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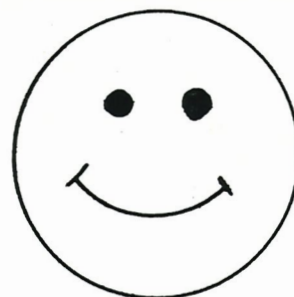
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I don't usually watch television during the day, but for some reason yesterday I flipped it on during lunch. A local talk show sprang to life: the host was interviewing a woman named Elaine who is, I guess, an expert on coffee. I was amazed - I never realized quite how ignorant I am when it comes to coffee. I paid close attention. The lady had coffees that taste like coffee, coffees that don't taste like coffee, coffees that will wake you up, coffees that will put you to sleep; in short, she had lots of exotic kinds of coffee. I was very impressed until she made the following statement: "Yes, Dale, it's true! You can set the scene, set the whole mood, design the entire evening around the perfect cup of coffee!!" Now she tells me. Here I've just spent a week, all my energy, and countless dollars going to the Garden when I could have stayed home, brewed up a batch, and gotten the same kick. Sure. I'm sorry, Elaine, but that's asinine. Obviously you've never been to the Garden.

But we have, and again this year it was great. We flew up on Friday this year and, believe it or not, our flight was 23 minutes early getting into JFK. We were amazed - this has never happened to us before. Our fourteen pieces of luggage, and dogs and X-pens, arrived in perfect condition and the weather was glorious as we rode on down to our hotel: this year it was the **Roosevelt**. We had attended the **APC Specialties** in this facility in times past, but this was our first time to actually stay there. I am happy to report that we had absolutely *no* complaints about the accommodations or the service. We were checked in in three minutes flat, in itself a miracle. After a quick dinner it was lights out - much was going on the next day.

For numerous years the **AKC Gazette Reception** had been held in the AKC Library; last year they moved it to the **Dog Museum of America**, but this year we were back upstairs. Director **Roberta Vesley** provided an exhibition of sculpture and paintings by **Stephen Huneck**. While last year's reception in the museum was rather subdued, a return to the library brought back the jovial, exciting atmosphere for which this function is known. Again there was an unbelievable array of delicacies on the buffet; and again this year the company was stimulating. We had a super reunion with **Darrell & Olga Baker** - Olga, who is now President of the American Pomeranian Club, also writes the Pom column for the **AKC Gazette**. We also enjoyed speaking with **James Dearinger**, Secretary of AKC, and of course President **William Stifel**. Again this year the Reception was beautifully organized, and we thank the **Gazette** for once again inviting us.

Saturday evening brought the **Ken-L Ration Show Dogs of the Year Awards** in the Empire State Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt. To the strains of a string quartet, dog fanciers in their very finest raiment mix and mingle during cocktail hour; the ebb and flow in the high-ceilinged room provides ample opportunity for greeting old friends and meeting new. Soon begins the grand exodus into the lovely dining room; exquisitely appointed, cavernous without seeming cold, here the atmosphere of excitement approaches a fevered pitch. Following a sumptuous repast, the real event of the evening begins: "The Academy Awards of the show dog world". The top dog in each of the Groups and the Top Obedience Trial dog for the year are honored. Proudly representing the Toy Group was the Shih Tzu, **Ch. Cabrand's Agent Orange V Lou Wan**, affectionately known as "O.J.", owned by **Robert Koepfel** of New York and handled by **Daryl Martin** of Highland Park, Illinois. Adding to the glamour of the evening was the presence of guest speaker **Gary Collins**, host of "Hour Magazine", and his lovely wife **Mary Ann**



Mobley. A charming couple, and a fantastic evening. Enough gratitude cannot be expressed to the **Quaker Oats Company** for this tremendous function in celebration of the sport of purebred dogs, honoring the 'champions of champions' - again this year we join with the whole dog fancy in saying **Thank you, Quaker Oats!**

Sunday morning brought the **APC Specialty**; we have complete coverage elsewhere in the magazine, but I have to say that this was one of the best yet. **Ch. D-Nee's Darin Duffie** was the big winner, taking the Specialty from the Veterans class. It was, indeed, quite an affair; I believe one of the most successful Specialties yet. That evening there was a cocktail hour and buffet for the exhibitors; at our table was **Dorothy Bonner**, to whom the Specialty was dedicated. Dorothy gave me a quote I love: "Breeding dogs is like playing cards. If you discard all your bad cards (faults), you end up with a pretty good hand." Then it was on to parties and more parties; no one ever goes to sleep early Garden week, and by Monday many are showing signs of weakening.

But the show must go on, and did: somehow we made it until Tuesday, day of Toy judging: **Bill Bergum** of California presided over Poms, choosing **Ch. Precious Petite's Gabriel** as Best of Breed. Gabriel is, of course, owned by **Claudia Pfeffer** and handled by the glamorous **Kathy Bucher**. We ran to congratulate Claudia and couldn't find her - later we learned she was doing the boogaloo up in the rafters. But there was more to follow: promptly at 8:00, following Sporting and Hounds was the event we had been waiting for since last year: **TOY GROUP AT THE GARDEN!**

Amid the potted chrysanthemums and sweeping lights, the Toys made their entrance to great welcome from the audience. The energy level was at its peak; suddenly, judge **Keke Blumberg** swept into the ring, shimmering in silvery-blue satin; the Manhattan/Hamptons/Palm Beach fashion plate sitting next to me said, "Who is that? She's gorgeous!" True, true, but everything in the ring was gorgeous - a fabulous array of Toys from which Mrs. Blumberg had to choose her four favorites, not an easy task. With one last look around her ring, Blumberg made her choices: First to the Peke, **Ch. Briarcourt's Coral Gable**; Second to the Toy Poodle, **Ch. Jodan's Winter Jasmine**; THIRD TO THE POM, **Ch. Precious Petite's Gabriel**, and Fourth to the Italian Greyhound, **Ch. Westwind's Sweet & Sassy**. Again this year **Gabriel** made the Pom fancy proud - and brought down the house with one little antic: as Mrs. Blumberg was taking one last glance at her exhibits, Gabriel looked her square in the eye and let out with a hearty **Woof-Woof-Woof!**, as if to say, "Hey, get over here and hand me a ribbon!"...and that she did. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Of course, having done the boogaloo for best of breed, Claudia had to think fast how to celebrate this exciting win. I didn't see it, but rumors abounded...she did the tango on the top of Trump Tower... she did the rumba in Rockefeller Center... she did the cancan on the roof of a taxicab... she did the waltz in the lobby of the Waldorf. I don't know how these vicious rumors get started, but suffice it to say that later that week Claudia flew home, and she didn't need a plane!

And speaking of congratulations, **Happy Anniversary!** We're one year older and getting better all the time! But how will we celebrate the anniversary of **The Pom Reader**, the winners at the **APC Specialty**, and the winners at the **Garden? I know! I know!** I'm going right now to make the PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE!

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TOP TEN EXHIBITORS

AS OF THE JANUARY through FEBRUARY 1987 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 December.). The Gazette year, as a rule, runs from about November 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.

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Hustle Bustle!! Southern California is an action-packed center of Pomeranian activity. There are lots of super nice people and super nice Poms. And lots of drama - Hollywood style. There is close camaraderie combined with keen competitiveness.

First, we want to congratulate the Pom Reader on its 3rd Anniversary! It's been a wonderful 3 years. And everyone is looking forward to many, many more.

By way of introduction, we'll make our first report a re-cap of 1986 Highlights and Happenings:

In alphabetical order...

Dr. Steve & Linda Ayres (Foxyaire) sent their foundation bitch **Ch. Foxyaire My Sweet Promise** to visit **Claudia Pfeffer** and **Ch. Bev-Nor's Fudge Ripple**. Now they have a beautiful 10 week old female puppy waiting to follow in Mommy & Daddy's footsteps. *Look out California!*

Bob Clegg & Kristine Leonard (Moonshine) finished their 7-year-old homebred male **Ch. Cheap Shot**, and it was a testimony to his quality that he went on to a short campaign winning BB over tough competition at his age. He is the sire of their female **Ch. Moonshine Snapshot** who also had a successful year winning some memorable BB and and one time went on to a Group III. Kristine took snapshot to Mexico City and won her Mexican & International titles in 4 straight shows! And at one show she was BB and on to another Group III.

Sue & Philip Conlee finished a heavy coated, little male **Ch. Del Sol's Mighty Murphy**. Shown by **Mitch Wooten** he also accumulated quite a few BB's. It was overheard that he finished his Mexican & International championships in 4 straight show at Mexicali, and that this included some Group placements or wins? Unable to confirm this at press time, a more accurate report can be included in the next issue.

Art & Joy Davison (Joart), popular judges with the Southern California Pom fanciers, were visiting with everyone at one of the recent shows, and talk turned to **Edna Girardot** and the **Scotia** Poms. Art said that **Scotia** was one of his favorite lines of Poms. Art & Joy purchased **Ch. Scotia President Jim** from her many years ago, and even today "**Fury**" is seen in many of the pedigrees of the top winning Poms in our area. Art said that he lived to be 15 years old, and that his last puppy, sired when Fury was 14 years of age, was **Ch. Jo-Art Camille**. Camille was one of those flyers that finished in a few straight shows.

Kim Dickinson just got back from Mexicali, Mexico; she took **Am. Mex. Ch. Rap's Enchantress of Beaver** and won her last international championship point - and "**Chanie**" is *eight year old!* Quite an accomplishment. Kim earlier had finished **Ch. Frank's Loma Beacan of Beaver** with a prestigious win at the San Diego Pomeranian Club Specialty. Beacan is the last son of the famous "**Beaver**", and he is owned and bred by **Ellen & Harley Frank**.

Lana Ejchorszt finished a little male, **Ch. Sungold Bingo Lil Muller**, that she bought from **Ray & Anna LaFortune**. After winning his American title she sent him to Canada where he finished his Canadian championship in quick, high style including some Group wins and a Best in Show. He also has a Certificate toward his Mexican & International championship.

Connie & Byron Hendricks (Khani) finished 2 homebred champions. The male is **Ch. Khani Solid Gold** and the female is **Ch. Khani Spectacular Solitaire**. When **Edna Girardot** had to give up her very successful breeding program (over 150 champions with the **Scotia** prefix) on her doctor's advice, they were fortunate that Edna allowed them to buy some of her favorite top producers as



well as some young stock. These **Ch. Scotia Dennis' Inspiration**, his mother **Ch. Scotia Piper's Chintily Kobyko**, and a 7-year-old great producer **Ch. Scotia Best Yet's Lisa Doll** who is one of the few living **Ch. Sungold's Gay Cavilier** grandchildren. They had already previously purchased **Solitaire's** sire, **Ch. Scotia Littleman Spectacular**.

Janet Hovey and **Dan Farrell (JD's)** turned the Northwest's loss into our gain. Leaving Idaho and coming along with Janet and Dan on their move down into our territory were **Ch. Circle M Comes A Hossman** and **Emcee's Truly A Diamond**. Since coming here Janet and Dan have added the Poms from **Sharon Cobb's** dispersed kennel. Although Sharon was not showing she had some lovely **Jolly Wee** stock. Welcome.

Dorothy & Jack Keller (Sun-Dee) finished the championship on their black female **Ch. Sun-Dee's Juba Lisa**. They also added to their breeding stock with 3 purchases from **Carol Roberts & Morris Carson**. They are **Ch. Emcee's Majestic Deano of Tico**, who has already won a BB for them, a year old female **Emcee's Terrific Wee Greta**, and a 6 month female puppy **Emcee's Twinklin' Star**.

Sylvia Kelly (De Amo) has a special place in her heart for the Pom. Twenty five years ago she founded and was first president of the Shih-Tzu Club. And she has been a moving force in Shih Tzu since then. Now she is going to support our Poms. She entered our circle with the purchase of **Ch. Pattie's Duffie's Lil Skipper**. She has been campaigning him and doing very well with him. He was BISS at the last San Diego Pomeranian Club Specialty. She has now added **Ch. Tim Sue's Puff the Magic Dragon**. She also has a young boy at home growing coat and looking forward to May. His name is **Pomirish Scoots Berry De Amo**. He is co-owned with and bred by **Sally Baugniet**. She won't do any breeding for a while yet since she has world-wide travel plans for most of 1987.

Darlys Flaata (Damata) finished **Damata A Certain Magic** in style going BB over some Champions ---**OOPS**---seems Darlys and the AKC didn't agree on a show that started off as 5 points and dwindled down to 2 points. So Magic is short 1 point. It's predicted that he'll get this point probably by the time the next issue is off the press.

Anna & Ray LaFortune (Sungold) are the backbone of the California Pom fancy. They are unassuming to have accomplished so much. Always quick to help a newcomer, they will share their knowledge with others who will listen. In 1986 they put 15 BB's on **Ch. Muller's Encore** owned by **Lillian & David Muller** before his retirement to stud. They finished 2 Champions for client **Sandy Gonos** (who they say is an upcoming new breeder), **Ch. Alexander's Weehearts Whodunnit** and **Ch. Cordie's Joker's Wild**. After finishing, **Joker** was specialied three times winning 2 BB's. They put major wins on **Ch. Twin Pines Tico Tico**, **Ch. Khani Spectacular Solitaire**; **Ch. Maranatha's Lil Hallelujah** (owned by **Gloria Carlin**, she is the fifteenth champion for the LaFortune's **Ch. Millbrook's El Gran Caballero**; and **Rider's Jolly Katrina** also owned by **Gloria Carlin**. **Ch. Sungold's Knick Knack** owned by **Anne Katsilometes** finished last year. And they finished 3 dogs of their own. Two were **Ch. Kazar's Short Stop** and **Ch. Sungold's Dyn O Moe**. At one of the shows we fell in love with a beautiful female puppy that was out of **Ch. Sungold's Karat** by **Ch. Theldun's Almond Fudge**. We kept watching for her to begin her show career, but she never showed up. One day I picked up the AKC Show Records...and there she was, already **Ch. Sungold's Kazar Almond Joy** Anna said, "We entered her in a few shows while we were away from home, and she finished so fast we never did get to enter her around here." They also sent **Ch. Cherokee's Summer Fashion** back to be bred to **Ch. Mac's Maybe I Will**, and they have a nice female out of this litter.

Fern Rodrigues (Sun Ray) has been "in Poms" for many years with much success. She has owned and bred many top quality

POM PARADE Continued...

Champions. We were unable to reach her up until "too late", but we do know that she had many nice wins including finishing **Ch. Sun Ray's Snow Man** in 1986.

Mary Silva finished a very nice bitch **Silva's Chantilly Lace**, who was bred by **Mary Rosenbaum**. Mary is an owner who likes to handler her own Poms.

QUICK JANUARY NEWS NOTES... **Ann & Don Kovach** finished their first (and a homebred to boot!) Champion -- **Ch. Kay's Granddaddy Wasa Gambler**. She was ably handled by **Lana Ejchorszt**.

There were two puppy flyers introduced. One was a male, **Lana's Top Priority** who is bred owned, and shown by **Lana Ejchorszt**; he picked up 2 big majors. The other was a female **Khani Dream** bred, owned and shown by **Byron & Connie Hendricks**.

Ray & Anna LaFortune put a big 5 point major on **Alexsand's Golden Whisper**. Whisper is from Arizona and is bred & owned by **Alexandra & Gus Gonos**. He only needs one more major to finish. This has been the only 5 point major of the new year.

KC OF BEVERLY HILLS: The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills entry on February 1 was supported by the **City of Angels Pomeranian Club** (Los Angeles area) with a large, quality entry and lots of excitement. The highlight was the beautiful trophy table full of sparkling crystal trophies.

Famed **Mitchell Wooten** judged the Sweepstakes, and had one of the largest Sweeps entries ever in Southern California. Best in Sweepstakes went to **Khani Dream** (mentioned above), and BOS Sweeps went to **Millwood Knil Knac**, a 7-month puppy bred and owned by **Jean Mill**. What a great beginning in his first show. **Knil Knac** was expertly handled by **Kristine Leonard**.

The Regular classes were judged by **Mr. James L. Vaughters, Sr.** Best of Breed went to **Sylvia Kelly's Ch. Pattie's Duffie's Lil Skipper** handled by **John Brown** Sylvia didn't know how many BB's this was for **Skipper** since she has owned him, but we know he has done very well. Best of Opposite Sex was **Kristine Leonard & Bob Clegg's Ch. Moonshine Snapshot**. This was a happy final win for **Snapshot**, because she was retired after the show. Now the plan is for her to start raising little "Snapshots".

Winners Dog and Best of Winners went to **Kristine & Bob's Moonshine Double Shot**, a half-brother to Snapshot.

Winners Bitch was **Khani Dream**. This big win finished her Championship! She finished at 9 months of age in just 21 days, and her wins included three 4 point majors. - following in Daddy's (**Ch. Scotia Dennis Inspiration**) footsteps; he finished in short order at 8½ months with two 5 point and two 4 point wins.

The **City of Angels Pom Club** is hosting a Plan B Match on February 15th. Too late for this deadline, the results will be featured in the next issue of the **Pom Reader**.

SAD NEWS LAST: The whole fancy mourns the loss of **James Griffiths** of Spring Valley. Jimmy was loved by all, and was one of the few people that was popular with everyone. A gentle man that had "a way" with dogs and people, he was a Professional Handler for 20 years. Also, besides being a Convair lead man for 20 years, he had served as a pilot and flight instructor in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife **Beverly**, who is also a respected figure in the Pomeranian World.

PLAN AHEAD — DON'T MISS... Be in San Diego with your favorite Poms in the month of May. There will be 9 shows in 12 days, including: **May 14, American Pomeranian Club Specialty** and **May 15, San Diego Pomeranian Club Specialty**, followed by 7 all breed shows. And that's not all. Join in the fun of the Dinner Cruise and Banquet Dinner! For entry and Cruise & Dinner reservations contact **Kim Dickinson**, P.O. Box 517, Bonita, CA (tel: 619-463-9006). For ads and trophy donations contact **Anna LaFortune**, 3139 Florine Dr., Lemon Grove, CA 92044, (tel: 619-463-2700).

I we left anyone out don't complain - just contact us right away and get in the next issue. We tried not to miss anyone, but remember that we don't make all of the shows, and even when we're there it is difficult to catch everything that is going on since we are busy with our Poms.

Our deadline for your news and views will be the first of every month. If it's close to deadline you might rather call than write. We do have an answering machine, so if we aren't home leave the news or a message on the machine.

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Exhaustingly yours,

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Dear Pünkin;

I hate to be the informant, but rather than GO crazy, I do believe you already are. Anyone who has kids is crazy, of course I realize it wasn't entirely all your fault. It is imperative to keep the owners out - they will have to be trained with devious doggie tactics. Sorry, but I'm afraid you're stuck with the 'headache hits' and the 'coochy coos' this time. You obviously got a little too frisky when you should have been feisty and the outcome of such action is mortifying mammahood. I would never, ever....be so immoral!

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Shu-Shu

Dear Shu-Shu;

Now, don't laugh, but I have been breeding the Toys for about 2 years now and to this day I can't define the sex of new born puppies. Do you have any suggestions? If so, answer in your column, but please don't print my name....

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GENERALLY SPEAKING...

by Susan Wade

Are there any Astrology buffs out there? I have a dear friend who will consult her horoscope before any business dealings, making plans for a trip, or even before breeding a dog!

I know the moon influences the ocean tide and I've been told that surgeons will avoid elective surgery during the full moon because people bleed more freely. Police departments put on extra staff in preparation for a rise in criminal activity that takes place during the full moon. My friend will not mail anything important if Mercury is in retrograde, since things get lost or misplaced during that time.

If, as Astrologists believe, the planets rule so many aspects of our lives, I would like to know the configuration of the planets governing the Southern part of the U.S.A. during the first two weeks in January....why? It seems that during that time of the year, Rumors hatch and circulate faster than the blood circulates through our systems. It is amazing and it happens every year - no matter what!

A Toy breeder friend of mine was the subject of the Yearly Rumor Mill one year. She bred and showed two Toy breeds, but was in the process of 'phasing out' of one so that she could concentrate on the other. When she and her husband bought some acreage, their first project was to build a kennel to house their 'kids'. It was solidly built - a total of ten runs - completely wash-down with grooming and office areas, air conditioned and heated. At the same time they converted a room in the house into a puppy-whelping room with indoor-outdoor runs...their plans had worked out beautifully.

But then - *horrors!* - she started winning with her new breed. Unforgiveable, right? First, I heard that she had seventy-five dogs and only ten runs. Well, with that many dogs and only ten runs, she must keep most of them in little crates stacked all over the house - so that was tacked on to the rumor. Then, came the news that since she had so many dogs, so few runs, and kept them all crated, the conditions were unsanitary and all her dogs had terrible rears! I asked one of the purveyors of the rumor if she had ever been to the breeder's house. "Oh, no! I wouldn't be caught dead there - Susie told me all about it!" Well, I happened to know the Susie in question and knew that she had never set foot on the place. But Good Ol' Susie was telling anyone who would listen about the horrible conditions which existed only in her own fertile imagination!

Fact - my friend had ten runs in her kennel - each measuring 6 by 30 feet. Three Toy dogs shared each of those runs - the indoor portion of the run measured 6 by 4 feet. In each indoor compartment was a bench raised about 4" off the floor that was quite roomy for the occupants. Off the whelping-puppy room were four more runs - these measured 6 by 20 feet. As you can see, the only truth in the whole thing was the number of runs and that was only partially true, since the originator of the rumor didn't know about the four runs off the house.

Another rumor that surfaced one year had a handler as the centerpiece! Ringside, someone commented that a certain handler's dog always lifted his leg on the post at the gate of the ring. That comment was picked up and soon "everyone" was saying that the handler never exercised his dogs. Then another person mentioned that he thought the handler looked "beat", must

not have had much sleep the night before. Before you knew it, the handler was being touted as a person who never exercised his dogs, beat his dogs, and that he was "servicing" the dog's owner!

I guess the configuration of the planets during that time of year must stimulate the cerebral activity of some people while at the same time depressing that part of the brain which governs the knowledge of right and wrong. How else could one explain why otherwise decent people will listen to and repeat misinformation that will, eventually, give pain to the target of the gossip? By all means, blame it on the planets or the influence of the moon, but don't let it enter your mind that *JUST POSSIBLY* there are people in this world who let jealousy or envy govern their actions or who simply can't stand to see anyone around them happy or doing well!

My dictionary says: *RUMOR*: A story or report circulating without *KNOWN FOUNDATION OR AUTHORITY*. □

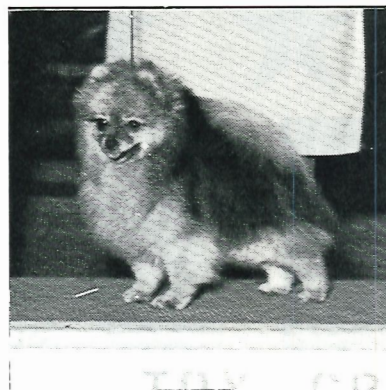


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It's time to mourn euthanized pets...

Nita Hemeter, *Our Town*, February 19, 1987

During 1986, there were 36,300 unwanted, surrendered, abandoned, abused, stray or homeless animals that were euthanized in New Orleans area shelters. This column is an obituary for these animals with the hope of increasing awareness about responsible pet ownership and the tragedy of pet overpopulation.

Death was caused by a lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital or by a carbon monoxide chamber. Place of death was at area shelters. Reasons for death were apathy and irresponsibility of many citizens in our community.

Here are some of the reasons for the deaths:

- ▶ "I wanted my children to see the miracle of birth."
- ▶ "We just wanted our dog to have one litter."
- ▶ "I wanted to breed my dog to get my money back."
- ▶ "It's not natural to have pets spayed and neutered".
- ▶ "People pay good money for pure breed animals".
- ▶ "She's not my pet, we just feed her".
- ▶ "We don't want this dog any longer."
- ▶ "We are moving and we can't take our pet".
- ▶ "We can't afford our pet any longer".
- ▶ "We didn't know we could check the shelter for our missing pet".
- ▶ "We never keep tags on our pets".
- ▶ "We thought if we let her go in the park, someone would find her and take her home".
- ▶ "We always find good homes for our pet's offspring - we give them away in front of the grocery store."

Many people do not see the connection between their animal's offspring and the fact that every day, healthy, beautiful dogs and cats must die because there are too many of them.

Every litter adds to the problem of too many dogs and cats and not enough homes. Even if someone does find good homes for their pet's litter, others do not have homes available to them.

Many people obtain pets without considering the responsibility of pet ownership. A pet is a living, feeling, breathing creature, not a toy to be discarded when it is old or no longer convenient. Having a pet involves careful consideration, not only for the animal's needs but for the problems in the community when citizens are not responsible for their animals.

All of this is the bad news. The good news is that we can solve the problem. The SPCA and animal shelters can't do it alone. It is up to all citizens of the community to do their part in educating others about the benefits of spaying and neutering and the concept of responsible pet ownership. □

The above article appeared in February's *Times Picayune*, and the thoughts behind it are sobering indeed. Far too many purebreds are showing up at animal shelters these days. We as breeders of purebred dogs are responsible for any pet puppies we sell, and it is up to us to see that unwanted pets do not result from our stock.

The one way to insure that this does not happen is to sell pets only on a spay/neuter agreement. Some might ask, how can one make sure the new owners comply? The answer is a good sales contract which stipulates that the new owner *MUST* spay or neuter his purchase. Below I have a copy of the sales contract my husband and I have used for several years. If there are any doubts as to the integrity of the buyer and his or her intentions the contract can be witnessed and even notarized.

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On this the ___ day of ___, 19___, _____, hereinafter referred to as the Buyer, is desirous of purchasing a purebred (Breed) male/female from _____, hereinafter referred to as the Owner and Seller of the below described animal (name and Reg. # are not applicable for a puppy):

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A four generation pedigree is attached to this document, and it represents, to the best of the Seller's knowledge, a complete and true genealogy of the subject dog.

The Seller hereby conveys ownership or co-ownership (see any stipulations below) of the above described (Breed) _____ to the Buyer under the following terms and conditions, and no other warranties, terms, or conditions are either expressed or implied.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Payment for the above described animal shall be made as follows: _____

2. Special conditions: _____

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4. All expenses of shipping will be paid by the buyer. The cost of a health certificate for shipping is included in the purchase price. If shipped the Buyer must authorize the Seller to insure the animal for an amount at least equal to the purchase price at the Buyer's expense.

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7. The Buyer agrees that the subject (Breed) dog will not be re-sold directly or indirectly to or through a pet shop, specialty shop, or a wholesaler of purebred dogs. The Owner and Seller is a member in good standing of the (Breed) Club of America, and it is the intention of this condition to conform to the Rules and Regulations of the (Breed) Club of America. The Buyer further agrees to indemnify the Owner and Seller for any and all willful violations of this condition.

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9. The laws of Louisiana shall govern this contract.

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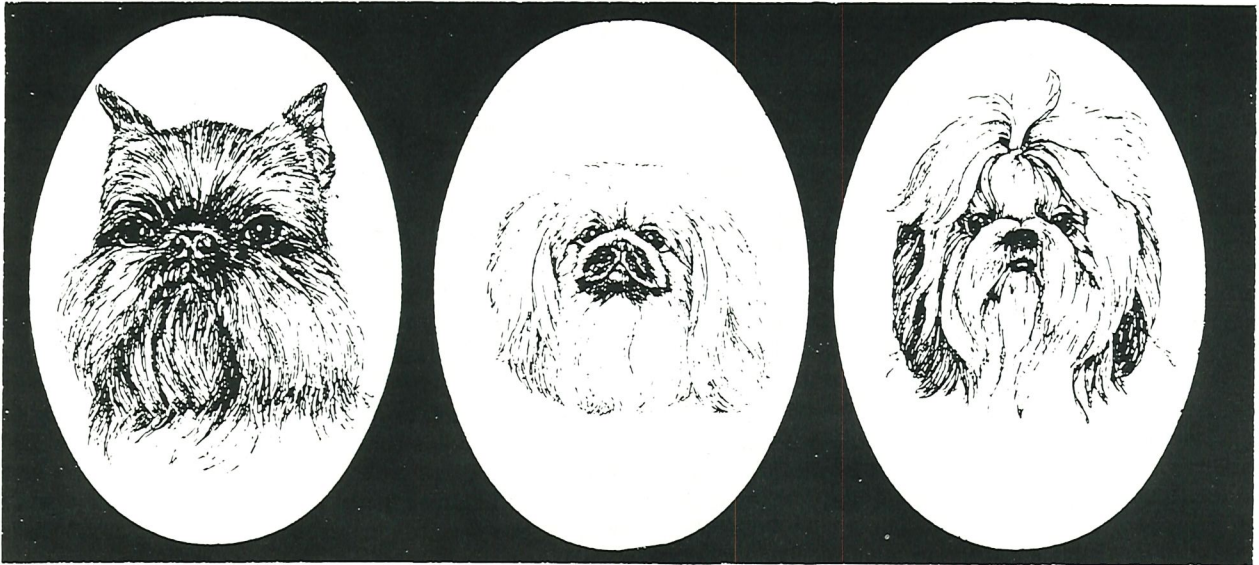
It is up to us to debunk the myths surrounding the spaying and neutering of animals. It does not make them fat or lethargic, and in no way does it shorten the life span. I think all of us work too hard to produce good dogs to have to bear the indignity of having our kennel names appear in the pedigrees of the litter at the pet shop. The breeding of purebred dogs should be handled by professionals, not the average man on the street.

That's all for this month. 'Til next time, see you at ringside. □

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TOY GROUP SECOND.....	150
TOY GROUP THIRD.....	75
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1580	CH. PRECIOUS PETITE'S GABRIEL (D)..... (Claudia Pfeffer, Owner)	-	-	-	2	4	2	2	3
670	CH. TEXICAN'S GIANT KILLER CHULA (D)..... (Norma Gad, Owner)	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2
660	CH. PRECIOUS PETIT RIPLE SUPREME (D)..... (D. Doll & J. McGinnis, Owners)	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	6
620	CH. GREAT ELMS PRINCE CHARMING II (D)..... (R. Beam, Owner)	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	2
595	CH. HERD'S LITTLE YO YO (D)..... (B. Gibbs, Owner)	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	2
520	CH. DUPRE'S SPARKLING GOLD-BUSTER (D).....	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
500	VALCOPY WAKHAM COVER GIRL (B)..... (Gemmill & Plonkey, Owners)	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
400	CH. AUTUMN'S RED BLAZE OF BL-MAR (D)..... (L. Untalan, Owner)	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
325	CH. HARBIN'S TIME TO POP THE CORK (D)..... (I. & S. Harbin, Owner)	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
310	CH. PATTIE'S DUFFIE'S LIL SKIPPER (D)..... (S. Kelly & D. Keller, Owners)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
270	CH. MILLAMOR'S I'M A WINDJAMMER (D)..... (R. & J. Stafford, Owners)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
250	CH. TEXICAN'S GREAT BALLS OF FIRE (D)..... (N. Berry, Owner)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
215	CH. POMIRISH SCOOTER'S VICTORY (D)..... (Sally Baugnet, Owner)	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4
170	CH. APOLLOETTE MOONLITE GAMBLER (D)..... (M. & M. Presser, Owners)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
160	CH. HI JAY'S CLASSIC (B)..... (D. Jones, Owner)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
*105	CH. BEV-NOR N SOUTHLAND RAMBO (D)..... (J. Fleshman & S. Hanson, Owners)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
*105	CH. MIXON'S ROSSI OF FRIPP (D)..... (L. Collings, Owner)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
95	CHERLYN'S AIN'T SHE SWEET (B)..... (C. Bergensen, Owner)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
85	CH. PRECIOUS PETIT TOUCH OF RIPLE (D)..... (J. Stafford & C. Pfeffer, Owners)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
*75	CH. ANIMATION'S TWEETY BIRD (B)..... (L. Vasuta, Owner)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
*75	CH. TANGLEWOOD ONE TUFF COOKIE (B)..... (C. Aubut, Owner)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

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THE POMERANIAN SPECIALTY

*From the viewpoint of Dorothy Bonner
who was honored*

Still in the clouds, I don't know how I will ever get both feet back on the ground after returning home from the Pomeranian Specialty. Everyone was so super wonderful to me it seemed I had actually gone to heaven. Continental cooperated in flying me to New York at a small price and the weather was perfect as we landed without incident. My roommate-to-be, **Alrene Steinmetz**, greeted me at the Roosevelt. With her were **Christine & John Heartz** with their beautiful puppy (still being show-trained in the hall) and **Jim Butler** who had created a lovely corsage for me.

The dinner Saturday evening, arranged by **Sam Zaneoff**, was memorable. Officers and Judges were introduced including myself. **Peter Galindo** wrote my "obituary" and **Sam Zaneoff** delivered it, both such expert promoters that the following standing ovation was the thrill of my life.

The Specialty on Sunday was the biggest and most successful ever, with the beautiful judge, **Mrs. Paula Hartinger**, substituting for our very beloved **Mr. Tipton**, who was ill. **Dr. Morris Carson** chose the Sweepstakes winners most expertly and **Dr. Samuel Draper** capably evaluated Junior Showmanship. **Ch. D-Nee's Darin Duffie** was shown in the Veteran Class, but was a popular winner for Best of Breed. There were many beautiful Pomeranians shown including some fabulous puppies.

A meeting of the Video Committee was very productive and is preparing for filming to start next fall. Nothing in the video will be identified, and expenses will be entirely met by the owners. Some of the current Best in Show winners will be invited including Poms with prominent faults to be demonstrated. Problems were anticipated in securing the less-than-perfect specimens. "*We don't have any of those!*" was the answer of breeders interrogated.

A meeting was held after the show in which our new President, **Olga Baker**, was elected. **Sue Goddard**, our former President for the last two years was retired with honors. Then everyone enjoyed the snack bar with an abundance of delicious food prepared for the Club members. I enjoyed sitting with **Joe McGinnis**, **Duane Doll** and **Victoria Powell** and getting to know them better.

For future tasks, such as picking up the dog runs, I will really not be here (mentally), but back at the Specialty again where I was Cinderella for a day. And the very best part was that I did not have to die before being honored. □

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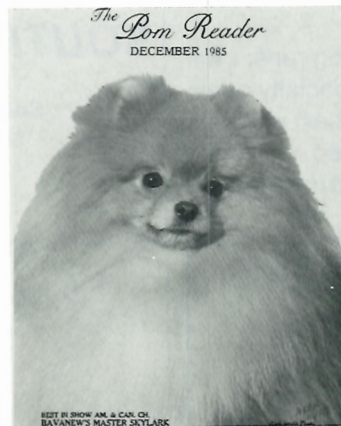
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