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Receiving a 5 point major under judge **William Bergum**. Our thanks for this major move in Timson's show career.

We also want to thank judges **Karen Peterson**, **Mrs. Sue A. Kauffman**, and **Mr. Harold Bishop** for our 3 Bests of Breed - and thanks to all the judges who have seen the quality of this fine little male.

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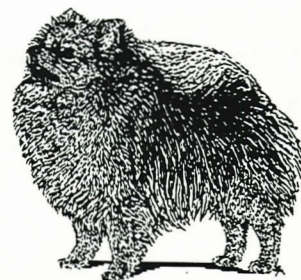
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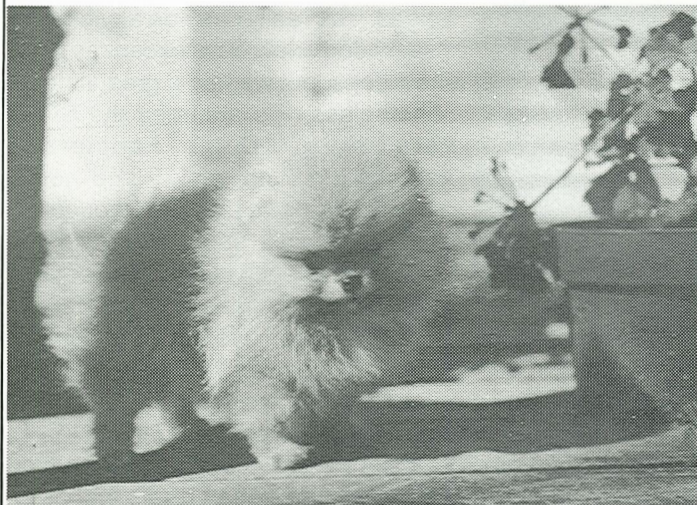
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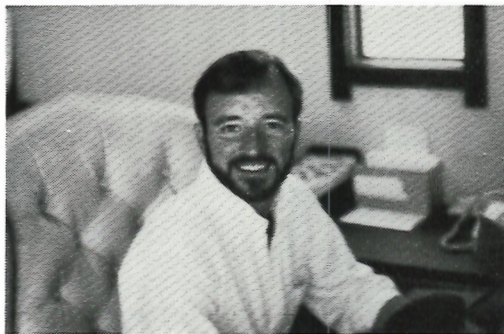
SHOWSIGHT FROM THE EDITOR

A lot of realtors are mad at me this month, and I can't blame them. You see, every May or June I decide that nothing around here is the way I want it, and so I want to move or at least make Major Structural Changes. Since I made several Major Changes last year, and I'm still not satisfied, I went shopping for houses. Well, the realtors go crazy because they can't come up with anything suitable. If it's nice enough, you can't have twenty dogs. If you can have dogs, it's not big enough. If it's big enough, it's ugly. And so, probably, again this year I will come home disgusted and draw up another house plan. I do this routinely every Sunday morning when I am not at a show - when Duane sees me pull out sheets of paper and pencils and rulers, he throws up his hands and leaves the room. Well, don't laugh, Duane. One year I will build the house I've planned and it promises to be a doozie.

Speaking of plans, plans are in the offing for a visit with **Dorothy Bonner** next month - this gracious lady is a wealth of knowledge and love for the Pomeranian, and we are very excited about the project. Also special thanks to **Joan Reilly** and **Gayle Griffin** for their help in compiling the facts and photos.

POOR CLAUDIA Department: Of course, **Claudia Pfeffer** is in terrible shape. Her voice is hoarse and her fingers are very sore. From screaming and applauding at a soccer match? No. From too much work? No. From old age? Well, she *is* a grandmother, and that's part of the trouble. You see, when the baby was born Claudia quickly picked up the phone, punched the buttons, and called everyone she knows - and there are a lot of them - to announce the good news. With a sigh of relief, Claudia finished her task, and collapsed on the couch. Then the phone rang. Best In Show last night! So Claudia dragged herself back to the desk and began punching the buttons again to announce *that* good news. Several hours later found Claudia exhausted and happy, slumped to the floor. Then, ring-a-ling-ling. Another Best In Show! With superhuman effort Claudia again began punching and shouting. At this point Claudia can hardly speak above a whisper, and is using a pencil to punch 1-etcetera. Absolutely enervated, she was. Don't you think that **Joe Pfeffer** should whisk her off to some exotic island for a vacation? I would be willing to go along as health advisor, providing Joe will pick up the tab.

Speaking of picking up things, I picked up **Vikki Powell** the other night. Dear Gussie! I don't mean *that!* Vikki whipped in from California for the weekend, and we attended some shows together - this gave me more time than I have ever had before to enjoy this knowledgeable and devoted dog fancier - we talked non-stop about every facet of the dog game. We had planned a little celebration for Vikki's visit, with **Eleanor & Ken Miller**, **Susan Wade**, the



Rossons, and some others, but the time flew by and we never got it arranged. You really can't do anything else on dog show days except go to show dogs, but we had a great time nonetheless. We attended the **St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association** 75th show - and got mugged! Actually, and this I thought was wonderful, each and every placement in each class received a complimentary glass mug with the club's logo on it. I myself collected four of them and so have a full set. Had I known that, I would have entered twelve dogs!

Tom Gately is now licensed for all Breeds - an all-rounder. Congratulations, Tom. I was fortunate to be ringside for his first Toy assignment since receiving word from AKC, and I am pleased to report that Tom's just as at home in the Toy ring as in any other. And why not? When he and **Kay Gately** were handling, they must have finished about a zillion Toys, so that's nothing new to Tom.

This month we feature the report on Cruft's from popular judge **Georgina Lane** - we were chatting recently and remembered that years ago a Pom that Georgina bred finished in three days...and the third day went Best In Show from the classes. Georgina retired the dog on the spot; after that, what's left? Georgina often tells a nice story just prior to picking her Reserve Winner. You know how it goes; the points are already awarded, and the energy level drops way down. Well, don't let down, Georgina says: Once, years ago, another of her Poms went Reserve three days in a row. Well, they were disappointed, but went on home with the ribbons...only to be notified that the Winners Dog was disqualified. Georgina's Pom finished his championship without ever returning to the show ring! So don't discount the Reserve Winners Award.

Speaking of awards, I think **Susan Wade** deserves several, for many reasons, but especially for her piece on **Therapy Dogs, International** in this issue. This fabulous endeavor is very close to my heart, and we are planning a special article called **A Day In The Life Of A Therapy Dog** coming soon.

Also, awards are due to **Professional Dog Show Photographers** who catch a lot of flack. Well, I work closely with them, and I see many, many results of their work. 99 percent of what they do is terrific, and I hope we treat them with the respect they deserve. **Thank you, photographers**, from all of us.

And the best of luck to all of you! 'Til July, **Poms Away!**

Joe (and of course, picture perfect Cynthia)

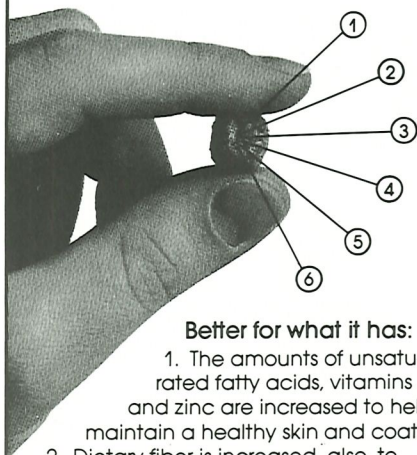
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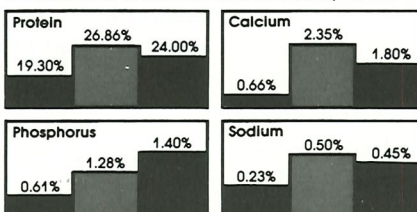
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GENERALLY SPEAKING...

Therapy Dogs, International

by Susan Wade

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"The animal or pet is one of the links in the golden chain leading to good mental health," declares **Boris M. Levinson, Ph.D.**, diplomate in clinical psychology of Elmhurst, New York.

"The possession of a pet who eagerly awaits one and responds to one's care and attention may mean the difference between maintaining contact with reality or almost total withdrawal into fantasy. Literally, a pet can occasionally represent the difference between life and death."

More and more professionals are using pets in psychotherapy. A large number of disturbed patients have been hurt so much or so often by people, that they are afraid of human contact. A dog is another matter - since the hurt is not associated with the dog, the disturbed person will permit a dog to approach them - in fact, will be eager for contact - they will pet the dog and often tell him about their problems.

The first structured study of using dogs in psychotherapy was conducted at Ohio State University's psychiatric hospital. In this study, **Samuel A. Corson, Ph.D.**, professor of psychiatry and biophysics, his wife **Elizabeth**, and psychiatrist **P. H. Gwynne** chose 30 patients who had failed to respond to traditional treatment. These patients were withdrawn, self-centered, and uncommunicative. It was noted that many were almost mute and psychologically bedridden; they lacked self-esteem and exhibited infantile helplessness and dependence. Of the 30 patients selected, there were 2 who did not accept the pets, but the results with the remaining 28 ranged from highly encouraging to dramatic.

The study also emphasized the fact that just any dog will not do - dogs have a diversity of personalities, so they must be matched to the patient's needs. A reticent dog would only strengthen the negative feelings of some patients. An expert must make the selection. The introduction of pets into a program of this type must be done gradually and with careful preparation.

I, personally, know a Peke named "**Whoopie**" and a Longhair Dachshund named "**Maxie**" that are registered Service Dogs. This low-set pair are registered with **Therapy Dogs, International** in New Jersey. Whoopie and Maxie make weekly visits to a nursing home in Sebring where they live with their mistress, Amy. Maxie is a bit heavy for the pa-



tients to life, but he is most obliging about sharing a couch, chair, or bed with many of the patients. "Whoopie" is just the perfect size for lap-sitting and she does a remarkable job of it. Though it can't be documented, some of the staff feel that "Whoopie" was in great part responsible for a stroke patient's recovery. It's hard to resist petting an animal who is cuddled up next to you or to speak to that loving ball of fur.

In addition to just being their affectionate selves, they do their obedience routine and some tricks that would not go over too well in the obedience ring. Their performances are loudly applauded

each and every week - **Whoopie** and **Maxie** enjoy themselves thoroughly as evidenced by their ever-wagging tails!

If you are interested in Therapy work, drop me a line. I'll be happy to send you the address of **Therapy Dogs, International**. They are most obliging about informing interested parties in the requirements for dogs and the aims of their organization. □

Susan Wade

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CRUFTS 1986

The visit of Georgina Lane (AKC judge) and her daughter Marion Postgate (CKC judge) to Crufts February 7,8,9 by Georgina Lane

We left Kennedy Airport at 9 p.m. February 5th and enjoyed a very delicious dinner served by male stewards. The movie was not my type and we all tried to snooze. Coffee and a danish revived us and we landed at 8:30 a.m. at Heathrow and found snow! We had to be picked up in the middle of the field by a bus and soon were passed by examiners on presentation of our passport and completed small landing card. Then due to unusual weather our baggage was very late. We were taken by a palatial bus to the hotel - not the one we had booked for and everyone was very unhappy to find we would have to change hotels in 48 hours. Instead of a short walk to the Dog Show, we had a 45 minute bus ride. There was an icy cold wind but Marion and I braved the outside and went by Underground to Westminster Abbey - a feast for the Soul. We had purchased a bus pass in the USA for Underground and buses and returned to the hotel by double-decker bus, but found the location of our hotel very inconvenient to stations. The hotel provided a smorgasbord dinner and we were given tickets to Crufts (daily tickets sold for 3½ pounds - the pound was equal to \$1.40). There were some very unhappy folks but the original hotel was overbooked and the Berner Hotel had less than 24 hours notice for rooms and dinner for 128 people. I guess it happens in all countries. Delicious continental breakfast was delivered to our rooms right on time (7 a.m.) and we were busied to the show too late unfortunately to get group seats for Terrier and Working breeds. We registered at the Overseas Lounge and enjoyed a nice hot lunch with no crowd problem there. We spoke to folks from Holland, Wales, Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. All spoke reasonably good English.

There were 13,825 entries in the show; 1,470 Terriers; 3,421 Working; 2,183 Hounds; 1,507 in Utility (similar to our Non-Sporting); 1,711 Toys; and 2,882 Gundogs (our Sporting). There were miscellaneous entries of 232, 215, and 195, including Leonbergs, Japanese Akita, Japanese Spitz, Shar Pei, etc.

We watched 159 Rottweilers judged as my daughter breeds them in Canada. There was a large enough entry for WD and WB to get certified (three issued under different judges makes a champion) but there are only four or five shows each year in Britain that can give CC's as they are called.

We watched Schipperkes, also, as Marion breeds them but did not like the type shown. We were invited to lunch by the Kennel Club as Marion is in charge of Junior Handling for all of Canada and they want to send a Canadian to compete. We watched the finalists Eire (winner), USA (2), Denmark (3), also Australia, Belgium, Finland, Kenya, Sweden, United Kingdom and West Germany. All received a lovely bag and money £100, £75, £50, and £25. They were all very special handlers and **Peter Green** had to work to find winners - they had to exchange dogs in the ring. We were lucky to get tickets for 2nd day Groups (£3½). The Hound Group was won by a Saluki and we saw obedience which I will describe later in this article. Reserve Winner of the hound Group was a long-haired dachshund. The Saluki came from the Bred By Exhibitor class, **Ch. Shamal Kharaz**.

Joe Bradden judged the Utility (Non-Sporting) group in a very thoughtful, thorough manner until he was handing the big rosette to the owner of the bulldog...the dog leaped and grabbed the ribbon and ran off with owner in pursuit (the dog won). The whole audience erupted in laughter and the beautiful ribbon was reduced



to shreds. I like a dog that moves well but I must admit I have never seen one that could run like this one. That ribbon will *never* be framed! He was a magnificent animal and certainly deserved to win.

A very small Pom won the Toy Group but I am uncertain which Breed went reserve. The Pom was **Ch. Derronill's Maximillian**. **Mrs. C. G. Sutton** judged Best in Show and she gave it to a really gorgeous Airedale - one of the two top dogs for the year - the other was a Standard Poodle who never got out of the Breed. He was from Italy and spent 6 months in quarantine two years ago - **Ch. Ginger Xmas Carol**.

I am always fascinated by the Agility Competition. The dogs that do best are working shepherds, (crossbreeds mostly, rather like a border collie and two top winners were handled by very agile pretty girls in late teens.). The Agility is set up in the large main ring. Handler must run with the dog which is off-lead - they can give commands but if the dog knocks down a bar or misses touching yellow bases on the bottom and top of slopes points are lost (he is out if he jumps the last few feet and does not touch base). First the dog went over a double jump and then over a jump made like a bone, then a jump with three arches and they must not go through but over; then through an uninflated tube about 10 feet long, over a solid jump, then through a tire suspended in air, over a bar jump, then leap on a small table and lie unmoving for 5 seconds; on command he starts on over a bar jump then through a tunnel tube, then up a high slope, run across the top and down the other slope, then over a brush jump, up a very steep pointed triangular jump and down the other side, then traverse a teeter-totter, through a tire again, a bone jump, and one last bar jump - the winner did it in 58 seconds but most were in the 60's and also lost points by faults (not touching or knocking down a bar). It was really thrilling to watch - we saw teams as well as individuals. It must be very difficult to teach the dog to do all of the above at top speed but they seemed so eager and happy. Perhaps the fact they are working shepherds develops their stamina.

In Britain, of course, the Toy Poodle & the Shih Tzu are in the Utility (Non-Sporting) Group, but most of what are Toys in the United States are also in the English Toy Group. In an entry of 101, the Best of Breed Toy Poodle was **Ch. Seabrook Don't Bug Me**; and out of 143 Shih Tzu the Best of Breed winner was **Keytor Any Questions**.

The following are the Toy Best of Breed winners at this year's Crufts. There were 1,711 Entries in the Toy Group; 71 Bichons Frise, **Ch. Tiopep MadLouie at Pamplona**; 224 Cavalier King Charles Spanials: **Homer Bent Pentilly**; 132 Long Coat Chihuahua: **Anyako Benjamin**; 123 Smooth Coat Chihuahua: **Ch. Apoco Deodar Good Gracious**; there were 59 Chinese Crested; **Ch. Kojak Cavalier**; 41 English Toy Terriers; **Dunworley Rambler**; 59 Griffons: **Starbeck Crystal Rainbow**; 37 Italian Greyhounds; **Ch. Philtre Farima**; there were 56 Japanese chins in competition: Breed winner was **Ranella Donovan**; 76 King Charles; **Ch. Curtana Lynette**; 54 Lowchens; **Ch. Cleerview Guntlier of Littlecourt**; 57 Maltese; **Ch. Snowswilk Piti-Sing**; 68 Min Pins; **Torilea Telstar**; 134 Papillons; **Cilcala Zaidoon**; 134 Pekingese; **Ch. Belknap Ego**; 104 Pomeranians: **Ch. Derronill's Maxamillian** who was the eventual Toy Group winner; 117 Pugs; **SmooFair Wild Rose**; and 188 Yorkies; **Polliam Sweet Delight**.

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GEORGINA LANE on Crufts - continued

These tours allow you to exchange views and get information from folks you would never get a chance to talk to at a show and we left with dozens of cards from all over. We do not know everything and you can sure learn a lot and make new friends.

There were 200 booths selling things you can get nowhere else and we all spent more than we intended to but it was fun and I am very happy with what I brought home.

After the show, the tour allowed us three days to shop and sight see and Marion and I took the Speedy Train (which goes 100 miles per hour) to Scotland and thus we saw a lot of England. I have ten cousins in Edinburgh and while it was very cold we never felt it as our welcome was so warm. My cousins of course knew where we could find the things we wanted to buy and friends seem very happy with the small novelties we brought home as gifts. I brought back a dog as excess baggage for a friend and he arrived in excellent condition. All you need is a health certificate - there is no duty.

I will long remember our trip and have no regrets that I went. □

Georgina Lane

Hailing from Lake Park, Florida, **Georgina Lane** is a licensed judge of All Toy Breeds, All Non-Sporting Breeds, Standard Manchester Terriers, Collies, Shetland Sheepdogs, Junior Showmanship, Best In Show, and Groups 5 & 6.

Our thanks to Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Postgate for taking time out of their busy schedules to provide us with this detailed account of the world's largest dog show. —JMcG



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CAJUN CHATTER

Kathy Masilla

This has not been a very kind past month. Three dear friends of mine lost dogs, and I myself lost a promising show puppy. However, I've always said that dog people are like crabgrass; no matter what you throw at them or do to them they always bounce right back. My deepest sympathies to **Betty Smith, Roger & Judy Sankey**, and of course to our editor **Joe**, who lost his beloved **Nina** and **Phatrick**.

Not all the news is unhappy, though. There has been a new development in the area of heartworm prevention. **Ivermectin**, a horse wormer, is now available for once-a-month heartworm prevention. With the exception of Collies, there is little risk even with an accidental overdose. Now there is no excuse not to use heartworm preventative. I can't imagine a breeder who can't find the time once a month to protect his dogs against this terrible disease.

After reading **Ruby Dudley's** column on *Bordatella* in **The Orient Express**, I investigated a bit, as I had had a similar problem roughly 3 years ago. My whole kennel came down with coughing and blowing nasal discharge. At the time, I had 2 bitches bred. The first one whelped with no trouble, but the second girl came down with a violent uterine infection after whelping one still-born puppy and one live pup. I was able to treat the mother and gave the surviving pup to the other bitch to raise, but it was still an unnerving experience. *Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis* is a contagious disease of the respiratory tract. It is always characterized by bouts of coughing; sometimes there is a nasal discharge and conjunctivitis, and it can take a few days or a few weeks to clear up. The drugs of choice are *chloromycetin* and *gentocin* given for 10 days, but it is easier to prevent by using either the injectible vaccine for Bordatella called *Intra-Trac II* every 6 months.

I recently administered this intranasal vaccine to all of mine, and I guarantee, it was no picnic: often some dogs don't take kindly to being given nose drops. It helps if you have somebody hold the intended patient, but be prepared to get sprayed a bit. If I didn't know better, I'd have thought I was wearing more of the vaccine on my clothes than what got into my dog's nasal passages! Still, I'd recommend that every breeder who shows frequently protect their dogs...it's simply good common sense.

An article in a recent newsletter on poor sportsmanship really hit home. There are always a few sour apples who take delight in running other dogs and their owners down. For some inane reason, it makes these misery-makers feel important, and as far as this writer is concerned, they should be treated with the contempt they deserve. I'm not talking about the folks who grouse a bit when they lose...I think everyone is guilty of that once in a while. But there are a few really vicious people who take special pleasure in making others upset for no other reason than making themselves look important. Thank heavens these are few and far between, and they are generally well-known. And their kind has been with us for quite a while, as can be seen in the following article by **Miss Cynthia Ashton-Cross**. It originally appeared in **Dog World**, January 29, 1971.

My very first visit to Crufts must have been in 1904, when my mother took us to see the great show. I do not remember if we were exhibiting or not. I was fearfully annoyed and complained at the stupidity of the management in making the benches so high that they were above my

head - I could not see the dogs! The show then and for many years was held in the Agricultural Hall, Islington, and though it was dark and so dirty and uncomfortable compared with Olympia, I and I am sure many other old-timers, look back wistfully to the old days.

There seemed to me much more fun, people really enjoying themselves, and having time to go round the whole show to see friends in other breeds - no wonder in the old days we had to go all three days, and later two days! And the effort to get there! No cars for a long time - by train and cab, taking hours while the getting home at night was a nightmare. We were not allowed out until ten o'clock for many years!

It was almost impossible to get food that was edible but we had to take it and the bars were crowded and dirty. And, frequently, fights were going on around them

Mr. Cruft was a great showman and advertised the whole year round so that people came from all over the world to Cruft's show and think of the difficulties of travelling compared with today - at first not even in cars! It seems almost incredible.

One night, and this when I think we were allowed out at 8 p.m. and all had cars, there was a bad fog and this is one memory I will never forget. My sister, **Marjorie**, and I had to take it in turns to run and then to walk in front of the car...the last 17 miles home! Otherwise we would have had to spend the night in the car. We wore white show coats and so could be seen and we had strings of cars behind ours. Then we went back again early next day.

One thing that sticks in my mind was the terrible crowding and narrow gangways with no room for chairs or tables and the crowds who paid to come in just fought their way along and we would cling to the cages or even dive under them! The crowds round the big variety rings let the judges know their fancies and if they did not win voiced their disapproval in unmistakable terms.

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CAJUN CHATTER by Kathy Masilla continued—
Cynthia Ashton-Cross on Cruft's

The great variety judges in the old days had much to put up with: men like **L.P.C. Astley**, **Holland Buckley**, **W. Nichols**, and others, but they stood their ground, carried on, and helped the dog game enormously. They knew how to handle the crowds and the huge variety classes, especially when it came to best in show. It was a great spectacle.

Two other memories stand out for me. Two years running we won both championships with dogs we bred, and one year best in show, the only time a Toy dog has ever won it; the record still stands. We also showed Bloodhounds and must have won many other championships at Cruft's with these but these were handled by our groom so we did not have the same interest.

The sporting spirit was probably just about the same as now; lots of good losers - and winners - and a vociferous minority of bad sports who made themselves heard and were a plague to all as they are now, but they are much more outspoken, and in their reports, also.

At one Cruft's a man was judging who was a famous lady-killer. My mother, who was extremely beautiful, was showing the great **Ch. Chu-erh of Alderbourne**, and won the championship. An irate exhibitor rushed up to an unknown onlooker and shouted at her, "That woman is the judge's mistress and her daughters are either his mistresses also or his children!"

We don't have excitement like that *these* days, though one does hear strange things at times.

It was strange also to see the clothes worn by the women exhibitors; dresses trailing on the ground, the women in the rings holding the dog in one hand and the trains of their dresses in the other, or else they swept the ring clean and in the summer especially huge hats covered with feathers or flowers and lovely party dresses. At Cruft's the richer exhibitors used to show off their furs.

It was all great fun. I am sure we enjoyed the crowded, dirty, noisy Cruft's of the old days more than the present day shows; in spite of the discomforts and difficulties it was gay, happy, carefree - Now?

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ONE - TWO — buckle my shoe.

Poms in the ring at half past two.

THREE - FOUR — how many more?

Poms all over the show ring floor.

FIVE - SIX, what a terrible fix,

The judge is still in the bar with Trix.

SEVEN - EIGHT, let's get this straight;

How much longer do we have to wait?

NINE - TEN (and he hasn't said when),

I shan't show under HIM again.

With apologies to L.S. □

That's about all for this month. Until next month...

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VIEW POINT

VICTORIA POWELL

Last month I talked about the value of good, friendly communication with spectators and novices at dog shows, mainly for its good promotional aspects, but also in the name of *good ole' friendliness*. This month I would like to present two other views on the subject, one from a novice who is shopping for her first show dog and desperately wants to learn, and the other from a seasoned exhibitor-breeder who is also a well-known judge. Both tie in with what I have said about promoting your breed and give two good lessons as well. By choice I am withholding the novice's name so as not to put her in a spot where she may be accused of complaining, for she is surely not. And now, we hear from the novice:

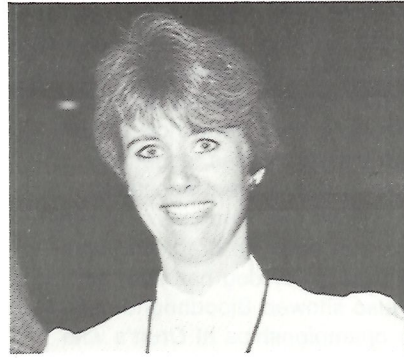
"(About) Recent comment on people asking to go over dogs at shows: A well-known breeder-exhibitor thought it was tacky. But, how else will the novice exhibitors and future buyers know the difference between a good dog and bad dogs? There are some areas of the country that do not abound in Poms, so for us the shows and matches with exhibitors who are willing to teach the novice their breed are few and far between. You cannot put your hands on a picture and words cannot describe well-sprung ribs or good bone. If and when we get the opportunity to examine a few quality dogs, we won't be buying and breeding from inferior lines and kennels. PLEASE help novices get into show-quality dogs -- *not expensive pets!* **Good new competition** will not only help the breed but it also might make majors a little easier to find."

And now here is judge **Dorothy Bonner's** suggestion to novices that are sincere in their desire to learn. I know that some of you may have read this before in an earlier issue, but for the newer readers, and also in context with what I am saying, I feel that Dorothy's comments are very worthy of repeating.

OPEN LETTER TO A NOVICE EXHIBITOR by Dorothy Bonner

Everything was in such confusion recently after each cluster show, that I was unable to contact you for a pat on the back and an encouraging word. For your first shows, you were evidently overwhelmed and swamped by professionals, so departed hurriedly without talking to anyone, taking with you the thought that the other exhibitors were cold, uncaring, and only self-interested. Part of this was true just before they went into the ring - concentrating on their own exhibits - but after the Breed is finished, there is a different attitude and a better time to talk. Your entry, though young and unpolished, was very nice and might well have later possibilities. You undoubtedly entered without close advice which the more experienced breeder of your puppy could have offered.

Now, if you are willing to accept advice to advance slowly and patiently, I want to help you. One must learn to swim before he dives...into some of the biggest shows in the country with all the famous professionals. There is no better learning school than your local Club which puts you in



touch with everything important. *Join one.*

To polish your dog while he is maturing, take him to training classes, enter him in Matches, and limit his shows to small ones where there is a better chance of success. Talk with every "dog person" possible, either long before shows or afterward, to secure encouragement and advice, but don't stop now. Instant success is difficult to achieve; the slower route often being necessary.

I speak from experience and have a special feeling for you.

Sincerely, **Dorothy Bonner**

I hope that this type of interchange among the many facets of showing dogs will give some of you food for thought.

Until next month - luck to all in the ring!

Vikki

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Sweepstakes: Judge Mr. John Allen

Puppy Dogs 6-9 Months:

Dias Sand Piper Bear

Puppy Dogs 9-12 Months:

TNT Davey Crockett

Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months:

Dias Princess Cinna Bear

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months:

TNT Classic Style N Basic Black

Puppy Bitches 12-18 Months:

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Dias Sand Piper Bear

Puppy Dogs 9-12 Months:

TNT Davey Crockett

Open Dogs:

Pomirish Hune's Got Ya

WINNERS DOG:

TNT DAVEY CROCKETT

(Delores Stranger & Marcia Doane)

RESERVE WINNERS DOG:

DIAS SAND PIPER BEAR

Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months:

Lyn-Lee's Miss Mom

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months:

TNT Classic Style N Basic Black

American Bred Bitches:

Gold Blackacre Tea Replica

Open Bitches:

Lyn-Lee Veda Venicia O'Duke

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A number of points has been allotted to the various placements, and they are as follows:

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

Statistician: Susan Wade. The following is the listing of the Top Twenty Pomeranians as of the MAY 1986 AKC Gazette:

POINTS	NAME	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB
1150	Ch. D-Nee's Darin Duffie (d).....	-	-	-	2	2	3	3	5
880	Ch. Texican's Giant Killer Chula (d).....	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	8
850	Ch. Precious Petit Ripple Supreme (d).....	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	5
840	Ch. Daisy's Little Bit of Jabil (d).....	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	9
760	Ch. Muller's Encore (d).....	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	11
650	Ch. Precious Petite's Gabriel (d)	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	5
510	Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid (d).....	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
455	Ch. Herd's Little Yoyo (d).....	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	3
425	Ch. Southland's Toast to Bev-Nor (b)	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	10
400	Ch. Harbin's Time To Pop The Cork (d).....	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	5
330	Ch. L R's Monty Rock of Millamor (d).....	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
290	Hilane's Sonja of Mai-T-Toi (b).....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
*280	Bev-Nor's Statesman (d).....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
*280	Ch. Pomirish Scooter's Victory (d)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
*270	Ch. L-R's Rock Concert Av Strand (d).....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
*270	Ch. Texican's Great Balls of Fire (d)	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
235	Ch. Apolloette Ever Ready Rocky (d)	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1
225	Ch. Hi Times Kaleidoscope (b).....	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	5
195	Ch. Apolloette Foolish Pleasure (d).....	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
190	Ch. Galaxy's Star Dancer Two T's (d).....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4

*Tie: placements alphabetical

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UPDATE

TOP TEN EXHIBITORS AS OF THE MAY 1986 AKC GAZETTE

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 MAY 1985 AKC GAZETTE.

EXHIBITOR	POINTS
S. BAUGNIET.....47
E. GIRARDOT.....*34
E. MILLER.....*34
C. READY.....27
B. MCDONALD.....21
C. & J. EDMISTON....*18
RINEHART & EPPS...*18
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JENNER & NORRIS...*17

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Dear Shu-Shu:

My little Pomeranian, Bear, has hiccups all the time. She is about 8½ to 9 pounds and is now 4 months old. Will having hiccups make her sick? Lately she hasn't wanted to eat as much and I am very worried about her. I am nine years old.

Susie/Seeley Lake, Montana

Dear Susie,

WHAT? 8½ to 9 pounds at 4 months old? You ARE taking good care of Bear, aren't you? Don't worry about her eating, I think that if she eats much more food, your troubles and hiccup worries will be over. A tummy that fat could explode and it just may be POMS AWAY for Bear. (OOPS — SORRY JOE, I FORGOT. That's his line.)

Slenderizingly yours,



Shu-Shu

Dear Shu-Shu:

I'm truly furious! Mom won't let me sit on her shoulder while we go "bye-bye" in the car anymore. I was here first, before all this "show dog" stuff took over. Now she jams me into a stuffy crate with a real **stuffy** canine. Not only do I ride in a crate and have to share everything with these "SHOW SNOBS", but now I have to share OUR (Mom, Dad, and me) bedroom with them. What can I do?

Muffin/Alexandria, Ontario

Dear Muffin,

How outrageous! Sharing your mom, the crate, and now your bedroom? Exasperating to say the least! Put your foot DOWN! Don't go in that crate!!!! There is no way you have to put up with all that torment, disloyalty or abuse. "SHOW SNOBS"; I certainly know what they are like. My sympathy goes out to you.

It certainly is difficult to concentrate on my column in this stuffy crate with "HOITY-TOITY", Miss Up-pity. I hope she wins today, or I'll have to hear her lame-brained excuses all the way home. Being "stuffed" in here with her certainly is a TRIP.

Unpretentiously yours,



Shu-Shu

P.S. Of course you can come and visit me...I think we need to "chew the fat" together.



Send your letters to Shu-Shu & Shannon Johnson at 6270 Tripp Road, Holly, MI 48442.

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