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SHOWSIGHT - FROM THE EDITOR

If you had a headache on New Year's Day, don't come crying to me. I wouldn't *think* of going out on New Year's Eve...because that's when they let all the crazies out. I should know. I used to have to work on New Year's Eve.

We always dreaded that night. I don't know why, but even the most courteous, polite, peaceful people become, by way of some mystical transformation, **Mr. & Mrs. Ignoramus** on New Year's Eve. They scream that they got the wrong table. They scream that they got the wrong food. They scream that the band's too loud. They scream that the band's too quiet. They scream at each other. They scream at their friends. They scream at the waiter. And then, as if by magic...MIDNIGHT! Love and kisses! Hugs! Happy New Year! And then they leave, and they say, "This is the best New Year's we've ever had!" We would all sit down with a great sigh of relief, glad that it would be another whole year before people came back to be rude again. And we always wished that, some day, we could turn the tables on those people, and behave in a preposterous manner ourselves. If we could, we would say, "Get back in line, fellow, or I'll bust you in the chops!" or "You sit where I *tell* you to sit!", or "You eat what I *want* you to eat!", or "That food looks good enough for the likes of *you!*", or "Forget it lady, I hate that song. I'll sing what I want to sing!", or "Hey, ugly, get off the dance floor-you're ruining my appetite!". Of course, we could never, ever, behave in that way; we were just joking (or so we said). But New Year's Eve always gave me a headache.

Coming home with a headache one New Year's, I had a dream...*The Day That Everyone At The Dog Show Behaved Like They Were Out For New Year's Eve...*

"Hey you", we shouted, "parking lot man! Out of the way! I made my Reservations a week ago! Move it!" And we screeched on into the parking lot and stole a space from a little old lady. Pushing and shoving our way up to the front door, we shouted, "Hey, little kid! Carry this grooming table and these crates over there. And don't give me any of your lip!" As we whooshed our baby powder all around, we said to the lady next to us, "Tough, honey. You should know never to wear black at a dog show. Buzz off!" "What a sleazy show site!" we hollered, as we shouldered our way to



the ring, bumping small dogs out of the way with our feet and walking on the towels meant for dogs to lay on. "This stupid club! What a jerk the Show Chairman must be!" we screamed. Sliding people's chairs over, we muscled our way up to ringside. "Give us our armbands, like **right now**, buster - you can mark your book later!" we yelled at the ring steward. And then we spied the judge. We smiled, and we said to each other, real loud, "Doesn't she look lovely today!", and "Not one minute older than she looked fifteen years ago!", and "I'm just showing **ONE DOG TODAY.**", and "Didn't you win the Group at the **LAST FIFTEEN SHOWS?**" Then we winked at each other, and smirked.

Just then, the parking lot man walked up to the judge. "See you later, dear!" He said. And the Show Chairman walked up to the judge. "Sis, would you like some coffee?" And a lady with a black suit with white splotches walked up and said, "Mother, I'll pick you up after you're through judging." And a little boy walked up

and said, "Grandma, I'm going home. My back hurts." Then the ring steward said to us, "All right, folks, come on in. It's time for you to be judged."...we woke up in a cold sweat - with a Real Bad Headache.

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Of course, two of my favorite events of the dog year are coming up...the January Florida Circuit and the Garden. Between these two trips you get to see almost everybody, and that's always lots of fun. Rumor has it that **Jeanne Stafford** will be down to Florida for the circuit, **Charlotte Patterson** always makes an appearance, **Sue Wade** will be around, and **Vikki Powell** is arriving this very evening!

Lots of Pom Reader people to party in the Florida Sun! We also have plans to watch the videotape of the APC Specialty in Houston - courtesy of **Claudia & Joe Pfeffer**. (Remember our interview with **Barbara Jarmoluk** when she said, "People tell me that I'm a fast judge."? The other day we watched the Specialty tape in *fast forward*...It was absolutely hilarious! I thought I was going to die from laughing.) Lots of wins to everybody! One quick note...we have many, many people living here in Florida whose reflexes may not be quite as quick as yours, so if you're driving, think ahead. Happy New Year to everyone! 'Til February...

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VIEW POINT

VICTORIA POWELL



WHELPING by Margie Bartley edited and presented by Vikki Powell PART II

This month I am pleased to present Part II of a three-part series on whelping written by AKC judge and Toy breeder **Margie Bartley**.

Last month we left off just at the point of delivery of the first pup. This month we will cover the actual delivery of the litter, how to do it, and what potential problems to watch for. And now, on with Part II...

In the early stages of labor, the first light contractions may not always be evident or they may be accompanied by panting, chills, or slight shivers. Soon afterwards, you should begin seeing definite contractions or be able to feel them rippling down her torso. If this is her first litter, she may be as apprehensive as you are since she is unfamiliar with what is happening, also. She may even whimper some, but this should not be confused with a cry of actual pain. Talk to her, stroke her gently and reassure her that you are there and that you will see this ordeal through together. Generally, this will have a calming effect and she may even rest some through the beginning contractions.

Don't become alarmed if she doesn't produce a puppy within the first hour or two. The exception to this rule is if she is having hard contractions and/or straining. Do not let this type of labor continue for longer than an hour or an hour and a half at most without consulting your vet. It is preferable that the vet see her at this time, in case she is in need of a Caesarian Section due to any number of problems. This could be necessitated by a larger-than-usual puppy, a small pelvic opening, a breech (backward) presentation, or a deformed or dead puppy. Strangely enough, a dead puppy is often more difficult to deliver than a live one. One litter many years ago we had a bitch deliver four pups freely and had to have her sectioned to get the dead one out!

If the bitch is cooperating at this point by doing things in accordance with "normal" circumstance, then she will be in a "steady" labor pattern, i.e., having rhythmic contractions, 3 or 4 in a row every 2 to 3 minutes. At this point, a "bubble" may appear outside her vulva (or she may be

dilated enough that it will be visible at the opening of the vulva). If it is outside, the "bubble" may be the size of a marble or even as large as a ping pong ball. There will be fluid within this bubble and you may be able to discern the head or feet of the whelp. **DO NOT BREAK OR PULL ON THIS BUBBLE!** It is the sac of the first puppy and does not normally appear again with the rest of the litter. Even though this bubble may be visible, it could be an hour or longer before the puppy is fully delivered. However, if it has not been delivered within one hour it is time for you to talk with your vet. If you must take your bitch in to the hospital at this point, try to have someone accompany you. If you can't, I place the bitch in a large laundry basket and keep it near me on the car seat so I can see her at all times.

Once the first puppy has actually been delivered, this is the procedure for assistance to the bitch and pups. As soon as the pup arrives, your primary goal is to get it breathing on its own as quickly as possible.

[Most Pekes are not good at removing the sac from the newborn's face. Assume that you will have to do this and as soon as the pup is delivered, break the sac by pulling it apart with your fingers up around the nose and peel it back over the head and down to the neck area to free up the head area for your ministrations. You now must clear the nose, throat, and lungs so the pup may breathe.]

There are those who "sling" the puppy to clear the nose, throat and lungs; however, I was not taught this method and would never attempt it. To those of you who have mastered it, great! (continued next page)

WHELPING PART II continued

*["Slinging" is the method of clearing the passages whereby the pup is placed face down between the palms of both hands and slung downwards, causing the passages to empty. **DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS METHOD WITHOUT A VET OR TRAINED PERSON TO SHOW YOU HOW!** It is very easy to lose your grip on a pup if you do not know how to properly "sling" it.]*

I was taught by my vet to use an ear syringe, but before you use it you need to separate the placenta from the pup. We clamp a hemostat (available from your vet) to the placenta which is still attached to the bitch (usually) and another to the cord near the belly of the pup (about an inch away is good) and cut between the two hemostats. This gives you the baby to work with and you can return to the bitch after you get the baby breathing with either the slinging or ear syringe method. (If you don't have hemostats you can use snap-type clothes pins that have been sterilized.) I leave the hemostat attached and safely tucked under the puppy's tummy while I am removing the fluids from the nose, throat and mouth.

Now, for removing the fluids with the ear syringe: once the membrane (sac) has been removed from the face (don't worry about the rest of it at this point) take the ear syringe (check with your vet where to obtain one), **depress the bulb** of the syringe and insert the **tip** of the syringe into the puppy's mouth about half way back. Release the pressure on the bulb and let it refill with air and the fluid and mucous. Squeeze the bulb onto a paper towel to rid it of its contents, then depress it again and repeat the process. Do the same at the puppy's nostrils; depress the bulb and hold it at the nostril opening. This will clear the nose and more of the throat. It only takes a few times to remove the major portion of the fluids and then the puppy begins to "squeak" and cry.

Now that the puppy is breathing more or less freely, you can slow down in your frantic ministrations and take the time to remove the rest of the sac and rub the puppy dry. By now the hemostat has stopped the bleeding of the severed umbilical cord and you remove the instrument. If the cord is too long you can pinch it back closer to the belly, hold firmly for a couple of minutes and then remove the excess. **Vivan Longacre** was the one who showed us this method. Usually just the extreme pressure of your fingers will stop any bleeding from the umbilical cord. In the event that it doesn't, you may tie the cord if you desire (I found my bitches chewed at the cord if it was tied) or use a pinch of blood-clotting powder on the end of the severed cord. This time is a good time also to check for cleft palates by taking the tip of your ear syringe and checking the roof of the pup's mouth and far back along the sides. This is an excellent implement for this chore since it is smaller than one's smallest finger. It is also softer and more pliable.

Now you need to safely place the puppy in a warm dry place so he is not in the way of the next delivery. We use a small rectangular plastic dishpan with a heating pad ON LOW for this. If there was an interval between them and the bitch was anxious over them, we placed them with her to lick and nurse as time permitted, removing them when another birth was imminent. If she was tired or disinterested and we had the time, we dried and rubbed them more bet-

ween puppies and if they were hungry we fed them a few drops of warmed goat's milk formula.

With the first pup settled and healthy, you need to get back to the bitch. If the hemostat or clothes pin is still attached to the placenta (which is usually still inside the bitch), it can't slip back inside her to be retained. To remove the placenta, use a paper towel to grasp the placenta and tug GENTLY on the cord; this usually serves to loosen it and it is expelled. If not, simply leave the hemostat in place and the after-birth, cord and all, will usually be expelled with the next puppy. Be sure you have one afterbirth per puppy so that one is not retained which will cause infection later. Some people prefer to let the bitch eat at least one of the afterbirths, saying it brings down their milk faster; we've done it both ways and have seen no difference in the supply of milk or when it was released.

If a puppy is delivered head first there is usually no problem, for one the larger head is passed the rest of the pup easily follows. If it is born feet first there may be a problem with the head getting stuck in the pelvic opening. The sac will be slippery and wet, as will the puppy if the sac has ruptured and the puppy is not enclosed in it. Take a clean towel and grasp as much of the puppy as possible, then GENTLY but firmly **pull out and downward at the same time. NEVER JERK HARD OR PULL STRAIGHT BACK** - you may break the puppy's neck. If this gentle action doesn't release the head you may need to use vaseline or KY jelly and very gently insert a finger on either of the puppy and free the head, thereby releasing the pup for delivery. If the pup is belly-up instead of belly-down you may also turn the puppy, release the head and then deliver it using this method.

[There are countless dog books that have chapters written in great detail about whelping. It is always advisable to consult as many as possible to glean more information, especially if this is your first litter.]

Some puppies are born screaming and kicking while others are lethargic and seemingly lifeless. Regardless, in addition to your hemostats, Ky jelly, Kwik-stop, paper towels, and other things mentioned, you should have numerous terrycloth towels on hand. Use these to give the newborns a brisk rubdown once you have cleared the fluids from their noses, removed the rest of the sac, and made sure the cord isn't bleeding. Hold the pup in your hand and rub briskly all over. Don't be afraid of hurting them - just rub well until it yells and if there is time, I rub until they are dry and crying with each stroke.

Well, this concludes part II of our series - next time we will cover the remainder of the delivery and some more things to watch for, and also what to do with the little cuties now that they are safely here.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! VP □

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GENERALLY SPEAKING

Susan Wade



I must be a rebel at heart - had I been living in 1860, I probably would have been a Southern sympathizer!

We are truly living in a "Throw-Away" Society - have you ever kept track of all the things you throw away? Somewhere I read that we Americans throw away enormous amounts of paper, plastics and food. **Shame!** Some months ago I decided to rebel - besides making me feel better, I found that some of these things are quite economical, too. (It irritates me no end to find that I have misplaced a spray bottle *again* and have to buy one at a show!)

We all know about re-cycling newspapers, don't we? If you operate in organized chaos the way I do, you must have been caught with blankets in the dryer when the thermometer dipped - right? Those newspapers come in handy for shredding for bedding. Don't throw away the core from a roll of paper towels - they make great mailers for pedigrees! Save the little plastic bags that enclosed your newspapers - they are great for cleaning up after your dog! Sure they are - slip your hand down into the plastic, pick up the calling card, turn the plastic wrong side out and down over your hand - *Voila!!*

For heavens' sake, don't throw away your old towels! Fold them to fit your crate, stitch back and forth (a la quilting) and you have a pad. You can, if you wish, slip this pad inside a baby-size pillow case, the just toss the case into the washer!

Quilted bed pads *do* become worn. When they do, mine get relegated to the whelping pen. Cut a double-sized one in half lengthwise, cover the raw edge with bias tape, fold in half, and you have a great pad (washable & bleachable) for the whelping pen and for puppies to crawl around on for their first few weeks. I use the puppy pens with the mesh floors and little feet will go through for about three weeks.

All containers - medical and otherwise - get a thorough checking before they are tossed. Plastic bottles with eye droppers are great containers for almost any liquid medication. If you are like most dog people, you buy things in quantity - liquid vitamin supplements by the gallon, powdered supplements by the five-pound container. All of these things have to go with you to the shows, so check your containers! Margarine tubs? They will hold anything from cotton balls to brewer's yeast powder. I discovered a couple of pill bottles that are perfect for cotton swabs and a taller one for cotton bales. They fit into my tack box perfectly.

Spray bottles are my downfall. So many of them don't work very long...*you pump and pump or squeeze and squeeze and nothing comes out!* The very best spray bottle I have ever

had, came into the house containing bathroom spray cleaner! After emptying it and soaking off the label, I let it soak for a lonnnnnngggg time to remove any traces of cleaner. They work great and are flat rather than round and take up much less room in the tack box.

My favorite re-cycle is my "filing system" for magazines. I was very fortunate to acquire a rather complete set of breed magazines. All these magazines (plus Gazettes) are used constantly in my research projects and I got pretty tired of finding the magazine I wanted on the bottom of the pile or behind the shelves where it had fallen. My solution? Detergent boxes!! The Giant Size will usually accomodate most magazines. Cut off the top, measure about halfway down the narrow side and cut from that point diagonally up to the top on both sides of the box, cut across the narrow side and you have a magazine container just like the ones at the library. If you find them somewhat less than attractive - cover them with contac paper. (Coffee cans covered with contac are good airtight containers.)

Look around you and examine things with re-use in mind. Let us know if you have some good ones! Happy Re-cycling!

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TOY GROUP FIRST: 250

TOY GROUP SECOND: 150

TOY GROUP THIRD: 75

TOY GROUP FOURTH: 25

BEST OF BREED: 10

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX (All Breed): 5

NOTE: The only exception will be: **BISS** will be worth 10 points, and **BOSS** will be worth 5 points, until a total of three wins are published for that dog.

Statistician: Susan Wade. The following is the listing of the Top Ten **DOGS AND Top Ten BITCHES** as of the **DECEMBER 1985 AKC Gazette:**

DOGS

POINTS	NAME	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB	BOS
10360	Ch. D-Nee's Darin' Duffie	4	5	-	15	14	11	6	25	2
5765	Ch. Coy's Top of the Mark	3	-	-	10	7	8	3	3	-
3110	Ch. Herd's Little Yo Yo	-	-	-	3	8	11	4	15	3
1790	Ch. Daisy's Lil Bit of Jabil	-	-	-	3	2	4	6	29	1
1525	Ch. Bi Mar Sundance Kid	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-
1210	Ch. Precious Petite's Gabriel	-	-	-	1	4	-	2	6	-
1205	Ch. Sungold Diamond Stud	1	-	-	-	1	3	3	17	-
1180	Ch. Galaxy's Star Dancer Two T's	-	-	-	2	2	4	5	18	-
1160	Ch. Patrick's Mr. Larry	-	-	-	2	1	2	7	17	3
850	Ch. LLL Charming Gold Brandywine	-	-	-	1	1	3	4	6	2

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705	Ch. Southland's Toast To Bev-Nor	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	10	22
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265	Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasty's Tan-Ya	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	6
175	Ch. Queenaire Glory Huntress	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	8	
170	Ch. Karlee Holiday Flare	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2
160	Ch. Cordie's Tandy De-Cole	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	1
155	Ch. My Way's Stormy Night	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Dreamer	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
*80	Ch. Mike Mar's Sophie Mae	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	5
*80	Ch. Southland's Toast To Prancer	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
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UPDATE

TOP TEN EXHIBITORS FINALS FOR 1985

Welcome to UPDATE, your monthly rating list of breeders and exhibitors out there winning points in the show ring. As most all serious Pomeranian 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 the Pomeranian doings in this area.

The procedures for tallying the point scale are as follows:

The source for all points is the official show awards book of the AKC Gazette. Only this publication will be used for point credits. Exhibitors are credited with all AKC Championship points won in the Gazette year, and published monthly according to appearance in the Gazette. As keeping track of each and every AKC show in the United

States is an onerous task (accomplished diligently by AKC), 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 year, as a rule, 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 AT THE TIME 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 DECEMBER 1985 AKC GAZETTE.

EXHIBITOR	POINTS
E. GIRARDOT	89
J. LUGINSLAND	76
G. HODSON	71
A. CANNON	57
S. BAUGNIET	56
J. KLEIN	54
C. EDWARD	45
G. GRIFFIN	44
E. MILLER	42
L. CLARK	40*
D. & W. ROACH	40*

WHAT'S ZAT!

Claudia Pfeffer

Jeanne, you asked where's zat what's zat column? Here it is!

Here are a few words of wisdom from a bystander who is really not in Poms at all. This person owns one Pom female and bred to one of my males...and got: 1 black male, one B&T female, one creme and sable female, and one orange sable female. Wow! All those females!!!



All the pups are healthy and nearly 6 weeks old. So, I said to her "How did you get four? Most of mine would only have one or two pups." Her answer to my question was "How close are you breeding your line?" I said **CLOSE**. She told me to buy one of her females and cross with mine. I immediately told her "But I want to keep **TYPE!**" Her reply was "Type is no good if they are all dead."

Perhaps too close breeding does make weak pups, but I think size has a lot to do with the amount of pups. (However, I must say I did get 3 pups out of a 4½ pound female.) So...food for thought. Just what do you want to achieve when you are breeding? Decide that and proceed. Do you want quality, type, or are you interested in quantity? I will gladly settle for one good show prospect over three average pups. I think most of us are striving for the betterment of the breed, but we all have a preference when it comes to type. It's just as easy to love a beautiful specimen of the breed as opposed to a not-so-nice!

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The Night Before Christmas...with Poms

Barbara Stoffer

'Twas the night before Christmas & at our Pom house
all our "little friends" were quiet - even their toy mouse!
Tiny stocking all hung by the fireplace with care
waiting for Santa to come - if he dare!

The poms were all nestled - curled up in their beds
while visions of "liver treats" danced in their heads
Jennifer beside me, curled up in a ball
Joshua snoozed in the toy box in the hall.

When out in the yard there was such a great clatter
The Poms all jumped up - to see what was the matter
I ran to the window, as fast as I could
With the "little ones" barking - more than they should!

The moon shown like diamonds on new fallen snow
Giving brightness of day to all objects below.
Rubbing my eyes and suppressing a yawn,
I blinked - as I saw what appeared on our lawn.

There was a tiny sleigh - and to it was hitched
eight lovely small Poms - it must be bewitched
The little old driver did not even pause:
I knew right away - it must be Santa Claus!

Faster than huskies, his coursers, they came:
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name...
"Now Pinto, now Dandy, now Cavalier, now Coy;
on Duffie, on Rocky, on Nugget & Sir Roy"

Like dry leaves that before the fall storms do fly
The eight tiny Poms flew up towards the sky!
And then in a moment, without any flaws,
We heard on the rooftop the sound of their paws!

I turned from the window, my Poms all around
then Santa Claus dropped in - not making a sound
He was dressed all in red, with white furry trim
(and a little bit of soot - all over him)

His eyes, how they twinkled - he smiled with delight
as he spied my "Little ones" checking him out, this night.
With his pleasant big smile and his snowy white beard
They realized Santa was not to be feared.

He did not take long - and he never did speak;
As me and my "little friends" were taking our peek
He filled all the stockings, then turned one last time,
As if to bid goodbye - before his upward climb.

What a jolly little fellow - even Jennifer thought so-
As we watched him getting ready to go.
He touched his finger to the side of his nose
and magically, up the chimney he rose!

Into his sleigh he jumped, and fastened his "sash"
He whistled to his team - they were gone in a flash!
Then we heard a voice calling, as his Poms took him away
"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL...

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY!"

Ms. Stoffer is a Pom fancier from Alliance, Ohio

CALIFORNIA NEWS "DOG SHOWS"

Marlene Presser

Season's Greetings...with the Holidays upon us, many of us are still out there showing our Poms. Last year on Christmas Day, we were talking to close friends, and my husband asked them what would they be doing on Christmas Day if they could choose to do anything they wanted. Their answer...*"We would be at a dog show!"*. I guess a lot of us probably feel the same way.



I would like everyone to take a moment and think about who puts on an AKC licensed dog show. You probably think to yourself, *"The Club putting on the show and AKC are the ones doing the show."*, and you are right. But have you ever stopped to think that the licensed shows need people to do this, that without help from their membership, there would be no dog shows?

My husband was just Show Chairman (me, the wife...the silent worker) for a show here in California with a total entry of 2,879 dogs - not a small show. This was the first time for one of us to chair an All-Breed dog show. There is a lot of work and the committees must work and co-operate together. You must be sure all your paper work is received by AKC at the proper time, try to line up judges: so many judges are booked several years in advance; the paper work that must go to your superintendent in time, and so many other things. Each and every job, item, etc., must be taken care of at the right time and in the right way.

Without the members who volunteer to help the club in putting on their show, there would be no dog show. And if only a few people have to do all the work, it gets to be a major project for those few workers.

Please help your kennel club or breed club in any way possible, even if you don't know anything about putting on a show...get in there and learn; the dogs clubs need working and caring members, and just think of the education and fun you can have, too!

My **Congratulations** to all the All-Breed and Breed clubs, and members for jobs well done in putting on their licensed shows - without you there couldn't be a show.

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CAJUN CHATTER

Kathy Masilla

Happy New Year! In most cities, it's getting back to business as usual, but here in New Orleans, the new year signals the beginning of Carnival Season with its nightly balls and galas culminating in 3 weeks of parades and madness before the start of the Lenten season.

I've had several phone calls from different breeders concerning puppies, asking which antibiotics are safe to use with very young babies who are suffering with diarrhea. One thing to remember with very young puppies is that their intestinal flora usually doesn't settle until they are roughly 10 days to 2 weeks old, and that stools will be sometimes soft or slightly loose. There is no cause for alarm as long as the stools *do not stink* and *do* have a brown caramel or yellow color, and the puppies are quiet, nurse well and continue to gain weight. A greenish or foul-smelling stool accompanied by redness around the anal area and crying puppies usually indicate an infection in the digestive tract. The safest and most effective antibiotic for young puppies is Amoxicillin, given in drop form. It will not hurt the babies, and the problem usually clears up without taking the puppies from the mother. I've recently used a product called Bene-bac (put out by Borden's) to help settle the stomachs of young babies at the onset of weaning, but it can also be used to treat stomach upset in newborns, and diarrhea in adults. It's a paste containing cultures of lactobacillus and vitamins, and it does work very well.

In general I try to avoid giving the babies anything unless absolutely necessary. Amoxicillin is the only totally safe antibiotic I know for use in baby puppies. Other antibiotics may affect kidneys, tooth color, or tax other major organs, so I would not recommend them unless prescribed by a veterinarian.

I got a nice surprise in the mail the other day. My friend **Muriel Porciello** (Chaylo) had sent me two lovely ice pack covers cleverly made from bath towels. The ends are sewn together to form an envelope which the ice pack slips into. They look easy to make and they do help keep the dog dry while letting him stay cool, so a big *merci beaucoup* to you, Muriel!

I also had the chance to chat with **Patty Sacco** for a while, and in the midst of discussing other problems, she mentioned the loss of puppies due to *hyaline membrane disease*. I recently lost a puppy myself with the same problem. This is primarily a condition occurring in premature human babies, but it happens in dogs also. The lungs are not fully developed and usually fill with fluid, killing the infant or puppy. It is not



hereditary as this would not occur had the pup or infant been carried full term, giving the lungs the chance to develop. The tragedy with this is that in puppies it can kill after the pup is beyond 3 weeks of age, when the breeder has had the chance to get emotionally attached to the puppy. Another thing Patty and I talked about was the use of Mucomyst in the eyes to help heal an ulcer. It is a rather expensive drug, expires quickly, and can cause serious side effects in some animals and should not be used

longer than a few days.

Well, that's about it from us in Cajun Land. May the New Year bring you all many wins and healthy litters, and see you next month. □

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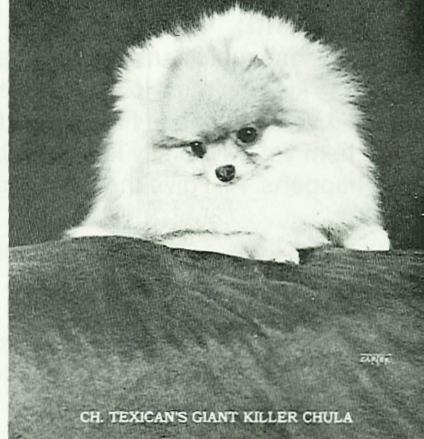
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Dear Shu-Shu;

I need some quick answers before my family decides to kick me out. How does one get pregnant? I'm 4 years old and I haven't had any puppies for them yet. My family keeps planning, but nothing happens. All I give them is a big stud bill. Help?

Sam/ Birmingham, MI

Dear Sam?????

There are two different ways. One is male, the other, female. I'm not so sure which category you fall into? Are you?

Love,



Shu-Shu

Dear Shu-Shu:

I understand that you haven't acquired any points toward your Championship? Can you tell us anything about your accomplishments in obedience titles?

Signed

?????

Dear ??????:

NO! Can you tell us your name and address?

Love,



Shu-Shu

Dear Shu-Shu:

I have had 8 babies in the past 3 litters. All were C-sections. What are my chances for another C-section? They are so painful and such an expense to my owners. Is there any way I can avoid this procedure again?

Bessie/Rye, NY

Dear Bessie;

Yes. **CELIBACY!!!**

Love,



Shu-Shu

Dear

Shu-Shu

I'm in real trouble now. I ran away from home again and got into the neighbor's trash. They have the best garbage in the world. What do you think the family will do to me this time?

Brick/ Oklahoma City, OK

Dear Brick;

Not your first offense, eh? Second offenders should **become** garbage and therefore unable to indulge. Good thing I'm not your family.

Love,



Shu-Shu



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[Ed. note: Shu-Shu has embarrassed her family so much this past year that they were forced to leave town! Send your letters to Shu-Shu & Shannon Johnson at their new address: 6270 Tripp Road, Holly, MI 48442. —JMcG]

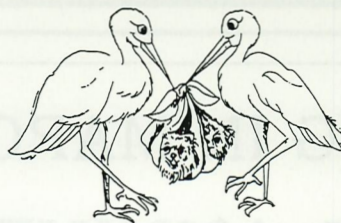


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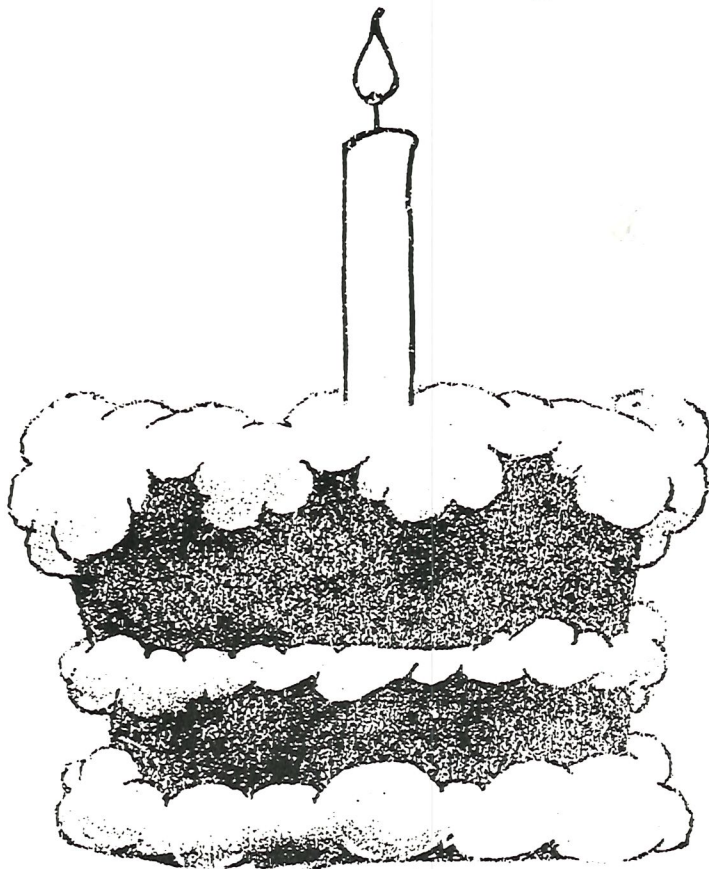
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