckling and all full of herself. She had just won a box of Delmonico steaks AND a new barbecue grill!

During that fateful dinner we made charming plans to attend the American Pomeranian Club specialty in New York, and of course the Westminster show. Bernie has a fear of flying and Edna graciously acquiesced to accompany us on the Silver Meteor train from Tampa to New York. We plotted our strategy for this pleasure trip with the tactical genius of Stormin' Norman planning Desert Storm.

Anyone who knew Edna well, knows she always traveled to dog shows with everything but the kitchen sink - and I swear if hotels did not come equipped with sinks, Edna would find a way to take that, too! Of course, there was a method to her madness. Another phobia of Bern's is going over BIG bridges. Once, moteling it together at dog shows, we were headed from Savannah, Georgia to Columbia, South Carolina and encountered a VERY big bridge. Edna made a straight beeline over the bridge, while Bernie insisted on driving *around* it. When, two hours later than Edna, we arrived at the appointed motel, we found a pork tenderloin simmering in the electric skillet, sour cream chilling in the ice chest, fresh green beans and new potatoes in the crock pot and garlic bread ready to be popped into the toaster. Edna was a great cook. I said - mouth full of tenderloin dipped in dill-flavored sour cream, "I wonder how many people know you that you are such a good►

Traveling with Edna *continued...*

cook." She gave me one of those bright, sprightly smiles of hers, cocked her head and replied, "Yes, very few people know the many things I can do well, besides breed and show good dogs."

Yes, Edna could do many things well. She was a very intelligent lady; in her younger years she trained for and then worked as a registered nurse; in the early years of her marriage she established a very large boarding kennel with grooming facility and pet supply business which she ran, and *also* managed to show dogs almost every weekend. She turned the profit from this venture into solid financial security by wise investments in stocks and bonds. Edna never lost a penny. Edna was alone, with no family except Charlie and when his health began to fail she was doubly vulnerable, both to her own health and his. She was acutely aware that she had to "keep going", to prepare for her own later years when she might be incapable of providing.

When Charlie wished to spend the remainder of his years in 'fishing haven' in Florida, Edna sold the boarding kennel and moved lock, stock, and barrel. (Her well-coordinated chartered bus trip from Scotia, New York, to Inverness, Florida, in which she transported her Poms in all the creature comforts money could buy, is justly famous and was highly covered by the press.) This was a major move and behind it lay the ever-present fears of the future and its uncertainty. Edna was giving up her means of livelihood in making this move, a livelihood that she had almost singlehandedly built from scratch over a 40 year period into a megabucks success (when the business was offered for sale, buyers beat a path to her door and Edna could take her choice of offers). In Inverness, she bought a large, comfy older home, and built an innovative and entirely dog-comfort-oriented kennel on the rear. With a cottage in the back to accommodate a couple to tend the lawn and dogs, she was freer than ever before to travel to dog shows, but without that wise, always-prepared mind of hers it would not have been easy going. She had her investments to back her and nobody else. This woman's very name should have been courage and fortitude.

And it was just as well, as it takes courage and fortitude to travel with Bernie. He's always late. He has airplane and high bridge phobias. He enjoys the amenities of life, good food, good friends and the pleasure of going somewhere, albeit the goal of actually *getting there* is alien to his nature. When we arrive, we arrive. It's that simple. No rush, no

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pressures. And this philosophy was totally alien to Edna's nature. She was one for getting up and getting going. Period. If she was flying out to a show and the plane left a 8 she was on the way to the airport by 5.

Our train for New York was to depart at 9:30 a.m. Trains are notorious for neither arriving nor departing on schedule. Bernie had this in mind and, characteristically, was poking around on the morning of departure. Finally, coaxed into speeding up a bit, he put on his shoes and bent to tie his shoelaces. Snap! One broke. A mad scramble around the house, in turmoil as 3 dogs, 4 pieces of luggage, one ice chest and assorted show items such as exercise pen, grooming table and tack box were being made ready, produced no second set of shoe laces. This precipitated one thing: Bernie had to make a mad dash for the nearest shopping center.

Now, everyone who knows Bernie knows he is incapable of making a mad dash *anywhere*. At this point it was 8 a.m. - Edna, bag and baggage, had arrived at my house at 6:30. We had breakfasted and loaded her station wagon to the gills. We were prepared for takeoff. Bernie hopped in our station wagon and headed for the shoe laces. Edna, calm at this point, let her dogs have one last exercise and then crated them and we got all the dogs in the car. We got the motor running, air on for the dogs' comfort. No Bernie. Watches were consulted. Fifteen minutes ticked by. Edna began to get itchy. My mother, another haste-makes-waste fanatic, finally zoomed into the driveway in her old rip of a car, a 4-on-the-floor Monza coupe. She was to drive us to the station and bring back Edna's car. The station was 20 minutes away. It was now 9:00.

Edna was pacing the driveway. Bernie came chugging in, driving about 30 miles an hour. Edna was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Bernie was nonchalant. He was gonna' sit down and lace his shoes. Edna gave him one big push and said he had all day on the train to do that. He reluctantly agreed and we piled into the wagon. We made the train station just in time to see the caboose disappearing down the northbound tracks.

Edna was going to have apoplexy, I just knew it. The station master was very accommodating. He sympathized with our plight. This nice, little lady wearing the salt & pepper wig had NOT missed the Westminster dog show since 1929 — she was not going to miss it now! He wired ahead to the Plant City station and told us if we, heh, heh, *flew* we might just catch the train there.

Good. This was about twenty minutes driving time away. Bernie may hate to fly, but

that morning he veritably did. Edna and I were in the back seat, Mom and Bernie forward. We rip-snorted up Interstate 4 towards Plant City. We arrived just in time to watch the caboose disappear down the tracks in the direction of Lakeland. The station master said, apprising Edna's condition, if we hurried we just might catch up with the Meteor in Lakeland - about 25 minutes away as the crow flies. We winged it. And arrived just in time to see the caboose disappearing...

By now the last possibility was catching up with the Silver Meteor in Orlando. The Lakeland station master was most accommodating. He wired ahead to Orlando, something — I rather imagine — about these crazy people from Tampa who just HAD to catch that train in order not to miss the Westminster *dog show!* And, yeah, he must have added, *you all better have at least 5 red-caps ready 'cause these people got 16 pieces of luggage, 2 ice chests, 6 dogs and a whole lot of crazy items, looks like tables and some kinda folded wire thingamajigs and...*

Two wig cases, 2 tack boxes and a little salt & pepper haired lady who is suffering a severe case of apoplexy!

We got on I-4 and put the pedal to the metal. Looking back, I can see that about the only way of stopping that car was by dropping the parachute. This was pre-Smokey & The Bandit days, only the dawning of the age of CB's and their hi-tech, low-mentality linguistics. But the 18-wheelers had 'em. Yep. Going 85 miles an hour down the interstate, we should have guessed what was coming. Without exception every 18-wheeler on the highway pulled down on his horn and moved out of the way as we honed in on them, and a couple of them waved their caps out the window and cheered as we passed by. We kept a lookout for Smokies, but nary a one. What a break! And, watch counting, we were in our exit lane for Orlando and the train station when three 18-wheelers passed by on the inside lane, blowing their horns and waving 'farewell'.

Then, *hello*. He was sitting in a two-tone brown & cream car. With double blue lights flashing on the top. And when his siren wailed as we came down the exit ramp we knew it was for nobody but us. That's when Bernie checked his pockets and yelped, "Oh my God, I left my wallet at home!"

No wallet, no driver's license. My mother, wearing a blue-tinged white wig, pulled it down over her eyes. Edna started muttering and I scrambled over the back seat for a grooming box. In it was a small flask of brandy for the dogs...

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POMERANIANS

WHELPED 5-5-87: red sable female by **BIS Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasted Fudge**. Free whelps nice sized litters of show quality pups. Litter sister to **CH. BI-MAR FOXFIRE**.

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WHELPED 11-15-89: Sable male by **Ch. La Cherie's Hot Fudge Ripple** and out of a **Ch. Desiree's Rippling Fudge** daughter. show quality proven stud.

WHELPED 6-16-88: Orange female by **Great Elms Bobbie Beam** and out of a daughter of **Ch. Great Elms Something Special**. Free whelps large litters of show quality puppies.

WHELPED 11-25-87: Red female by **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** and out of a **Ch. Creider's Boxcar Willie** daughter. Full sister to **BISS Ch. Bi-Mar Shogun of Jerbo's** and **Ch. Bi-Mar Sunny's Phantom**. Free whelper - show quality.

WHELPED 8-13-89: Red sable female by **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** and out of a **BIS Ch. bev-Nor's Toasted Fudge** daughter. Brood female that free whelps show quality puppies.

WHELPED 1-19-91: Orange male, grandson of **Ch. Bonner's Lisalu's Wag with Love** (3 times in 4 generations to **Ch. Bonner's Stylestepper Preshus**) and out of a **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** daughter. Show quality with bby face, extremely short-backed.

WHELPED 8-20-89: Red sable female, granddaughter of **Ch. Creider's Smoke N Flame** and out of a **Great Elms Bobby Beam** daughter. Show quality free whelping brood.

WHELPED 11-4-90: Red sable male by **Ch. Bi-Mar Sunny's Masterpiece** and out of a **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** daughter. High on leg, very short back and heavy coat. Show quality.

WHELPED 11-20-90: Red orange male by **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** and out of a **Sunny** daughter. Lots of class. Show quality. Very classy and outstanding. Show home only.

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FLEAS!

Can't Live With 'Em Can't Live Without 'Em

HOW TO LIVE BETTER WITH LESS!

by Marjorie Martin

Over the years, as the dangers of commercial pesticides have become obvious, I have arrived at some alternative flea-control conclusions based on ideas I've read, heard and tried. My flea methods are relatively simple, cheap, healthy and effective. Many of these "flea methods" are done regardless of fleas. Groomers or veterinarians may scoff — especially if they worry about lost flea fees — but I've had lots of dogs and less fleas than many who use powders, dips and collars. Dog owners who are experiencing problems with flea poisons may be more interested. Some may be inspired by my flea solutions to find better ones of their own.

PICK-UPS.

Fleas are loitering almost everywhere that is not bitter cold — along sidewalks, at the veterinary clinic and at the pet-keeping Jones' house — looking for another blood meal. Fleas may refuse numerous warm passersby — cars and people — to jump on a dog. But all dogs are not equal flea bait.

My dogs are lead-trained on neighborhood grass and walks but do not come home loaded with fleas. I suspect that fleas miss dogs that do not smell like dogs. Dogs have little body odor and it's easily eliminated or covered. Frequent bathing, hair-care rinses (no insecticides) and perfume quickly change a dog's smell. Brewer's yeast, oil, vinegar, bitter apple and many other non-insecticidal products applied to the skin/coat may, for one reason or another, deter flea hitchhikers. I have fed my dogs brewer's yeast and garlic powder for years and am convinced that it discourages fleas — maybe it changes the dog's smell or, maybe it invigorates the dog so he's a more difficult flea target. For whatever reason, any healthy dog in top condition usually sports far fewer fleas than a sickly couch potato.

Of course, I try to avoid likely flea pick-

up places such as kennel and public areas in which people exercise their pets. I certainly would not set my dog down in any such place unnecessarily. A starving flea may jump on anything. Dog shows are surely flea free-for-alls. I, and my dogs, walk around lots of show rings and have not yet brought home a flea problem. I assume show fleas have ample entries that reek of doggy odor.

DROP INS.

Fleas do not need invitations. They will move into a home any way they can. A few desperate fleas may come in with people or packages but more enter via visiting pets, outside dogs and in/out cats.

Pet visitors present pest problems. If my dog socialized with every dog that rang my doorbell they would be risking a lot more than getting fleas. Likewise, canine visitors do not need to be exposed to everything my dog may have. There is nothing to be gained by putting two strange dogs together unless it is for stud service. And one argument for artificial insemination is curtailing fleas and other contagious conditions.

I simply contain or discourage all pet visitors. Perhaps my thirty-plus years in public schools abets my concern. "Don't bring him in." "Keep him on your lap." "Here, I keep this cage by the door for visitors like him — it's clean." Most dog visitors never get beyond my front room. I do board and groom dogs that I've sold and these I carry directly to the board and groom cages. "No, he won't be playing with his old friends and relatives because we can't be sure they'd still get along — he'll have his own exercise area — but he'll be content just seeing and hearing other dogs." Few of my visitors have any fleas. I told one known flea-keeping dog owner, "And don't bring your 'pets'." I didn't say, 'dog and fleas,' because this lady just wouldn't believe she had bugs.

Denial is typical.

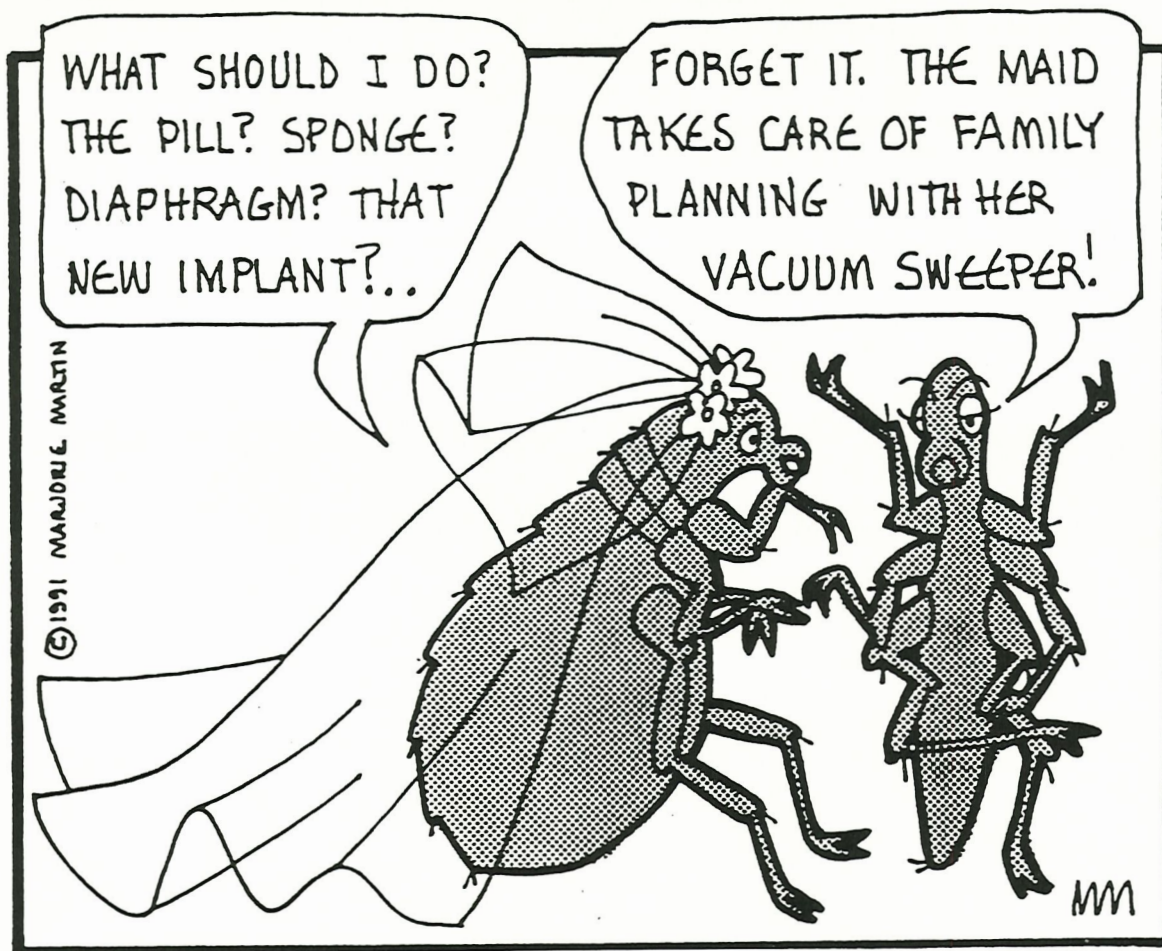
DINERS.

I cannot stand fleas eating on a dog. Automatically, I look for these bloodsuckers at every opportunity. Fleas and their dirt are obvious at a glance on white hair and pink skin. On a wet dog, fleas are easy to spot and catch. Water-logged fleas act dazed but they are not dead. I like to drop these in a glass of water with oil floating on top. They go down, struggle up and croak as soon as they start to swim in the oil. Fleas must hate oil. They even avoid show dogs "in oil". Fleas on dry dogs can be located easily by parting the coat. I pin these frisky bugs under a few hairs and crack the life out of them between my fingernails.

SQUATTERS.

Two uninvited fleas move into the house, sip a bit of canine blood and lay batches of babies everywhere — mostly within a flea hop or two from where the dog goes. Dog sleeping areas are flea baby favorites. These flea babies need a cozy place for at least a few days. The parents need lounge areas. I have no urge to accommodate any of them.

My dogs have only washable/disposable crates, dog beds and bedding — plastic, terry, cardboard and paper. All are regularly washed, hosed, vacuumed or discarded. Shop Vacs sell for \$40 or \$50 and could be advertised as flea traps. I vacuum crate trays and cardboard beds and say, "Goodbye, fleas." Plastic veggie bins and kitty litter boxes used as beds along with metal crates are easily hosed, tubbed or showered. Bedding towels and bathroom carpeting pieces are freed of fleas as well as dirt when laundered. Unfortunately for fleas and other undesirables, most dogs will stay or sleep in cardboard boxes which can be frequently discarded along with any bug (and germ) accumulations. I'm



careful not to use boxes that contained toxic products and were sprayed in the warehouse. New boxes in bundles of ten or twenty-five are safe and a flea bargain.

Cement, linoleum and wood are much easier to keep flea free than grass, rugs and upholstered furniture. Fancy satin and velvet dogbeds can become flea nests. Pet owners can either have their home set up for easy flea control or work a little harder on not attracting and keeping these bugs. Any carpet and cushions used by a dog need more vacuuming with special attention to edges, corners and crevices ideal for flea nurseries. I put my dogs outside on cement areas which are hosed daily. The adjacent grass is not de-fleaed in any way. I doubt that fleas often travel very far on their own six feet. If dogs must go out on grass, owners may need to do more flea-checks. Any private exercise area should not be available to visitors, neighborhood dogs or strays for many reasons besides fleas.

Cleaning to control fleas is not necessarily exactly the same as cleaning for "House Beautiful." One dog came back for grooming always loaded with fleas yet its owner would never believe that her gorgeous home was infested. This home, and most other such flea havens I've known, harbored a cat. One dog can support a thriving flea community in

a home but a cat seems to be a flea fertilizer.

In all these years and with all these dogs, I've had a serious flea problem only once. It was when I was housing a rescue cat in the basement and occasionally had a dog down there. It seems that fleas love cats and cool, dark, damp and never-vacuumed cellars. Whatever, soon zillions of fleas were living all over the house with me and my dogs.

They drove me to action. My garage — air conditioned, bathroom, bedroom and microwave above — is detached from the house. I vacuumed the garage thoroughly. Then, I bug-bombed it. A few days later, I bug-bombed it again to be sure. I found a new owner for the cat. A week later, I aired the garage. Then I washed my dogs, dogbeds, towels and crates and we all moved into the garage. Next, I vacuumed and bug-bombed the house — twice. Ten days later I aired the house and we all moved back in. The flea problem was gone. There are probably safe ways to feline flea-freedom but I think this cat was happier in his new home. And maybe there are better ways to deflea a house than poisonous bombs, but at least I tried to limit the damage to the target.

To avoid creating a vacuumed flea haven, I often squirt a little insecticide into the sweeper hose just before shutting off the

sweeper. Thus done, these chemicals seem to stay in the sweeper but more ambitious dog owners may prefer to promptly discard sweeper pick-ups out of the house. I'm told that mothballs or flea collars put inside the sweeper will kill vacuumed bugs and be no threat to pets or the environment.

There are probably many possibilities. I've heard that if carpets are sprinkled with borax and vacuumed a day later, fleas are goners. For sure, boric acid powder mixed with honey eliminates ants and boric acid powder mixed with powdered sugar gets rid of cockroaches. When necessary, I put the ant or roach concoctions in deli lids and slip under the TV or microwave and behind the dog crates where my dogs cannot get to them. Presto! No more ants or roaches. Perhaps a little boric acid in crate trays

under wire floors would safely eliminate fleas. Many folks claim that Avon's Skin So Soft sprayed or rinsed on a dog will alleviate the flea problem. I wonder what this lotion does to a show coat.

Even natural products must be handled very cautiously. A little may do wonders and more might be disastrous. Something can be environment-friendly and yet dangerous if used carelessly. Allergies, and other unwanted effects are always possible. Almost any flea solution may be more or less successful with particular dogs or breeds. Facilities, activities, climate, and many other factors may affect results. These variables may help explain why each health/environment-conscious dog owner seems to have unique ideas for safer flea elimination.

Most successful, non-poison flea controls involve being unattractive, unavailable, and inhospitable to fleas. Rather than a singular effort, flea control is a way of living. Some dogs and owners naturally live in a flea-discouraging manner and rarely see or think of this pest. Other dogs and owners inadvertently do everything right for fleas and have a persistent problem. If the home is ►

FLEAS! *Continued*

flea ideal, folks can repeatedly flea-dip and flea-powder their flea-collared dog and he'll still die flea-bitten.

With a little more appreciation of flea behavior, more dog owners could find easy, inexpensive ways to use less poison and have fewer fleas. This is a win-win approach which could save time, money, effort, tempers, health, even lives...maybe the future. Possible advantages for all are too many to count and are beyond current thinking.

The best of flea-control is surely yet to come. Chemicals in the environment are becoming a major concern. The media is giving dangerous chemical pollution increased attention. One recent newspaper article included, "Children whose parents use home and garden pesticides regularly are 6.5 times as likely to develop leukemia, according to a study published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*." This article invited readers to write for more information to: **Bio-Integral Resources Center**, P.O. Box 7414, Berkeley, Calif. 94707, and

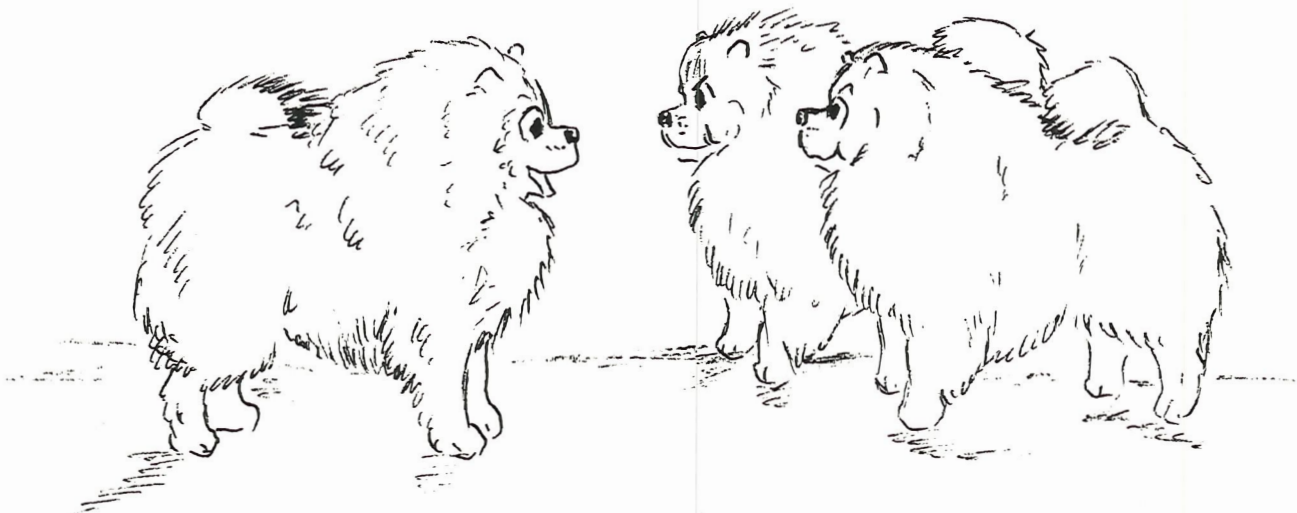
Washington Toxics Coalition, 4516 University Way NE, Seattle, Wash. 98015. Such chemical concern will surely be followed by a more aggressive movement toward safer pest solutions. Dogs and dog owners especially may anticipate big benefits.

Marjorie Martin

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Pom Escapades

by Susan Johnson



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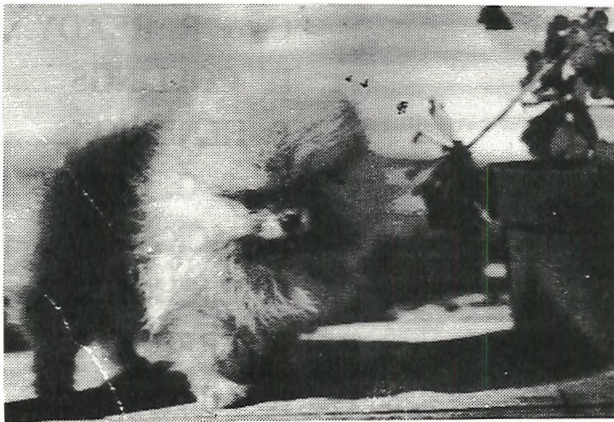
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UPDATE

Top Ten Exhibitors January-July 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 above dates of the AKC GAZETTE.

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E. & C EVANS 49

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S. HANSON 35

J. O'NEIL 34

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RINEHART/EPPS . . *30

D. WATTS 29

FARMER/KENNEDY *28

J. YOUNG *28

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MILK REPLACER ● TUBE FEEDING

Last month I mentioned the possibility of writing a column about tube feeding and milk replacers. I would hate to disappoint anyone, so here goes.

Obviously, the best source of nutrition for the newborn puppy is its mother's milk. Every attempt should be made to get a bitch to nurse her own puppies. But in the event that a bitch produces no milk or heavily-infected milk (See OE, August '91), or in the event of a bitch's death, the breeder must take over the exhausting task of feeding the puppies.

There are basically two ways to feed orphaned puppies — bottle feeding and tube feeding. I know some breeders who think bottle feeding is better than tube feeding because it requires the puppies to suck on a nipple. This, they feel, is more natural and allows for more normal development of the masticatory muscles. In theory that sounds fine, but I'm not so sure it really makes a difference. One thing is for sure, bottle feeding takes much more time than tube feeding, and it is more difficult to control exact amounts of milk consumed by the puppy.

How to tube feed

The alternative is to use a feeding tube. Any veterinarian can show a breeder how to use a feeding tube and can supply all of the needed equipment. Typically, an 8 or 10 french red rubber tube is used. The length from the puppy's nose to about the last rib is measured and marked on the tube. The tube is then connected to a syringe filled with the feeding formula. The fluid is advanced just to the end of the tube to expel unwanted air. Next, puppy is held in an upright position and the tube placed in its mouth. The tube is gently advanced over the base of the tongue and goes easily down the esophagus. When the mark on the tube is reached, the tip of the tube is near the stomach and the tube is advanced no further. Although it

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almost never happens, if the tube does not go down easily and stops before the mark on the tube is reached, the tube is probably in the trachea (the respiratory tract) and must be withdrawn and the intubation tried again. Once the feeding tube is in place, the formula is delivered slowly (over about a 2-minute period). Following the feeding, the tube is removed and cleaned. A warm moist cotton ball is used to swab the genital area of the puppy. This simulates the action of the mother's and stimulates defecation and urina-

tion by the puppy.

Sounds difficult? It's not at all. Anyone can learn how to tube feed a puppy. Just ask your vet to show you how, practice a couple of times and you are on your way.

What to tube feed

Milk replacers are controversial. The basic problem is that there are no substances on earth exactly like bitch's milk. Bitch's milk has 77.2% moisture, 8.1% protein, 9.8% fat, 3.5% lactose, 0.28% calcium, and 0.22% phosphorus. Nothing else really comes close.

Many breeders, I know, recommend goat's milk as the best milk replacer for puppies. I couldn't disagree more. I suspect the reason goat's milk has become popular in feeding puppies is because it is sometimes used for human babies who are allergic to cow's milk and are lactose intolerant. Human milk is high in lactose (7%) and causes diarrhea in babies with lactase deficiency. Goat's milk is lower in lactose than human milk (4.5%), but is still higher than bitch's milk (3.1%). Puppies have small amounts of lactase and often develop diarrhea when fed cow's or goat's milk. In fact, diarrhea is difficult to avoid no matter what type of milk is being fed.

Goat's milk falls short in a couple of other important categories. Bitch's milk has 8.1% protein and 9.8% fat. Goat's milk has only 3.3% protein and 4.5% fat. Cow's milk has even less fat (similar protein as goat's milk). In terms of metabolizable energy, goat's milk really falls short. Bitch's milk provides 126 kcal (Calories) of energy per 100 grams of milk. Goat's milk provides only 65 kcal. As you can see, goat's milk is a sorry substitute for bitch's milk.

Probably the best species of milk to feed a puppy in the absence of bitch's milk is queen's milk. Cats actually make very good wet nurses for puppies — their milk is high

Dr. Tom Graves continued...

in protein, fat and calories, but is also very high in lactose.

There are several recipes for homemade milk replacers. I believe, however, it is best to leave the formulation of milk replacers to the companies that produce commercial products. PetAg Inc. makes a product called Esbilac®. This is an excellent milk replacer and I recommend it highly. Some breeders feel that Esbilac is too expensive and prefer to formulate their own milk replacers. What can I say? The first few weeks are absolutely the most critical nutritional period in the entire life of the dog. Esbilac is worth every penny it costs.

For those of you who disagree with me, however, I am happy to provide you with a recipe for homemade milk replacer. Some recipes call for a raw egg yolk. The one I prefer does not. I do not consider raw eggs a safe food. (I'm sure you have heard of salmonella.)

Recipe 1: 1 cup whole milk

1 teaspoon salad oil

1 drop infant multiple vitamins

Recipe 2: 3 parts evaporated milk

1 part water

If diarrhea develops using one formula, you can try switching to another.

How much and how often to tube feed

It can be harmful to give a large volume of milk to a puppy at one feeding. Therefore, the best approach is to calculate the puppy's daily feeding needs and to divide this volume into 4 to 6 smaller meals. The amount of food a puppy needs is determined by its age and weight. The following table should serve as a guideline:

AGE	VOLUME (ml per ounce of body weight)
1 week	4 ml/oz BW
2 weeks	5 ml/oz BW
3 weeks	5.7 ml/oz BW
4 weeks	6.3 ml/oz BW

Your goal when tube feeding should be to get the puppy weaned as soon as possible. Canned dog food mixed with a little water to form a thick gruel should be offered starting at about three weeks of age. This can even be done sooner if need be. In fact, puppies can be given solid food as soon as their eyes are open — really. Most puppies are happy to eat solid food by the time they are four weeks old. Some puppies, however, need a little encouragement. This can be done by smearing a little food on the puppy's lips. It's usually not a big problem.

That's all for now. If any of you have suggestions for articles, I would appreciate hearing from you. See you next time.

Dr. Tom Graves

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By Pam West

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An Ounce of Prevention...

by Sharon Masnick

Gum Disease • Heatstroke • First Aid Kits

Clean Teeth Prevent Bad Breath

Clean teeth prevent dental plaque from building up and mineralizing into tartar. In order to be able to clean your dog's teeth it is necessary to have the dog accustomed to your cleaning the teeth from a very young age - even as early as 3 months. Running a Q-tip or wash cloth over the baby teeth will help your dog get accustomed to having something in his mouth and he will learn that it doesn't hurt.

Inspection of the gums of your dog can tell you a lot. Healthy gingival (gum) tissue is coral-pink in color, and firm. The tooth structure is intact. And quite often gum disease is evident to the naked eye.

Canine periodontal disease develops in three stages. First, gingivitis occurs from plaque consisting of saliva, bacteria and food particles forming on the surface of the teeth and underneath the gum tissue. The result as the bacteria multiply is red gum tissue. The root surface of the teeth become inflamed, causing gum recession and deterioration of the bone and supporting tissue of the teeth.

The second stage, known as moderate periodontitis is the result of continued excretion of toxic waste products by the bacteria. They break down the inner lining of the gum tissue and ulceration occurs. More bacteria enters through the ulcer and bone destruction begins, and the teeth become slightly mobile.

Advanced periodontitis, the third stage, is when more than 50% loss of bone structure occurs. There is extreme mobility and gum recession, causing tooth loss and pain while eating.

To prevent the stages mentioned, cleaning your dog's teeth is a necessity. Brush the teeth as you would your own, using gentle and circular strokes on each side of the biting surface. Doggy toothpaste is available at your veterinarian's office. For the past year, I've been using an oral-cleansing solution called *Nolvadent*. This is also available through your veterinarian. I am very happy with the results. It is recommended that it be used daily - however, I only use it weekly on each of my Poms. With the application tip attached, you simply squirt it at the

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gum line of your dog's mouth. A most effective antimicrobial agent known as chlorohexidine goes to work to kill bacteria. I also use a Q-tip soaked in the solution to apply it and have better control.

With a little effort on your part, your dog can retain his teeth to an old age. A balanced diet, hard biscuits, chew sticks and nylabones also help keep the teeth clean.

Heatstroke

Heatstroke is an emergency which requires immediate attention and prompt care!

Situations that can lead to a heat stroke are:

1. Being on concrete runs without shade
2. Being left in a car in hot weather
3. Being muzzled and placed under a hot air dryer at a grooming parlor
4. Disease of the airways

Rapid and noisy breathing could be the beginning signs of heatstroke, followed by the tongue and mucous membrane being bright red and the saliva thick. Vomiting can also occur. Rectal temperature could register as much as 104° to 106°. Without immediate care, the dog will begin to stagger and often bloody diarrhea will follow. The dog will become progressively weaker and coma and death could result.

Treatment must begin immediately! Less severe cases will respond to a cooler environment such as an air-conditioned building. Cool towels may be placed on the abdomen.

If the condition is severe, the dog should be placed in a tub of cold water. A rapid temperature drop is imperative.

Preventive measures are:

1. Cool fresh water at all times
2. Open-wire cages for housing
3. Breedings should be attempted in air-conditioned quarters
4. Exercise restricted in the heat of the day

As well as at home, heatstroke could occur during the summer months at dog shows. Be sure to take a cooler with ice packs, ice and plenty of fresh water along. Keep your dog in the shade until ready to enter the ring. If necessary, place an ice pack under towels in the dog's crate.

Remember, your best canine friend needs your protective care at all times.

Breeder Emergency Kit

A knowledge of the application of canine first aid could save your dog's life in an emergency situation!!!

An emergency could occur which makes it necessary for you to care for your dog until a veterinarian is available. Every dog owner should have a first aid kit assembled with the following items:

1. Thermometer
2. Vaseline
3. Q-tips
4. Pepto Bismol
5. Panalog
6. Ophthalmic Ointment
7. Peroxide
8. Alcohol
9. Merthiolate
10. Cotton Roll
11. Gauze Pad 3x3
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15. Surgical Scissors
16. Karo Syrup (or tube of Nutri-Cal)

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Always keep in mind that a dog in pain may act differently than usual - even the most docile dog may try to bite. Handle an injured or sick dog with extreme caution.

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Lois Ciliberto
C/O The Pom Reader

Dear Lois,

Hello! Just a note to let you know how much I enjoy reading your column in **The Pom Reader**. It's not only interesting but I have learned a lot from it.

Regarding your column about the mites, you said that you ended up using a pyrethrin dip on the younger pups and using Ivomec on the adult dogs. You used the 1% injectible, a single dose then followed by another about three weeks later, correct?

I wanted to try this but was always worried "what if" my dog was the one that ended up having a reaction to it, or worse yet, if it caused the unlikely death. I do however use the Ivomec to make ear mite drops and have never had a problem. I guess I'm just leary of injecting it into them. For the mites I ended up using the Rotenol shampoo with pyrethrin carboryl powder.

When I was looking through a catalog recently I noticed that they do have other types of Ivomec. I am very tempted to try the "pour on" Ivomec. The dosage is a lot better, 1 ml. for 22 lbs. as compared to the injectible of 1 ml. per 100 lbs. Then there is the swine injectible Ivomec which seems like it might be better to use since it is given 1 ml. per 75 lbs. for one type and 1 ml. for 20 lbs. for the other.

Have you heard anything from other breeders on these different types of Ivomec? I would really like to use the pour on because it is mainly for the mites on the outside that I want it, but I guess some is absorbed into the system to eliminate internal parasites, also. Please let me know if you have heard anything bad about these other products - I would hate to find out afterwards that someone had already found out they were dangerous or lethal.

Thanks again for your wonderful column that I enjoy every month.

Gail Rodgers, Staten Island, NY

Gail — Lois asked me to put your questions out to our readers as neither she nor I feel qualified to answer.

Anyone having any further information about Ivomec and its use, please let us know. Thanks!
JMCG

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Dear Mr. McGinnis,

Please find enclosed my cheque for subscription renewal. I really enjoy your magazine.

I particularly liked **Dale Adams'** piece on Ringside Crates and how we toy exhibitors get squeezed for space and our dogs endangered time after time. I have those thoughts so often — now those arguments have been so well outlined by Ms. Adams. Let the toy fanciers use them. Let us band together as she suggested and bombard show-giving clubs banning ringside crates with letters requesting a 'safe haven' while exhibiting the toys. It is, as she says, "a huge problem."

Candace McCall's article on airline tragedies was just plain wonderful. So helpful, easy to read and authoritative. I hope she continues to write for you — invite her to. There are so many legal questions that befuddle us dog lovers. Keep her on the team for regular input. She's great!

Sincerely,

*Renee McGrath, DVM
Greenfield, IN*

Renee — Thanks for your comments - we all look forward to more from these two super ladies. And, by the way, as a veterinarian, what are your thoughts on Ivomec? Best
JMCG

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Dear Joe,

First, please find a check for ads. Please ensure that my address has been changed.

Secondly, I really enjoy **Dr. Graves'** articles. I am a "fact fiend" and hoard all sorts of nuggets of information, all of which will eventually come in useful (I think!). His latest one on heartworm was particularly timely. I give antifilarial medication year-round, because here in Oklahoma the disease has become a real problem, and our mosquito season is so long. However, I dilute the Ivomec (1% solution) much more than he recommends. I use 1cc Ivomec to 49cc os Propylene Glycol, thus giving 200mcg per cc. I then dose my dogs at the rate of 0.05cc per pound of body weight, using a tuberculin syringe. This is a dose of 10mcg/pound - much closer to the recommended 6mcg/lb. than the Heartgard tablets, and much easier to measure than the 1:9 solution. That small amount of Propylene Glycol is not harmful given at monthly intervals. I have used this for about two years now and have had no problems. I have been told that Ivomec can cause fertility problems, but have had no such experience myself at the dosage I use — there may be problems with higher dosages. *Mary Allan*

Broken Arrow, OK

Mary — We look forward to more reader response to use Ivomec. Thanks for writing.

JMcG

Dear Mr. McGinnis,

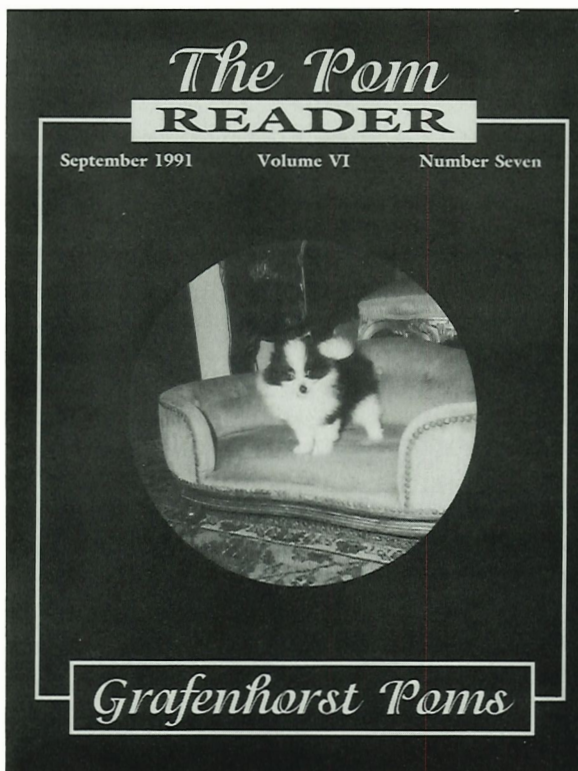
What a wonderful magazine that you have! This is my first subscription, but you have definitely got my business for next year! Also, I have told all my "Pom friends" about your publication.

But, I am writing to you today hoping for help from you or your readers. I own a male Pom, orange, of beautiful type and coat in the winter months. However, as soon as summer months roll in we begin a nightmare of baths and dips and veterinarian trips all summer. His coat not only sheds out terribly, he has an awful odor about his skin. He is fed the best foods on the market with no "Junkie" snacks. He is kept extremely clean and is dipped bi-weekly. His shots are up-to-date and he is wormed regularly and is also on heartworm 30-day preventative. I have been advised by countless individuals on remedies but I cannot seem to find his problem. Also, he seems to have a temperature slightly higher than the rest of "the gang." I have been told by 2 vets that he has flea allergies, but medications have NO effect. HELP!

Christine Strange, Rocky Mt., NC

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Top 20 Poms January-July 91 AKC Gazette

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

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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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
3460	CH. JAMOL'S CLASSIC HI-TIME (D)..... (B. Paull, Owner)	-	-	-	7	7	7	1	11
3235	CH. TOMHO CHAMPAGNE WISHES (D)..... (R. Koepfel, Owner)	1	-	-	4	8	4	5	11
1800	CH. SHY ACRES OUR MAN FRIDAY (D)..... (Smart/Roberts, Owners)	1	-	1	2	4	1	-	5
1675	CH. SOUTHLAND'S MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE (D) (C. Creed, Owner)	-	1	-	2	2	6	3	10
1555	CH. GLEN IRIS CASTLE ROCK (D)..... (Moureau/Jackson, Owners)	-	-	-	4	2	2	3	3
1485	CH. HOMESTEAD'S SPIT 'N POLISH (D)..... (J. Hurley, Owner)	-	-	-	1	7	1	-	11
1420	CH. PHYNER GOLD JACKPOT (D)..... (Trauner/Moreno, Owners)	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	2
1380	CH. TOMHO STRUTTING TERMITE (D)..... (H. Sklar, Owner)	-	-	-	2	5	1	1	3
1320	CH. JANE'S WEE PRINCE O'JERIBETH (D)... (G. & J. Reed, Owners)	-	-	-	1	6	2	-	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
1025	CH. TIM SUE'S HIGH LIGHTS (D)..... (T. & S. Goddard, Owners)	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	5
850	CH. SOUTHLAND'S MR. VIP O'IDA (D)..... (Jackson/Taylor, Owners)	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	10
845	CH. WEE HEART'S THAT'S NUFF (D)..... (C. & E. Evans, Owners)	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	7
810	CH. STOLANNE THUNDERBOLT THOR (D)... (F. Stoll, Owner)	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	6
790	CH. TIM SUE'S HARBOR LIGHTS (D)..... (S. & P. Conlee, Owners)	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	4
735	CH. JAN-SHAR'S HILLBILLY CLASSIC (D)... (J. Reed, Owner)	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	1
625	CH. BI-MAR SHO-GUN OF JERBO'S (D)..... (J. & D. Owens, Owners)	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	5
615	CH. SHADOMOUNTIN ONE MAN SHOW (D).. (Bucher/Snyder, Owners)	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4
530	MERRYMONT SAT'RDAY NITE LIVE (D). (P. Griffin, Owner)	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	3

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