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Sea Star



William

CH. TIM-SUE'S HARBOR LIGHTS

On the Cover: **William**



Judge: Mrs. Paula Hartinger

*Multiple B.I.S., B.I.S.S
Champion
Tim-Sue's Harbor Lights*

*Exclusively Handled By
Chris C. Burke*

*For owners
Jill Cohen*

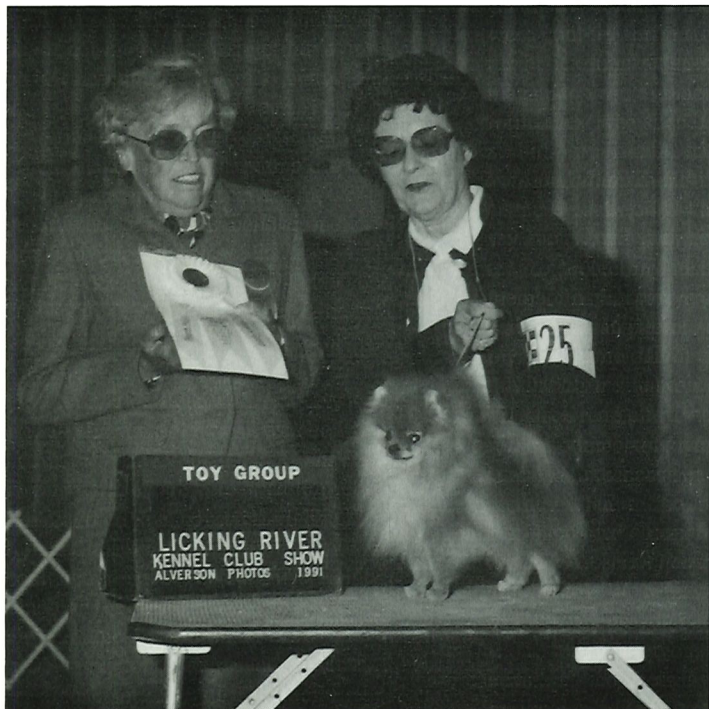
SeaStar
& Susan Conlee



Where the boys are...

IN THE NORTH... **WILLY**

IN THE SOUTH... **WALLY**



GOLDEN AIRES WEE WILLY

*Shown by co-owner Eleanor
with judge Betty Dullinger*

CH. GOLDEN AIRES MOONWALKER

*Shown by agent Michelle Miller
with judge Mr. Robert J. Moore*

CH. MILLAMOR'S MARK TRADITION X DE ARTA'S DANCING MARKETTA

What a special day as these two littermate boys are shown winning Group placements on the same day! These boys are very special to us, as they were only one month old when Hurricane Hugo hit our area. We all survived a very difficult time! They are making us proud.

We have girls, too...

GOLDEN AIRES SWEET CHARITY

*Millamor's Musical Hobby x
DeArta's Waltzing Matilda*

CHER is shown being awarded WB and BOS for 2 points under judge Mr. Richard Guevara, shown by her owner. THANK YOU!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Golden Aires Poms

Owner

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La Cherie's **OREO** *Double Fudge*⁵



*Shown winning under judge Mr. Robert J. Moore
with owner-handler Ed Martin.*

Happy Holidays from...

La Cherie Poms

Dorothy F. Martin

5354 Bluebird Lane, York, SC 29745

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'ShowSight

from the editor

Everything I need to know I learned on Wilder Park...

When famous athletes leave the arena, their numbers are retired. Racehorses put out to pasture are memorialized in bronze. The call names of famous show dogs are rarely used in subsequent careers, and people of particular import end up stuck on a stamp. But when the city of Elmhurst, Illinois, realized that there would never be another like me, the ultimate pre-school ruler of Wilder Park, they took it one step further. They not only knocked down my house, they tore out the whole street.

In truth, I had heard inklings of the impending demolition on my last trip back, Thanksgiving of 1989. There were nasty rumors that the college had bought up the property to make a parking lot, but I dismissed it out of hand as ridiculous. So, when a letter arrived today from my best pre-kindergarten friend, **Tom Wilbur**, it came as something of a shock. His letter said, says, "I feel as though I've lost part of my youth."

Speaking of which, another year is about to close, and I look back with some satisfaction. **The Pom Reader** continues to grow and thrive, and we're meeting new friends by the day. We look forward to another year, in which on a monthly basis we celebrate the Pomeranian breed, and we have many exciting things in store for you. Special thanks to our dedicated writers for continued stellar input. And keep those PLAYMATES coming, for the world is waiting to enjoy your dog in **The Pom Reader**. Just grab the camera and snap - you don't

have to be a professional shutterbug. But I shudder when I think of the demise of my childhood home. We only lived there four or five years but the

time spent in that house had singular impact on my life. The first Christmas in my memory was celebrated in that house, with me gleefully operating the first in a long line of Lionel electric trains. (Trains have always been a big deal to me, ranking second only to dogs.) My three sisters found first love - as did I - while living in that house. Their first loves were, of course,

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boys, none of whom met with my approval, while mine was my best friend's mother, Mrs. Wilbur, and I even named a car after her, the ultimate sign of adoration.

While in that house I learned many things which are modus operandi today. I learned that the truth sometimes hurts and is best left unstated, in one famous family incident when I told a visiting relative that her newborn child looked like a donkey - well, she did - and I was hustled from the room and soundly admonished, if that is possible from parents bent double in helpless laughter.

I learned that humor will help you through even the most trying of situations, when a lady was visiting with her son who was so obnoxious even I wouldn't play with him. He entertained himself by smashing Coke bottles in our garage. His mother gazed at mine over her coffee cup and stated, "I'd kill that kid, but it's against the law."

I learned that power, in the wrong hands, can be dangerous, in the Hawthorne Kindergarten Monkey Bars Disaster. This was a pretty classy place, because we not only had outdoor facilities but indoor Monkey Bars as well - unfortunately, they were not affixed to the floor. I was the bus driver. Kids coming onto the Monkey Bars had to heed my directions. "Move to the back of the bus," I stated, as each passenger piled in. That they did, and the laws of physics held sway; the Monkey Bars crashed over from the lopsided weight,

and one girl hurt her hand a tiny bit. But she made a federal case out of it, caterwauling and moaning and there was no way I could shut her up before the teacher appeared. Then I had to sit in the hall and the janitor smirked at me. I learned that it is unwise to smirk at little kids, in a mystery unsolved to this day about how the janitor's hat got dunked in the toilet.

I learned that it is unwise to smirk at little kids, in a mystery unsolved to this day about how the janitor's hat got dunked in the toilet.



Mom and me back at the scene of the crime Wilder Park, Elmhurst, IL 1989

Photo: Joshua Clayton Strodman

I learned about responsibility, too, while in that house, in the famous episode of the dead goldfish, and to this day I swear I fed them properly, it must have been genetic.

But mostly in that house I learned about friendship, how it starts, and if it's good, how it never ends. Tommy and I were inseparable for years, and even though we moved right after kindergarten, twice, to one State to the East and then one to the North, not many months would go by before we would return for a visit, or Tommy would come to visit us. This continued on right through high school, and I drove to Elmhurst, picked up Tommy, and we went to the Indianapolis 500, then turned around, drove to Wisconsin and attended my graduation. Which is pretty trusting of high school seniors, but our parents never worried when we were together because we had always been such good kids.

I saw Tommy again, not too long ago. He was down from D.C. to visit Disney, and we spent a few hours together. And it was as if there hadn't been ten years since the last time. *Tommy, you're still my best friend. Congratulations to you & Marisel on child number three, due on my birthday in March.*

Merry Christmas, my friends. Don't hesitate to lavish love on those you hold dear, for you can't go home again, once it's gone.

With deepest affection for Elmhurst. JMcG



Before Visible above the garage is the famous window through which I fell to the driveway below, *After* landing on my head - which may explain a few things. (Photos by Tommy's Mom, Genevieve Wilbur)



ch. pom acres sable's savanna **ANNIE**



With judge Mr. Robert J. Moore,
handled by Nadine Hersil



With judge Mrs. Glenda Dawkins,
handled by Heike Wehrle

Thanks to Nadine Hersil who finished Annie in one month, and to Heike Werble for loving Annie and showing her as a Special...

We couldn't have done it without your excellent care and the love you give our Annie!

Pom Acres Kennel

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Did You Know.....

by Sharon Masnick

Puppy Development • Obesity • Puppy's Christmas List



PUPPY DEVELOPMENT...

The first SEVEN weeks of a puppy's life are critical to development.

A puppy who explores his environment and socializes with his littermates and people is shaping his personality. This behavior should be allowed until at least seven weeks of age.

Until two weeks of age, puppies do not have the ability to see. Hearing ability develops at about three weeks of age. The sensory organs when developed allow puppies to begin to explore their new environment.

As motor skills improve, puppies will begin to communicate by barking, using body language, and trying to master adult-like behavior. At this stage of development puppies begin to be capable of developing relationships with their mother and littermates. Besides taking naps and eating, a puppy soon spends his time playing with littermates. Puppies begin to observe, with great interest, anything that moves.

The next stage involves interacting socially. Activity involves climbing and pouncing on each other, biting and growling at each other. The time spent in engaging in these activities is very important for physical and behavioral maturation.

During this period, the social relationships that pups establish become the building blocks for the adult canine social behavior. Through play-fighting, a puppy learns

pleasurable and painful experiences. He learns when to back down and when to be aggressive. Interacting with littermates teaches a puppy to use correct behavior for the situation. However, I am always watching to be sure a larger puppy is not too aggressive with a smaller more docile puppy.

Seven weeks spent with his mother and littermates will help assure a friendly and happy adult. You will always be happy with the results if your puppy has this important seven weeks.

We recently had a litter of only one Puppy. Special attention was given him as he was picked up and handled more often. He was talked to and encouraged to play with toys and us. We observed how special his mother treated him. She put up with his hair-pulling, and jumping on her back in great stride. She was a jewel with him.

Remember, seven weeks is a short time, but can have long-term effects on your puppy's life.

OBESITY

Veterinarians report that as many as four out of every ten dogs may be overweight. Our canine companions become overweight from eating too much or by not exercising enough. Metabolism rates can vary from pet to pet. This means calories get burned up at a different speed.

We usually judge whether our dogs are overweight by feel. If you can easily feel your dog's rib cage and spot a waistline, the dog is not overweight. On dogs with a full haircoat as with our Poms, it is necessary to feel.

We should be concerned about an overweight dog for various reasons. Being fat adds extra stress and can contribute to a shorter life span. Those extra pounds can aggravate arthritic conditions and respiratory conditions.

Often the obese dog is eating the proper amount of dog food, but the extra treats and table foods are causing the problem. People food is not very good for dogs as it doesn't provide a well-balanced diet and often it has too much salt and fat than is necessary for our canines.

A weight loss program for your dog should be supervised by your veterinarian. All table or people-food should be stopped. Treats should be cut in half. Normal food intake should be reduced by 25%. There are special foods made for the less active or dieting dog. You can feed one smaller meal a day or switch to twice a day by dividing the portion. Along with the reduced food intake, it is essential that the dog get enough exercise, too.

Perhaps a goal for 1992 should be to diet and exercise with our dogs...and everyone will have a healthier year!

PUPPY'S CHRISTMAS LIST

Dear Santa,

This is my first time writing to you, and I plan on asking for quite a lot. I'd like a nice warm home with a responsible owner who can supply the following:

ADEQUATE SPACE... Puppies need room to frolic

FOOD... Puppies eat a lot to grow and must be fed on a regular schedule

WATER... Puppies need clean, fresh water

ATTENTION... Puppies don't like to be ignored (I need to exercise and play!)

TRAINING... Puppies want to be safe and well-behaved

GROOMING... Puppies need to be brushed and bathed regularly

PATIENCE... Puppies are new to the world and don't know the ropes

LOVE... Needs no explanation!

I need everything on this list FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE, not just Christmas Day. So please find a home with a responsible family who can afford to take care of me and love me for many years to come.

I think if I can get all these things for Christmas, this will be the last time I will need to write to you!

Thank you...*Puppy*

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
 Sharon Masnick
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* Frosty Poms *



- Ch. Chips of Diamond
- Ch. Emcee's Chips of Diamond
- Emcee's Sparkling Hot Tamale
- Ch. Emcee's Terrific Wee Chips
- Ch. Emcee's Solid Gold Diamond
- Emcee's Gold Girl of Tammy
- Emcee's Tartan Tam

B.I.S.S., B.I.S. CAN. BDA. CH. JER-MAR'S CLASSIC GOLD CHIP

- Jolly Timstopper Man
- Jolly Timstopper Sugar Boy
- Elaine's Mona Lisa
- Sweet Betsy of Timstopper
- Ida's Red Rusty Bud
- Conway's Betsy
- Conway's Heidi

CHIPPER finished his Canadian title with a best in Show all-breeds from the classes. Chipper was in the Top 4 Poms in Canada in 1989, 1990, and 1991. He has to his credit 53 Group Firsts and 3 Bests in Specialty Show. Chipper finished in Bermuda with three Group Firsts to make him number 1 toy in Bermuda in 1990.



- Ch. Emcee's Chips of Diamond
- Ch. Emcee's Terrific Wee Chips
- Emcee's Golden Girl of Tammy
- Can. Bda. Ch. Jer-Mar's Classic Gold Chip
- Jolly Timstopper Sugar Boy
- Sweet Betsy of Timstopper
- Conway's Betsy

CAN. CH. CUDDLE BEAR

- Can. Bda. Am.
- Ch. Millamor's Rock Medallion
- Can. Ch. Bavanev's Dynamic Dynamite
- Can. Ch. Bavanev's Zenobia Cassiopeia
- Can. Ch. Schimmel's Princes Lia Lei
- Can. Ch. Wee-Mite Wee Joey
- Schimmel's Baby Bambie Button
- English's Ava Marie

BEAR was sired by Chipper. He finished his title very quickly, like his father. His mother was Number One Female and Number 7 Pom in 1988. Both parents were Multi-Group winners. Watch for Chipper and Bear puppies soon!

* Puppies Available by Chipper & Bear *

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COR-LEAH'S POMS

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Bear owned by

FROSTY POMS

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Ohio Valley Pom Club Match

With 223 entries of Pomeranians, this is the largest Match ever held. Our judge Sue Goddard, a breeder-exhibitor of Poms was a perfect choice for a super-fantastic quality of Pomeranians exhibited. The classes were huge overall for her to find a 1-4 placing - I would not have wanted to be Sue! Her choices seemed to please all.

Following are her class placements:

JUNIORS

Puppy Dogs 2-4 Months:

- 1) Jenuwayne Rumor Has It (Jen & Wayne Hryniuk)
- 2) Heartland's My T Fine (Dianne Kieffer)
- 3) Great Elms Little Sparky (Dolores A. Watts)
- 4) Crystal c Sundust (Judy Shearer)

Puppy Bitches 2-4 Months

- 1) Pom Acres Flash Dancer (Roxanne Chumbley)
- 2) Toyland's Rapunzel of Lancelot (Debra Robertson)
- 3) Annon's Play It Again For Sam (Ann Cannon)
- 4) Pom Acres Tiny Tornado (Juanita & Robert Fiddick)

Puppy Dogs 4-6 Months

- 1) Sourwood's Dance of Millamor (Eleanor W. Miller)
- 2) Stolanne's Rebel Rouser (Frances J. Stoll)
- 3) Jan-Shar's RJ's Knight Rider (Louis & Betty Gorby)
- 4) Cedarhurst How Can It Be Jan Le (Jane Lehtinen)

Puppy Bitches 4-6 Months

- 1) Stolanne's Thoradora Bella (Frances J. Stoll)
- 2) Elan's Infinity (Diana M. Downey & Melissa R. Dahlenburg)
- 3) Elan's Inspiration (Melissa R. Dahlenburg)
- 4) Tobe Madison of GE (Tony & Betty Short)

BEST JUNIOR PUPPY POM ACRES FLASH DANSER

SENIORS

Puppy Dogs 6-9 Months

- 1) Star Haven's Terrific Dancer (Janice Young)
- 2) Jan Le's What A Sport (Jerriann Rowe)
- 3) Suber's Great Balls of Fire (Suzanne G. Berney)
- 4) Cascade's Lit'l Dyna-Mo (Doris Wheeler)

Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months

- 1) (Unnamed) (Jo & Julie James)
- 2) Watt's Little Bunny Baby (Dolores A. Watts)
- 3) Millamor's Miss Golden Aire (Eleanor W. Miller & Sharon Masnick)
- 4) Toyland's Heaven Sent (Debra A. Robertson & Pat Carney)

Puppy Dogs 9-12 Months

- 1) Watt's Little Dasher (Dolores A. Watts)
- 2) Cinnabar's Little Nikita (Vicki Clendenin)
- 3) Crystal C Pepper Dust (Frances J. Stoll)
- 4) Stolanne's Catch Me If U Can (Frances J. Stoll)

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The biggest ever!



Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months

- 1) Pom Acres Little Miss May Tag (Darcy & Jon Overfield)
- 2) Suber's Little Whistle Bait (Suzanne G. Berney)
- 3) Marshire's Sparkle of Love (Barbara Bradley-Sykes)
- 4) Tru-Kep's Becky of Sunny Brook (Irvin & Trudy Keplinger)

BEST SENIOR PUPPY STAR HAVEN'S TERRIFIC DANCER ADULTS

Adult Dogs

- 1) Whisper Ln' You've Said It All (Beth Wainger & Carol J. Baldwin)
- 2) Can. Ch. Might Dandi Lord Peter Pom (Marlene Penney)
- 3) Pixie's Constant Sir Prize (Carol Galavich)
- 4) Rhynstone Monterey Jack (Joyce Urban)

Adult Bitches

- 1) Can. Ch. Jenuwayne Sweet Talker (Jan & Wayne Hryniuk)
- 2) Annon's Angel In The Mist (Delores Erleberg)
- 3) D'Ann's Sweet Sweet Honeybun (Doris Pressley)
- 4) Whispering Ln' Hugs 'N Kisses (Mark & Carol J. Baldwin)

BEST ADULT AND BEST IN MATCH CAN. CH. JENUWAYNE SWEET TALKER BEST COSTUME MOE-BEST SUMMER LUV OV WATTS (Carol J. Baldwin)

The received many letters of thanks. I will share just few comments with you:

"A note to tell you how much I enjoyed the Specialty Match. I'm still in awe of the amount of work the Club put forth. The hospitality was unparalleled; the club members very friendly.

I hope you will tell the other club members how much the exhibitors appreciated the extra touches that make the Ohio Valley Pom Club match the 'Match of the Year.' "

Janice Young, Star Haven Poms, St. Clair, MO

"...There was something for everyone - what more could we want?"

Thelma Dun Theldun's Poms

To end a perfect day, there was a fantastic dinner at poolside with a great greenery surrounding it and an auction with wonderful items that were bought up quickly.

We take this time to thank all who supported or traveled to OVPC Match, and hope to see you next year!

*Larry Rookstool, Match Chairman
Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club*

STAR HAVEN POMERANIANS



Most of the dogs listed in the November issue are still available at this writing - For information, contact:

Janice Young, Star Haven Pomeranians

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St. Clair, MO 63077

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presents
**STAR
 HAVEN'S
 TERRIFIC
 DANCER**

Best Senior Puppy at the big Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club Specialty Match October 20, 1991. Thank you judge Sue Goddard! It was a special thrill since I was handling this time.

We wish to give credit to his gorgeous sire and beautiful dam...

**CH. STYLESTEPPER
 MARK OF OAKRIDGE**



**CH. CHIP-A-WAY'S
 HEAVENLY BODY**



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Pom Acres Kennel *congratulates...* Ohio Valley Pom Club

*for another successful Fun Match -
thank you for another great weekend!*

ROXANNE CHUMBLEY

on **BEST JUNIOR PUPPY** with
Pom Acres Flash Dancer as I call-
ed her when I entered her
(registered name: Pom Acres
Mighty Midge).

DARCY OVERFIELD

on **FIRST PLACE, 9-12 Months**
Puppy Bitches with Pom Acres
Miss Maytag.

ROBERT & JUANITA FIDDICK, RR 4, CEDAR FALLS, IA 50613. tel: 319-989-2199

Can. Ch. Jenuwayne Sweet Talker

Patrick's Mr. Tony x Tiperon Sunsation

SANTANA is pictured
here
winning

BEST IN MATCH

at the Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club Super
Match held on October 20, 1991 with an
unbelievable entry of 223 under breeder-judge
Sue Goddard. **THANK YOU, SUE!**

SANTANA will be at the Specialty in New
York with handler **Marlene Penney** as I will be
too close to delivering our second child to go!

Jenuwayne Pomeranians Reg'd.

Jen & Wayne Hryniuk

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Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8K 2J2

Tel: 416-549-7933



Kindred Kennels presents... **Midge**

Pom Acres Flash Danser

*Thank you to the
Ohio valley Pom
Club for holding
this wonderful
Fun Match!*

*Thank you also
to breeder Sue
Goddard for ap-
preciating
"Midge."*

*A Special thank
you to Bob &
Juanita Fiddick
for allowing us
to own this lovely
little girl!*



Breeder

POM ACRES

RR 4, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Owner

ROXANNE CHUMBLEY

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I.V. League

Thomas K. Graves, DVM

I hope nobody will consider me a grinch if I write about some of the less festive aspects of the holiday season. Christmastime is certainly a wonderful time of the year. There are, however, a few hazards of which everyone needs to be aware. So, if you'll just take a few moments away from your partying and shopping and gift wrapping and eating and carol-singing and tree trimming and egg nog drinking, I'll try to be brief.

Deadly Decorations

Christmas decorations are an accident waiting to happen. At our house, the biggest problem is the ornaments we put on the tree. The cats enjoy ripping ornaments off of the lower branches. They have no interest in them once they've hit the floor, they just enjoy un-decorating the tree. Of course once the little candy canes and toy soldiers hit the floor, the dogs take over. As a result, we decorate only the top half of the Christmas tree. I have to admit it looks really stupid, but we have no choice.

Every year veterinarians see emergency cases of dogs swallowing Christmas ornaments. But the ornaments are far from the most dangerous things hanging on the tree.

Personally, I would like to see tinsel outlawed. As a kid, I always hated putting it on the tree because it looked good only if you hung it strand by strand, and I tended to get impatient and throw it on in clumps. The darned stuff is fraught with static electricity and absolutely leaps off the tree towards anyone wearing a sweater. And worst of all, animals like to eat it and it causes terrible problems.

I don't have any idea why animals like to eat tinsel, but they do. Often, ingestions of tinsel lead to intestinal obstruction. The signs of obstruction are vomiting and abdominal pain. This progresses to severe depression and dehydration. If surgery is not performed to relieve the obstruction, the animal dies. Tinsel is a hazard for cats and dogs alike.

Even more hazardous is gift wrapping ribbon. Dogs (and cats) thoroughly enjoy playing with the ribbons from Christmas packages. These ribbons are quite commonly and quite easily swallowed. **The Pom Reader / December 1991**

ed and often cause obstruction. Any type of ribbon or string, while your dog might enjoy it, makes a really terrible toy.

Another medical emergency we see around holiday time is electric shock. With all the lights and decorations there are plenty of interesting new electric cords running around the house. Dogs, and especially puppies, often chew on these electric cords and the results can be devastating. Electric shock results in oral burns, cardiac arrhythmia and pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs). People often come home and find their dogs dazed and barely able to breathe. They run it into the emergency room (if it's not too late) and we find ulcerations and burn marks in the mouth. This is a true emergency, and if you suspect your puppy has received an electric shock, it should be seen by a veterinarian as soon as possible.

Poisonous Plants

I get phone calls all the time from people upset because their dog has been nibbling on the house plants. At Christmastime, there are more of these hazards than usual.

The poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) has gotten a bad rep. It seems to be common knowledge that this is a poisonous plant, but its harmful effects have been greatly exaggerated. There are no documented cases of animal poisoning with poinsettia. If anything, the poinsettia could cause a mild gastritis, and if enough were eaten, it could cause a dog to vomit, but that's about as bad as it would get. I wouldn't worry about this beautiful Christmas plant if I were you.

Mistletoe (*Phoradendron* spp.) is another on the list of poisonous plants of Christmas. The whole plant is toxic, but

the berries are only toxic if consumed in large quantities. Mistletoe poisoning causes vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, but usually is not fatal.

Holly (*Ilex* spp.) causes the same set of symptoms as does mistletoe. It is the red berry part of the plant that is poisonous.

Anytime a poisonous plant - or any non-caustic poison for that matter - is ingested, the first line of defense is to limit exposure to the toxin by causing the animal to vomit. This can be accomplished in a number of ways. A veterinarian can administer a drug (apomorphine) to cause vomiting. Fortunately, there are also methods available to induce vomiting at home. Ipecac syrup is available at drug stores and is effective when given at a dosage of 1cc/pound. Hydrogen peroxide is often effective at inducing vomiting when given orally at a similar dose. The average Toy dog would require about a teaspoon of either to cause vomiting. If Ipecac syrup and hydrogen peroxide are not available, you can take a salt shaker and dissolve its contents in a little warm water and have the dog drink that. If all methods fail (highly unlikely), the dog should be brought to the emergency room for gastric lavage.

A few months back **Kathy Masilla** gave the number of the **National Animal Poison Information Network (NAPINet)** office in Illinois. She was referring to a poison control hotline available 24 hours a day through the veterinary college at the University of Illinois. There is also an animal poison hotline operated by the University of Georgia. Both numbers should be kept handy. In Illinois, the number is **217-333-3611**. The number at the University of GA is **404-542-6751**. ►

Death by Chocolate

I have often been thankful that human beings are not as sensitive to the harmful effects of chocolate as our dogs are. I would have died years ago. I love chocolate. And I'm not even all that picky about what chocolate I eat. Godiva is great, but I'm equally happy with a Hershey's Kiss. It's my downfall.

Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine which is harmful to dogs. The signs of theobromine toxicity are trembling, increased heart rate, increased thirst and urination, vomiting, diarrhea, cardiac arrhythmia, and, if enough of the poison is eaten, coma and death. Fortunately, a dog has to eat a lot of chocolate in order to die, but less than you might think can make a dog sick.

The dose of theobromine which will be lethal in 50 percent of dogs ingesting it (a dose referred to as the LD50) is 250 mg per kg body weight. Most milk chocolate contains about 44 mg of theobromine per ounce, meaning that the average 10-pound dog would have to eat 26 ounces to cause death. Obviously a much lower dose would cause significant illness. Baking chocolate, on the other hand, is a killer. It contains a whopping 390 mg per ounce of theobromine, meaning that the lethal dose for 10-pound dog would be less than 3 ounces.

Obviously a couple of bites of a chocolate chip cookie are not going to harm your dog, although you really shouldn't be feeding junk like that to your dog. (If on the other hand you would like to feed junk like that to your veterinarian, feel free.) However, if your dog eats a significant amount of chocolate, you should induce vomiting (described above) and call your veterinarian for further advice. If severe enough, chocolate toxicity necessitates intravenous fluid therapy and supportive care in the hospital.

I hope everyone and all the dogs have safe and happy holidays. I can hardly believe another year is coming to an end. See you in '92.

Dr. Tom Graves

Readers are encouraged to write to Dr. Graves with questions or areas of interest for future articles. Write to Tom Graves, DVM, c/o The Pom Reader, 8848 Beverly Hills, Lakeland, FL 33809-1604.

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Sally's Soap Box

by Sally Baugniet



On December 15, 1791, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America were ratified. 1991 is the 200th year celebration of the U.S. Bill of Rights. Some people still try to use accusation and intimidation to deprive some of us of our rights. Think about it and be grateful that we are citizens of the United States with the inalienable rights that are granted to us by the U.S. Constitution...

The Central Arkansas Pomeranian Club has been recognized by AKC and has been granted its first "B" Match. They have asked me to judge their 7:00 p.m. December Match, which I will happily do for them. Four all-breed shows follow their match at the same location. They are planning an education table, with material available to persons interested in furthering their knowledge of the Pomeranian.

As a suggestion to persons interested in educating the general public: the new AKC video, "Best Friends" and our own AKC breed video, are two excellent videos to present at a specialty show. A table covered by a tablecloth with your own club logo is pleasing to the eye and also identifies your club. You could have examples of various Pomeranian books, magazines and educational materials offered by the APC, such as: "The Interpretation and Elaboration of the Pomeranian Standard"; the "Bibliography" of Pomeranian books, magazines and pamphlets; and the "A.P.C. Information Booklet". If the local Pomeranian Club Education Coordinators will contact me and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, I will send a copy of the "Elaboration," the "Bibliography", and "Short History of the Pom" to you so you can duplicate it and have it for your members, specialty education table and any judge requesting it.

"Best Friends" could be shown throughout an all-breed show as well as the other Breed videos available from AKC. This would have to be in an area that will not disturb the ring judging. It could be accompanied by an education table with pamphlets provided by AKC.

January brings many of us "Northerners" The Pom Reader / December 1991

out of our "cabin fever" doldrums, because we get to go to the Florida dog shows. The Florida circuit starts the first week of January with the Jacksonville & Daytona shows. (Two Georgia shows precede them.) Lakeland Specialties, an all-breed show, Sarasota shows, Bradenton and Tampa Bay area shows are all choices available to us. The Florida Circuit always has majors in Poms. Of course, we all know Florida has additional attractions. Just ask Duane & Joe about all of the goodies Florida offers to us.

Following the January Florida shows is the A.P.C. National Specialty at the Marriott LaGuardia, East Elmhurst, NY, on February 8th and 9th. Yep, you heard right...two days of A.P.C. happenings! February 8th is Obedience, Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, Parade of Champions and Obedience title holders. On February 9th, the regular Conformation classes will be judged, as well as Stud Dog, Brood Bitch and Junior Showmanship. **Dolly Trauner** is Show Chair, **Dudley Roach** is show secretary.

This show is dedicated to the memory of **Edna Girardot**. **Joel Taylor** (1038 16th Ave., South Birmingham, AL 35205) is in charge of catalog advertising. **Elizabeth Dupuis** (Box 328, Alexandria, Ontario, Canada K0C 1A0) is in charge of trophy donations. I have not received word on the annual dinner and meeting as yet, but do make plans to attend and support us.

The American Pomeranian Club Specialty will be followed by the All-Breed Champions-Only Westminster Kennel Club show at the "Garden," the first time the entry has been so restricted. Save your dollars...it promises to be a truly eventful happening. See you there!

A Christmas Wish

May you all have a joyous holiday season and a healthy, eventful New Year. May your doggie efforts prove to be a worthwhile experience for you and the Pomeranian breed. Here are some suggested New Year's Resolutions:

1. *I will read as many books and articles, attend as many seminars, and educate myself on the Pomeranian in as many ways possible;*
2. *I will strive to breed my Poms as to better the breed;*
3. *I will represent my Poms honestly to a prospective buyer;*
4. *I will willingly help newcomers to the breed become better breeders, exhibitors or judges when they ask for my help and/or my opinions;*
5. *I will happily volunteer my services to my Pomeranian Club;*
6. *If I don't think I have the talent to do something, I will try it, anyway. I might surprise myself!*

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SPECIAL ADDITION

TOP TWENTY POMS, January through October 1991 AKC Gazette

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 Field Trials Awards Book**. Statistician: **Susan Wade**. A number of Breed Points has been allotted to the various group placements, and they are as follows:

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

Only show results published in the months quoted above appear in the totals for individual dogs.

POINTS	NAME (Sex) (Owner)	BISA	BISS	BOSS	Gr1	Gr2	Gr3	Gr4	BOB
5325	CH. TOMHO CHAMPAGNE WISHES (D)..... <i>(R. Koeppel, Owner)</i>	1	-	-	8	14	6	5	15
3500	CH. JAMOL'S KLASSIC HI TIME (D)..... <i>(B. Paull, Owner)</i>	-	-	-	7	7	7	1	15
2250	CH. PHYNER GOLD JACKPOT (D)..... <i>(Trauner/Moreno, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	6	3	2	2	10
2050	CH. SOUTHLAND'S MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE (D).. <i>(C. Creed, Owner)</i>	-	1	-	2	4	6	4	15
1850	CH. SHY ACRES OUR MAN FRIDAY (D)..... <i>(Smart/Roberts, Owners)</i>	1	-	1	2	4	1	2	5
1760	CH. HOMESTEAD'S SPIT 'N POLISH (D)..... <i>(J. Hurley, Owner)</i>	-	-	-	2	7	1	1	11
1735	CH. GLEN IRIS CASTLE ROCK (D)..... <i>(Moureau/Jackson, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	4	3	2	3	6
1685	CH. JANE'S WEE PRINCE O'JERIBETH (D)..... <i>(G. & J. Reed, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	1	8	2	1	6
1575	CH. PIXIE'S BUTTONS-N-BOWS (B)..... <i>(C. Galavich, Owner)</i>	-	-	-	4	2	2	1	10
1500	CH. TOMHO STRUTTING TERMITE (D)..... <i>(H. Sklar, Owner)</i>	-	-	-	2	5	2	2	5
1195	CH. JERIBETH SIR LANCELOT (D)..... <i>(Baumgartner/Conino/Baker, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	1	5	1	4	2
1065	CH. JAN-SHAR'S HILLBILLY CLASSIC (D)..... <i>(J. Reed, Owner)</i>	-	-	-	1	5	-	1	4
1025	CH. TIM SUE'S HIGH LIGHTS (D)..... <i>(T. & S. Goddard, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	5
850	CH. SOUTHLAND'S MR. VIP O'IDA (D)..... <i>(Jackson/Taylor, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	10
845	CH. WEE HEART'S THATS NUFF (D)..... <i>(C. & E. Evans, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	7
*810	CH. PEDRON'S DRAGON THE CONQUEROR (D) <i>(Galindo/Welch, Owners)</i>	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	1
*810	CH. STOLANNE THUNDERBOLT THOR (D)..... <i>(F. Stoll, Owner)</i>	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	6
790	CH. TIM SUE'S HARBOR LIGHTS (D)..... <i>(Cohen/Conlee, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	4
655	CH. BI-MAR SHO-GUN OF JER-BO'S (D)..... <i>(J. & D. Owens, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	8
615	CH. SHADOMOUNTIN ONE MAN SHOW (D)..... <i>(Bucher/Snyder, Owners)</i>	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4

TIE: PLACEMENTS ALPHABETICAL

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UPDATE

TOP TEN EXHIBITORS January-October 1991

The procedure 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 of the AKC Gazette. *Only this publication will be used for point credits.* 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 to September of the present calendar year.

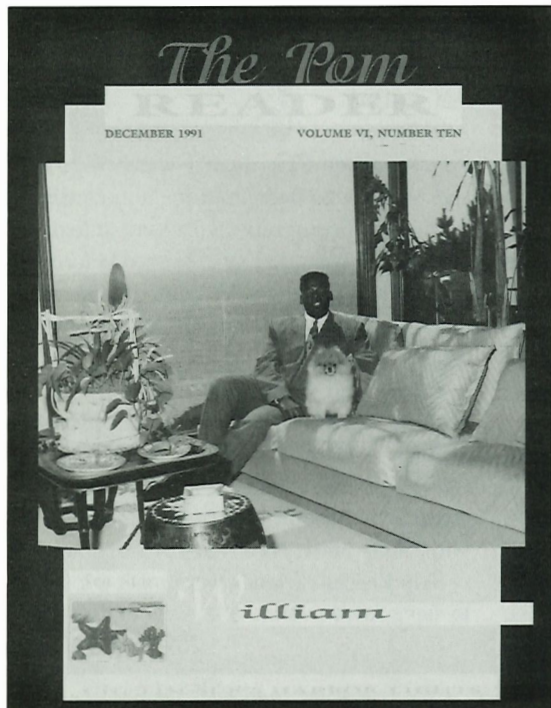
Points are allotted to the REGISTERED OWNER OF THE DOG ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION. Statistician: Susan Wade. Any questions concerning UPDATE may be addressed to the editor.

The following is the listing of the TOP TEN EXHIBITORS as of the January-October 1991 AKC Gazette.

EXHIBITOR . . . POINTS

- K. & L. Ludke 51
- E. & C. Evans *49
- F. Stoll *49
- S. Hanson 47
- J. Cabrera 45
- P. Griffin 44
- M. Rosenbaum 40
- D. Finch *36
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I have terribly sad news to report. Our dear friend Skip Piazza passed away November 18, 1991, following a lengthy illness. Many of you knew Skip, but for those who did not have the pleasure I want to share with you the Skip I knew and loved....

SKIP: HIS SKILL; HIS SERIOUSNESS, HIS SILLINESS, AND HIS SWEETNESS.

I have just returned from Pennsylvania and some sad days with those who loved Skip the most...**Richard Davis** (Rich), his companion for 14 years, and the neatest guy in the world, and **John Marcantonio** ("Marc), the other neatest guy in the world, with both of whom Skip shared his home, his kennel and his life...what loving friendships these were!

We all knew the hateful, devastating nature of the disease, but we kept thinking... "Maybe?"... "Just maybe?"... Our close friendship dictated that we talk on the phone 2 or 3 times a week, and a couple of days prior to his death, he gently chastised me for not calling more often. He said, "I always call you more than you call me...it's YOUR turn!" I said, "What a NAG...okay! I'll do better..." **SKILL**...Skip Piazza's skill was a sight to see in the show ring. He seemed to "become" the dog he was showing and he conditioned, groomed and handled magnificently. I promised not to reflect much upon our uncanny win at Westminster with **Champion Great Elms Prince Charming**, as that is much-repeated history and only one claim-to-fame for Skip. I remember that respected judge **Michele Billings** wrote to me soon after the event and said, "I have never seen a twosome like Skip & Prince...never...it was as if one was an extension of the other, and it took your breath away to see them together!"

SERIOUSNESS...Possibly one of Skip's lesser-known attributes, as most of us loved his "non-serious" side the best. He could, however, in confidence, speak of heavy things...personal things...deep and reflective things. Skip could be wonderfully serious involving special friendships, his family, some memories. He often astonished me with his perception of people and their behaviors, and those who did not know him quite as well were often surprised at his depth, and inherent intelligence.

SILLINESS...Oh, this is my favorite! Skip and I giggled so much, in many situations, like 13-year-olds at a slumber party...ridiculous! One of our most fun trips was to the Oklahoma circuit one year when we were campaigning Prince Charming vigorously. 12 or 15 days of roaming about in Oklahoma, motel-hopping **The Pom Reader / December 1991**

from one town to the next...just Skip, Prince and me! This was one of the happiest times of all. We shared a room and I yelled at Skip for being so fastidious. I said, "Skip, no one but you takes 7 or 8 showers a day - 1 or 2, maybe, BUT NOT 7 OR 8, FOR PETE'S SAKE!" He would instantly check out the shower in each motel, and had his "favorites"...he also insisted the shower in our guest bathroom at home was PERFECT, with just the right hard, perfect water spray! I accused him of being too eccentric about being "squeaky clean"...

Another typical event was the night just before Skip and Prince were to go in for Best in Show at the Garden. He was a little crazy, nervous to the point of irrationality (me too)...Skip insisted that Darrell and I accompany him to buy "Best in Show clothes". We went to the worst possible place to shop - one of those hotel Men's Specialty Shops where a \$24.00 shirt sells for about \$59.95! We shopped and shopped and Skip picked out not one, but FOUR shirts and FOUR ties! I insisted he could only wear one into the ring but he laughingly explained that he could not decide, so we bought them all! He modeled all in the hotel room, finally chose a shirt and tie, and I stuck a red rose with some fern stuff on it into his lapel...he wore it into the ring and looked wonderful. I also teased him about being the only man I had ever traveled with that took along 14 sport jackets each trip...just so he could be sure to select the right one! Crazy guy with a splendid touch

of vanity. **SWEETNESS** Skip was my best friend...no doubt about that. prince Charming was BOTH of our "best friend"...no doubt about that, either!

In Pennsylvania when Skip died, I watched as Rich and Marc, who had cared for him constantly during his illness, reflected a kind of love and kinship I'm not sure I've ever seen before. His good friend, **Cheryl Wagner**, spoke some lovely words at graveside at Skip's personal request. A sad day...

Family and friends chose to have anyone wishing to do so, to donate in **Anthony "Skip" Piazza's** name to: **AMFAR** (American Foundation for AIDS Research), **Attn: Mr. Joseph Guimento, 1515 Broadway, Suite 3601, New York NY 10036-8901.**

Skip Piazza's friends were indeed fortunate to have known him. □ **Olga Baker**

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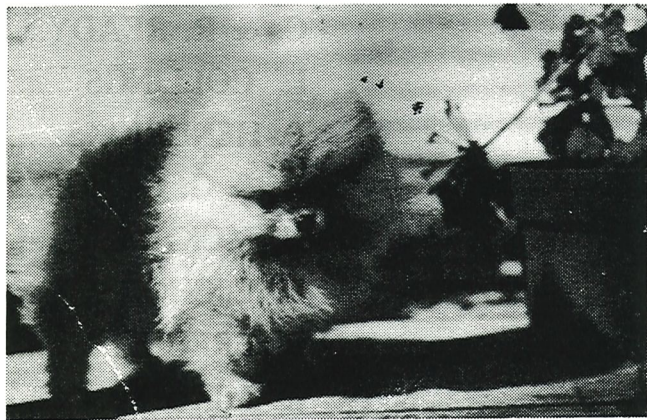


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MY POM

by Pam West

'Tis the season of Christmas, of joy, giving, and inner peace. As the snow falls here at my home in Missouri, I am wrapping gifts while Christmas Carols play in the background. Little Jazz (named for his vocal ability), tries to howl along as the Vienna Boys Choir sings Silent Night. I have to smile as Madison, my soon-to-be four-year-old daughter, accompanies both the Choir and Jazz, in her own interpretation of what Silent Nights sounds like.

My pups who are 7 weeks old, are playing tug of war with yet another bow. They have already discovered the delight of playing with the previously-wrapped gifts, by shredding all the paper, thereby providing me with more Christmas spirit as I wrap them once again. As the sun sets and the embers grow cold the Poms and the West family would like to wish you and yours a safe & happy Holiday Season and the best of New Years.

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There is no job more distasteful to a publisher than having to report a death. When the death is that of a fellow fancier or familiar face, the job is even tougher. When the person in question was a friend so close as to be considered family, the job is almost impossible. But I must overcome my reluctance to tackle the task at hand, in order that we commemorate a lady of great courage and conviction, and celebrate a life spent in service to dogs in general and people in particular.

Susan Wade died on Thanksgiving night, following a brief but valiant battle with cancer. All through her illness, Susan never once gave up hope nor lost her sense of humor, and the day she made her last trip to the hospital was spent, as had been many days for many years, calculating show statistics for our magazines. We spoke on the telephone before she left home; it was to be our last conversation.

But the conversations we had through our fourteen years of friendship had been many and varied. Susan's interest and expertise in many different areas were always a source of pleasure and certainly educational. Susan was a veritable fountain of knowledge on the sport of purebred dogs, genetics, homeopathy as it applies to canine health, and her reputation as "Canine Midwife of Polk County, Florida", as she put it, underscored the esteem she held for dogs of all breeds, her inexhaustible energy and



Susan - onstage (Las Vegas)

determination when it came to protecting canine lives. Susan whelped and raised more litters of more breeds for more fellow breeders than anyone else I know. And she never charged anybody a buck. Susan's articles published in this and numerous other publications were always acclaimed. But there were other sides to Susan you did not see, that I was privileged to see, and from which I derived much pleasure. That was Susan.

Carol (Susan) Fisher Wade was born in Oklahoma, and from the first her life revolved around Dogs and Dancing. Classically trained, Susan was a quick study and a natural athlete, and by the age of 12 she was not just studying, she was *teaching*, ballet. On through high school and college Susan pursued her education in terpsichore with typical drive; the blow came when she was told, yes, she was an expert dancer, but too tall for a national ballet company and too short to be a Rockette!

Undeterred, Susan pressed on. After college Susan began dancing with *Moro-Landis Productions* of Hollywood, Cal., and through the years performed in Las Vegas, Reno, and elsewhere in the U.S. and Canada, with numerous well-known members of the entertainment world. After many years of success, Susan retired from active performing, and returned to teaching, devoting her spare time to raising and showing dogs.

Susan's success in the sport of purebred dogs paralleled her success as an entertainer. In a limited breeding program, her knowledge of genetics served her well, and she produced

many Champions of which she was justly proud. The names which Susan gave her dogs were wonderful. Her prefix, *Upstage*, typical of the effect they had on the competition, was followed by catchy and memorable monikers, but her favorite was one for which I got full credit. Susan and I co-own a gorgeous Dachshund, bred by her, loved by us both, and I got to pick his name. She loved it, and it was indicative of the esteem in which I held her: "Andy's" name was *Upstage Standing Room Only*. Don't try to use that name: it's ours.

Susan was a master groomer and an excellent handler. She also served in

many capacities for dog clubs, including Show Chairman for a major all-breed show and Hospitality Chair for a three-day National Specialty. Everything she did, she did well, with her heart and soul.



Susan Wade

2/10/3X — 11/28/91

Susan's position as Statistician and contributing author for this magazine ignited a fierce loyalty for the Pomeranian breed and its fanciers. You will recall her many excellent articles on all aspects of the sport, but you may not know that when Susan first became involved with this breed, she studied the standard, sat ringside for hours, and developed her own eye for what she believed was correct in the Pomeranian. She understood temperament, coat care, physical structure, and above all, the delightful personality of the Pomeranian, and for it she had great respect. Susan judged Poms at numerous Matches, and drew praise from the exhibitors, proving beyond a doubt her expertise. Had she been a licensed judge she would have doubtless been a valuable addition to the ranks. But my memories of Susan go beyond dogs, dog shows, and dog magazines.

Susan lived here with us for several years before moving to Maine to help son David raise his two daughters, Bethany and Amber. In a refreshing reversal of the norm, a close friendship, when subjected to close quarters, not only endured but blossomed. During that time I was constantly impressed with the intelligence, stamina, and drive of this little lady. Always smiling, laughing, and yes, dancing, Susan kept her spirits up through thick and thin. She certainly served to keep us enthused. And she always kept us laughing.

Our thoughts go out to those who loved her...and there were many of us - all who met her came to like her.

Susan wouldn't have liked for me to tell her age. I won't. Suffice it to say she was much too young. But in my book, she was always the perfect height...Head and shoulders above the rest of us. We love you, Susan.

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Dear Joe,

I will preface this letter to acquaint those readers who do not know, that as well as writing a column in **The Pom Reader** (a/k/a Olympia), I also am employed by Doll-McGinnis Publications in the position of advertising representative. Further, I wish to make it clear that I am NOT writing this letter *because* of any mercenary motives, as I am sure some might be led to believe. In fact, the majority of my income in the advertising field comes through another Doll-McGinnis Publication, **TOP NOTCH TOYS** (TNT - the magazine for all Toy Breeds), and thus the **Reader** itself, does not greatly affect my income.

However, the **Reader** definitely affects my heart, as I have written for it for over 5 years and of course, like all of you, I LOVE POMS! Therefore I read all Pom-specific publications, and in the past have advertised in the **READER**, the **Pom Review** and the **Pom Registry**. I saw absolutely no conflict in this and certainly neither Duane nor Joe has ever even so much as thought of asking me to limit my advertising or my subscribership to any publication other than theirs! They are too intelligent for that, as well as being full-fledged Americans like all of us, who believe in our basic Constitution-granted democratic rights.

This right permits us to do as we please, save committing crimes or misdemeanors, and having the right to read what we like, to subscribe to what we like, to advertise where we like and to write articles for any publications we like is no crime or misdemeanor.

I address this issue, which the majority of you are aware exists, because in the past several months this issue has been burning in the world of the Pomeranian fancy and nobody to date has addressed it (although one highly-respected Pom authority and fancier tried to address it and her material was refused for publication by **The Pom Review**) and also because I actually have people asking me if it is okay for them to subscribe to, advertise in or write for any publication besides **The Pom Review**.

This alludes to the recent attempt within the **American Pomeranian Club** to have a motion passed denying officers, directors and possibly the general membership the privilege of subscribing to, advertising in or writing for any other Pom-specific magazine than the **Review**. This motion, *understandably*, did not pass but the very fact that it was moved and seconded and written up in **The Review** got the message across to most people.

In fact, some people apparently are not sure the motion did NOT pass, as it was quite UNCLEAR in the secretary's report in 2 issues of the **REVIEW** as to whether or not the motion was still **The Pom Reader / December 1991**

on the floor for approval, or whether it had been voted upon.

Living in the good ol' US of A, at first I kind of laughed off the queries from people about whether they should keep getting all 3 Pom publications and etc...Who, I wondered, could even consider that their basic rights could be so slighted. As time passed and more such serious queries came along, I began to see it was hardly a laughing matter. Indeed, some Pom fanciers were confused, if not downright afraid that they might be ostracized if they did continue with other magazines. At this point I decided to break my former reserved silence on what I once considered a ludicrous and thoroughly un-democratic *manipulation*. I will remind that I formerly kept silence because: 1) I knew darn well some would say I protested such actions as the APC attempted, to protect my income; 2) I have not been a member of the parent club for years and felt this was strictly an internal club affair and 3) I assured myself that no one in their right mind could take this *childish* situation seriously.

I have read and I have heard that the motive for this denial of democratic rights movement came about because of a shortage of funds within the club. The theory being that if no one in the club supported other breed-specific magazines (indeed! What about *non-breed specific magazines*?) the **REVIEW** would increase its monetary benefits, thereby benefitting the empty treasury. Well, let me tellyou that any good marketing business knows that competition is good for business (else why would they NOT move Wendy's, McDonald's, Burger King and Checkers miles apart, rather than on opposite corners of an intersection) and any democratically-inclined individual will tell you that a monopoly leaves the buying public very little choice, especially in funds. And while on the subject, why was the motion made to state breed specific competition *only*? Does that mean that APC members could still subscribe to, contribute articles to and advertise in, for instance, **TOP NOTCH TOYS**, **CANINE CHRONICLE**, **KENNEL REVIEW**, **DOG NEWS**, and all the other-non-breed specific publications available today? That doesn't make any sense, does it?

I mean if your object is monetary and you want to shut out the competition you better shut out ALL the competition or your cause is doomed. Or your cause is a laughingstock.

To the queries I receive on this issue, I answer with a question. If I, who very actively sell advertising in **TOP NOTCH TOYS**, were to imply to my clients that they could only advertise, subscribe to or write for **TNT**, avoiding **CHRONICLE**, **KENNEL REVIEW**, and **DOG NEWS** like the bubonic plague, what do you think they would do? Put yourself in those potential advertisers', subscribers', writers' place. After a moment there is a giggle. As there should be...

I hope this finally and completely answers those queries about whether you should or whether you shouldn't. □

Lois Ciliberto

Lois — The last thing I intend to do is to get into a spitting contest with any other publisher. What a waste of time. I think, however, a few facts should be presented.

Yes, I have heard about the problems presented to the Pomeranian fancy. I know that another Pom publication claims to have the biggest circulation. Well, all I can say about that is, *just the facts, ma'am*.

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But enough about all this. Let's get back to the task at hand...enjoying the Pomeranian breed.

JMcG

Dear Joe,

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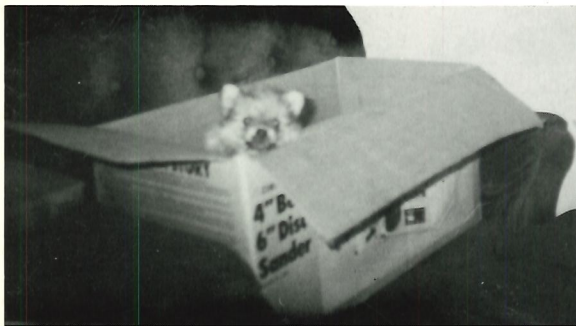
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