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EDITOR



I know, I know, one should behave with decorum at all times; one should turn the other cheek; one should treat his fellow humans as one would prefer to be treated oneself. But there are times when they really push you too far, as evidenced by an incident that happened, not an hour ago, to me. Today will go down in history as the day that saw *The Battle of the Brushes*.

Of course, I can be stupidly forgiving of slights. There are many times I can recall when I should have reacted differently, more forcefully, upholding my rights, but on some occasions it seems easier to say, *Well, what the heck, consider the source*, etc. And as a rule I find myself more offended when someone else's space is violated, and will speak out for their freedoms more quickly than I would my own. But that is not always the case, as it certainly was not, today.

Out running an errand, I was, and not untypically I decided to wash the car. There is a place right down from us which may seem like a step back in time, a retro-convenience: You pay money, and then you get to wash your own car. Nobody drives it in or out for you, or makes you sit in the waiting room reading magazines. You do it yourself. Although to some it may seem a waste of energy, I can assure you it is not. They have high-tech pressure washers, and brushes that spit out foaming soap, and all sorts of little towels and cleaning implements you can use if you pay more to ensure that the car is clean right down to the spaces in between the wires on the wheels. (Or the little indentations in the tail lights that tend to trap dirt, my own personal pet peeve.) Of special note are the pressure guns which shoot water with such force that people are forever dousing each other — accidentally or on purpose — and which could very possibly put someone's eye out, but that's another story. Anyhow, depending on your mood and/or dedication to the task at hand, you can get the car precisely as clean as you want it to be.

Now, let's face it. You wouldn't take a dog into the show ring with a less-than-glossy coat, or without manicured nails, or in any other unprepared condition. My favorite thing in life is dogs; my second favorite, cars. Why take a car out in public in any less than show-ring condition? So I drove in, happily anticipating a shining-clean exterior and an uplifting experience.

Also not untypically, one of the three bays into which you pull your car was out of order, leaving, if you're any good at higher

mathematics, two. Both were occupied, but strangely enough, with automobiles unaccompanied by people. I plugged in some music and pondered the situation. And it quickly became clear that something was amiss.

A lady and gentleman — and I use the terms loosely — ambled over and started rubbing a towel up and down one car. Then she wandered over to the other car, looked inside for something, then started buffing about on it. Back and forth they went, inspecting the vehicles for persistent dirt, and despite my irritation I admired their tenacity. Bear in mind that you do not pay this facility by the minute; you only pay when you spray or scrub using the implements provided, on timers provided, fueled by funds in twenty-five cent increments. And so, in effect, these people were trespassing. My frustration was increasing. There were now four cars in line behind me.

The manager of the place came out, not once, but twice, to urge the people to speed it up. They quickly snapped to, and made a great show of efficiency, only to lapse back to their lackadaisical attitude when he returned to other business. It had now been twenty minutes that I had been sitting there.

Now you may note that I could just have gone on about my business, returning later, to accomplish my desired task. Sure, I could have but I refused; there was a principle involved here, albeit a small one: they were, by their cavalier attitude towards this public facility, violating my rights. I found myself growing more angry by the minute.

The third time's the charm, and again the manager came out to augment the production. He apologized to me, and said, if I wanted, for no extra charge, I could go through the automatic wash where you just sit there and the brushes run around the outside of the car. I said, *Thanks, but this is a new car and if anyone puts a scratch on it I want it to be me, so there is no one else to blame*. That made sense to him; he went on his way.

There were now six cars behind me, thirty minutes had elapsed and still these people were wandering back and forth, inspecting their cars for deposits of dirt. (And between you and me, their cars weren't all *that* deserving of such meticulous cleaning measures.) I had listened to *Amy Grant* sing "Baby Baby" to the point of boredom, which I had not thought possible. I was about to call it quits when the girl dropped the chamois cloth back into a bucket, and looked, finally, ready to leave. The man walked up to her, they smiled...and then they took a cigarette break.

My hand tightened on the door release with more than necessary force and I was out before I knew it. As I approached the pair I said to myself, *This is how murder happens, Mack. You say something to them, they pull out a gun, and that's all she wrote*. But I couldn't stop myself. I walked up and said, *"I'll give you ten seconds to get this blanking car out of here or I'm coming in on top of it."* I stomped back to my car — all the time in disbelief that I was being so rude — put it into gear and started forward. Like magic their cars were clean enough; they hauled it out of there in an instant.

The other patrons honked their horns and smiled and waved; I was the hero of the car wash. But I felt a little cheap and dirty, having reacted to this infringement upon my rights in such a childish manner. And then I thought, *Just who are these people to affect my life? I am completely within my rights to ask them to respect the rest of us*.

And so it goes with the dog fancy. There are animal-rights groups out there so tenacious and vociferous as to affect all that we hold dear. I have heard of roving gangs appearing at dog shows with the express purpose of giving the dogs their freedom — i.e., letting them out of their crates — in order that the 'imprisoned' animals return to a natural environment. Well, you find me one purebred dog that can survive in this world on its own. There are legislative actions being taken to seriously curtail our freedom to even own canines, much less breed and show. As responsible breeders and owners, it is our imperative to protect and propagate the breed that we fancy; we must be circumspect in our dealings with the public; we must keep an eye out for restrictive legislation and we must use our voices, our brains, and our resources when pushed. But I believe that as long as we act accordingly, we don't have to apologize to anybody. Nor do we have to take any junk from anybody — just like we don't have to stand for abuse like I got from the two people at the car wash.

There was a bumper sticker on the back of their Lexus. It said: I BRAKE FOR ANIMALS. I bet it wasn't even their car.

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I.V. League

Thomas K. Graves, DVM

Cancer in the Canine

I have been kicking around the idea of writing an article about cancer. Well, that's a pretty depressing topic for most people, and it's difficult to write about. Just last week I transferred to the oncology ward. I tend to be the kind of veterinarian who gets emotionally involved (probably a little too much at times) with his patients, and I dreaded being assigned to a ward filled with patients with terminal diseases...

To make matters more intense, I realized that these patients are at a major referral hospital like OSU because they have owners who are absolutely in love with them and want to do everything possible to keep their pets around for as long as possible. These people have tremendous emotional (and financial) investments in dying dogs. And I have to be their veterinarian. The tour of duty through oncology was going to be rough.

We've all known people who have had to deal with cancer. In some ways, cancer is even more obscene when it occurs in animals. They are so innocent, almost like children. We've seen the painful side effects of chemotherapy and the extensive surgical procedures performed on human cancer patients. How could anyone justify putting an animal through that?

Unfortunately, just about any tumor you can think of which occurs in people also occurs in dogs. Cancer is very common in veterinary practice. Much of our knowledge about diagnosis and treatment of cancer in dogs is extrapolated from human medical experience. The reverse is also true with animals with cancer serving as important models to study tumor behavior and cancer treatment in humans.

However, the approach to treating cancer in veterinary medicine is much different than in human medicine. In human medicine, the aim is to attempt a cure — sometimes at any cost. If a human suffers tremendously from the deleterious effects of a chemotherapeutic agent, a radical surgery or extensive radiation therapy, it can be rationalized. The suffering may be well worth it if there is a possibility of a cure or keeping the cancer in remission for an extended period of time. Animals, on the other hand, cannot be expected to understand such a concept. Therefore, it would be wrong to take the same approach in treating canine cancer patients. That's my opinion, anyway.

Don't get me wrong; I do not think that all

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dogs with cancer should be put to sleep immediately. I think cancer treatment, if used wisely, can be very rewarding. I am the first to admit that I am not an experienced oncologist and I have much to learn about cancer in animals. But there are a few philosophical guidelines I think are important in approaching the veterinary patient who is suffering from cancer.

If you were to bring me your dog with cancer, I would have a look at the dog, we would do a few tests, and then we would sit down together and have a heart-to-heart talk. This is what I would say:

1. You must realize, as difficult as it is, that your dog has an incurable disease and that we very likely will not be able to change that.
2. The goal of treatment is not to cure at all costs. The goal of treatment is to make the animal comfortable, to alleviate pain, to try to slow the progression of the disease, and to give the animal as much quality, pain-free time with its family as is possible without subjecting it to the painful side-effects of therapy.
3. We have extensive data on the behavior of various tumors and the effects of therapy. Statistics are often available as to the average survival time of patients with a given tumor and with a given treatment protocol. However, your dog is not a statistic. He or she is an individual patient and could do better or worse than the statistically average patient. Our decision as to whether to treat may be guided by what the statistics say our

chances are, but cancer is never predictable.

4. At some point your dog will have to be put to sleep. It may be weeks, months, or years from now, but you must be prepared to make that decision. You will know when your dog is no longer happy and is not feeling well. Is she still eating well? Does she still do the things she likes to do? Does she play with her favorite toys? Does she sleep comfortably? These are questions only you can answer. And when the bad days outnumber the good days, it is wrong to keep the dog alive. There is nothing harder than deciding to put a dog to sleep, but to let an animal die from cancer is quite simply cruel. Your dog deserves better.

5. Some people just cannot handle the thought of living with a dog with cancer. Maybe they have been through a recent traumatic experience with cancer in a human loved one. Maybe they can't stand living day to day with the knowledge that their sweet little dog might not be around much longer. Maybe they cannot financially afford treatment. In these cases, euthanasia, as difficult for the owner (and for me) as it is, is not unjustified.

When a dog is diagnosed with cancer, the first step towards treatment is staging of the disease. Chest x-rays, abdominal x-rays or ultrasound, blood tests and biopsies are performed to determine exactly what type of tumor it is, whether or not the tumor has spread, and if the tumor is causing any metabolic abnormalities or organ system

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Dr. Tom Graves on Cancer, continued...

failures. These are all important prognosticators and will determine what therapy, if any, is warranted.

For example, if a dog has a *mast cell tumor*, a very common skin tumor of dogs (a very uncommon tumor in people), it is necessary to determine if the tumor has spread to the regional lymph nodes, to the bone marrow, or is circulating in the blood stream. This necessitates lymph node biopsies, bone marrow aspirates and blood tests. Mast cell tumors can cause gastric ulceration by releasing chemicals which affect the lining of the stomach, so further tests must be performed. All of the information gathered from these tests determines whether surgery, radiation or chemotherapy is necessary.

At OSU we perform many surgical procedures on dogs with tumors. As stated earlier, the approach of a veterinary oncologist is usually conservative and is aimed at removing the structural problems caused by the tumor. If a tumor can be completely removed (cured) surgically without causing tremendous suffering to the dog, great. If not, a combination of surgery and other therapy will be used.

For example, I recently saw a little Miniature Schnauzer with an adenocarcinoma of the anal sac. These are quite malignant tumors of older female dogs and are associated with a high rate of metastasis (spread of tumor) and with metabolic problems. The tumor was making it very difficult for the dog to defecate and she was in considerable pain. Certainly not all of the tumor was removed at surgery; to do so would have made the dog incontinent. The goal of surgery was not to resect radically so much of the tumor as to make the dog incontinent. The goal was to make the dog able to defecate comfortably. Following surgery the dog was treated with chemotherapy.

Chemotherapy is a scary word. When we think of chemotherapy, we think of patients losing their hair, losing weight and unable to eat without vomiting. Dogs, however, handle chemotherapy extremely well. The vast majority of dogs on chemotherapy seem to suffer very few side effects. Some lose a little hair, but they usually eat well and owners report very good activity levels. Again, if we have to use enough chemotherapy to really make a dog miserable, it's probably not worth it. A different treatment protocol must be considered.

Radiation therapy is not widely available in veterinary medicine. In general, however,

there are a few university teaching hospitals and large referral centers at which radiation therapy is available for veterinary cancer patients. Some tumors, depending on the type and location, are known to be very radiosensitive, and, in these cases, radiation therapy can be very rewarding.

At first, I had a very negative attitude about working with cancer patients. Now I have a new outlook. It's still very, very painful to see animals die and to see the heartbreak their owners experience. But I don't look at treating cancer as simply postponing

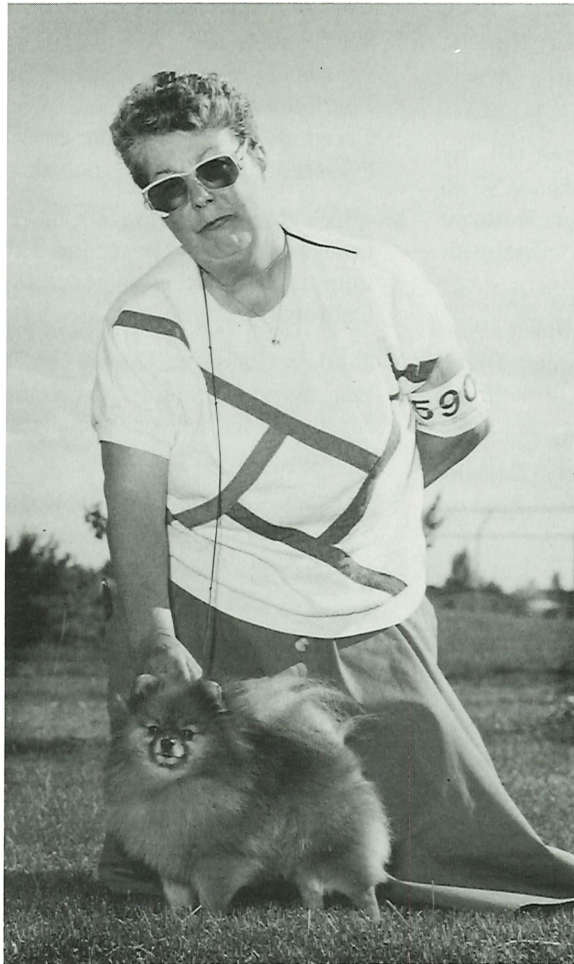
death. I look at it as giving devoted pet owners some quality, healthy time with their beloved pet which they would not have had otherwise. From that perspective, it is very rewarding.

Dr. Tom Graves

Special thanks to Dr. Graves for his continued excellent input.

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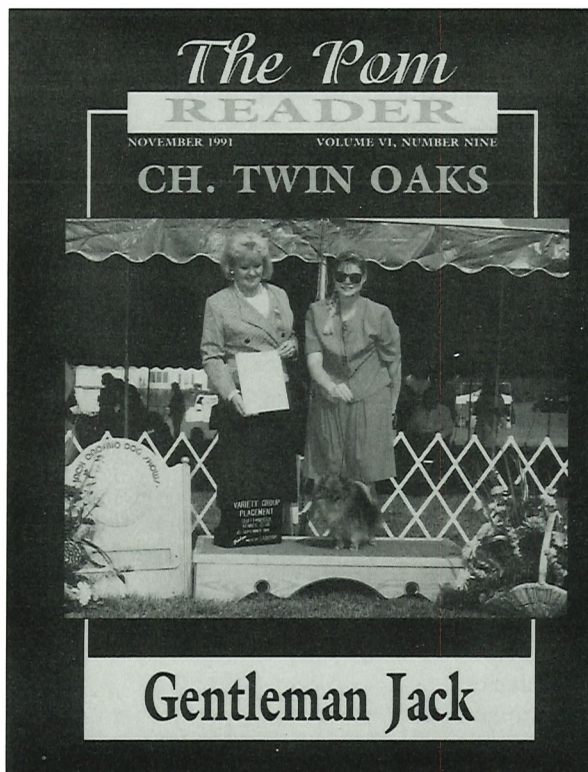
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DOGS HOWL AND.....Answering Readers' Questions

QUESTION: *Is the better dog always the one with the better record?*

ANSWER: Depends on what you consider the better record!

Slomo began his show career on May 1, 1990; he finished on October 29, 1990. *Kwiklick* made his debut on August 3, 1990, and finished on October 30, 1990. *Slomo's* owner held a job that prevented her from going to shows with consistent regularity, and she preferred showing her own dogs, not caring a fig for fast track records. *Kwiklick's* owner was able to be at shows every weekend and had quite a record of finishing large numbers of dogs. *Kwiklick's* owner was always remarking on *Slomo's* 'turtle' career, but *Slomo's* owner turtled on, hitting a show here, a show there, slowly ploughing away at the points. *Slomo* had competed against *Kwiklick* on several occasions, always coming away with the blue & white ribbon (Winners), whilst *Kwiklick* came away with the purple & white (Reserve Winners). This had *Kwiklick's* owner licking a few jealous wounds, which cankered and when *Kwiklick* finished one day after *Slomo* 'got out of the way', *Kwiklick's* owner came boisterously back to the grooming area to boast that the question was now definitely settled: *Kwiklick* had finished in less than 3 months of showing, whilst *Slomo* had been "dragged around the ring" forever! *Kwiklick*, the faster finished, was the better dog!

As *Kwiklick's* owner was more repeatedly on the show scene, with a large number of finished dogs over the years, she naturally had developed a reputation that drew a coterie of either new exhibitors or exhibitors that reckoned that record-keeping was V.I.P. in the dog show/breeding game. This coterie breathed in every holy word that *Kwiklick's* owner voiced and soon there was quite a bit of vocalization around the grooming tents about *Slomo's* obvious demeaning quality. Naturally, the sour grapes reached *Slomo's* unflappable owner, who smiled and seemingly went on her turtling way, which was preparing *Slomo* for a Specials career, that

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is, a career that fit in with the owner's work schedule and had nothing to do with hyping up a record to sell puppies and finished champions.

A month later the usually crowded and noisy grooming tent on a weekend show ground was enlivened by more noisy chatter than usual. *Kwiklick's* owner, hearing the sniggles as people gathered around a piece of paper tacked to the central pole of the tent, went over to see. The piece of paper was not very large but the letters were in caps. It said.....

As *Kwiklick's* owner angrily tore the paper from the ten pole and crumpled it in her hand, two members of her coterie were heard to be whispering. One said to the other: 'I guess the moral is let the hearer of the record beware and be-bright enough to look beneath the silk bedspread for the cotton sheets...

QUESTION: *My dog doesn't have black skin disease, yet his coat is always shedding and he smells awful. I bathe him every week and give him a dip, too, for the fleas. Why should he smell?*

ANSWER: Too much bathing!

Besides, you should not have to be dipping so much for fleas. I've said it before and will say it again, that there is no better method (that I have found and I haven't had a flea in years, and neither have my dogs!) than *Siphotrol II Plus House Treatment*. It comes in liquid form for spraying, and in foggers. For a bad infestation use both. Saturate floors, and even spray furniture - it leaves no residue. It leaves no odor and once it is dry to the touch it is safe even for a kitten to walk on. The product says 17 weeks of pest control, but in my experience, after the first heavy dosage to kill off a heavy infestation created by fill dirt in my front yard that came from a cow pasture, the product need only be used at most twice a year. I am now using it but once a year. First, though, plan to dip the dogs and spray the

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SLOMO'S RECORD:

12 Shows in a period of 6 months less 2 days, since the starting line; 1-4th, 1-3rd, 5-Reserves, and 4 BOB's for a total of 16 points, with 3 majors and *never placing out of the ribbons!*

KWIKLICK'S RECORD: 29 shows in a period of 3 months, less 1 day, since the starting line; in *15 of these 29 shows*, he either placed or won, with no BOB's, 1 BOW and never once did he beat *Slomo!*

Who did you say it was that won that race?

puppies (NOT WITH SIPHOTROL!) the day you plan to spray/fog the premises. Give it about 4 hours to dry, air out the house or kennel and give another 10 days for the dogs adult fleas to die and no nestings will hatch. This has also proven effective for the Florida roach problem at my house. For patio, yard and kennel runs we use Diazanone liquid, diluting to bottle directions and spraying liberally and allowing to dry thoroughly. This latter outdoor/kennel area treatment was recommended by our vet as perfectly effective and perfectly safe.

But back to your shedding and odor. It is a fact that some dogs, more than others, cannot tolerate the natural distraction from the skin that over-bathing causes. I groomed professionally for some 20 years and believe me the worst shed/odor/skin problems came

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OLYMPIA continued

with the dogs who were overbathed, and to me that means any dog bathed more than once every 2 months. In fact our dogs are hardly ever bathed, and they Don't smell nor shed, other than the expected sheds. We use

Johnson's plain baby powder, not with cornstarch, to clean the fur before a brush, being careful around the head area. The only skin problem we have ever experienced, some 20 years in the breed, is one bitch who had an allergy to God only knew what and

was chronic from puppyhood and a bout with cheyletiella mites, which occurred because our de-fleaing program is so effective we used no pesticides and the mites, brought in by a strange dog, had no impediment to their progress.

QUESTION: *Ivomec, Ivermectin - should we or should we not?*

ANSWER: *Sometimes I do, sometimes I don't.*

Time after time this question comes up, both in print somewhere in **THE READER** and by personal conversations to the manic machine, **OLYMPIA**. Especially since Olympia wrote an article in which Ivomec was mentioned as being used to treat for the Cheyletiella mites (Dec. '90). I had also written much earlier that Ivomec is great for ear mites. At that time, it was a new product for ear mite treatment and I got lots of inquiries. Now it is old hat to use it for ear mites. But for those who have not yet used it, for ear mites you simply put a few drops of cattle IVOMEK (1% Ivermectin in a sterile dilution) in the ears and rub the base of the ear. Once is enough! It generally cures all but the most stubborn cases, and in the really badly affected ear mite cases I have never had to use it more than twice — several days apart. A few days after dosing the ear with Ivomec I cleanse the ear with alcohol or any ear-cleaning product on the market and swab the brown 'gum' out with Q-tips.

For the Cheyletiella mites (see **Dr. Tom Graves'** article, June '90 **POM READER**) my vet recommended Mycodex with Carbaryl shampoos, which would take weeks to do the job. On pups under 4 months, this had to be carried out. Over-4-month pups I elected, after long soul-searching, to use the quick method of Ivomec. 4-8 months got lower dosages than the older dogs, and all got 2 treatments, 3 weeks apart. None of my older dogs got a reaction, although I was advised by my vet that I took this method at my own risk, as some breeds such as Collies and Shelties have severe reactions to this product.

My only other contact with Ivomec has been showing dogs for others who have the dog on the product to prevent heartworms, which is claimed also prevents other worms and fleas. I have heard some using it in strengths of .10cc tuberculin syringe direct from the cattle Ivomec which is, again, 1% dilution of the base product Ivermectin! This is for an approximately 5-6 lb. dog. (The product is given by mouth, removing the needle

from the syringe after withdrawing the product from the rubber-topped bottle!) I have heard of others diluting the already-diluted Ivomec with Propylene Glycol, 1cc Ivomec to 49cc propylene glycol, and administering it monthly for heartworm prevention. My own vet said that either the .05 or .10cc tuberculin dosage, when diluted with propylene glycol, even administered monthly, is far too low to be effective against prevention. In his words, "they are kidding themselves." Whether they are or not, I don't know, as I have heard and read so much about this product that is AT VARIANCE from the different vets and breeders, that I can only profess confusion as to what is right or wrong or whether WE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT!

In short, I do not recommend this product to anyone, as I am not qualified to recommend. I *am* advocating using it for ear mites, and I did take my own risks when using it to combat the mite problem, which so overwhelmed me, especially with the death of a particularly promising puppy, that I was desperate to 'kill' those disgusting, 'walking dandruff' things.

As both myself and **READER** editor, Joe McGinnis, mentioned in the September issue in Letters from our Readers (a VERY interesting forum!) we at the **READER** would be delighted to have input from more qualified people to explain the full import of the product Ivermectin. There are certainly, according to **Gail Rodgers** of Staten Island, New York, many Ivermectin products surfacing out there. In a letter published in our **READER** forum, she mentioned pour-on Ivomec, swine injectible and, I have heard, a sheep drench Ivomec...and so on. I know only for a fact that my vet dislikes recommending Ivermectin, yet he was not averse to my using it when I *told him* that another vet recommended it for *Ear Mites*, and that he only smiled (knowingly) when I said that my Cheyletiella mite problem was solved swiftly. He smiles just as knowingly when I men-

tion it for heartworm preventive but other than saying that he thinks the dosage, when mixed with Propylene Glycol, is not enough for prevention, he won't say a word. In short, *yours truly* is totally confused.

Until the dog howls again (and some 'expert' comes forward and gives us the low-down on Ivermectin)...

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Sally's

By Sally Baugniet

SOAP BOX

I know, by the time many of you read this, we who are potential snow birds, will be yearning for your southern hospitality (and weather). Until then, I have to make you envious of our fantastic summers and gorgeous fall seasons...

If you Pom people are not associated with Terriers at all, you probably have not heard of or did not realize what *Montgomery County Kennel Club* in Pennsylvania is. This is "THE" Terrier show in the east. It draws 2200 Terriers. (The average all-breed dog show draws around 300 Terriers.) Since I raise and show Norwich Terriers and judge over half of the Terrier breeds, I try to get to this show to see some of the best terriers in the country. It is an education!

Two all-breed dog shows are held on Friday and Saturday of this weekend. I watched Pom judging and met some Pom people that I usually see only once or twice a year. Among those there were **Jackie Rayner, Susan Conlee, Karen Fitzpatrick, Thelma Dunn and Jackie Stacey**. It is always a pleasure to be welcomed by Pom people from all over the country. It seems as though no matter what shows you go to, you will always meet someone you know and always feel welcome. That is what is nice about the sport of dogs.

The trip home through the mountains was spectacular! The mountains were like a carpet of orange, yellow and red flowers. This was the beauty of the autumn trees. At home, the trees were just as brilliant. It is a shame that it only lasts for a few days.

I have just a little update on animal "rights". There was a single dog show in Wisconsin followed by a four day cluster. Several animal "rights" people were at the single dog show **intentionally**.
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ding to let dogs out of their crates. They were watched very carefully. Exhibitors were warned. Police were called and these people left the show site. The police from the first show's county followed them to the county line of the next dog show site, where those county police were waiting and followed them. I slept overnight in my van in the grooming building to watch for anything strange. The police patrolled the show grounds with their dogs. To make a long story short, no dogs were let out of their crates, we had complete police cooperation and all went fine. In case some of you don't know, the animal "rights" groups pay college students or anyone they can find who wants to earn \$10⁰⁰ or so per hour, to picket and/or do their dirty work. These groups work by intimidation and by using illegal means. If you donated money to any of these animal "rights" groups, such as PETA, PAWS, ALF, ARM and yes, even the HSUS, you are contributing to high salaries and fringe benefits for their top bananas, possibly to illegal acts and/or the bail for those who end up in jail for those illegal acts. These extremists have lied to you about their real objectives.

There is a very worthwhile organization that has been started. It is called **Putting People First**. If you want more information, their address is: 4401 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 310-A, Washington, DC 20008.

While I was writing this article, three cars full of people pulled in-

to our driveway. This day was a typical Indian summer day, so I had all the dogs outside in the yard. About ten people got out of the cars to look at the dogs. When I went out to meet them, they asked if they could have their pictures taken with the Pomeranians. "Sure," I said. They had a polaroid and I took a group picture. Before they left they said they were with the *Quaker Oats Company* and there would be about eight more groups coming. As it turned out, one hundred Quaker Oats employees were at a seminar at the Fox Hill Motel and Convention Center which is near us. Eight more groups (100 people) stopped in to have their group's picture taken with our Poms and Norwich. We were one of the stops on the company scavenger hunt. They asked for my business card and promised to send some dog food my way. What an unexpected fun time and such a nice group of people. It made my day!

Thought for the month:

If you want an accounting of your worth, count your friends.

A little humor for this month:

A tourist, camera in hand, climbed the pasture fence and walked toward a grazing bull. "Hey!" he called to the farmer, "is this bull safe?"

"A darn right safer than you are." replied the farmer. □

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Signs of allergies usually begin with rubbing the face, watering of the eyes and licking of the feet. Itching can involve most or all of the body leading to self-mutilation which can cause bacterial skin infections. The result is extreme hair loss. Food allergies may lead to vomiting and diarrhea. The above signs mentioned cannot be exclusively caused by allergies and so an accurate diagnosis of your dog's skin problem is vital to correct treatment.

Your veterinarian is the one to make the diagnosis of your dog's allergies. The K-9 RAST (rapid antibody serum test) is a simple blood test which is used to determine the amount of antibody with the suspected allergens. Correct knowledge of the specific cause of an allergy will allow a more appropriate
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treatment program.

The best form of treatment would be to avoid the "problem" allergen. However, this may be a very difficult task. Control of the itch can be accomplished by using corticosteroid drugs. Prolonged use of these drugs, however, is not advisable. Another method of treatment is called *hyposensitization*. Injections are given of the "problem" or offending allergen over a period of time. An immunity or tolerance is built up by the dog. This method allows your dog to live more comfortably in the existing surroundings.

This summer I experienced an allergy problem with a male Pom that is two years old. His symptoms were frequent sneezing spells. Our area was experiencing a rain shower every day and mold was forming or there was never sunlight to dry the ground or walks, buildings or walls. He was treated by using an allergy medication. The problem went away as soon as the weather conditions returned to normal!

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Fears are among the most successfully treated behavior problems...

A couple of years ago I purchased a female puppy at 10 weeks of age and found her to be very outgoing and well socialized. Training for shows was easy as she was always eager to please. Six months rolled around and I entered her in three shows. The week prior to the shows she was entered in I decided to take her to the shows I was attending closer to home. I felt the exposure would be good for her.

Upon arrival at the show site, I set up an X-pen and she was placed in it. She was fine and liked all the attention people gave her as they passed by. I put a lead on her and started to walk her down an aisle where many dogs were crated and being

groomed. She managed to take three steps and she stopped and never took another step that day! I tried everything but she was frozen to the spot. My reaction was absolute disbelief! I knew I had a real problem and had only five days to solve it. I knew that people were not the problem but it was the building and the noise.

After much thought on the trip home, I decided to try to reintroduce her to a similar environment as soon as possible. On Monday, she was taken to a grooming shop and was exposed to people bringing in different breeds to be groomed. On Monday evening she was taken to dog training classes at a big school gym. We placed her in her crate in the middle of the training floor with the door closed. Halfway through the session, I opened the door to the crate and let her emerge on her own and that took several minutes. I allowed her to nose and wander around and just talked to her. Finally, I placed a lead on her and started walking her with the other dogs. Our crisis was over and she was back to her normal happy self. She had to learn for herself that she was safe in a large building that was noisy.

Perhaps I was lucky to solve my problem so quickly but the experience taught me a lesson. I now try to train in a noisy environment, attend fun matches, and take a puppy to shows prior to entering. I also drop items beside and behind the dog, clap my hands, and create noise in the puppy room on a routine basis. All of this has helped my dogs adapt much better.

If you have had similar problems please drop me a line and perhaps other problems and solutions can be shared in other articles.

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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.

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1395	CH. PIXIE'S BUTTONS 'N BOWS (B)..... <i>(C. Galavich, Owner)</i>	-	-	-	4	1	2	1	7
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790	CH. TIM SUE'S HARBOR LIGHTS (D)..... <i>(S. & P. Conlee, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	4
625	CH. BI-MAR SHO-GUN OF JERBO'S (D)..... <i>(J. & D. Owens, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	5
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UPDATE

Top Ten Exhibitors January-September 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.

EXHIBITOR POINTS

E. & C EVANS	49
K. & L. LUDKE	45
P. GRIFFIN	43
J. CABRERA	40
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F. STOLL	37
J. O'NEIL	34
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By Pam West

This is the month of Thanksgiving, the month when we all need to reflect on what we are thankful for. There are many things for which I am particularly thankful. I am most thankful for all the freedom I have by living in America. I am thankful for healthy children and a wonderful husband. (He never complains when I get calls at 2 a.m. from a novice breeder whose Pom is in labor.) I am thankful for the friendship of so many Pom breeders and exhibitors (especially the ones who never complain when I call THEM at 2 a.m. with a problem!). Everyone is thankful for a judge who will allow no nonsense but be totally honest. We are thankful for the testicles when they finally drop on that special male pup. We are thankful when the soft spots close up on ALL the pups. As we each line up to go in the ring with our special Pom, we each start praying, let me win, let me win...And we are each so thankful when we do win. We are each and every one thankful for an easy birth when our females do not have to have a C-section. But most of all I am thankful for discovering what a truly wonderful pet the Pomeranian is.



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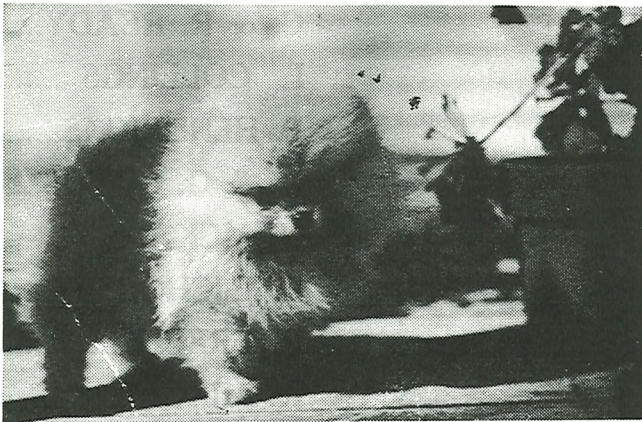


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What's in a Name?

by Dale Adams

*Well, for registered dogs it is 25 letters or less and perhaps your dog's future image. It seems appropriate to discuss this all-important subject at this point in the aftermath of the Gulf crisis, because you and I both know that now, six months later, a whole crop of puppies will be surfacing with names such as **Stormin' Norman**, **Scud Buster**, **Incoming Missile**, and **The Patriot**...*

Patriotic? Yes! Unique, individualistic, memorable? **NO!** In fact, just the opposite of what a name should be. Have you ever noticed how many people look like their names? I mean, would women drool over **Robert Redford** or **Burt Reynolds** if their names were *Heimi Lipschitz* or *Irving Landfill*? Well, the dogs we want to be stars should also have stage names. When I name a dog that I think will possibly mature into an individual worthy of campaigning, I want a name that is catchy, unforgettable, and one that lends itself to some snappy advertising.

Of paramount importance should be a name that can be pronounced by at least 50% of the dog community. Many different breeds, because of their heritage, are plagued by breeders who feel compelled to use foreign language terms. Just because your dog is German, it is not necessary to name him *Der Schutzen Krieger vom Shimmelplatz Haus* or *Mein Leibchen Grutzenkringle aus Krankenwagen*. There are German terms, not over-used, which might be more readily acceptable to the general public.

Chihuahuas could really get into it. How about one named *La Preciosa Muy Hermosa De La Casa De Su Esposa*? Or a French Poodle, *L'Etoile Responsable Du Frere Du Richelieu*? And just because a dog is Japanese or Chinese does not mean you have to name him after the last survivor of the ming dynasty.

The use of these terms, even if pronounceable, could lead to embarrassment. Don't you just love it when you admire somebody's Japanese Chin and innocently ask his name? They reply: "Komochi Marupoch Keso Kawazu." THAT'S nice, you say. And what do you call him? "Komochi Marupoch Keso Kawazu". (Translation: "Your fat mother makes love to a frog.")

Or this: What a pretty Pekingese! What's his name? "Chuan Hey Da Chiao Wu Bee Ma". ("All Black Big Footed No-Nosed Mother.")

If you feel you must adhere to the Oriental nomenclature that's okay, but please, a simple call name and a little research into meaning. (I have included a short list of Chinese names and their English equivalents at the end of this article.)

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Then there are the "Goopy Names", dripping in enough trite drivel to bring tears to the eyes of an IRS agent. "Precious Gem of the Orient", "Beautiful Geisha of Mine", and the boys not to be spared, are named like "Sweet Samarai of Love."

One pet peeve are those obsessive individuals who become so enamored of a name that they use it (with slight variation) throughout their entire breeding career. I recently read a pedigree where the same name with one letter changed appeared, top and bottom, for six generations. At first glance it appeared that this bundle of hormones bred for nine years having eleven litters and at one

point had two litters during the same week. That's when it dawned on me that there might have been more than one bitch involved. At least number them if you must do that.

A friend of mine suggested that if you wait long enough, puppies will name themselves through their antics and developing personality. For instance, one puppy that bit into a lamp cord was immediately dubbed "Crispy Critter". I, on the other hand hastily named one adorable little girl "Sweet Sensations" upon which she promptly developed a habit of growling — she ended up with the nickname "Temper". Whatever the method, give it time and thought and remember, it's for life.

If you study ad campaigns on TV, magazines and billboards, you will notice that they have a theme, or "buzz word" designed to stay with the customer. With that in mind, why not try to pick a name with its own buzz word, useful in both word of mouth and magazine advertising? It doesn't have to be a classic or even pretty name; it just has to be memorable. One good example in the dog world was *Ch. Eye Witness To Tosaho ("Peepers")*. That's a straightforward metaphoric name with a great call name and a multitude of opportunities for great advertising spinoffs.

There are lots of places to glean name ideas: songs, movies, books, TV, ad signs along the road, slogans, anything that looks good to you. Many breeders like to incorporate the stud or bitch name into that of a puppy and that's fine, I do that myself. But whenever possible get that buzz word in there also. Live with a name for a while; write some ad copy, try it out on friends and when you feel this is the name you want to see in lights send in that blue slip. □ Dale Adams

Dale Adams is a toy breeder of long standing and a popular author. Her acclaimed article, "No Crates? NO THANKS!" appeared in the June '91 issue of The Pom Reader. JmcG



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Purpose

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Sponsor

Any AKC Club of record or any other qualified dog training organization, may hold a Canine Good Citizen Test.

Evaluators

Any person can be an Evaluator, but it is strongly recommended that Evaluators be experienced in working with and training dogs in Obedience, or for shows, or for the field.

In the interest of time and maintaining spectator appeal, three Evaluators should be employed as follows:

First Evaluator conducts test number one. Second Evaluator conducts tests two through nine.

Third Evaluator conducts test number ten.

Evaluating The Dog

The Evaluator must have considerable knowledge of dog behavior, he must have experience in the working and training of dogs as well as a keen awareness of the public's attitude towards dogs.

Before the Evaluator passes the dog it should be considered if this is:

1. The kind of dog that you would like to own.
2. The kind of dog that would be safe with children.
3. The kind of dog that you would welcome as a stranger.
4. The kind of dog that makes its owner happy and isn't making someone else unhappy.

Qualifying

Dogs will be evaluated on the basis of Pass-Fail. In order to qualify for the Canine Good Citizen award a dog must pass each of the ten test categories. The dog need only to pass this test once in order to receive a Canine Good Citizen Certificate.

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed.

Dismissal

Any dog which growls, snaps, bites, attacks or attempts to attack any person or another dog shall be dismissed from the Test. Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or who is seen to kick, strike or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog at any time during a test shall be dismissed from the Test.

TESTS

Note: All tests are performed on a leash **Collars and Leads**

Clubs should require that all dogs to be tested should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars of either leather, fabric, or chain.

Special training collars such as "pinch" or "spike" collars are not acceptable.

The lead should be either leather or fabric.

1. Appearance & Grooming

The Evaluator will inspect the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e. proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The owner must present current rabies certification, any other state or locally required inoculation certificates and license. This part of the test demonstrates the owner's care, concern and responsibility. The Evaluator then combs or brushes the dog lightly and in a natural manner to show the dog's willingness to be groomed and to permit someone other than his handler to do so. The Evaluator will then lightly examine the ears and gently pick up each front foot.

This is a practical test, demonstrating that the dog will welcome being groomed, and examined, and will permit a stranger, such as a veterinarian or his/her assistant or someone other than the owner to do so.

2. Accepting a Stranger

The principal feature is to allow a stranger to approach handler and dog in a natural everyday situation.

The Evaluator will walk up to the dog and handler and greet the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog.

The Evaluator and handler will shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the Evaluator.

3. Walk on Loose Lead — Out for a Walk

The principal feature of this test is to demonstrate that the handler is in control. The dog must be on the left side of the handler

(the left side position is required in all activities where dog serves man, i.e. Guide Dogs for the blind, Canine Corps, etc.). The dog need not be in the "heel" position as required by AKC Obedience Tests. Ideally, the dog should be in such a position as to leave no doubt that the dog's attention is on the handler and that it responds to movement and change of directions by the handler. The Evaluator may use a preplotted course or may direct the team by issuing instructions or commands. There must be a left turn, a right turn, and about turn, with at least one halt in between, and one at the end.

4. Walk Through a Crowd

The principal feature of this test is to demonstrate that the dog should have no difficulty in moving about in pedestrian traffic.

The dog and handler will walk around and pass close to several persons (at least 3), demonstrating that the dog is conditioned to behave at all times and is under control in public places. The dog may show some interest in the strangers, but should continue to walk with the handler without evidence of shyness or resentment. The dog should not be straining at the leash.

5. Sit for Exam

The principal feature of this test is to demonstrate that the dog will allow the approach of a stranger and permit petting.

With the dog sitting at the handler's left side thorough the exercise, the Evaluator approaches and proceeds to pet the dog on the head and body only.

The dog must not show shyness or resentment. The Evaluator then circles dog and handler, completing the test.

6. Sit and Down on Command

The principal feature of this test is to demonstrate that the dog has had some formal training and will respond to the handler's commands.

The handler may take a reasonable time and use more than one command to make the dog "sit" and then "down." The Evaluator must determine if the dog does respond to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into either position.

7. Stay in Position (Sit or Down)

The principal feature of this test is to demonstrate that the dog will assume, and remain in the position commanded by the handler (sit or down position being the option of the handler).

Continued▶

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST continued...

The handler may use more than one command to get the dog into position, taking a reasonable time to do so. The handler then gives a command for the dog to stay and, when instructed by the Evaluator, drops the leash and walks forward about 20 feet, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace.

The dog must maintain the position in which it was left until the handler returns and until the Evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog from its position.

8. Reaction to Another Dog

The principal feature of this test is to demonstrate the proper behavior when in the presence of other dogs.

Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about ten yards, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and

continue on about five yards.

The dogs should demonstrate no more than casual interest. Neither dog should go to the other dog or handler.

9. Reaction to Distractions

The principal feature of this test is to demonstrate that the dog is confident at all times when faced with distracting conditions.

The Evaluator will select two of the following:

- a) A person on crutches, in a wheelchair or using a walker. This test will simulate a handicapped person requiring such an aid.
- b) Sudden closing or opening of a door.
- c) Dropping a large book, no closer than 10 feet, behind the dog.
- d) A jogger running in front of the dog.
- e) Good-natured pushing and shoving and animated excited talk and back slapping by persons with the dog and handler passing within 10 feet.

f) A person pushing a shopping cart approaching from the front or rear, passing about 6 feet to the side of the dog.

g) A person on a bicycle approaching from the front or rear, passing about six feet from the dog.

The dog may express natural interest and curiosity, may startle but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness or bark.

Dog Left Alone

The principal feature of this test is to demonstrate that the dog may be left alone, demonstrating training and good manners.

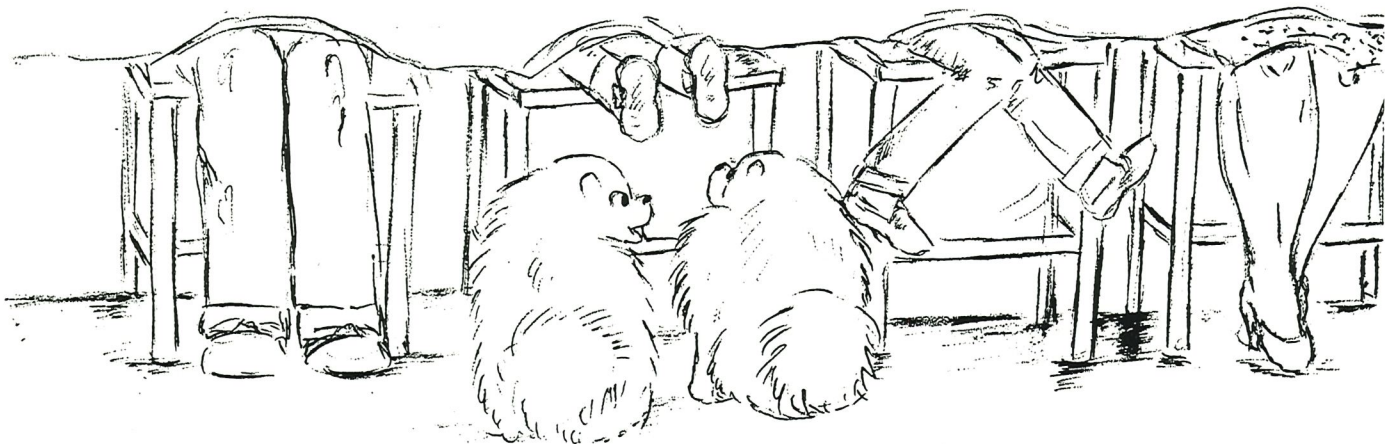
The handler will fasten the dog to a fifteen-foot line and go to a place out of sight of the dog for 5 minutes. The dog should not bark, whine, howl, or pace unnecessarily or register anything other than mild agitation or nervousness.

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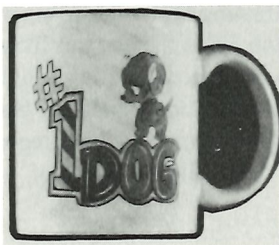


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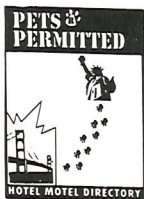
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