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CH. SOUTHLAND'S TOAST TO BEV-NOR

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SHOWSIGHT - FROM THE EDITOR

I was never all that hot on Halloween. I don't like to wear a costume, I don't like candy, and I would *never* pull the pranks that are popular with many people on that particular night. Of course, I never get away with anything, so it was never worth it to try. The only window I ever tried to soap suddenly had a person looking through it from the other side. I ran like hell.

But I know some people who love Halloween. For a while **Duane Doll** lived in a town called Independence, Kansas, which celebrates Halloween in very large way. They call it **Neewollah**, and have a huge, fancy celebration all week. Lots of big shots come for this; and it's always quite an affair. Duane was President of the Chamber of Commerce and also served as the head of The Neewollah Celebration one year, and it was, indeed, an adventure. Most of the festivities went along allright, until it came to the real money-maker, the fancy Dance. This is the highlight of the week-long festivities. They always brought in top-flight entertainment, I mean *top-flight*...Duane was at that time in business with **Jim Halsey**, manager for numerous superstars, including a gentleman I will mention in a moment. Everybody was all jazzed up for the affair until the Big Name Country & Western Lady Singer who was to be the star for the fancy dance got drunk, acted like an idiot, and had to be forcibly removed from the stage. Which of course irritated all the people who had paid a small fortune to attend. Everything was in shambles until a young man came to the rescue. The young man was a not-quite-yet up-and-coming entertainer, and realized what a problem the Star had caused. The man said, "I think I can help you out." They were willing to pay anything. The young man refused payment, because, after all, the Show Must Go On. And so the young man proceeded to perform, solo, with his guitar, from 10:00 PM until 6:00 AM, more than satisfying all the people, and earning the everlasting gratitude of Duane and company. Ever since I heard that story I have felt admiration for that man, that true professional. The young man's name? **Roy Clark**.

Eleanor Miller is off to the Midwest, probably spending her prize money... Eleanor won the Mystery of the Month Contest in the September Issue of **TOP NOTCH TOYS**, so she's loaded with bucks and raring to go. The mystery woman was, of course, **Edna Voyles**, another gracious Pom person.

I saw recently where **Sally Baugniet** got her provisional judging license; that should be another super judge - Sally certainly knows Poms. Another keen pair of eyes and knowledgeable hands soon to be licensed are those of **Janice Luginsland**, so now Kennel Clubs have two more *good* choices when it comes to Pom judging. Best of luck ladies!

But back to people who like Halloween. I knew a restaurant family that I did not like. Actually, I knew *two* restaurant families I didn't care for, for different reasons. Now don't get me wrong, I know tons of restaurant people, and although maybe I'm easier on them than some others - because I know all the flack they get, the trouble with which they contend every day - hotel-restaurant people have to be pretty bad before I dislike them. These two families were. The family that owned a chain of pizza parlors thought that they were very fancy and high-toned. They had a lot of money to throw around, and did. They did wear nice, if rather loud clothing. And they did drive very expensive, if somewhat gaudy vehicles, all of which can be borne without much trouble. But it was their attitude that really put me off. They went around acting as if they had held the mortgage on the Mayflower, when, of course, everyone knew they owed it all to tomato sauce.

I have no idea what *they* ever did on Halloween, although they did cause their share of nightmares. But it was the other family that liked Halloween. And not much else. This



bunch, parents and kids alike, were *lazy* with a capital L. How you can be successful in the restaurant business and still be Lazy I have never figured out, but they were. Every time I went over to their house, and it was never very often, they would be sitting in the Florida room watching television and drinking (probably out of boredom: TV was not very much different in those days from what it is today). And the children would be eating potato chips. I know, I

know, there's nothing wrong with any of that, I guess, when it is tempered with an occasional other endeavor, but it seemed to me it was all they ever did. Except on Halloween.

A Case In Point: When I was 12 they invited me to their cottage in northern Wisconsin for a weekend. It took their three cars to transport the troops (and each car had a TV plugged into the cigarette lighter). We finally arrived at the cottage. I immediately ran down to test the lake. *Perfect!* I couldn't wait to either plunge into it or skim across the top of it. Now, I never need companionship when around water; solitary swimming is the best way for me, but as ignoring your hosts is quite rude, I ran back to find someone to swim with or at least to pull me behind the boat.

Well. When I got back to the cottage, there they were. Watching TV and drinking. And the children were eating potato chips.

Now in all fairness you may say that that was only an occasional tableau, and that at times when I was not present these people were bursting with energy. Ha! You are wrong, and I have proof. It has to do with how they celebrated Halloween. Rather than expend the energy to go out trick-or-treating like everybody else, this bunch had an easier, *lazier*, way to do it. They strung a trip-wire across the front lawn. *I'm not kidding, I had personal experience with it.* Poor little unsuspecting eight and nine-year-old witches and goblins would come happily skipping up the path...*La La La La La — OOPS! KERPLOP!* Down they would go, spilling all their candy in the process. Then, by the dawn's early light, the Lazy children would drag themselves out of bed, force themselves outside, and...gather up their ill-gotten gains. Now, *that's* lazy.

Of course, once I was lazy on Halloween. At the time and quite by choice I lived well off the beaten path. Often after a particularly hectic time on the road it was my habit to lock myself in with a pile of books and ignore the phone and everything else. And so one Halloween I didn't even realize that it *was* Halloween. Long about eight-thirty in the evening, there was a teeny, tiny knock on the door. I was irritated - everyone I knew knew better than to bug me when I was in hibernation. Prepared to repel the intruder, I yanked open the door and...there stood a teeny, tiny, terrified little probably five-year-old Pirate. I was shocked - way out here? At his age? Alone? I looked out in the drive - there stood his mother, peering around the house, running security for the little tyke, but he *had* had the guts to walk up a dark drive by himself and knock on an unwelcoming door. And then the little Pirate spoke. "Twick - Or...Twick - Or...Twick"....and then he started to cry.

I came completely unglued. I dashed around the house, finding anything that resembled a treat - some expensive chocolates someone had given me went into his bag. A bag of *potato chips* (I know, I know) went in there, too. Then I had a little bowl on the coffee table into which I always dumped my change. I dumped *that* in. By the time the kid left, he had made quite a haul; but we both came away with something: He had learned that courage is sometimes greatly rewarded, and I had learned that other people's needs can not be subject to my mood.

I moved away from that place (and state) ten years ago, but I'll bet that kid comes back every Halloween, just in case. Have a happy Halloween, my friends, and knock on my door anytime you like.

JMcG

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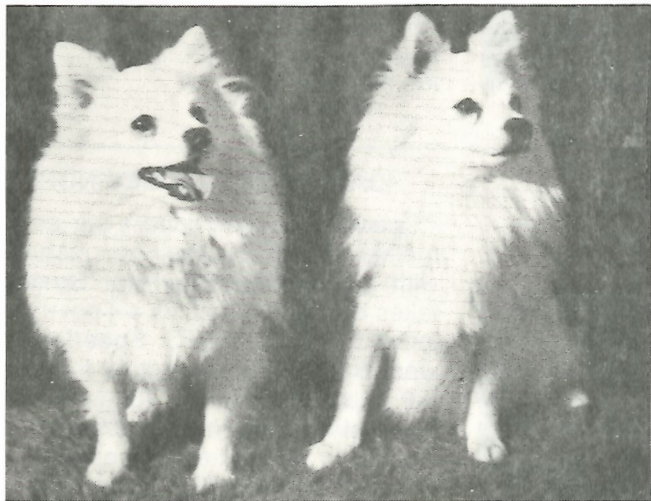
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NOTES ON THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GERMAN SPITZ

Part I By William Ledbetter

The German Spitz, progenitor of the American Pomeranian, belongs to the few dog breeds whose origin can be traced with a high degree of accuracy. In remains of the oldest human settlements which have been discovered up until the present time, dating back to the latter part of the Early Stone Age - for example, in the lake dwellers' villages discovered throughout Switzerland, in Germany, and other Central European countries (Lake Constance, Lake Ladoga, Bieler Lake) - skeletons of predominantly *one* dog breed have been found. Because these well-preserved skeletons were discovered in peat-moss layers of the lakes and swampy moors or peat bogs, rich in the excellent preservative tannic acid, this breed was named **Torfhund** (peat-moss dog, or *Canis familiaris palustris Ruetimeyer*). The German archaeologist **Karl Ludwig Ruetimeyer** was probably the first person who undertook the task of classifying these canine skeletons. Especially the well-preserved skull of one dog inspired him to seek a connection and relationship to modern dog breeds. He discovered that not only the form, but also the size of these skeletons corresponded very closely to that of the present-day German Middle Spitz (11-14 inches at the withers). This canine prototype changed very little during the following Bronze Age (1900 - 800 B.C.)¹



A pair of White German Middle Spitz (11-14.5 inches at the withers), bred by **Stephan Knoch** of West Germany.

It is assumed that this first house dog served mainly to guard and warn his master of wild animals, which were a constant source of danger to Stone Age man. Thus, a sharp sense of hearing and an alertly keen, watchful eye are *original* characteristics of our Spitz and Pomeranians, characteristics which have been preserved up to the present time.¹

With the cultural progress of Stone Age man, the appearance of the **Torfsplitz** changed. This transformation could have resulted either from selective breeding or from selection due to environmental influences. To one extreme, the dynamic transformation caused by climate led to the development of a larger prototype, the original size of which corresponds approximately to that of the present-day Wolfspitz (Keeshond). Food shortage, or selective breeding toward a dog requiring a minimum of maintenance, was probably the evolutionary force toward a smaller prototype, which, of course, underwent over many centuries innumerable further mutative changes, which are manifest in the various skull forms. The brain cavity became enlarged, the facial portion became

somewhat shortened (with a more pronounced stop or discontinuation from the brain capsule), and a more sharply-protruding occiput back of the head was developed. Generally speaking, this smaller prototype resembled larger modern-day Pomeranians or German Kleinspitz (9-10½ inches height at the withers).¹



Pure White Kleinspitz (small Spitz, 9-11 inches at the withers) bred by **Karl Busse** of West Germany, Germany's eldest breeder of the Small Spitz in pure white, recently producing tiny Pom-sized ones in pure white.

The skull of the original prototype differentiated simultaneously in another direction: an elongated brain cavity with a lower-set occiput, coupled with a less-shortened facial portion *without* a pronounced stop or discontinuation from the brain capsule was the result. More and more, the form of a Pinscher or Schnauzer is recognizable.¹

The prehistorical Spitz and Pomeranians had generally a lower nasal opening and a more narrow nasal tube and cavity than do modern dog breeds. The olfactory organ and sense of smell were only developed mutatively, thus gradually, during the course of time to their present perfection.¹

To summarize, the present-day groups remain as direct descendants of the **Torfhund**: all German Spitz varieties, progenitors of the Pomeranian, and all varieties of the Pinscher and Schnauzer. **Professor Ludwig Beckmann**, one of Germany's leading canine experts at the turn of the century, wrote in his **History and Description of the Modern Dog Breeds** (Braunschweig, Germany: 1904):²

"The Spitz-like dogs represent definitely in all cultures the oldest form of our domesticated dog. ...The skull of the **Torfhund** showed an elegant form; the brain capsule was somewhat arched with few pronounced bone ridges, the zygomatic arch was weakly developed, the eye socket was large, the muzzle moderately pointed and relatively short. The bite was still weakly developed."²

In another section he wrote:

"The German Spitz varieties surpass all other breeds of domestic dogs in their vigilance. Stable and steadfast, distrustful and suspicious, constantly alert and very observing of all that occurs in their surroundings, they are alarmed by the slightest suspicion of danger or threat to their master's well-being. Every bit of will and energy is dedicated to the watchful protection of their master and to the guardianship of his homestead - with a heart-moving devotion unequalled by any other breed."²

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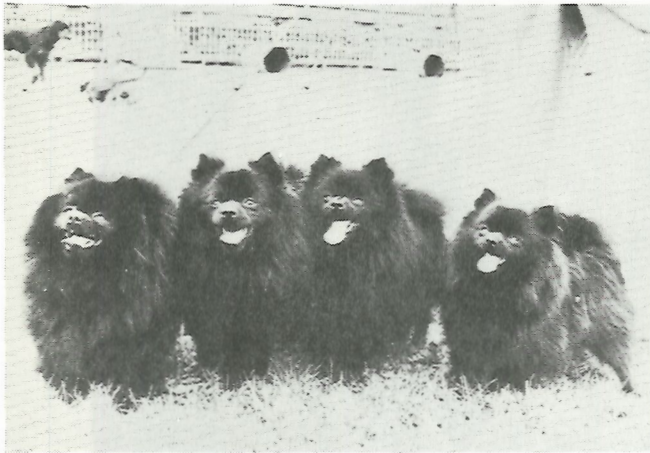
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William Ledbetter on the German Spitz continued

Already in the year 1700, the East German province of Pomerania, which borders on the Baltic Sea and extends from the area west of the Island Ruegen to the Vistula River, was famous for its truly superb White Spitz in various size categories. This explains the name *Pommer* or *Pommerle*, which many Germans still call their smaller White Spitz. The English name "Pomeranian" can, of course, be traced back to this German name. The West German province of Baden Wuerttemberg is regarded as the original home of the Black Spitz varieties, where they are called *Spitzer*. In the Stuttgart region and areas surrounding the cities Heidelberg, Heilbronn and Mannheim, the tiny Black Spitz have been bred since the Middle Ages; the very small Black Spitz are still often called *Mannheimer Spitz*, and it is from this area that Queen Victoria of England imported her original breeding stock.⁵



A quartet of Black Small Spitz bred by Mrs. Waltraud Omlin of West Germany. These dogs carry the gene for dark chocolates.

In his famous portrait *Morning Stroll* (1785), the British artist Gainsborough shows a beautiful Giant German White Spitz (white Keeshond) with precisely the breed characteristics which have been preserved over thousands of years to the present time. At that time the Giant German White Spitz was the favorite of British High Society. Gainsborough featured these splendid beauties in his paintings again and again. Even the Prince of Wales, who later became King Edward VII of England, never traveled to European resorts without his Giant White Spitz companion. Unfortunately, the outbreak of World War I marked the end of the popularity of this typically German breed in England.⁵ After World War II, only a very few breeders remained in Germany to keep this variety from becoming extinct. The Giant White Spitz had accompanied German emigrants to the Volga River in the Soviet Ukraine and to Canada and the United States where they were, unfortunately, not preserved as a pure-breed:³ (the smaller **American Eskimo Spitz** (UKC) is said to have been partially derived from the German-American remnants of the Giant German White Spitz.

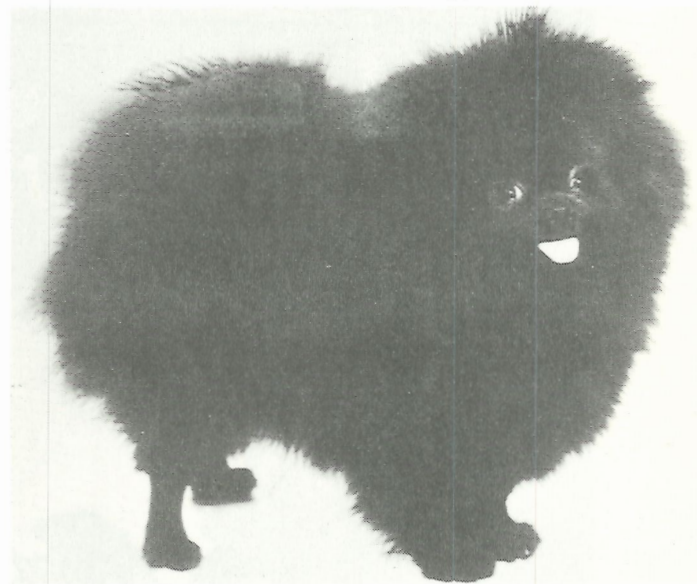
In the 19th century, Queen Victoria of England imported smaller German Spitz, which she called *Pomeranians*. Her "*Gona*", one of the top prize winning "Pomeranians" at British shows, is said to have been bred directly from German imports. Her favorite, "*Windsor's Marco*", was a German Spitz, which Queen Victoria purchased in Italy.³

By the beginning of the 19th century, the color breeding of the German Spitz had already made considerable progress; and the color divisions already existed - the results of century-long breeding efforts.³

The golden age of the German Spitz is the period before railroads and trains traversed the countryside. One or more Spitz were the dependable companions of the German carters, coach or wagon drivers and navigators on the rivers and Baltic or North Sea. The

popularity of the German Spitz was depicted by many German writers of that period, for example **Gustav Frenssen** in *Joern Uhl*, and **Joseph von Lauff**.

The famous artist **Ludwig Richter** portrayed the Spitz in many of his delightful pictures. Even long before that, **Martin Luther** was so fond of this small Spitz named *Belferlein* that he promised him a stool by his side in heaven. In many of **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's** letters to and from his family, their small Spitz *Pimperl* is an amusing source of entertainment. After Mozart's death, the following lyrics to an incompleting musical aria were found: "*Du kannst gewiss nicht treulos sein, ach nein, ach nein, mein Spitz!*" (You could never be disloyal to me of that I'm certain, Oh no, oh no, my Spitz!) Unfortunately, the melody was never found. Especially **Wilhelm Busch** made the German Spitz immortal in his verses. Who has not read the stories about the little **Katzenjammer Kids**, Max and Moritz, especially the one in which **Widow Bolte's** poor little Spitz was punished for the little rascals' mischief? Germans of the Baden-Wuerttemberg area still know and retell the humorous stories (dating back to around 1910) of **King Wilhelm II of Wuerttemberg** and his beautiful Small White Spitz. Germans from the wine-producing regions remember back before World War II, when the farmers brought their wine to town by horse and wagon. Under the coach seat or behind the wine keg always lay the family's Spitz, watchfully observing the unfamiliar surroundings. After business had been transacted and the wine had been brought down into the cellars of the restaurants, the wine producer celebrated with his patrons. In the evening, after the wine producer had left the city and was approaching his home area, it usually occurred that he fell asleep on the seat of his coach. The horse, of course, knew the way back to his stall...and the Spitz? He had control over *everything*: the farmer, the horse, the wagon, and above all, the farmer's wallet! No one even dared to approach his master!⁴



A typical Black Small Spitz, bred by Mrs. Waltraud Omlin of West Germany. Mr. Ledbetter writes, "This bitch carried a recessive gene for the darkest, heaviest-coated chocolates I ever saw."

In the latter part of the 19th Century, the breeding of the German Spitz declined somewhat, due to the fact that special clubs for many other breeds, including new mode breeds, were organized in Germany, one after the other. Not until the year 1899 was the *Verein fuer Deutsche Spitze* (German Spitz Club) founded, with which a new epoch for the German Spitz began. □

A native of Mississippi, William Ledbetter has lived in Germany for almost 20 years. Our thanks to Mr. Ledbetter for the article and the use of the photos. NEXT MONTH: The German Standard and reference works.

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MAKE YOUR CHAMPION ETHICALLY

Sally Baugniet

Congratulations, you have a Champion. If you have played the game the best you could with good ethics and good will toward your fellow exhibitor, the congratulations are sincere and memorable. This article is meant to help the new exhibitor and remind the old. We all make mistakes, but if we learn from those mistakes and take steps to prevent them from happening again we surely can be forgiven. Believe me, I have made some doozies.

As a review for the beginner, here are some basic American Kennel Club rules that pertain to the requirements for making a Champion of Record.

A.K.C. requires fifteen points, including two majors, each earned under two different judges (and at least one other point awarded by a third judge), to have your dog become a Champion of Record. A major is three to five points earned in a single show - the number of points is calculated according to the number of dogs and the number of bitches that are shown in your breed at that particular show. The number of dogs and bitches needed to gain a certain number of points for every breed of dog is always printed in that show's catalog.

If your dog goes Best of Winners, it has the highest number of points available in that show for your breed in the classes. For example: That day there are four points in dogs, two in bitches. Winners bitch goes Best of Winners and is therefore judged to be better than Winners dog: she earns the same number of points as Winners Dog.

AKC now has provision for extra points earned when a class dog or bitch goes Best of Breed (or Best of Opposite Sex over a Specials dog or bitch). The number of Specials (Champions of Record in competition) are added to the total number of the sex of the Best of Breed winner. The number of the Best of Opposite Sex is added to the total number of that sex. Points are then calculated accordingly. A class entry that goes First in Group gets the highest number of points available to any breed in that Group for that show. (You should be so lucky!) A class dog (one in competition that is not yet a Champion of Record) going Best in Show is awarded the most number of points available to any breed in that show. (Don't hold your breath for that one!).

Keep in mind that you need *fifteen points* - including two majors, under two different judges. Any more points than that does not make your dog more of a champion. Occasionally you may have a dog that needs one or two points and earns three to five points in the last show. The dog then finishes with more than fifteen points, but this is ethical.

I feel that it would be unethical for a handler, be it owner or professional, to put more than twenty points on the dog. It may cause hard feelings, because you are depriving another dog of points. This day and age with the higher entry and handling fees, it makes it even more important that a dog not compile unneeded points and take points away from a deserving dog.

When a dog needs both majors and has nine points, or needs one major and has twelve points it would be considered poor ethics to show that dog in a one- or two-point show unless an exhibitor asks you to show it to hold the points or unless your dog is the only one of its sex entered in the classes.

After you have finished your dog, you no longer show it in anything



except the Specials class (Best of Breed). Many times the dog is already entered in the classes in two or three weekends of advance shows. AKC allows you to move it to Specials class if you believe it is a finished Champion. You must do this at least 1/2 hour before the start of the show, with the Superintendent. The Superintendent will move the dog up to Specials class. When Best of Breed class is called, you will have your dog there to compete with the Winner's Dog, Winner's Bitch, and other Best of Breed Specials. Occasionally an exhibitor miscounts the number of dogs in competition or forgets about one that was disqualified, or for some reason thought

there were more points than there were. This is why ethically you can allow a couple of points beyond fifteen. This is also why it is a good idea to check the duplicate of the judge's book available at the Superintendent's Table. You should keep good records of your dog's wins. Write the name of your dog, name of the judge, the name and the date of the show, the win and the number of points earned at that show. These should be double-checked against the published wins for each show in the AKC official publication, the AKC Gazette.

If you hire a professional to show your dog, make sure it is a dog worthy of being shown. Ask if they are showing another dog or bitch of that breed. It might make a difference and you might want to wait. Tell them that you don't want your dog shown out of coat or ungroomed. Let them know that fifteen points is enough to finish your dog. The professional sends you your ribbons, marked pages from each show in which your dog was entered, and the bill. Be sure to hire an ethical professional. Belonging to a professional organization does not necessarily mean that every member is ethical. Some handlers, be it owner or professional, have different standards of ethics.

Each owner-handler and professional-handler should take the responsibility of setting a good example for the novice exhibitor and keeping this sport a clean one. Good ethics and common sense makes dog showing more enjoyable. Now go to the dog shows with a smile on your face, do the best you can - and better luck next time. You might go Best In Show!

Sally Baugniet

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MIDWEST NEWS

Jeanne Stafford



This seems to be the year for moves. **Doug & Shannon Johnson, Tim & Sue Goddard, Edna Girardot**, and of course Bob and I have all made recent moves. How did you others survive it? We're still recovering from ours (and still living out of boxes!). Luckily, we had several willing helpers on moving day that kept things going at a pretty fast pace! By mid afternoon, everything had been moved, except for the dogs. I

don't know about you, but there are very few people I trust with my dogs. So after everyone else left, Bob and I started moving equipment, pens, and dogs. And last but not least, we moved our 2 day old litter of three males. All in all, everything went well, and we are enjoying our new home very much. I'd like to thank the many people who have not lost patience with me the last few months. Now that things are settling down, I hope to start answering letters again, and of course submitting this article *Do you hear me Joe?*

I have recently had the pleasure of seeing two beautiful Poms for the first time. In June, it was **Ch. Bell's Houston Star Performer** at the Berrien Kennel Club show (where he won the Group!). And of course meeting **Skip Piazza** was a delight in itself. And in July, there was the lovely bitch **Ch. Hilane's Sonja of Mai T Toi** at the LaPorte Kennel Club Show. She has also been doing a lot of Group winning and placing.

Congratulations to **Sue Talsma** and **Ch. Hi Times Kaleidoscope** (owner, **Olive Lancey**) on their first Group win at Muskegon Kennel Club show. It was a thrill to watch, and I'm so glad I was there to share the excitement. In my eyes, you two were the "Best" that day.

I have gotten so many calls lately for puppies, and of course I don't have anything ready to go. I've referred them as best I can, but I'm sure there are other breeders in and around my area that I don't know of. I've referred breeders in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, and even Tennessee. Drop me a line if and when you have puppies, most of my callers don't mind having to travel a bit.

Before I close, there's one more thing I just have to share with you. While talking on the phone to my friend **Claudia Pfeffer** one day, I expressed my disappointment on getting 5 males out of my last two litters, **no bitches!** Claudia responded, "Why Jeannie, little boys grow up to make Best In Shows!" Needless to say, my whole outlook has changed. After all, Claudia is practically an expert on Best in Shows, wouldn't you say?

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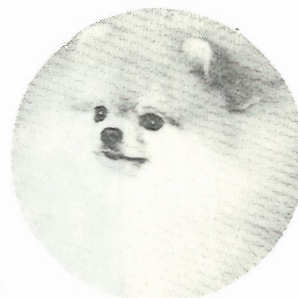
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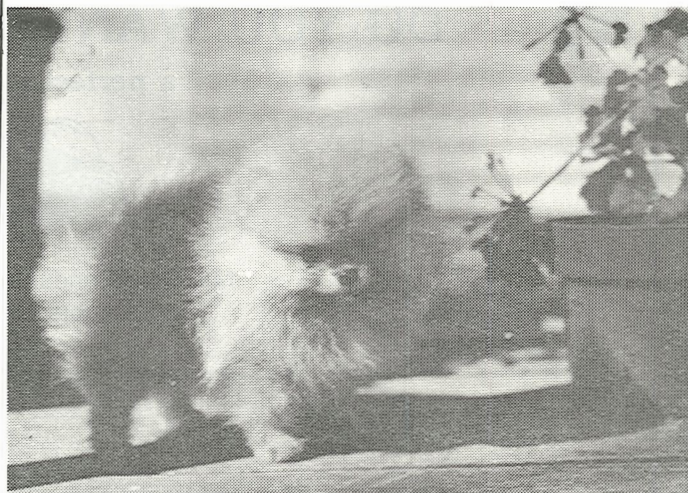
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Dear Shu-Shu:

I went to my first outside show and I must admit, it was great fun for a small kid like me. I did everything right, too, just like you would do. I sat through the combing and brushing just before I was called into the ring and not once did I move or scream in pain. Pretty good, eh, Shu-Shu? Mom and I entered the ring and the minute I hit the green grass I did what all good little Pomeranians do when they are asked to "go out". Pretty good, eh Shu-Shu? Mom then said, "Come on, Sabra, let's go." I did!!! But this time in a different spot. After I ran and twisted and jumped on lead all through that damp freshly cut grass, Mom yelled "NO!"...I thought she said *roll* - I did!!! My fur looked cute, wet, kinky, and green. Pretty good, eh Shu-Shu? The judge then said, "Let her get on the table." I thought she said, "Let her jump on the sable." I'm so sorry whoever you were. The judge proceeded and we were all lined up in a nice neat row; the judge pointed to me and I guess she said "Last!" - I thought she said "Fast!", so I ran to first place position. The judge missed me when she passed out the ribbons, but everyone makes mistakes. I guess the judge concluded by saying to everyone, "Don't forget to stay for Group."...I could have sworn she said, "Don't forget to stay and poop." I did!!! Pretty good, eh Shu-Shu?

I wanted to do everything perfect, just like you, Shu-Shu. I can hardly wait for the next outside show.

Your roommate

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Dear Sabra;

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TOP TWENTY POMERANIANS — JANUARY THRU SEPTEMBER 1986 GAZETTE

Presently we find a number of Poms making their impact in Specials competition. In order to keep you informed as to the progress of these hard-working members of the breed, we are pleased to offer you SPECIALS ADDITION. SPECIALS 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 Championship points) are allotted to individuals according to the highest placement received in any given AKC show, as reported in the American Kennel Club Show, Obedience and Field Trials Awards Book. Only this source will be used for point awards.

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 compiled from the JANUARY THRU SEPTEMBER 1986 AKC Gazette:

#1 Dog: CH. PRECIOUS PETITE'S GABRIEL

#1 Bitch: CH. HILANE'S SONJA OF MAI-T-TOI

POINTS	NAME	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB
4605	CH. PRECIOUS PETITE'S GABRIEL (D).....	3	2	-	4	5	5	4	13
2865	CH. HERD'S LITTLE YO YO (D).....	-	-	-	9	2	2	3	9
1660	CH. D-NEE'S DARIN DUFFIE (D).....	-	1	-	3	2	3	3	6
1655	CH. GREAT ELMS PRINCE CHARMING II (D)...	-	-	-	4	3	2	1	3
1440	CH. PRECIOUS PETIT RIPLE SUPREME (D).....	-	-	-	2	3	4	2	14
*1290	CH. DAISY'S LITTLE BIT OF JABIL (D).....	-	1	-	-	5	1	3	14
*1290	CH. TEXICAN'S GIANT KILLER CHULA (D).....	-	-	-	2	3	2	1	16
1205	CH. BI-MAR SUNDANCE KID (D).....	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	3
1050	CH. HILANE'S SONJA OF MAI T TOI (B).....	-	-	-	2	2	1	1	15
1040	CH. POMIRISH SCOOTER'S VICTORY (D).....	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	14
975	CH. APOLLOETTE EVER READY ROCKY (D).	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	8
935	CH. MULLER'S ENCORE (D).....	-	1	-	-	2	1	4	21
900	CH. BELL'S HOUSTON STAR PERFORMER (D)	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	5
555	CH. HI TIMES KALEIDOSCOPE (B).....	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	13
505	CH. APOLLOETTE FOOLISH PLEASURE (D)....	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	8
*475	CH. BEV-NOR'S STATESMAN (D).....	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	14
*475	CH. TEXICAN'S GREAT BALLS OF FIRE (D)....	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	5
455	CH. SOUTHLAND'S TOAST TO BEV-NOR (B)	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	13
420	CH. HARBIN'S TIME TO POP THE CORK (D)...	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	7
410	CH. PATRICK'S MR. LARRY (D).....	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	6

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Certain information is required on every package. Below is a list of those requirements and a brief description of each. Required information must consist of:

1. Product name
2. Manufacturer or distributor name and address
3. Guaranteed analysis
4. List of ingredients
5. Net weight
6. Feeding guides (there are provided as an option of the manufacturer)

Guaranteed Analysis: Required by state law., this is a general description of the food, including percentages of fiber, protein, fat and water. (May show ash content.) Percentages are listed as *maximums* and *minimums* and may not reflect quantity present. Below is an example of how percentages could change and still remain within the ranges:

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	Protein	Min.	20.0%
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	Fat		Fat 9.2%
	20.2%		
	12.3%		

As you can see there can be a significant difference. It should also be noted that the Guaranteed Analysis doesn't reflect actual analytical content nor does it reflect nutritional value, and should not be used as an indicator of quality or performance. Other factors not reflected are:

1. availability of nutrients
2. biological value of protein
3. digestibility of fat

4. availability of vitamins and minerals

Ingredient Panel: The label includes ingredients in the food and must be listed in preponderance. This label is helpful in drawing general conclusions, as to protein, minerals, calcium, and etc. It is important to note that the use of broad terminology creates allowable differences in actual ingredients and quality. It is important to study this label carefully, since its information on by-products could be a deciding factor in selecting a brand of food.

Price: This is probably one of the most important labels to us. Many food are priced higher simply because they contain more meat content - this does not mean they contain more nutritional value. Others, although cheaply priced, require you to feed supplements and/or larger amounts. Another item that should be checked is weight. Even though many appear to be the same size, there is a possibility of a difference of several ounces. All these items may represent savings or loss to your feeding program.

Feeding Instructions: This information is provided as a guideline for feeding various sized animals. Since no two dogs are alike, amount requirements will differ, thus the reason for wide ranges. In selecting a proper amount it is interesting to note that while one brand of food may weigh 3 ounces per cup, another may weigh 5 ounces. Try weighing your present brand of food. Compare with another brand. You may be surprised with the results.

After all the facts are in you are now ready to select a food. While nutritional value is important there is one more area to consider...the real judge may very well be your dog. How is performance? Appeal?

Take time to check your label. It can make a difference!
Until next month...continued health! **C.A.R.**

VIEW POINT

VICTORIA POWELL

GENETICS: PART II

Last month we looked at the responsibility of good breeders to breed ethically and be versed in genetics. At this time I would like to present some thoughts and ideas from the science of genetics, albeit briefly due to the scope of the subject.

There is no possible way to justly cover genetics in a broad sense in one or two magazine articles, so instead I suggest to the serious student of good breeding to study up on the science as much as possible. Acquire for your personal library one or two of the better genetics books. My own favorite is **Dog Genetics - How To Breed Better Dogs** by **Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia** (TFH Publications).

The first thing necessary to understand in studying genetics is that even though a dog's hereditary factors are often referred to as "bloodlines" a dog's characteristics are determined by the mixing (passing on at conception) of the dog's parents' genes, not blood, resulting in a gene pool which in turn forms the new dog(s). It is always important to remember that any dog is an equal mixture of *both* his parents' genetic characteristics, hopefully keeping you, the breeder, from discounting faults or over-emphasizing the virtues of only one of the parents. Knowing this makes it easier to understand how a pedigree and knowledge of the dogs contained within aids you in determining the sources of the contributions to the gene pool of the litter you just bred. So please never forget that *each* parent is equally responsible for the litter of puppies.

But, now it becomes a little more complicated. Your pup receives his characteristics from his parents, but his genetic make-up is also influenced by the genes his parents received from *their* parents, and so on. Therefore, it is feasible and entirely possible that your puppy may have received some of the genes passed on by his paternal grandfather to his father via the acquiring of his father's genes at conception. This is part of the explanation for why litters vary greatly. There is no way to tell for sure *which* of the parents' genes each pup has inherited. You have a good basic idea of how your pups can turn out if you have carefully linebred and are familiar with all the dogs in the pedigree back several generations. But if you suddenly decide to outcross for whatever reason, then you start all over again not knowing exactly what you will get from this new mixing of genes.

It is at this point that no matter how experienced you are, a good working knowledge of dominant and recessive genes and how they work comes in handy. Any attempt to breed, especially line- or in-breeding, without understanding these basics can have disastrous results. Even if you do get a good set of pups from unwise breeding, the chances of any of those pups producing something wonderful are slim at best. The reason for this is called *heterosis*, which is the burying of recessive traits in one generation. You can not eliminate recessive problems in just one breeding; you can arrest the problem for the time, but chances are *high* that whatever the recessive trait may be that it will recur within the second generation. That is why just breeding to a winner because he is a winner, without studying his offspring (and their progeny if possible) and without carefully researching his pedigree is a mistake, for in the



long-run you generally have problems crop up you don't need. Now, I know that this may sound confusing to some, but as I said, this is just a brief overview of genetics, meant more to spur you to further study than to answer all your questions. Next time we will talk a little about *phenotypes* and *genotypes*, or, the debate of type vs. pedigree breeding. Which is right? *Both* are, especially when balanced carefully against each other so as to attain optimum results!

Until next time - here's to better Poms —Vikki

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TOP TEN EXHIBITORS

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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 JANUARY THRU SEPTEMBER 1986 AKC GAZETTE.

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GENERALLY SPEAKING...

by Susan Wade



I have been called many things - from "Poor Susan", to "That idiot, Susan", all the way to "Blankety-blank Susan". However, one of my favorite appellations is "The Canine Mid-Wife of Polk County." (Given me by the receptionist at my Vet's office).

I don't want to insinuate that I am licensed for this chore, it just seems to work out that way. I have whelped litters of Great Danes, Irish Setters, German Shorthairs, Dobes, Bichons, Beagles, Dachshunds (Standard and Miniature),

and several Toy Breeds. To that list, we can add one litter of "Somethingorothers". Also, I don't want you to think that these were all my own litters - I've never done much breed-skipping - as I said, it just seems to work out that way! Either I just happened to be there at the time, or I get a phone call from a friend or the kennel where I work has a bitch due, and I'm on standby. Whatever.....!

These whelpings have run the gamut from the "That hurts! I won't do it!" kind to "Oh well! Let's get this over", or off to the Vet at 2:00 AM or sitting through three pots of coffee - we've all gone through these.

HOWEVER my very first litter of puppies was the most confusing, exasperating and frustrating time of my life! I *swore* I would never do *that* again! You see...I had this lovely Dane bitch - brindle - from an excellent bloodline and had made an appointment to have her bred to a simply super fawn Champion over on the East Coast. (I won't mention names, as that would tell you just how long ago this was!) We also had a *pet* male - the sweetest thing in the world, but really a "NO-NO" in color and size. You got it - he got her! Off to the Vet for a shot. Now, I was told that the shots are only 98 percent effective, and if it didn't work, it would cut down the size of the litter - that way, I wouldn't have so many pets to place in homes! (I felt a little better.)

As time went by, it became *very* obvious that my lovely brindle bitch fell into that 2 percent category. She grew and grew and *grew!* As the time approached, I prepared a whelping box - it was a carton in which a refrigerator had been shipped - split lengthwise - that should be plenty of room, thinks I! We started the countdown at 57 days. (Nobody told me she could whelp before the 63rd day!) On the 60th day, I went out to get the mail and upon my return was greeted by "Soda" - so happy to see me! She dashed down the hall and came back, dashed down the hall again, so I followed her to see what she wanted. There, in the middle of the pale blue, satin, king-sized bedspread was **A PUPPY!** This all started at 2:00 in the afternoon - off to the garage which had been converted into a whelping room. She refused to get in the whelping box - I couldn't argue much, she outweighed me. While trying to coax her in, she had another puppy; my son arrived home from school so she had to show him what she had done, and how she did it - in the foyer! She decided she had to supervise my son's homework - a puppy in his bedroom! We were finally able to lure her into the whelping box by my getting in, too - of course, if I left, so did she! Guess where I spent the next ten hours! My son carried the coffee to me, my husband went to the Colonel to get dinner, we (Soda and I) shared the chicken between pups - Soda was very partial to chicken livers. During this whole thing, the "Proud Papa" is also in the garage where Soda can keep an eye on him. Finally, at 2:00 AM

- after twelve puppies - she wants to go out - relief - the ordeal is over! Ha! The thirteenth puppy was presented in the yard!

AT LAST - now to bed! Just as I dozed off, I had an awful dream! I dreamed that Soda was standing in my bedroom door, holding a puppy with its head in her mouth, body dangling and the puppy screaming! Nightmare? No Way! Soda has decided that she will not sleep anywhere but her usual place - in the bedroom! I take the puppy and start back to the whelping box, Soda bounds ahead of me and gets another puppy which she proceeds to take to the bedroom - I put my puppy in the box - we pass in the hall - me getting puppies out of the bedroom and Soda taking puppies to the bedroom. By this time my son is awake, watching the parade go by his room! (I would like to say that he was "all sympathy" for his ol' Mom, but I can't. He was rolling on the floor, laughing hysterically!) At 4:00 AM, I gave up - we moved the whelping box to the bedroom, took all the puppies off the bed where Soda had carefully placed them, placed them in the whelping box, I got into the box and Soda joined us! Everyone settled down and I finally crawled into bed!

At about 6:00 AM, I was awakened by Soda getting onto the bed very carefully. I opened one bleary eye and was greeted by the sight of one Merle Dane (Proud Papa), one Brindle Mama Dane and two very tiny black Dane puppies. Until the litter was weaned, we went through this every morning. The two smallest puppies were placed on the bed, Soda would join them and feed them - **THEN**, she would feed the rest of the litter.

This was my one and only bedroom-raised litter. By the time they were weaned, the garage had again changed character. It was now a puppy room with a five by six foot puppy box (which became quite crowded). They quickly became the "tourist attraction" of the neighborhood. You could say they were very well socialized!

Oh yes! I called the Vet the next day to give him the news - his reply? "I told you it would cut down the size of the litter!!" **Sue**

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LETTERS

Dear Mr. McGinnis

I am a native of Mississippi, but have been working here in the Frankfurt (Germany) area for almost 20 years. Of course, I get homesick, and the **Pom Reader** has meant more to me than you could ever imagine. I appreciate its typically American, entertaining informality, which is combined with very relevant, pertinent information and essential expert advice so valuable to every Pom owner.

The summer here was cold and rainy, but this did not deter German breeders from showing their beautiful dogs. The larger shows are usually in the spring or fall, but the summer is loaded with Specialties.

Here in Germany we likewise have, besides the tiny Poms, the German Kleinspitz (Small Spitz, 9-11 inches), the Mittelspitz (Middle Spitz, 11-14½ inches) and the Keeshond (called the Wolspitz, over 16 inches at the withers) in the typical wolf-sable color as known in the States, but also in *pure WHITE* and in *jet BLACK!* The Poms (here called Zwergspitz, meaning dwarf spitz) were bred down here and in England from the Kleinspitz, which before that was derived probably from the larger varieties.

The German Kleinspitz (Small Spitz, 9-11 inches at the withers) is the most popular variety here now. Due to space shortage here, the Giant Spitz varieties in pure white and jet black are becoming extremely rare, as are the Middle Spitz varieties. It is such a shame that these older, probably *original* varieties, from which our Poms developed, will probably be extinct in a very few years, unless something is done fast.

Now that ear-cropping will be legally prevented as of January 1 (1987), I predict also a decline in the popularity of the old German Pinscher here, too, which is even now represented in very small numbers.

Enclosed are some "Notes" I put together last year for the **Pomeranian Review**, published in the July 1985 issue. All of this information was derived from secondary literature, so I cannot swear as to how valid the historical data are.

Also I have enclosed some snapshots of Small German Kleinspitz, which correspond to larger Poms (9-11 inches, 5-9 pounds), the most popular colors of which are pure White and jet Black. The most beautifully-coated chocolates you ever laid eyes on - *dark, dark* - are produced here, too. The Germans have always felt that Reds and Oranges, with or without sable, were British developments. Occasionally, a wolf-sable may appear in a litter of Black x Black matings, but since the War (WWII) there have been no breeders left to cultivate a color breeding program of Wolf-Sables, except of course in the Wolfspitz or Keeshonds.

I wish you much continued success with the **Pom Reader**, and I will be looking forward hearing from you.

Most sincerely, **Bill Ledbetter**/West Germany

Dear Bill

Many thanks for the article - Part I appears in this very issue, and we are looking forward to your report on the **German Federal Championship Show** in Dortmund, probably the largest All-Breed show on the continent. —JMCG

Dear Joe —

I always enjoy reading your editorials - this one made me sick when I read of someone throwing something into the crate - thank goodness it was not toxic. I had an experience once when I left a dog unattended for only a couple of minutes: A Champion female that had won Group I on Saturday and Sunday the weekend before. What she was given was strychnine. Even with a vet's help - she went quickly. Someone had to be watching my every move to commit this crime. Was it jealousy?

Also, your accounting of the trucker and the Pom caught my eye for some seven or eight years ago I sold a tiny excellent Pom to a trucker - the dog's name was **Mindy**. Two years later he visited me to show me Mindy. He was driving a big semi with a space back of the driver for a bed & hot plate & cooking facilities. He was so proud of his pal "Mindy" - talked about nothing else. He also had his name & "Mindy" on the side of the truck. I don't remember if his name was **Bill** but I'd like to take odds that it was. Small world. Keep up the good editorials, for one never knows what they will find. As ever, **Edna Girardot**/Floral Park, MD
And Duane Doll thought I made that up! Thanks for writing, and continued good luck! —JMCG

Dear Sirs,

Please enter my subscription to your **Pom Reader** magazine. I bought my first Pomeranian in March and I am absolutely thrilled with him. I am also very interested in finding out all I can about the Breed. I am hoping your

magazine will help in that area.

I find when reading ads that there are many terms used in connection with Poms that I am unfamiliar with. For example - what does parti-colored mean? I am also interested in the different colors of Poms and what each looks like, etc. Also, when breeding 2 different colored Poms, how does one know what color the pups are going to be since Poms change in color so much from puppies to adult?

Will your publication help me in answering these and other questions? I hope so.

Thank you, **Connie Ramsey**/Harrison, AR

Dear Connie,

*It's interesting that you write just now, what with the first Parti-Color Champion on our cover this month, and **Bill Ledbetter's** comments about color breeding and coat colors in Europe.*

The American Kennel Club Standard for the Pomeranian (approved October 14, 1980) describes coat color in the following manner: **Color**— Acceptable colors to be judged on an equal basis; any solid color, any solid color with lighter or darker shadings of the same color, any solid color with sable or black shadings, parti-color, sable, and black & tan. Black & tan is black with tan or rust, sharply defined, appearing above each eye and on muzzle, throat, and forechest, on all legs and feet and below the tail. Parti-color is white with any other color distributed in even patches on the body and a white blaze on head. A white chest, foot, or leg on a whole-colored dog (except white) is a major fault.

The Open Classes at Specialty shows may be divided by color as follows: Open Red, Orange, Cream & Sable; Open Black, Brown & Blue; Open Any Other Allowed Color.

As to color breeding - many things come into play, far too much to touch upon here. **Vikki Powell** is presently giving an overview of genetics, and we hope to take an in-depth look at color-breeding soon.

A forty-year veteran of judging once remarked to me: "Color is the first thing you see, and the last thing you look at." I took this to mean that in her eyes, although it the most immediately obvious characteristic of the dogs in the ring, the color is the least important thing, and only comes into play when all other attributes are equal. To some people it is *most* important. It's all a matter of taste. But one of my favorite statements came from a long-time breeder: "If you have a puppy born, be glad. If you get two puppies, be thrilled. If you have more than that, be ecstatic. But if you have a puppy born that is healthy, correct, and also your favorite color..."

thank Heaven!"— **JMCG**

Dear Joe:

I have moved to the address above. Please change the address on my subscription as I would not like to miss any issues of **The Pom Reader**. I enjoy your magazine very much. I'm especially pleased that it is published monthly. Helps me keep up to date on what's happening now.

As this year's chairwoman of the hospitality committee for the **Northern California Pomeranian Club's** Specialty Show on November 20, 1986, I would like to personally invite you to attend. We will be hosting a free dinner in our hospitality center on the show grounds right after the judging. Please let me know if you plan to attend and the number in your party so I can plan the amount of food to prepare. I hope to see you there. I'll be

the one in the apron and smile. Sincerely, **Ms. Nancy C. Parker**
Hospitality Committee, Member Board of Directors
Northern California Pomeranian Club

4846 A San Pablo Dam Road, El Soliant, CA 94803

Dear Nancy: Thank you very much, and if there's any way, I'll be there! If not, we'll still give you full coverage. Best of luck for a record entry! —JMCG

Dear Joe:

A note of thanks to the **Pom Reader** for doing such a fine job (wish I had known about it a few years back) and a thank you, also, for putting us in touch with some of the nicest Pom people I have met. Without the **Pom Reader** we may never have made the contact.

A *super big thank you* to **Janet Hovey** of **JD's Pompous Poms** for allowing us to purchase **Colt**. Without Janet's honesty, help and trust in us I doubt we would have been able to purchase such a fine first show prospect. We all have big hopes for **Colt** and just know he'll do us all proud.

Sincerely,

Mary & Hansel Marchbanks/ Buena Park, CA

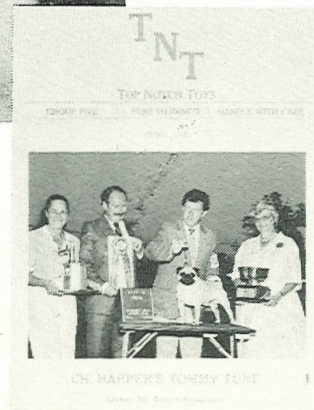
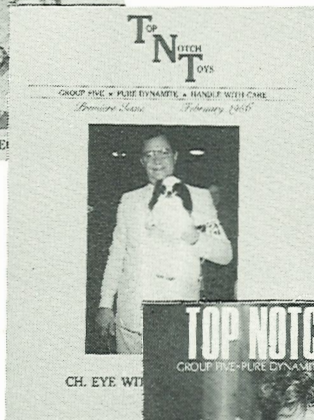
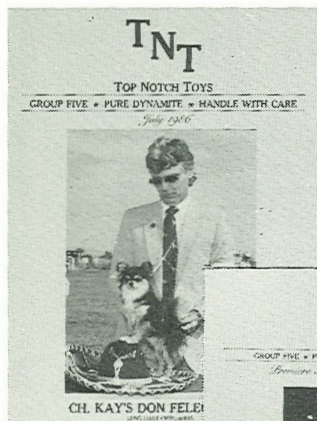
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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM

Jason
Perhaps you don't recognize me - I'm the new kid on the block. This was my first time in the **big ring** - thank you judge **Morris Howard** for making it so much fun! (Jeanne enjoyed it, too!) But now she tells me I still need my majors...what next?
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Jason



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