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CH. BEV-NOR 'N SOUTHLAND RAMBO

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AT THE APC SPECIALTY
AND THE GARDEN!**

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By now the January Circuit is history, thank heaven. This circuit is always fun, exciting, and extremely exhausting. Consisting of nine shows in ten days, and coming right on the heels of the holidays, the January Circuit is traditionally a thoroughly enervating experience. And of course, every year I get disgusted. Why do they hold the January Circuit in January? I think it's a lousy idea; let's change it.

February - we could hold the *January Circuit* in *February*! No, wait a minute - we can't. That's the month of the Garden and the APC Specialty, and that pretty much cancels out the month. This year the APC Specialty is again being held at the Roosevelt; **Morris Carson** is to do the Sweeps, and **Paula Hartinger** of Cincinnati, Ohio, will do the Regular Classes. Originally scheduled to judge, **E. W. Tipton Jr.** had to undergo surgery - he's fine, but had to cancel out on the Specialty. Best of luck to all!

And of course, then there's the Garden, my favorite show of the year. This year **Bill Bergum** of Ventura California, will judge Poms. Of course, the Garden is held at the perfect time of year; the weather in New York is delightfully unpredictable the second week of February. Through the years we have seen blizzards, pouring rain, unseasonable heat, and on rare occasion, perfect weather for strolling through the city. It all adds to the fun. Speaking of blizzards reminds me of the worst day we ever spent trying to get to the Garden.

My second mother Betsy often travels with us to shows, and one year we took her to the Garden. This trip started out just great. Rather than leave one of our cars at the airport, we decided to take the BETSY 21 - a rather formidable, very old vehicle with less than 18,000 miles on the odometer. We were blasting along the Interstate on the way to the airport when I heard a very strange sound. As I signaled to pull over, *KABOOM!* A tire blew out. This was the first time I ever learned that tires can wear out from *not* being used. Having insufficient time to wait for help, I proceeded to change the tire, getting grease and dirt all over my beige pants and light blue jacket; this little operation completed, we took off; we arrived at the airport with no time to spare - we threw the 19 pieces of luggage (neither Betsy nor I has ever learned to travel light) into the arms of the skycap, tossed Betsy into her wheelchair and broke the sound barrier going through Tampa International, arriving at the gate just in time to get dirty looks from the flight attendants.

Now, at this point I should explain about the wheelchair. Betsy has a problem with her feet; she can get about all right, but very slowly: therefore, whenever we are on uneven surfaces, or when speed is of the essence, Betsy rides and I propel. And since I have been pushing wheelchairs for people since I was about fourteen, I am an expert - I can get a wheelchair just about anywhere. There is also an added advantage to having Betsy in the wheelchair - you don't have to carry anything. We just pile everything on her lap, leaving her just enough of an opening to see forward, and proceed on our way.

Well, we were on our way to Manhattan, excited and flushed (albeit greasy), when the captain announced that the worst blizzard in history was at that very moment ravaging New York City; possibly there might be a delay in our arrival. *How Dare*, we said - nothing was going to get in the way of our trip! Apparently the captain thought so, too - he proceeded to land the plane at JFK with visibility *ZERO* - I'm not kidding. We rocked back and forth and the engines were screaming - all the passengers were holding hands and praying. All I can figure is that the captain must have had a hot date in Manhattan. We were the last plane allowed to



land at JFK; then the airport shut down tight.

And of course the limousines all went somewhere and hid. The taxis, too. After three hours of begging, we finally found a driver who would take us into Manhattan - at a price. We had to share the car with another party, so we were jammed in like sardines and could not reach the Scotch, which was becoming more necessary by the minute. The trip from JFK to the hotel

took 3½ hours - everywhere you looked cars were in ditches and streets were blocked, but our driver was a rather resourceful fellow; he went over curbs, around policemen and across someone's yard. We were speechless for a while; then the mood started to lighten, and we began to cheer him on - *GO! GO! GO!*, we would shout, and then *YAY!* when he would pull off another maneuver.

Finally we arrived at the hotel. After my usual fight with the management about the accommodations, we ventured out into the city. We went to our favorite deli, and ate; when it came time to pay the bill, I discovered that when I had changed my pants, my wallet had remained in the tire-damaged pair. Leaving Duane and Betsy as collateral, I went back to the hotel, and immediately ran into three friends who demanded I join them for a drink. Well, I was chilled, and decided that a little toddy of a medicinal nature would be in order.

Three drinks later I remembered Duane and Betsy cooling their heels at the deli. I quickly returned, bailed them out, and we all retired for the night.

The next day provided a side of Manhattan never seen before, at least in my experience. *Everything* was shut down; no traffic was moving in any direction, and we walked right down the middle of the street. People were laughing and talking to each other, helping each other across the snow drifts; in short, it was as if the whole city was taking part in a large celebration. However, we were in Manhattan, and were not about to miss out on gracious dining. That evening we headed out for dinner - all gussied up, Betsy swaddled in minks and pearls, we in dinner jackets. Having finally attained the services of a taxi, we ventured out into the unbelievably quiet Manhattan evening. Arriving at our destination, a Famous Fancy Restaurant, we alighted from the vehicle, attempted to navigate the curb, and here the unfortunate combination of Betsy's feet and inclement weather conditions held sway: *WHOOOPS!* - there went Betsy and I, you-know-what over teacup into a large snowdrift. The usually staid doorman was having a terrible time trying to control his mirth, but at least he tried, unlike some other individuals in evidence...all you could hear on the quiet night was Duane Doll absolutely howling with laughter. HA HA.

Now, you're probably wondering, *What does all this have to do with dogs?* Well, I have always found it absolutely wonderful that thousands of dog fanciers, from far and wide, converge upon the city of New York to attend the Westminster. You can go to dog shows, and go to dog shows, and go to dog shows, but the Garden is something else again. The accompanying festivities more than make up for the inconvenience of the trip; let's face it, there is no easy way to get into and around the city of New York with dogs, crates, X-pens, etcetera, and many times the trip can take on a nightmare quality. Yet, time and time again, everyone shows up.

The Garden is the ultimate celebration of Dogdom; nothing else provides the feeling of pride in the sport, the camaraderie of fanciers, and, well, the fun. **NEXT MONTH:** Complete coverage of this year's Garden and the APC Specialty. Our best to all, and see you in March!

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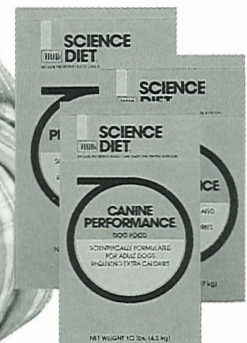
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WESTMINSTER UPDATE

111th WESTMINSTER ENTRY CLOSED WITH 2640 DOGS OF 139 BREEDS AND VARIETIES

T.E. BOALBEY, Public Relations: The entry for the 111th consecutive annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show closed with 2640 dogs of 139 breeds and varieties, according to **Chet Collier**, Show Chairman. The Show will be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 9th and 10th, at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The entry closed on December 24th with the mail that brought the 2500th entry, the Club's limit. This closing date was two weeks ahead of the official closing date, making it the earliest closing for Westminster in more than twenty years. Leading the entry are Poodles with 130 of the three varieties. There are 86 Golden Retrievers, 68 Rottweilers, 60 Akitas, 58 Dachshunds of the three varieties and 48 Yorkshire Terriers.

In order for a dog to be eligible for entry at Westminster, it must have been credited with one or more championship points. The breeds in the Working, Terrier, Non-Sporting and Herding groups will be benched and judged on Monday (1334 total) and the breeds in the Sporting, Hound, and Toy groups will be benched and judged on Tuesday (1306 total).

The judging panel will be headed by **Louis Auslander** of Lake Forest, IL, who will select Best in Show. The group judges will be: **John R. Lawreck**, Flemington, NY (Sporting); **Herman L. Fellton**, Marietta, GA (Hound); **Mrs. Bernard Freeman**, New York, NY (Working); **Glen M. Sommers**, Las Cruces, NM (Terrier); **Mrs. Keke Blumberg**, Huntington Valley, PA (Toy); **Miss Iris de la Torre Bueno**, New Rochelle, NY (Non-Sporting); and **J. D. Jones**, Marietta, GA (Herding).

WESTMINSTER TABULATION:

subject to minor change

The following is a listing of all Toy Breeds, the number

entered this year and the number entered last year.

Breed.....	1987	1986
Affenpinschers.....	6	16
Brussels Griffon.....	20	16
Chihuahua (long coat).....	11	22
Chihuahua (smooth coat)....	17	11
English Toy Spaniel (B & PC)	8	5
English Toy Spaniel (KC & R)	4	3
Italian Greyhound.....	13	11
Japanese Chin.....	10	14
Maltese.....	32	29
Toy Manchester Terrier.....	5	4
Miniature Pinscher.....	24	25
Papillon.....	15	16
Pekingese.....	30	22
Pomeranian.....	35	32
Toy Poodle.....	37	25
Pug.....	38	42
Shih Tzu.....	28	35
Silky Terrier.....	18	20
Yorkshire Terrier.....	48	59

[*Note:* Pomeranians will be judged on Tuesday, February 10th, at 3:50 p.m. in Ring 7, following 5 Toy Manchester Terriers. Breed judge is **Mr. William Bergum** of Ventura, California. Ring Stewards will be **Mrs. Grace M. Brewin** and **Mrs. Eric G. Lagercrantz**. The entry consists of: 12 class dogs, 6 class bitches, 10 specials dogs and 5 specials bitches.]

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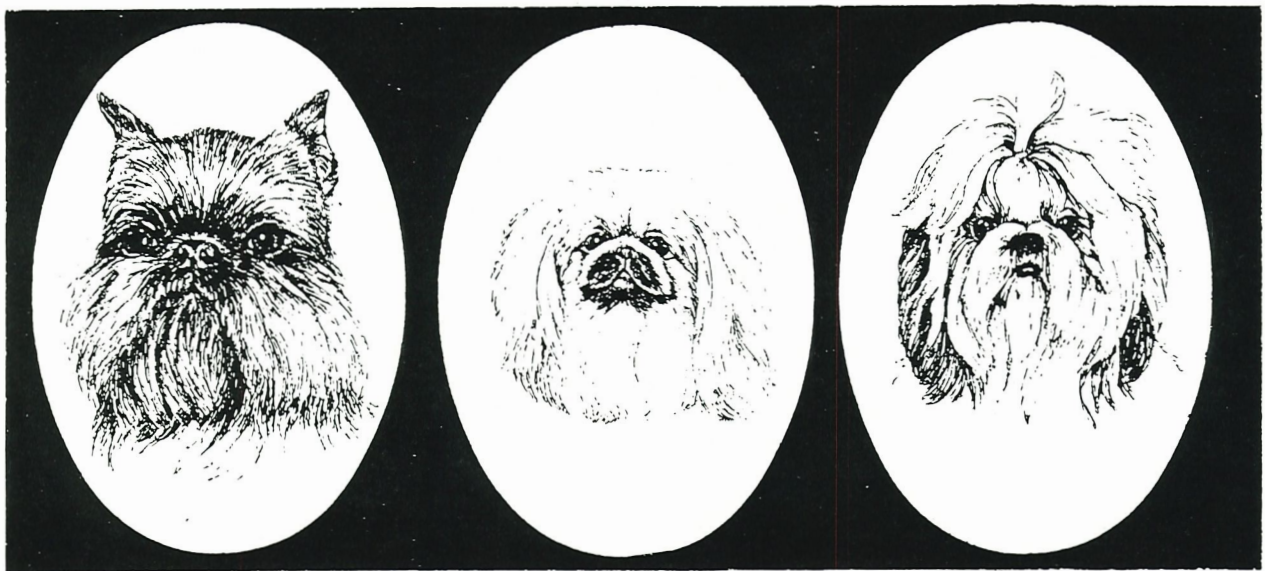
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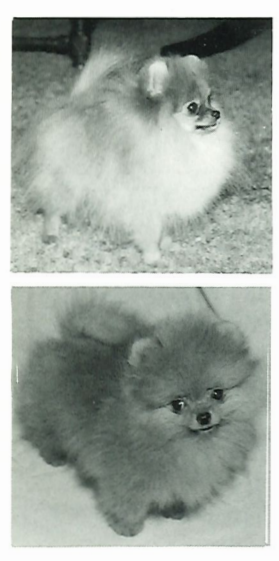


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by Susan Wade

I have just finished making a move! Though it was only about twenty miles, it seemed like an endless journey. The actual move was accomplished without lots of problems, but it was the packing and now the 'unpacking'! (I figure I might have that done around Valentine's Day...or maybe Easter.)

Lots of things found their way to Goodwill and the Salvation Army - haven't worn that outfit in two years? Probably never will so out it goes. Since I never cook for more than two or three, there were lots of kitchen things I didn't need - out that went! I was thoroughly enjoying just tossing things into piles and then out!!! Old dog collars and leads that had seen far better days, out-of-date medications, strange looking powders and liquids that had been pushed to the back of the cabinet - **out!** All the books were off the shelves - lots of paperbacks to take to the used book store. Think of all the weight I'm eliminating for the move!! I was feeling better and better - but then, I faced the huge pile of magazines (dog-type) that I have accumulated over the years - **no way!**

I have copiers (not quite a complete set) of the **American Dachshund** from December, 1953, to the last issue in 1980. Also every copy of **The American Show Beagle** that was published. I have a couple of **AKC Gazettes** from the 40's and a number of Stud Books - plus copies of certain pages from a number of other Stud Books. Then there are the miscellaneous breed magazines that I have acquired, some just because I liked the cover, others have articles that I found interesting and some I just have for no reason that I can recall! Throwing these away would be almost like throwing away one of the kids or the dogs! Just couldn't bear to part with them, so into boxes they went and into the van for the twenty mile drive!

Having made the move and spent time getting myself re-acquainted to the schedule of a boarding and breeding kennel, my evenings are spent unpacking, storing things, and just generally getting settled. However, I find that the past few evenings have been passed with unpacking my beloved magazines. This can be a time-consuming chore, since one cannot just unpack and put these magazines on the shelves...one will always find that something interesting has caught ones attention...one must read it immediately! Must I add that it seems to be taking an awfully long time to get this done?

For instance - last night I ran across an October, 1965 issue of an all breed magazines. It was featuring Toys, so nothing could keep me from opening it and 'glancing' through it. The cover is a lovely apricot Toy Poodle. Inside, I see that the Pekingese **Eng. Am. Ch. Coughton Sungable of Perryacre** has won 20 all breed BIS under 20 different judges since his arrival from England where he was Best Pekingese at Crufts over an entry of 267! **Joe Gregory** married **Mamie Reynolds** on September 14th of that year. **Elsworth Howell's** book **The New Knowledge of Dog Behavior** is available for \$5.95. A Canadian-bred Corgi finished his American Championship by winning 5 points each at three Specialties! The judging slate of the 1965 **Chicago International** is published...a number of the judges are no longer with us. A picture of a very young **Frank Sabella** with **Derek Rayne's** Corgi, **Ch. Rockrose of Wey** going BOB at Westminster in her first American show.

Here are some brief interviews with three of **the** Pom People,



Edna Girardot, Anna La Fortune and Gladys Schoenberg. Pictures of the BIS Poms, **Ch. Mar-Bi-Lea's Gay Cinderella, Ch. Bonner's Stylepepper Preshus** and BOW at Westminster, **Ch. Millamor's Music Man**. Also a picture of the top winning Italian Greyhound Of All Time (at that time), **Ch. Flamina of Alpine**. Illustrating the Yorkshire Terrier standard is a gorgeous portrait of **Int. Ch. Tinker Town's Stormin Along** - beautiful! Here's the Brussels, **Ch. Barmere's Mighty Man** - 11 BIS, 53 GrI, and 121 BOB! What a record for such a little guy! Here's a page full of Pokes advertising the **Pek-In Pekingese Club** - that's a nice idea. A page of **Sun Canyon Maltese**, and a picture of **Ch. Aennchen's Poona Dancer** (that's **Frank Oberstar**???) What Toy issue would be complete without some **Harmo Poodles**? (**Bill Trainor** sure looks young in that picture!)

Now, can you understand why I can't get rid of these? Being only one person, I don't need a large place in which to live...what I really need is a second apartment for all my books and magazines! □

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ESCAPE - TO A CLUSTER CIRCUIT



Sally Baugniet

My husband has a cap that says, "Escape to Wisconsin - and then what?" This winter was one of those bearable Wisconsin winters - one of the mildest I can remember for a long time. The Twin Cities in Minnesota were

even mild for the first week in January! We still like to break up the winter with a trip to the Florida Circuit. The weather this year was beautiful!

There were so many nice Poms from so many parts of the country, that there was a variety of winners. Almost every day saw a different winner. In spite of the number of Poms that finished, the majors held every day. I'm sure those of us who did not get a winners ribbon will be successful another time. It is still a pleasure seeing Poms and Pom people no matter where you go.

If you have never tried the Oklahoma Circuit, do! Such a nice group of Pom people there. Majors are available on that circuit, also. **The Oklahoma Pom Club** has been working toward AKC recognition. They put a lot of time, energy, and money into putting on their Pom matches. Support them. We wish them success. Hang in there, and continue to work together, Sooners!

AKC has just made a new decision concerning clusters. They will no longer approve any more than three consecutive dog shows at the same show site except those that previously existed. Those pre-existing clusters of 4 or more will be grand-fathered in. One such cluster to be grand-fathered in is our Manitowoc, Wisconsin cluster. We have four area clubs that work together to put on a quality cluster of shows.

One of the secrets of success is "working together". Those of you who are actively involved in your club, know how difficult it can become to "work together" even within your own club. Dog people working successfully with *other* clubs have to have some of the same qualities it takes for married couples to have a successful marriage, a lot of give and take, concessions, unselfishness and more. Anything less than that is to the detriment of your club, an unhealthy situation. I hope this year finds you and your club in good health.

See you on the circuit, at a cluster, or maybe just at a weekend of shows. When you are there, don't take the shows for granted. Think of all the work that dog people went through to give you the opportunity to make your dog a Champion. Why not take the time to say thanks? I'm sure, it would be greatly appreciated. | |



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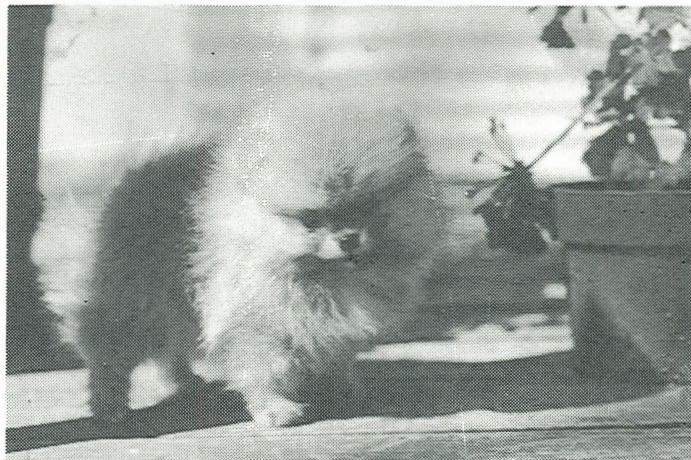
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TOP TEN EXHIBITORS

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The procedures for tallying the point scale are as follows:

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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 1987 AKC GAZETTE.

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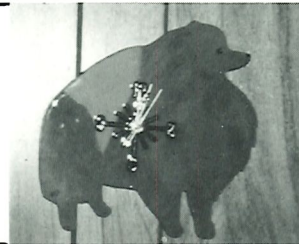
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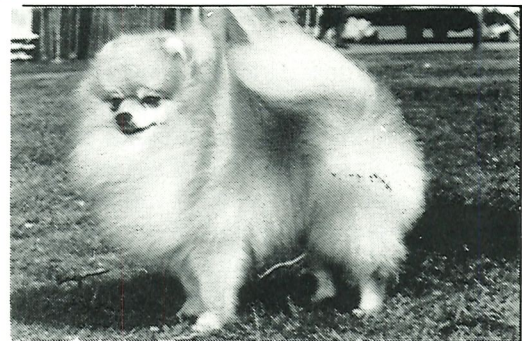
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CARE AND RESEARCH

Carol A. Rosson



Getting through the holiday season is always something of a major accomplishment for me. With all the hustle it usually leaves me in something I refer to as a *severe stress mood*. Fred usually reminds me that "IF YOU HAD TAKEN YOUR VITAMINS THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED". I always thank him and promise to do better next time. This leads me into this month's topic regarding Vitamins.

We will try to answer some of the most asked questions regarding these important nutrients.

Most of us feed very expensive dog food, and expect that food to contain all of the necessary vitamins that our dogs require. Unfortunately, this may not be true. Depending on a particular problem you may need to supplement with a specific vitamin. The following is a brief description of some of the most important vitamins and their specific functions. If you are having special problems it is advisable to consult your veterinarian.

VITAMINS: *VITA*, the Latin word for life; *AMINS*, a group of chemical compounds.

Vitamin A: sometimes called the *Growth vitamin*, more commonly known as the *Skin vitamin*. It maintains the epithelium, a close-knit layer of cells that form a sheet covering every surface of the body (inside and out) that may come in contact with substances. A Vitamin A deficiency may be recognized by dryness and itching of the skin. It is important to note that *sodium nitrite*, an additive usually found in commercial dog food, has been known to deplete Vitamin A reserves in the body. Reproductive failure, nerve degeneration, weight loss and deafness have been closely associated with Vitamin A deficiencies.

B Complex Vitamins: This group of vitamins are referred to as the *Nerve Vitamins*. These are very important to "working" dogs since stress breaks down the B complex vitamins. We should remember that this group of vitamins works together, so if a deficiency should occur with one a shortage is likely in another.

Vitamin B1, Thiamine: This is usually referred to as the "first" vitamin. Loss of this vitamin in milling processes around the nineteenth century led to the widespread disease known as *Beriberi*. While brown rice was left unprocessed and in some cases substituted for the processed white rice, diseases such as rickets, pellagra, and scurvy seemed to disappear. This led scientists to the discovery of *Thiamine*. This nutrient is especially important in the development of the entire nervous system. B1 can be especially useful in the prevention of fleas and parasitic insects in the form of

Brewers' Yeast. It is rich in all of the B complex vitamins, and if you should overdose, any unused quantities of the vitamins are passed out through the urine. Signs of the B1 deficiency include; vomiting, unsteadiness, and lack of appetite.

Vitamin B2, Riboflavin: Protein and fat are transformed into energy and new tissue with this vitamin. B2 has also been used as a supplement for the prevention of cataracts. Signs of the B2 deficiency include: conjunctivitis and blood-shot eyes.

Vitamin B3, Niacin: Called the *antipellagra* vitamin, used to treat a disease known in the 1930's as pellagra, caused by a "corn-eating" diet. This disease affected the skin, gastrointestinal tract, and nervous system. The disease was known as "Blacktongue" in the canine equivalent. Treating these dogs for this deficiency often caused sensitivity to light and tearing, so B2 was added and the condition cleared up. This vitamin has been used in controlling seizures.

Vitamine B5, Pantothenic Acid: Named for the Greek word "*pantos*" meaning *everything*, this natural chemical occurs in all living cells. Pantothenic acid has been shown to have a positive influence on longevity. It is also referred to as the *antistress* vitamin. A deficiency of this vitamin can lead a dog to poor antibody protection, resulting in infections. B6 and B9 along with B5 have been linked to antibody production. Pantothenic acid is required by the adrenal glands for the production of cortisone and other anti-inflammatory roles against disease.

Vitamin B6, Pyridoxine: This nutrient is essential in the metabolism of protein. It is necessary for the proper utilization of potassium, sodium, and iron. Along with pantothenic acid it maintains a strong immune system. It has also been linked to the prevention of vascular disease in humans.

Vitamin B9, Folic Acid: B9 has been shown to be a necessary nutrient in the formation of red blood cells in the bone marrow, while also aiding in the protein metabolism. Experiments with deficiencies have produced abnormal and deformed offspring in laboratory rats. Signs of the deficiency include: anemia, erratic appetite, and a watery secretion from the eyes.

Vitamin B12, Cobalamin: Known as the "*Red*" vitamin, it is important in the production and regeneration of red blood cells. A deficiency produces anemia. It is used to stimulate appetite and further growth in puppies. Studies show that pregnant bitches supplemented with B12 produced bigger and stronger offspring.

Biotin: Referred to as *Vitamin H*, is involved in the maintenance of the thyroid and adrenal glands. It also is connected with reproduction and healthy skin. Requirements for this vitamin are not established as intestinal bacteria manufacture it as needed. However, in treating infections this nutrient is destroyed when using antibiotics. Supplementation is recommended when using antibiotics. Feeding raw eggs interferes with the utilization of Biotin. Cooked eggs are OK.

VITAMINS Continued

Vitamin D: This is the "sunshine" vitamin. It is a key element in calcium and phosphorus metabolism. The production of strong bones and teeth depend on Vitamin D. Sunshine produces a chemical reaction in the skin which in turn produces Vitamin D. In winter and especially northern climates the vitamin should be supplemented.

Vitamin E: this vitamin contributes numerous services to both man and dog. It:

- increases the efficiency of the heart/and circulatory system
- improves muscle power and stamina
- improves the immune system
- protects against air pollution
- helps heal skin problems
- rejuvenates tired and ailing dogs
- makes other vitamins and minerals work more efficiently
- helps prevent deficiency disorders such as heart failure, muscular dystrophy, neurological complications, and reproductive failures.

An excellent source of Vitamin E is wheat germ oil. We hope you have found this information useful, and perhaps with supplementation you can have that extra edge.

I recently saw an ad in the *Humane News* published monthly by the **Associated Humane Societies** dealing with window decals for dog owners, and I felt it to be important to pass on the information to my readers:

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My thanks goes out to all of these grand ladies and to my special friends Jo & Robert Lee. All of you have enriched my life with your presence.

Pom Love,
Marline Brown, Sorrento, Louisiana

Dear Marline,

Too often in this world we hear only the bad and never the good. Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge the people who helped you out along the way.

Best of luck in the New Year!

JMcG

Dear Joe,

I get so many calls from the southern states that just can't believe our below zero weather and 11" snow falls in Iowa. They call me and say, "Oh, we're in shorts and have the air conditioner running full blast."

Well, we in Iowa have the furnace running full blast! Layers of clothes are a common state of dress. I can't send pictures of proof to all of them, but I can send them to you in the hopes that maybe you'll pass the word that living in the northern states is very unpredictable, so say the least!

If you can use them, do so...but thought you might enjoy seeing them.

Sincerely
Juanita Fiddick, Cedar Falls, Iowa



Dear Juanita,

YUCK! I just remembered why I moved to Florida. By the way, I'm in shorts, and I have the air conditioner running full blast!

Best of luck, and here's wishing you an early spring!

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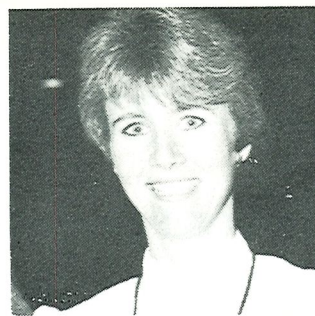
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VIEW POINT

VICTORIA POWELL



CALIFORNIA BREEDING PERMITS

This month's column is devoted to a proposed bill to license dog and cat breeders in California. The bill is sponsored by the **Peninsula Humane Society** of San Mateo, California, and its author and main proponent is **Kim Sturla**, director of the Society's Services. It is the publishers' and my belief that this bill is an infringement upon the rights of California breeders and if passed could feasibly establish a legal precedent and affect other states. This article is my commentary on various facets of the bill, gleaned from interviews with veterinarians, shelter workers and various dog breeders. I feel breeders in all states should be aware of new attempts at controlling dog breeding, especially when the attempt to do so is as poorly designed as this proposed bill is.

Rather than reprinting the entire bill, I will only address sections I find to be weak or discriminatory. I am working from the latest revision of the bill, which contains as its first passage the following: **PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** *To encourage pet owners to sterilize their dogs and cats so they don't become impregnated. This will hopefully reduce the number of puppies and kittens born.* The problem with this section is that although it is aimed at the "pet owner", it is clearly the professional breeder who will be more affected. Perhaps this bill would encourage pet owners to spay or neuter, but it will **NEVER** encourage breeders to do so for that defeats their reason for operating. In theory it is plausible that someone would neuter rather than be assessed a fine, and if a bill can encourage the sterilization of pets, then I shall support it. It seems rather militaristic, however, to turn the owner of an unsterilized animal into an offender if said animal should accidentally become pregnant (without a permit).

"WHO WOULD HAVE TO ACQUIRE A PERMIT? *Anyone who has any intention of breeding their dog or cat...*" The author goes on to explain that any animal accidentally impregnated must have a permit for the litter, and implies that any bitch shipped into this state for breeding must have a permit. To sell or give away the offspring, the proposed bill would force these permits to be displayed, or in the cases of selling animals through the newspaper, the permit number must be included in the advertisement. The addendum to the bill explains how the author would hope that newspapers and magazines would demand these permit numbers as a condition of accepting the advertising. The addendum also explains how the proponents expect animal control agencies to monitor who may be breaking the law by not having their permits. This section is the most idealistic of the entire proposed bill and addendum.

The rural county in which I reside barely has enough money to fund welfare agencies, fire departments, sheriff patrols, etcetera. The enforceability of a bill such as this would be relegated to the back burner of importance. Most counties would not have the manpower needed to enforce this bill in the manner Ms. Sturla expects. It is also important to note that Ms. Sturla works in one of the wealthier societies in the *country* and the city that houses this society is a wealthy cosmopolitan area near San Francisco. It is therefore possible that the proponents have lost sight of the reality of the animal control situation in most areas - towns haven't enough money to house their strays many times, let alone pay people to check newspapers for permit numbers.

I agree with the sentiments behind this proposed bill; however, it is obvious to me that although this bill's intention is a warm-hearted (albeit idealistic) attempt to curb a vast overpopulation problem, as written it is not feasible. The way it is designed may encourage deviousness on the parts of the legitimate breeders with stock to sell, or as one shelter worker put it, *"It will just cause them to go underground."* Many pet owners (at whom the bill is ostensibly aimed) will be little affected, for many give their pups and kittens away and animal control will have no way of monitoring this activity.

The bill, in its current format, is simply not a viable solution to the pet overpopulation problem and is an infringement on the rights of breeders to produce stock. Further, professional breeders are the most visible due to the nature of their businesses, so they are the ones the proposed bill would most affect. Irresponsible pet owners will remain irresponsible. If they find their dog has become pregnant and they wish to avoid permits and/or fines, they will do what has always been done - dump the dog somewhere to let it die, be picked up by animal control, or whelp its litter in the gutters. I am sure that this is not the intent of **Peninsula Humane Society**. Rather, like many activists fighting for a cause, they are somewhat misguided in their passion to stop overpopulation.

I hope that any of you who have strong feelings about this type of restrictive legislation will write to Ms. Sturla and voice your concerns. Send your correspondence to:

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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 1987 AKC GAZETTE.

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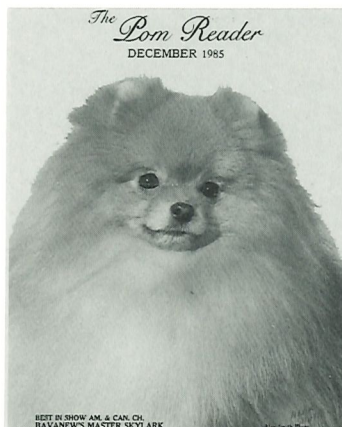
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