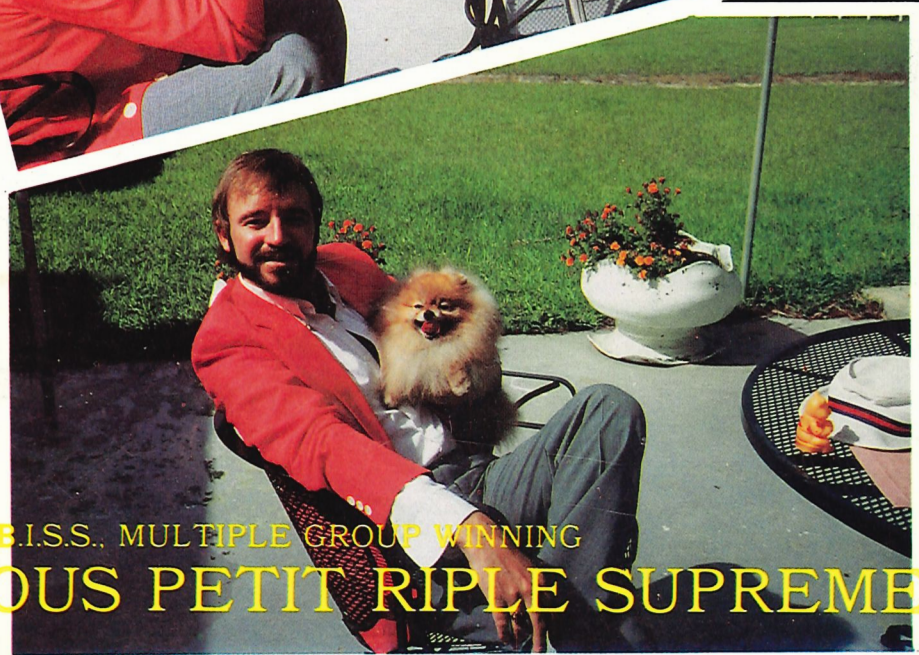


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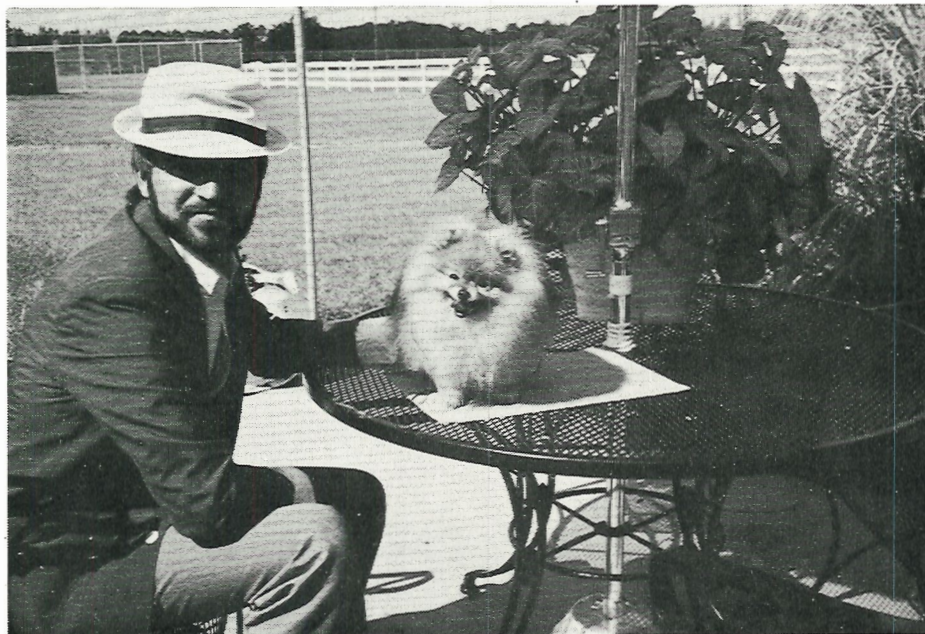
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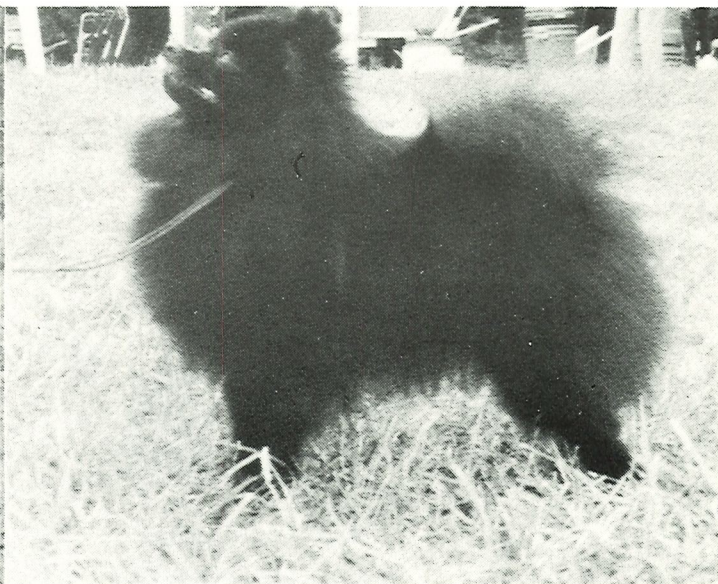
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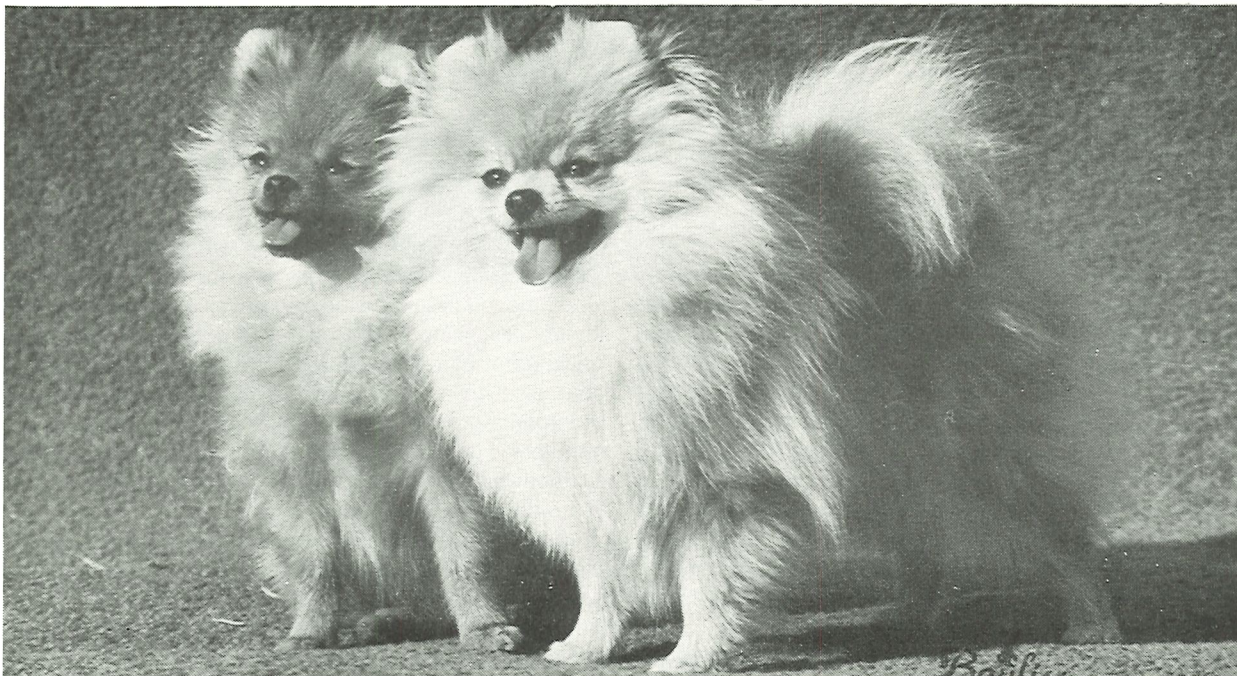
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SHOWSIGHT - FROM THE EDITOR

In recent months much reference has been made to majors, and points, and when to show, and when not to. Now, the very first thing I learned was the old rule of thumb: If you need singles, show at anything, but if you need a major, skip the little shows. And I have tried to live by that if at all possible, but there is an exception to every rule, and now I shall tell you the heartbreaking story... **THE SAGA OF COCO, THE HARD LUCK BITCH:** Once upon a time, at a show



far away, a young lady named Coco almost got herself and her breeder-owner-handlers *murdered*. Now you see, Coco was a beauty, and was trying to uphold the family tradition, that is, being Champions. Coco's mother had had two litters - the first, two boys and one girl, all finished from the puppy class. Coco was in the second litter; two boys and two girls - the two boys finished from the puppy class, the other girl was *too tiny*, but Coco was just right.

But she couldn't find her majors. She had several times taken Best of Breed from the puppy class over Specials, but this was in the days before you got to count the Champions to add to the points. So, low and behold, Coco was fast approaching her first birthday, lacking a major.

Coco was depressed. What was she to do? Was she to prove an embarrassment to her Mother and Father? Coco's breeder-owner-handlers entered every show they could - the entry was always one short of a major, or when they got there, the major was broken. Once they drove from Florida to Pennsylvania, only to find the major had broken. This went on and on - Coco was fast approaching the eighteen-month mark, and still needing a major. They were getting desperate - they had entered 32 shows and no majors were to be had...oh yes, there were *two* majors along the way - and both times Coco went Reserve to her kennel mate **Fidget**, six months old, too cute for words. This did not improve relations in Coco's family, nor between the breeder-owner-handlers, one of whom had twice defeated the other.

But finally there were two days of majors - right on the money. No room to spare - everybody had to show up, or else no major. So the first day came along, and everyone was there. Coco won - a Champion at last! Tears flowed freely, the breeder-owner-handlers were very proud. But the celebration came to a screeching halt. The other exhibitors gathered around and said, "*What do we do now? If you don't show Coco on Sunday, the major is broken and it's the last show of the year!*" The breeder-owner/handlers went into a hurried huddle. The chance must be taken for the good of all. One of the breeder/owner/handlers, being a little gutsier than the other, called the other exhibitors over - every last one of them - and said, "*All right. We'll show Coco if you want, but if she wins I don't want to hear one complaint. Not one complaint, understood?*" "Oh thank you, thank you, the other exhibitors chorused - we'll be forever grateful!" And they all proceeded to have a party for Coco.

HOW SOON THEY FORGET Department: And speaking of parties and bitches, or parti bitches, or none of the above, there was a whale of a party for a parti bitch many years ago - to celebrate the championship of **Madame Butterfly**, who was the first parti-color Pom to finish to her title in the U.S.: our last month's cover dog, **Ch. Prestigious Pee Wee Parti** was the first parti-color male. Any others out there nearing the 15-point mark?

But getting back to **Coco**, the Hard Luck Bitch. The next day dawned bright and early, and everyone gathered at the ring. "*Coco looks AWFULLY good this morning.*" one exhibitor noted dryly. The breeder-owner-handler replied, "*She doesn't look any different than she did yesterday.*" Another exhibitor queried, "*Are you going to show her yourself? My Doberman handler-friend would be glad to*

take her in for you." The breeder-owner-handler replied, "*No, she's my baby, and no one else has ever shown her. You asked me to show her, and I'll show her. I could be home swimming by now, you know.*" And so the judging started. "**Congratulations on finishing her YESTERDAY!**" the other exhibitors said, REAL LOUD. "**Yes, congratulations on finishing your OPEN BITCH NUMBER 23 YESTERDAY!**"

And then the fun started. Knowing that Coco moved like the wind, everyone lined up so she couldn't go in first. Knowing that Coco was a chow hound somehow her package of bait disappeared. And knowing that Coco had lots of coat, and it was very windy, someone quickly borrowed Coco's brush and forgot to give it back. Well, thought the breeder-owner-handlers, I guess it doesn't matter, she's already a champion, so let them play their games, and we'll go home, true to our word. We didn't break the major.

But something went very wrong along the way. When Coco took the Open Class a collective frown appeared around the ring. Loud noises came from nowhere when Coco was gaiting for Winners. But the griping and complaining when Coco took the points were something to behold. Looks of hatred were aimed at the breeder-owner-handlers and Coco, too. After they made the photo, and thanked the judge, the breeder-owner-handlers returned to the grooming area, where all their friends were set up next to them. *Everyone was gone.* And the breeder-owner-handlers were Not Invited to the party that night: After all, they had stolen a major that they didn't need, the crooks.

The breeder-owner-handlers went home feeling torn - should they have done their best to make Coco look weird? Should they have dumped iced tea on her to make her look ugly? Kicked her in the butt to make her gait goofy? How does one make a good bitch look bad?

So even though she was a Champion, the Hard Luck Bitch's Luck remained hard. After a rather subdued private party between Coco and her breeder-owner-handlers to celebrate her title, Coco retired. Coco had nothing else to prove, after all, she had finished *twice*. Why was it so disappointing? Was she to be forever hated, known by all the rest as the Bitch That Took Our Major?

As time went on the breeder-owner-handlers were once again Invited to Parties. Everyone is their friend, everybody loves them and their lovely bitch Coco that finished the year before at these same shows. But what's this? A major on the nose? Both days this weekend? And Coco's daughter Kicki just needs one major to finish?

This true story is, unfortunately, to be continued, and next month I shall tell **THE SAGA OF COCO'S DAUGHTER KICKI, THE NO GOOD BITCH**. But this breeder-owner-handler wouldn't change a thing, after all, Coco is always home, and *she's* always ready for a party.

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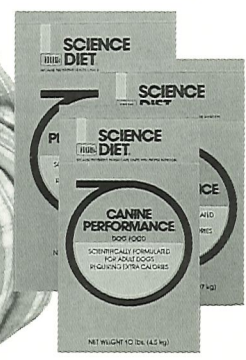
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TOP TEN EXHIBITORS

JANUARY THRU OCTOBER 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 JANUARY THRU OCTOBER 1986 AKC GAZETTE.

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GENERALLY SPEAKING

Susan Wade

ONIONS, GARLIC, and HONEY...what do they have in common??? Well, two of them produce bad breath, one is sweet...Give up? *All three have curative powers!* That's right, all three of them appear in remedies for illness going back to (and beyond) the Roman Empire. Sound a bit foolish to you? Well, open your minds, folks, today's scientists are "re-discovering" the medicinal properties in lots of the plants and foods that we grow up with and take for granted.

I'm not old enough to remember the great flu epidemic of 1918 (I wasn't even a gleam in my father's eye), but my mother remembered it well. People died by the hundreds and some who survived, were left with permanent damage - respiratory weakness or brain damage from the high fever.



My parents and their families??? No flu and hardly a sniffle. My grandmother's remedy? **Garlic!** In soup, salads, meats and sometimes in beverages. The kids chewed on bits of garlic between meals and slept with garlic between their gums and teeth. My grandmother was a firm believer in garlic!

In 1965, a flu outbreak threatened Russia - the government *FLEW IN* a 500-ton emergency supply of garlic. During the winter of 1972-1983, thousands of deaths were reported in major European cities - the London flu epidemic - however, the epidemic in Italy was a mild form and only a few isolated cases were reported in Southern Italy. (Everyone knows that Italy is a nation of garlic eaters). When the Great Plague swept through Europe in the fourteenth century, it was recorded that those people who ate regular, substantial amounts of garlic escaped the dreaded "black death". In the seventeenth century Great Plague of London, **Daniel Defoe** and **Samuel Pepys** both immortalized one family that completely escaped infection. Their home contained vast stores of garlic in the kitchen and cellar.

The medicinal use of garlic has a centuries-old history that goes back to 3000 B.C. The Babylonians used it as both food and medicine, as did the ancient Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Arabians, Egyptians, and many other Far Eastern and Middle Eastern peoples. Muhammed recommended garlic to his followers; Hippocrates prescribed it for intestinal complaints and infectious diseases; Galen (the Roman physician) called garlic "an antidote to poison"; Pliny believed in it and even Dioscorides (official physician for the Roman army) prescribed garlic as a vermifuge and as a remedy for all respiratory and intestinal ailments!!

In more recent times, the British government during World War I, bought thousands of tons of garlic to treat wounded soldiers returning from the front. As late as World War II, the Russians placed peeled, cut cloves of garlic around the edges of battle-wounds to speed healing and check infection.

Garlic is often referred to as Nature's Antibiotic, Poor Man's Penicillin, or Russian penicillin. The active factor in garlic is a chemical called **Allicin**. While commercial antibiotics will destroy friendly bacteria as well as the unfriendly, Allicin destroys only the dangerous germs. Also unlike the commercial preparations, garlic uses a suffocating effect on them. The Allicin and other chemicals in garlic oil unite with virus matter and inactivate it by destroying the germs' oxygen metabolism. In effect, close contact with garlic literally asphyxiates germs.

Folk fantasy? Not true! Much research has been done in various parts of the world on garlic and its curative properties. In Denmark, a physician in a health resort at Humlebaek says that colds are almost unknown in their establishment - feel a cold coming on? Put garlic in your mouth on both sides between the cheeks and the teeth - in a few hours (or at least within a day) the cold is gone! **[Ed note - and so are all your friends-JMcG] Dr. Albert Schweitzer** adapted garlic therapy for colds and related infections in his jungle clinic in Africa. **Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt** ate three honey-covered cloves of garlic every morning as an aid to mental sharpness.

High blood pressure, low blood pressure, respiratory ailments, mental sharpness, intestinal problems (including worms), a wound dressing, acne, scratches, and last (but certainly not least) a mosquito repellent! Yep! Garlic can help with all of these things. With all this going for it, can you blame Central European Natives for believing that garlic has the power to repel werewolves???

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The not-so-lowly onion has long been used in folk remedies for all kinds of problems, colds, fevers, coughs, lung and chest congestion, burns, etc. Electrobiologists may have found the answer to the onion's healing powers. It has been discovered that the onion emits an ultraviolet ray called *Mitogenic Radiation* (M Rays). These radiations appear to stimulate the cell activity and rejuvenate the entire system. M Rays are also emitted by garlic and ginseng. Most important, however, is the finding that an electrical field, similar to M Rays, is emitted by penicillin. A substance called **Allicepum** has been extracted from onions. Allicepum has been found especially helpful for patients with weak hearts, high blood pressure, and hardening of the arteries. It reduces cholesterol and improves circulation in the arteries.

In New England, honey is used for almost anything and everything. Head cold? Chew a bit of honey comb - your head will clear up. Put honey on a burn, honey (mixed with lemon juice) for a cough. Anemic? Have some honey! Can't sleep and need a sedative? Honey is the answer. Need a laxative? Honey and barley water. The list goes on and on.

It has long been said that honey will kill germs. This theory was put to the test at the **Colorado Agriculture College** in Fort Collins. **Dr. W. G. Sackett**, a bacteriologist placed various disease germs in a pure honey medium and waited. With a few hours' time, or at most in a few days, each of the disease microorganisms died. Dr. Sackett's tests were cuplicated by the **Bureau of Entomology** in Washington D.C. and the **Division of Bacteriology** in Ottawa, Canada.

One reason for its germ-killing prowess is potassium. Bacteria cannot live without moisture and the potassium in the honey withdraws all moisture from the bacteria.

How does this all relate to our dogs? Well, I don't know anything better to combat dehydration than honey-water. I routinely give honey to any dog who is recuperating from an illness or from surgery. My bitches are given honey while carrying a litter and while nursing their babies. When I mix the food for my crew, I always add garlic and onion powder, brewers yeast and two or three tablespoons of honey. When I cook liver for the show ring, the garlic, onion, and honey go in.

In most of the books on natural rearing or natural diets for dogs, you will find these three things mentioned very frequently, whether as a routine additive or in the medicinal category. A Vet in this area says that if you are going to wean a puppy with finely chopped ground beef, you should also add a small amount of very finely chopped onion! He never told me why - just told me to do it!

As scientists continue to do research and are "rediscovering" the medicinal value of various foods, the list of antibiotic plants grows by leaps and bounds. The group of people who want to raise healthy animals in a more natural way is growing, too. I doubt that we can ever convert to a completely natural diet for our animals, but there is much that we can do in the way of adding natural things to their diets. Perhaps more on this at a later time.

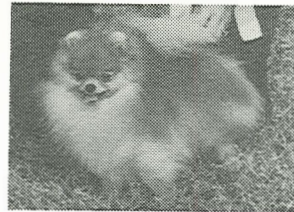
I would welcome any information regarding experiences you may have had in using natural foods and medications. If you write, may I quote you?

Susan

P.S. All the above information has been gleaned from a number of books, including **Folk Medicine** by **D. C. Jarvis, M.D.**, **Natural Folk Remedies** by **Lelord Kordel** and **Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide To Natural Health For Dogs and Cats** by **Richard H. Pitcairn, DVM, PhD** and **Susan Hubble Pitcairn**.

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GENETICS: PART III

The very first comments I ever heard about breeding dogs centered around the terms "linebreeding", "pedigree", and "type". Even in a neophyte stage of comprehension about genetics I grasped the importance of linebreeding to a good breeding program, for it made perfect sense. It was only upon further study that I realized the full import of "linebreeding" as well as the inherent dangers. A favorite roundtable discussion amongst dog fanciers seems to be whether type- or line-breeding is superior, when in actuality to do either *without regard* for the other is folly.

In technical terms, the word "phenotype" is used to describe the dog's outward *visible* characteristics. The word "genotype" is used to describe the dog's genetic makeup, encompassing all the traits you cannot see as well as its "type". A pedigree is a tool breeders use to find out as much as they can about a dog's ancestors since the breeder may not have seen any of these dogs. A conscientious breeder retains all information about any dogs he or she may be interested in for later use, integrating wins and quality of offspring into this information bank so as to better critique a pedigree. As I mentioned last time, it can be a mistake to breed to a big winner solely on the virtues of his show career, for *show wins do not necessarily make good pups*. The following example gives you, the breeder, a hypothetical breeding to play with...what would you do with this potential breeding, and also the one that follows?

Suppose the top-winning dog is beautiful, has everything you think you want to combine with your linebred bitch and the stud dog lives only 25 miles away. You have perused the pedigree, made inquiries into the dogs' lineage, seen some of his offspring and everything looks good on paper. However, you have turned up two things in your studies you don't like: None of the stud's offspring have near his exemplary "type", *and*, All of them have a coat texture you don't like...Your bitch's coat is not her strongest point but the stud dog himself has a wonderful coat texture. What do you do now? Do you go ahead and breed to him anyway, blaming all the problems on the bitches he was bred to? Or do you think twice about that pedigree you studied, becoming critical of a linebreeding for the mere sake of line breeding due to the fact that the breeder of the stud has cemented in certain undesirable traits through his injudicious linebreeding?

It is surely a dilemma, but one that is easily rectified. Find another dog that has the type you want but does not carry the problem with him in his pedigree. Unless, of course, you are hell-bent on breeding to that top winner no matter what, in which case you simply pay your money and take your chances. The problem with that is that dog breeding is a respected science, not a gambling trip to Vegas, and as we talked about a few months back, reputable breeders view it as a serious business. The future of your breed and the sport of purebred dogs rests on all breeders' shoulders.

So how do you approach the question of whether to type- or pedigree-breed? Scientifically, let's look at a beautiful example of a potential linebreeding that would produce the type you desire,



but in your careful study of the common ancestors you discover a few very important genetic traits.

Hypothesis: Assign the letter "A" to the bitch's maternal grandfather and "B" to her maternal grandmother. Now assign the letter "AA" to the stud's mother, because she is also dog "A's" litter sister. Assign "BB" to the stud's paternal grandmother because she is dog "B's" full sister from a repeat breeding. Make further note of this fact: dog "A" is also the bitch's paternal grandfather as well. What you have here is a very pretty linebred pedigree which on paper looks great and should really produce well for you. *But...* here are the problems the prospective breeder turned up with research. Dog "A" died of complications stemming from kidney problems. He had a grandson who was out of his litter sister, dog "AA", that died at a very young age of kidney failure, and two of the grandchildren of dogs "A" and "AA" have very serious kidney problems at a very young age. If you linebreed the bitch and the stud, you will be doubling and tripling on these problems. Are you willing to take that chance to produce some typey linebred pups? To further complicate this scenario, let's talk about dogs "B" and "BB" ...both have severe skin problems and light eyes, a fault in this hypothetical breeding. Not only does the pretty-on-paper breeding have the potential kidney problems, but you now have the added possible skin problems and light eyes (a fault) to your typey line breeding. Now what do you do?

My scenarios are in no way meant to say that linebreeding or pedigree breeding is bad, any more than an occasional outcross of pure type breeding is bad. Every one of these ways of breeding are valid and good when *used correctly*. It is your job as the breeder to understand the pitfalls (like the above mentioned cases) as well as to recognize the advantages of whatever type of breeding you are looking for at that time. Be judicious in your practices and your genetic choices for you are the artist creating the final picture, the ultimate dog. Always understand that for all the virtues there are in pedigree breeding, said breeding is *only as good as its components*, the stud dog and the brood bitch, *and their ancestors*. It can be the best breeding in the world on paper, but if the vital components, the genes, do not measure up to what you want, you *will not get what you want*. Think about the virtues of the dogs in question, not the virtues of pedigree vs. type breeding or outcrossing. Genetically it is to your advantage as a breeder to use linebreeding to cement in wonderful qualities *if* you can find complimentary specimens free (as much as is feasible) of genetic faults, illnesses, etcetera. You *can* do it; top breeders do it daily with great success. Always strive for the best possible breeding, even if it means *waiting*, for it is better to get what you want than to keep failing because you are not using the "right ingredients". Remember, what you breed is a reflection on *you and your good kennel name*.

To all of you I wish many healthy, happy, beautiful puppies!

Until next time...

Vikki

Ask Shu-Shu!



The following has been rated "I & I" (insulting and insolent). Please don't take a personal offense against Shu-Shu's contemptuous conduct. Continue to write - we love hearing from you. (Letters may be condensed to fit available space.)

Dear Shu-Shu:

Stop being so arrogant! you are not the most beautiful Pom in the world because I am. This fact is very clear to me in the show ring, and I am surprised that all of the Judges are not smart enough to agree.

Ch. Bonner's Pendant Challenge San Antonio, Texas

Dear Ch. Bonner's Pendant Challenge;

REALLY NOW! Must we brag on how we look in the ring? Last time I was in the "ring", it popped and I had to doggie paddle back to shore. I'll briefly stop being so arrogant if you secretly let me know a few intelligent Judges that will 'Championize' me, knowing the attributes I carry, such as my cute overbite, missing teeth, my wagging high rear, my alluring soft silky coat and neuterization scar. I'm one of a kind and when I get to the top, I'll put in a good word for you, too!



'ch'. **Shu-Shu** (pending ANYBODY'S confirmation)

Dear Shu-Shu:

Hey, Shu-Shu, I hear you are on the road traveling the show circuit. I'm looking forward to meeting you, but on the other hand I wonder what you are doing out there. YOU ARE NEVER ENTERED!!!

A Mystery Friend/Ohio

Dear Mystery Friend:

There are more important things in life besides hanging ones' self from a small piece of twine, running around a boring ring with ones' tongue hanging out, while trying to look interested in a piece of moldy and slimy liver that is "wagged" in front of your face from time to time just for you to whiff, not to taste. You know what I mean, the handler has this fat cheek on one side of his face like he has had an impacted tooth for days? He thinks he is doing you a great service by whipping out this piece of repulsive liver he has been sucking on for goodness knows how long and he expects you to jump for joy when he shows it to you after there are "people" germs on it. Give me a break! I prefer to smell the grass, ride in the comforts of our vehicle while on mom's lap, stopping for lunch at my favorite spot for French Fries, checking in and out of motels and above all, what everyone seems to like best about the shows...SOCIALIZING! Why, I even got to meet that seductive hunk Jason, that has Jeanne Stafford at the end of his lead. My big chance and mom had to go and make me one of those girls that is "out of commission".

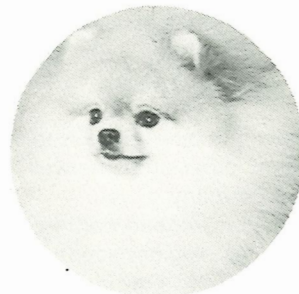
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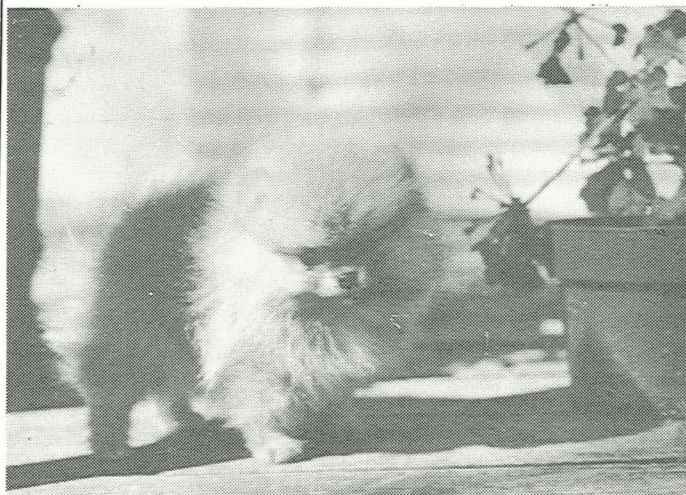


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September has certainly been a busy month. This is a great time of the year for area shows. the **Western Pomeranian Club** is holding their Specialty on October 11th in Chicago, and the Chicago International is being held the following day. Hope to see several Pom fanciers there.

I have gotten several letters and calls on a very touchy subject: **Major Breaking**. Therefore, I am going to dedicate this month's article to this, and catch up on

news next month.

Everyone in this area knows how hard it is to find majors, and I'm sure this is true of many other areas as well. Let me tell a story that should be familiar to many of you.

FLUFFY is a gorgeous Pom, indeed worthy of her Championship. She has done quite well, gaining her needed singles very fast. But now for those majors! So Fluffy's owners start frantically entering each and every upcoming show within 6 hours' drive in hopes of finding those majors. They even enter some of their other bitches hoping to build points, after all, none of these could possibly beat Fluffy, right? Some of these entries come back, and hoorah! There are majors! So Fluffy is all groomed to perfection, the van is loaded, and off they go.

The four hour drive passes quickly as all thoughts are on Fluffy's major win today. It is now 10 minutes to show time, and Fluffy has never looked better. They go ringside to chat for a few minutes with fellow exhibitors, and **OH NO! Tinkerbelle's** owners have scratched her! How dare they, now Fluffy's major has broken. After they drove 4 hours to this show, someone has the nerve to pull their dog!

Sound familiar? I'm sure almost all of you have been in this situation. But how many of you have taken the time to ask why a dog was pulled? If Fluffy's owners had asked, they might have heard that Fluffy picked up a cold, or started limping this morning, or worse yet, died of Parvo last week! Nobody wants to break a major; we all need them! Sometimes it cannot be helped. I think that too many of us out there are getting caught up in the winning, and forgetting that we are supposed to be having fun! For instance, what about those exhibitors that continue showing their dogs in the classes after they have finished? I realize that it makes good sense to get that extra "security" point, but let's not get carried away. The same goes with showing a dog at the 1 and 2 point shows when you only need majors. I know of a dog that finished with over **25 points!** Let's face it, the dog show game is not always an honest one. Let's pull together; we need each other! Without the fellow exhibitors, where would we find any points?

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You Can't Tell A Book By Its Cover...The Story of PANDORA

An army couple from Alaska brought Pandora to see me, hoping to find her a good home as they were anticipating an overseas assignment. They had decided not to keep her after she had bitten their two-year-old who had crawled under the bed after the Pom who had retreated there. The couple had bought Pandora in Alaska some four years previously, and her pedigree was filled with pet stock which accounted for her short coat and lack of standard perfection. Her hearty ancestors had given her soundness with a loving disposition, but she was a very large Pom with an extremely foxy appearance accentuated by a longer muzzle and ears that almost came together on a slightly narrowed head.

I agreed to keep Pandora until the right home could be found. She made the best of the situation in a backyard dog house and exhibited enthusiasm for guard duties, being considerably more of a "doggy" dog than others of her breed. Later, earning complete freedom around the house, I noticed she was sleeping in the flower bed under my bedroom window where a hollow had been dug. This bonding attempt definitely weakened me to the extent of deciding that Pandora could be a permanent member of our family.

Fall rains came with cooler weather, and before I could voice any concern, husband, Frank, had opened his outside bedroom door, and Pandora became a house dog. Frank's bathroom was her own den with her bed in the corner. She was anxious to

please and so adept in caring for herself that loving her was easy. Because of being somewhat isolated from the other Poms, visitors seldom saw her, but in our eyes, her appearance improved though the years. When out of the house, she was free to roam the place; a privilege forbidden to the other less competent Poms. She never ventured far, except as my shadow in walks around the ranch where she would occasionally find, and bring to me undamaged, a tiny bunny from a mother's nest.

We bred Pandora once to a super male to upgrade; She self-whelped easily and was a good little mother, requiring no extra thought or care. They produced a large litter of puppies who were sold quickly as pets. One nice female was shipped to the East with all details known to the buyer. To my amazement, this puppy was recently discovered in the background of a famous champion.

Pandora lived with us for eight happy years, finally reaching the point where she could barely stand and had to be carried out and in. She missed Frank dreadfully after he died but maintained her vigil in his empty bedroom. One morning she failed to get out of her bed and died in her sleep shortly afterward. In spite of lacking the physical qualities of a perfect Pom, she was a pretty dog and we enjoyed her sojourn with our family.

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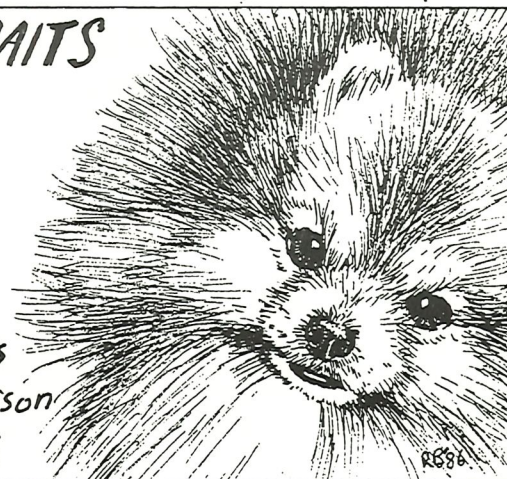
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 A M E R I C A _____ nection with the **Oak Ridge Kennel Club Show**. The exhibit will be on view through June 7. Thereafter, the show is scheduled to travel to the following kennel club shows across the country: **Santa Barbara Kennel Club**, July 1986; **Astro World Series of Dog Shows**, Houston, August 1986; **Eastern Kennel Club**, Boston, November 1986; **The Golden Gate Kennel Club**, San Francisco, February 1987; **The Colorado Kennel Club**, Denver, February 1987; **The International Kennel Club**, Chicago, March 1987; and **The Iams Technical Center**, Dayton, April 1987.

Made possible by a grant from **The Iams Company**, Dayton, Ohio, manufacturer of high nutrition dog and cat food, this exhibition highlights the 1,049 mile **Alaskan Iditarod** - the longest and most arduous sled dog race in the world. The selection of color photographs by **Chris Caffee** and official race photographer, **Jeff Schultz**, illuminate the severe arctic weather and the stamina of the powerful teams of mushers and sled dogs in an event that has been termed, "*the last great race on earth*".

Until the 1950's, the Iditarod Trail was the main route for mail, supplies and gold from the southern coastal town of Seward to the interior mining town of Iditarod ("distant place") and on to Nome in the north. The dog sled was the only mode of transportation in the winter months.

In 1925, these trails were used to race life-saving serum to diphtheria-stricken Nome. Through blizzard conditions and sub-zero temperatures, mushers raced over the 25 day trail to arrive in Nome five and one-half days later with the serum. A life-size statue of **Balto**, the lead dog on the final stretch into Nome, stands in New York's Central Park. The inscription reads, in part:

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The Iditarod: Sled Dog Racing in the North is an exhibition organized by the **Dog Museum of America**. The New York exhibition was co-ordinated by **Victor Jorge**, Iditarod contender who placed thirty-fifth in the 1985 race. Kennel Clubs interested in borrowing this exhibition should contact **Mr. William Secord** at the Museum, (212) 696-8350.

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- TOY GROUP THIRD.....75
- TOY GROUP FOURTH..... 25
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Statistician: Susan Wade. The following is the listing of the Top Twenty Pomeranians, as compiled from the JANUARY THRU OCTOBER 1986 AKC Gazette:

#1 Dog: CH. PRECIOUS PETITE'S GABRIEL

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| 1735 | CH. D-NEE'S DARIN DUFFIE (D)..... | - | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| 1655 | CH. GREAT ELMS PRINCE CHARMING II (D)... | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| *1440 | CH. DAISY'S LITTLE BIT OF JABIL (D)..... | - | 1 | - | - | 6 | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| *1440 | CH. PRECIOUS PETIT RIPLE SUPREME (D)..... | - | - | - | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| 1205 | CH. BI-MAR SUNDANCE KID (D)..... | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| 1140 | CH. HI TIMES KALEIDOSCOPE (B)..... | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| 1070 | CH. POMIRISH SCOOTER'S VICTORY (D)..... | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 17 |
| 1060 | CH. HILANE'S SONJA OF MAI T TOI (B)..... | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| 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 |
| 645 | CH. HARBIN'S TIME TO POP THE CORK (D)... | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 555 | CH. SOUTHLAND'S TOAST TO BEV-NOR (B).. | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| 525 | CH. APOLLOETTE FOOLISH PLEASURE (D).... | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| *475 | CH. BEV-NOR'S STATESMAN (D)..... | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 14 |
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