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Southland would also like to congratulate **Porter & Dickey Washington** on their recent group placements with **Ch. Southland's Toast to Prancer** and **Barbara Humphries** on her Group III on **Ch. Ida's Touch of Bev-Nor** in tough competition - "**Speedy**" now has 3 GR I's, 1 GR II, 1 GR III, and 1 GR IV at 1½ years of age in limited showing. **Speedy** is now owned by **Dorothy Hageman**, **Ida Tarver** and **Charlotte Creed** and is being specialed by **Barbara Humphries**.

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SHOWSIGHT - FROM THE EDITOR

Is it really May already? That's ridiculous - just yesterday was Christmas, but there you are - it goes more quickly than you think. And speaking of going quickly reminds me that May is the month that we bought this place. Yes, it was May - one hundred years ago...or so it seems.

Now, anyone stuck in January in the icy environs gets testy and jealous towards those of us who reside in Florida, and I don't blame them. But I am here to tell you that living in Florida is not all suntan lotion and sea breeze.

Of course, we were terribly excited on the day of our move here. Florida! Just think - everything will be perfect and relaxed and fun, we thought. Little did we know. Through a rather confusing, not exactly kosher but perfectly legal real estate deal, we found ourselves with a large chunk of Florida property but without the enormous funds we thought would be at our disposal; somehow the income of the properties and rental buildings had been over-exaggerated. (It should be noted that the realtor in question is no longer in the business, nor in the state of Florida.) Well, we thought, we'll make the most of things, and everything will turn out all right. We learned two hundred different ways to make hot dogs; thirteen different ways to make grilled cheese sandwiches; learned to drink cheap beer instead of Dom Perignon; and found ingenious ways to make old clothes look new. Even with this penny-pinching approach to life we were still in pretty bad shape. Well, we thought, we've got lots of energy and ability; we'll take on other jobs in addition to those we have, and we'll be rolling in dollars in no time.

Being a whiz of an accountant, Duane was surely in a good position for making extra money. His first prospective client looked a little shady; Duane turned down the account. His second prospective client was shady. He turned that down, too. His third prospective client was a creep, and I vetoed that one. And the fourth could not speak English and was soon to be investigated by the IRS. He didn't touch that one. Ah well, we thought, there are many other things we can do just fine.

Although short on readily available cash, our credit was excellent. I bought an enormous lawn mower to handle our properties, and then I got to thinking...why not work for others, also? So, I was a Free-Lance Lawn Mower for a while. It seemed like a good idea at the time - I could be out in the sun enjoying the Florida weather and making money, too! But that year things had a way of not turning out right. I didn't have a trailer for the mower, so I just drove it where I needed to go. Up and down the country roads I was seen, on my way to my latest lawn. Piled high upon the mower were jugs of iced tea, extra tanks of gasoline, suntan oil, rain gear in case of inclement weather, identification and health cards in case of sunstroke, little clipper things to clean around bushes, a book or two in case of boredom, bandaids in case of slight injury, bags of cheap potato chips in case of hunger, and me. I was prepared, I thought, for anything.

The first job I got was through another realtor. One of her homes had grown up quite a bit and would I cut it? Sure! I putt-putted on over. The grass was about a foot and a half high. The mower suddenly seemed to shrink in size and power. *Well*, I thought, *the job has to be done and I'm going to get it done. I want a steak tonight!* However, the mower had other ideas. It would stall every three feet in the too-tall grass; I would restart it, move another three feet and repeat the process. This was getting ridiculous. I had already finished off all the iced tea, eaten the potato chips, spread on all the suntan lotion, and used up most of the gas, but I was getting nowhere fast. And then I made a discovery. If I revved up the engine as far as it would go, and then popped the clutch, the



mower would rear up and then plop down, the blade spinning so fast that the grass would be gone before the mower could choke itself. This was working out just great! Cars slowed to a crawl out on the road; people seemed fascinated by this very tan man riding a bucking-bronco lawn mower. Actually, it was kind of exciting, not to mention dangerous, but I needed the money. I got the job done and headed homeward.

The \$40.00 dollars I got for the job paid for half of the new clutch I then needed. New clutch installed, the next day I headed for my second job. Nothing much bad happened at that one; their dog chased me around the yard, snapping and growling; one of the kids threw a water balloon at me, but it cooled me off, so I thanked him. And the lady yelled at me for whooshing grass into the garage and made me sweep it out, which I did. Then they said they would have to mail me the check because they had no cash in the house. *That's okay*, I said with a smile, *I trust you!* Two days later they moved away, and I'm still waiting for the check.

And speaking of waiting, everyone is waiting for *the question of the month...* WHAT TWO WELL KNOWN AND WELL LIKED POM FANCIERS ARE NOW CALLED GRANDMA AND GRANDPA??? Well, far be it from me to carry tales, so suffice it to say that their initials are **Marlene & Marlin Presser**. Congratulations! (JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP, ANYONE?) Maybe if you're real nice, the child will grow up to mow your lawn!

And speaking of mowing lawns brings us back to my short-lived career. My third mowing job looked like a breeze; a well-tended, landscaped yard with no mean dogs or ill-behaved kids or ladies with garage fetishes. No one was home, it was a brilliant day, and it was way out in the country away from anything and anybody, the way I like it. I was zooming back and forth, round and round, in between hedges and bushes and having a ball. At one point I whipped along a dense hedge, and I noticed a strange buzzing sound coming from the mower. *Not another clutch*, I thought, *surely not another bad clutch!* Well, it surely *wasn't* the clutch; the buzzing sound came from the huge hornet's nest I had knocked down onto the back of the mower. In two seconds flat I was covered with stinging, ugly hornets. Now, what do you do? Jump off a mower going close to twenty miles per hour? Screech to a halt, grab a hose, and whoosh the little creeps off? Command the hornets to down-stay?

Well, believe you me, you can't do any of those. You roar across the lawn, screaming and cursing and slapping wildly at yourself. You turn off the mower as quickly as you can and head for medical attention, pronto. Unfortunately, medical attention was five miles down the road; the house was locked and there was no other house even remotely close. The brilliant sun was beating down upon a very badly burnt, hornet-abused body. My arms were shaking so badly I could hardly drive the stupid mower. I did make it home, however, attempted to tend to the stings, and... passed out cold on the kitchen floor.

The \$50.00 I got for *that* job paid for half of the medical bill, and I spent the next two weeks looking like a tomato. The whole experience convinced me that, possibly, I was not cut out to tend other people's lawns for money. Now, do you think I gave up? Was I destined to spend my days broke, burnt and bandaged? *Are you kidding?* The next week I got The 3:00 A.M. Paper Route. But that's another story, for another day. 'Til then, Poms Away!

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UPDATE

TOP TEN EXHIBITORS

AS OF THE JANUARY - APRIL 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.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LISTING OF THE TOP TEN EXHIBITORS JANUARY thru APRIL 1987 AKC GAZETTE.

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FOR SALE:

Whelped 7/22/82, Red orange female. Whelped 7/3/81, Red female. Both full sisters to **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid**. Red female is dam of two champions.

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Whelped 10/26/83, Red orange female. Bi-Mar Tia Maria is sired by **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid**. Major AKC pointed and a free whelper.

Whelped 5/3/85, two sable females. Sired by **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** and out of a Black & Tan sister to **BIS Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasty's Tan-Ya**. Grandsire is **BIS Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasted Fudge**. Full sister to **Ch. Bi-Mar Sunny Go Lucky**.

Whelped 7/27/85, Sable male. AKC pointed and out of a litter sister to **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid's** dam and out of a Black & Tan male that is littermate to **BIS Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasty's Tan-Ya**. This is one of the best you'll ever find for sale. *BIS and specials potential*. Also his Black & Tan litter sister is for sale. (Free whelper).

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Whelped 5/10/86, Sable male. Sired by **Ch. Creider's Smoke 'N Flame**. Just started in the show ring. Show quality.

Whelped 1/6/86, sable male. Sired by **Ch. Bi-Mar Sunny Go Lucky** and out of a $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid**. Lucky is by "Sonny". Another show quality pup with lots of class and personality.

BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid rated Number One sire for 1986.

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ROOM IN THE INN... FOR DOG FANCIERS

Betty Claire Peacock

Recently I had a nice phone conversation with Peke breeder **Dottie Schuerch**, and we talked about how hard it is getting to find a motel to stay in for a show weekend. I have been thinking for some time about writing a column about this, and the conversation jelled my ideas. My friend **Polly Ferguson** and I have traveled together for a number of years and we have our procedures



well polished. We take plastic picnic table cloths, the kind with felt backs which don't slide around, and we spread them on the floor. We have square pens which we set up on the plastic and then spread with newspaper. Each dog goes in a pen to sleep and eat and we never let them run free in the room. Nor do we let them up on the bed to shed on the bedspread. If we do any grooming, we spread a large towel or sheet over the bedspread to protect it. We take "dog towels" and never use the motel's towels for dog purposes. And if we bathe a dog, we are careful to clean the tub and the drain. Usually, all we do is wash feet and tummies, if we do any washing at all. Also, a supply of plastic garbage bags goes along so that we can dispose of our soiled paper and wastes.

For exercise, I take two folding ex-pens and connect them together to make a large area for the dogs to run in. We police it with the pooper scoopers and use our own garbage bags, finding a dumpster to dispose of them, rather than using the motel trash receptacles, which might not be emptied often enough to keep from posing an odor problem. Usually we can find a good area outside for our pens. If not, or if it is raining, I take an expanding puppy gate, which we can set up in the bathroom door and the dogs can go down on newspaper. We take along paper towels, disinfectant spray and rug cleaner to take care of any accidents. If we walk any dogs on lead, we use a paper towel or plastic bags to pick up with as we go. I have noticed that big dog people don't seem to be as careful to pick up after their dogs as Toy people are. Those of you with motor homes don't have to worry about where you will stay, but many of us have no desire for a motor home and wish to enjoy hot water, comfortable beds, and eating out. We need to behave in such a thoughtful way as to always be welcome at the motels.

We have a busy spring season ahead of us, with many shows and a lot of traveling. Good luck to all of you in the ring. □

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SPECIALS ADDITION

TOP TWENTY POMERANIANS

JANUARY - APRIL 1987 AKC GAZETTE

Presently we find a number of Poms making their impact in Specials competition. In order to keep you informed as to the progress of these hard-working members of the breed, we are pleased to offer you SPECIALS ADDITION.

SPECIALS ADDITION is your monthly rating system of the Top Twenty Pomeranians in the United States. Rules for the rating system are as follows:

Breed points (not to be confused with AKC Championship points) are allotted to individuals according to the highest placement received in any given AKC show, as reported in the American Kennel Club Show, Obedience and Field Trials Awards Book. Only this source will be used for point awards. A number of points has been allotted to the various placements,

and they are as follows:

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

Statistician: SUSAN WADE. The following is the listing of the Top Twenty Pomeranians, as compiled from the JANUARY through MARCH 1987 AKC GAZETTE.

POINTS	NAME (Owner)	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB
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755	CH. TEXICAN'S GIANT KILLER CHULA (D)..... (Norma Gad, Owner)	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	3
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NEW POM CLUB FORMED...

We would like to announce the formation of the **Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club**. We held our first meeting in Sugarcreek, Ohio, at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. James Shearer** on 3/27/87. Several Pom fanciers from all over Ohio were in attendance.

Following the suggested AKC Club procedures as closely as possible, our first meeting brought forth many interesting and excellent suggestions from all in attendance. Many of these suggestions will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Temporary (3 month) officers were appointed as follows: Chairperson, **Lorinda Vasuta**; Secretary, **Judy Shearer**; Treasurer, **Fran Johns**. A regular election of officers will be held at the July meeting.

Shari Stoffer is in charge of putting together an outline for a constitution of our club. It will be openly discussed at the next meeting. **Darren Lane** is in charge of making up a club logo. Plans for a late, Summer, *Fun Match* were made and will also be discussed at the April meeting.

Membership dues were agreed to be set at \$10.00 for Adults, with a Junior Membership of \$5.00 for 16 years and under. Future meetings will be held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at a designated location. The locations will be further discussed at the April meeting, which will be held in Cambridge, Ohio. Anyone interested in joining the O.V.P.C. or desiring further information may contact **Judy Shearer**, 523 Miller Ave., Sugarcreek, OH 44681 Phone: (216) 852-4136

We sincerely hope all Ohio Pom people out there will join with us in reaching for our goals...**WE NEED YOU!**

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Love, **Stephie** / Mishawaka, IN

Dear Stephanie;

I think some doctors just go around stabbing little kids like you, just for the fun of it. Does your doctor sign her name with a *DVM* or a *DDC* (*Doctor Disloyal to Canines*)? Moms and doctors always stick together. The poking "twice" thing, really bothers me. Are you sure you are as good as you seem and that you are not there for discipline? You wouldn't be one of those "*I'll get even*" little girls and use your little sharp teeth, would you? I heard that your mom had craters in her hands after playing with you. Guess my advice would be only this...*TOUGH LOVE*.

Sweetly yours,

Shu-Shu

Dear Shu-Shu;

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POM PARADE...

CONNIE HENDRICKS

"And my cat fell off the balcony and down 7 STORIES to the concrete below..."

Kristina Malandro, who stars as *Felicia* in *General Hospital*, was telling us about what had happened recently to her pet cat.

Her balcony was secured so that nothing could happen to her Pom puppy, *Khani Edy*, but she didn't know her cat would try to jump up on the surrounding ledge. When he did, up and over he went. And down.

"But he survived!" All he had was a broken leg - and a broken jaw. After 6 weeks of nursing and TLC the cat was as good as new -- except he couldn't open his jaws any more. They were now tightly locked shut. So, back to the vet, waiting for the dreaded verdict. Either spend another \$2,000.00 and rebreak and reset the jaw (including another 6 weeks of misery for the cat), or put him to sleep. Kristina pondered. She couldn't bear the thought of putting her cat through all that torture again -- plus it might not work the next time -- and there was no way she could put him to sleep. So, she called her mother.

Her mother said, "Put him on the plane and send him to me. I'll see what I can do." After arriving in Indianapolis and getting a little rest, the cat was taken to an old time family Vet friend. He told her to leave the cat, and that he would figure out something. So that night he carefully put the cat into a controlled slumber, put a clamp in his mouth and slowly pryed his jaws apart. By morning the cat's mouth was open. *Voilà!* -- the cat was as good as new. The paralyzed, tightened jaw muscles were relaxed and he was responding perfectly. Oh, and the cost was \$10.00. Which once again proves that common sense is more important than dollars and cents. Now happily back in Hollywood the cat thinks twice before making any more long leaps.

I don't know if we're supposed to tell this, because animals aren't allowed on the TV and movie sets unless they're acting -- but there is some reason that everyone on the *General Hospital* set keeps stopping by Kristina's dressing room in their off-moments. And Kristina wonders why "Edy" is never hungry when they get home from a day's work.

Lillian Muller from California delighted us with a long phone call the other day, and we discussed the *Pom Reader* and Northern California Poms. Even though we have never met we were friends through her and her husband *David's Ch. Muller's Encore*. "Cory" has long been representing the Pom in Group competition down here while being campaigned by *Anna & Ray LaFortune*. And he has certainly made us all proud. Anna could always count on him to give his very best no matter how hot, how cold, or how tired. Two of his most outstanding qualities were his terrific, super showman personality and his gorgeous stand-off coat. Although we never did pick him up, all the people that did couldn't believe that he only weighed like a feather under all that huge coat. A real crowd pleaser.

Just now 3 years old, he had been on the road solid since he was an 8-month old puppy. So Lillian said she figured that since he had been out of coat anyway, that she would keep him home for a while, and give him a well deserved rest while he was coating up. Besides it was fun having the guy home. Now she says he is looking great, and ready to go again.

He has a "look alike" son that is starting a show career of his own. *Muller's Celebriti* already has a major tucked away with a win at Oakland. He also has been in the care of the *LaFortune's*. When he is in the ring people come up and say "What is Cory doing in there?"

Lillian and David have had their share of good Poms. How
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many people have had the thrill of having a male and a female both win, and *finish their championships* on the same day!

Dorothy Keller shared a good idea with us, so that we could pass it on to the *Pom Reader* devotees. Instead of buying expensive pin brushes from the dog supply distributor, she goes to her local Beauty Supply Store. And there she pays between \$1.50 and \$1.75 per brush depending on the quantity that she gets. That way when one gets lost or "borrowed" it's no big deal. She also said to be sure to get the wooden handles. Sometimes the plastic ones will break.

MORE ABOUT OVERTRIMMING: I was surprised at how many comments I received about the overtrimming of Poms! **Anna LaFortune** strongly feels that we will have to change the Pomeranian Standard to make the Pom a one-coated breed, if we continue to allow Poms to win that have had all their second outer coat of harsh, guard hairs cut off. *A cut down dog does not have 2 coats.*

Anna has a couple of stories to tell.

One is about a new Pom that was just bought. It was cut down. The new owner let the dog's coat grow out. *He had the curliest coat she had ever seen on a Pom.* He NEEDED just one coat.

The other is about a terrific Pom that was sent to a top handler. The owner had to pull the dog, because he looked like a puppy when the handler was through chopping him up. It has gotten so that as soon as a Handler gets a Pom to show -- out come the scissors.

Anna also says, "I like 2 coated Poms. I like a mane that's heart-shaped. When I look down on my dogs I want to see a pear-shaped looking dog. I want a texture on that outer coat -- and straight. I also want well feathered front legs front legs. I never use hair spray. What do I use? Distilled water and lots of elbow grease. I cut the guard hairs off my puppies, and trim the shaggy hair. When I see the Pokes cut down, I'll cut the Poms down.

"I've heard it said that the AKC doesn't like it if we keep changing our Standard. Why not keep with the Standard, and stop trying to change the beautiful breed that we have?"

The competition is really heating up now! There are several very good Poms that just need a point or a major to be champions. And with the younger ones coming along, it is tough. But also very interesting.

What a pleasure to have the opportunity of seeing *Ch. Precious Petit Rippe Supreme. Duane Doll & Joe McGinnis* have sent him to California where he is "coating up" under the watchful eye of *Vikki Powell*. We hope to see him down here in May.

Because May promises to be so much fun, and we'll be having the chance to see people and Poms we haven't seen before, we will just be observing and visiting at the Specialty. Can't wait -- see you there! □

Connie Hendricks

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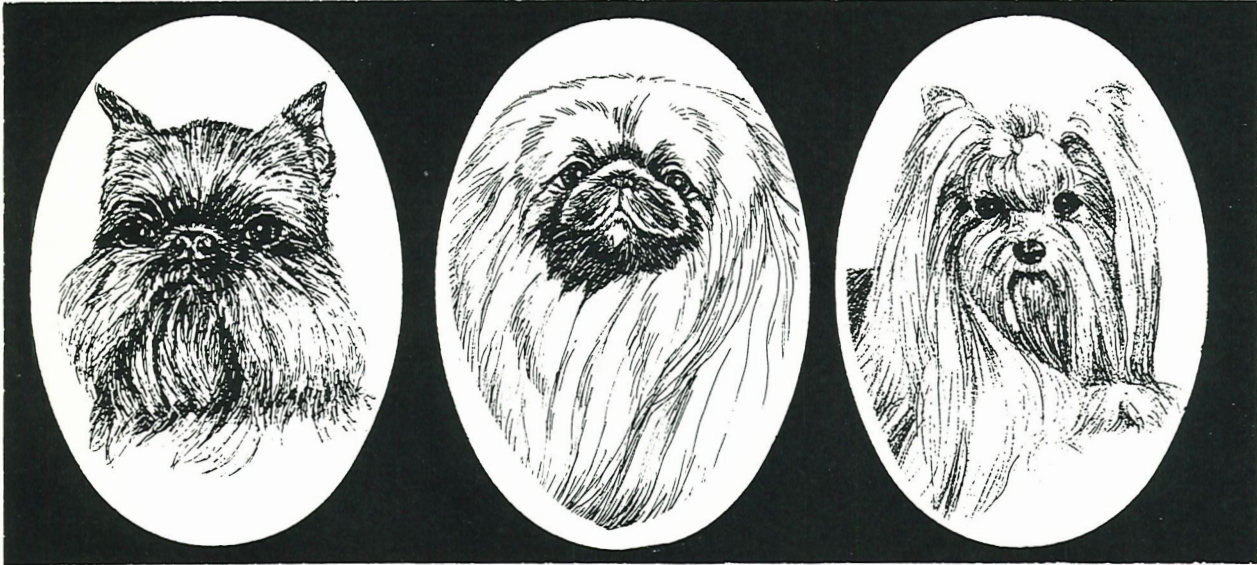
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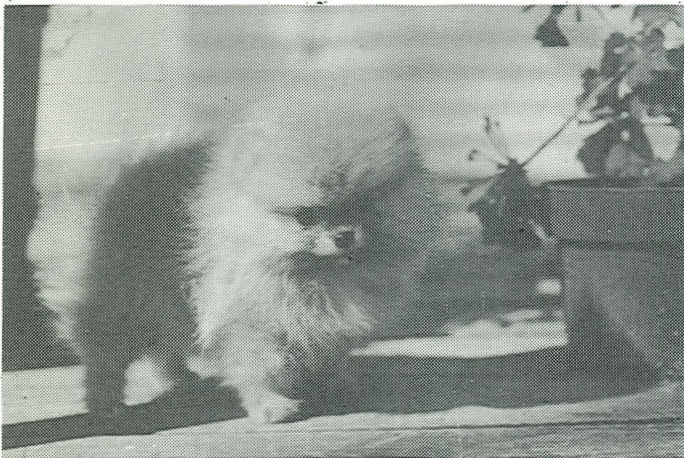


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MORE ON VESTIBULAR DISEASE...

Bob Schuerch



Last year I devoted two columns to **Granulomatous Meningoencephalomyelitis (GME)** and a similar condition known as reticulosis or vestibular disease. I'm happy to report that our Scottish import bitch *Queenie* is doing well. She has been off all medication for some time and her coat is coming back. Although she still displays a tendency to tip her head occa-

sionally, she is active and happy and as I write this is just coming into season for the first time. One of the things I reported in those articles was that there was essentially no research going on concerning this disease. That's no longer the case.

Gilbert S. Kahn (photo right), the judge and Toy breeder, lost a Papillon to GME and responded by establishing a research grant at the University of Pennsylvania to study the disease. Soon we may see a light at the end of the tunnel.

The fund is called the **Charing Cross Research Fund** and its director is **Dr. Sheldon Steinberg** at the U. of PA. School of Veterinary Medicine. I spoke to Dr. Steinberg in late March. the gist of our conversation follows.

The body of current knowledge holds that GME, reticulosis, and vestibular disease are the same ailment. Dr. Steinberg attributes the varying terminology to the fact that most available data is based on clinical observations rather than laboratory studies. He also believes the differing longevities reported occur for the same reason.

To date a reliable diagnosis can only be made post mortem, although Dr. Steinberg thinks he currently has a true case study where the dog has survived two years.

The **Charing Cross** research has been underway for a little over a year but already an international symposium has been held.

I volunteered to send copies of my two articles to him to give him two observations from a layman's point of view and asked if he would care to hear from others who have had the chilling experience the disease brings. He said he would appreciate receiving any case histories.

Our conversation was very short partly because I didn't know enough about the subject to perform brilliantly but mostly because I sensed the Dr. was extremely busy. I did offer to send a donation to the fund and write it up in this article.

Since our conversation, I've been thinking about what would be involved in researching a disease like GME. All sorts of questions flash through my mind:

Since it's relatively unknown, how does a researcher collect data? How many dogs have survived it? How many have died undiagnosed? Is there a reporting network to funnel data through?

Are GME, reticulosis, and vestibular disease actually the same ailment as the current thinking claims, or are they separate conditions? Or are some more or less severe manifestations of the same illness?

Can you induce the condition so it can be studied or do you have to wait until some pet owners presents a case in progress? Does it occur in other animals or only in dogs? Is it more prevalent in particular breeds or is it

undiscriminating?

Is GME a cause or an effect? Is it really not hereditary or genetic or is that the belief because the data that could contradict that belief has not surfaced? Where do you start? Where will it end? What happens if the money runs out?

Are laymen's observations valid? Are they listened to objectively or routinely dismissed? Could a seemingly stupid question lead to a productive line of thought? [Ed. note - always remember what my mother says: "There are no stupid questions. Only stupid answers." —JMcG]

While *Queenie* was still under treatment, I mentioned that the head tilt and circling seemed to occur more severely when she was excited. The attending veterinarian indicated that it was unrelated. Was this true or was it merely what the current body of scientific thought believes? Or, was it merely a professional's way of telling an uninitiated shoemaker to "stick to his last?" Now that *Queenie* is recovered (or at least in remission) I've noticed that she seems to be more prone to head tilt immediately after she has moved her bowels. This set me to thinking again.

For any human or animal to do anything requires at least two messages to be transmitted. First, some stimulus must cause a signal to be sent to the brain. Second, the brain must process the incoming signal and send a message to the muscles which must be exercised to react to the stimulus. Now, what do dogs do that is usually preceded by circling? Chasing their tails, moving their bowels, urinating, and bedding are four things that come to mind. My unscientific mind immediately rejects chasing tails; but the other functions seem to have some plausibility. Is it possible that GME is related to some dysfunction of the digestive tract or the genitourinary system. Admittedly the move from scooping doggie do to curing GME is a several quantum leap, but is it possible? Maybe. Is it a stupid question? Probably, but what if that stupid question caused an idea to germinate in a trained scientific mind? *What if???*

Since talking to Dr. Steinberg, I also thought, how easily we part with a buck or two to buy raffle tickets. How readily we write a check for a trophy donation or an ad. Yet we give lots of thought before donating to a charity or some other cause. If you wish, you can contribute to the **Charing Cross Research Fund** by making a check payable to **Trustees - University of Pennsylvania**, and sending it to:

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Bob Schuerch

[Ed. note: In addition to the above, I would like to add that it would be a nice idea if those of us planning to make a donation would indicate that the contribution is being made in the memory of Mr. Kahn's best friend, the late DR. JORGE N. SANCHEZ. —JMcG]

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