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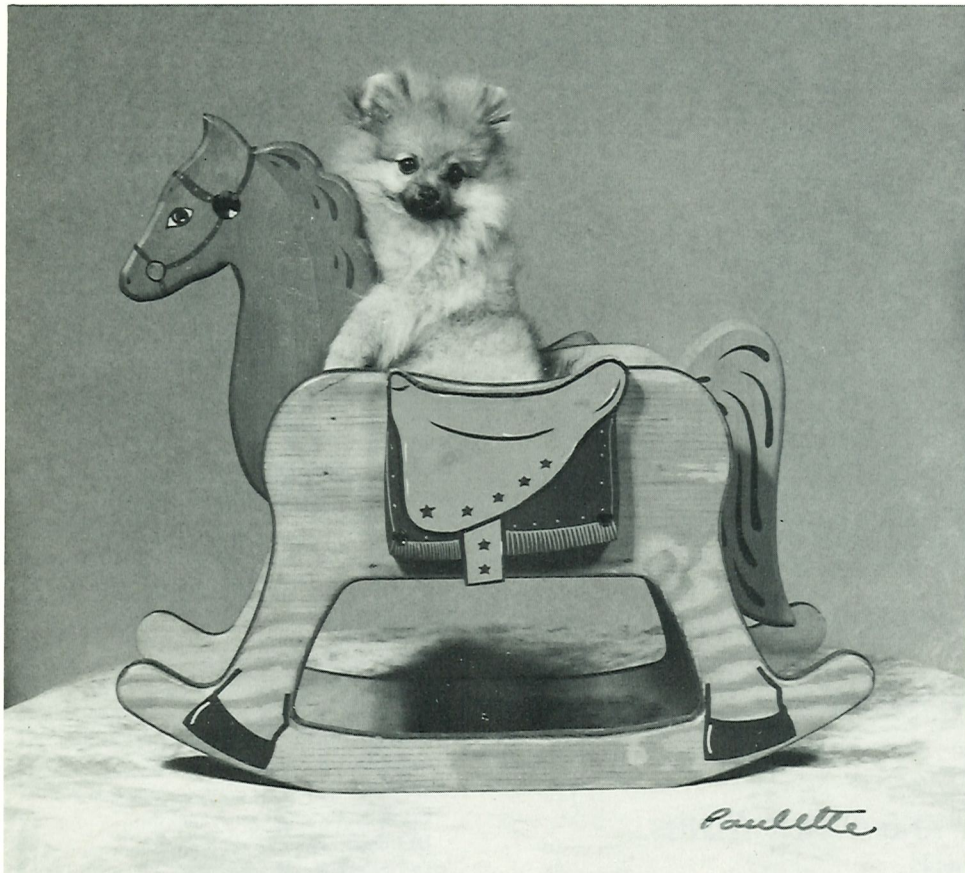


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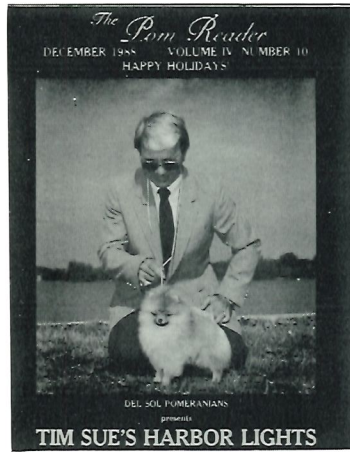
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SHOWSIGHT — FROM THE EDITOR

I was just deciding whether or not to have another cup of coffee. What would that entail? Well, tracing my steps to the coffee-maker would involve the following: step over Justice the Rottweiler; yell at the Guinea hens to get off the patio furniture; step over Liberty the Doberman; yell at the new heifer to get out of the shrubbery; pat seven Champions on the head; play with two puppies; yell at Caesar the cat to stop whatever he is doing, pour a cup of coffee and repeat the process back out to my office. I finally decided I don't have time for another cup of coffee.

And it's not only the animals around here that give a person pause. The other night I was coming back from somewhere and I was in rather a hurry, because I had to, well, I had to, well, I was in a hurry to get home. I rounded the last curve at a good clip, approached the front gate, and...came to a screeching halt. There was Christi's van, completely blocking the drive. (Christi is an employee of ours.) I sat and waited. She didn't come out. I fidgeted some more. She still did not appear. Finally, I popped out of the station wagon, started up the van and drove it on in. At which point Christi and Duane came running out to see who was attempting to hijack the Sportsman. They had been, of course, sitting around blabbing. I jumped out of the van, ran to retrieve the wagon, and...THERE WAS THE U.P.S. MAN BLOCKING THE DRIVE. Obviously this was not my night.

But of course, at this time of year one does not become angered at delivery people — they could be bearing gifts! This one was — and an interesting Christmas gift it is, too. A *Digital Rain Gauge*. Just what I've always wanted. You see, some cattle friends of ours, **Jim & Gail Gresham** of the famous **Circle G Ranch**, do everything just right. When they hold a cattle sale it is a major event; the catalogue is top quality, and the invitations engraved. And the sale weekend is a major-type party; on Friday afternoon there is the cattle preview, and you stroll around this magnificent ranch looking at these breathtaking animals on the bench, so to speak. Each individual in the sale has a plaque with name, birthdate, and pedigree; each pen — pen doesn't quite fit it — each *viewing area* is spotless, and the animals are arrayed all over the acreage, up the hill, under the trees; it's quite a sight. And the cleanup crew's efficiency makes any dog show's look sick. While previewing the offerings, should you tire, they will whisk you around in golf carts, and should the heat or cold get to you, there are bars — with formally attired attendants, everywhere you look. Following the preview is a sit-down dinner — usually for two hundred — complete with floral arrangements, fine china, numerous courses and appropriate wines...all in the *barn!* (The sale barn in itself is a masterpiece.) Following dinner, there is a parade of cattle — across a raised dais — for your entertainment while you sip your cognac. And immediately following dinner there is music and dancing and drinking and everything. I love to attend cattle sales, especially Gail & Jim's.

And speaking of sales, **KAL KAN PEDIGREE** is anticipating increased sales of its product due to the new snazzy commercial starring **Olga Baker** and her Poms. The decidedly dolled-up Olga strikes yet another blow in the battle for increased recognition of Toy Dogs 'round the globe. Nice



work, O.B.

But back to Gail & Jim's...The following morning, breakfast is served, followed by luncheon, followed by the sale itself. And the sale at this particular place, as it is at almost every private sale I've ever been to, is an event itself. The auctioneers are always top-flight, the pace is swift and entertaining, and through it all more food and drink are at your disposal. And the prices are staggering. Ah, you say, *there's*

the answer. MONEY. And of course you're right; it IS done for the money. This year the sale brought in over half a million dollars in three and one-quarter hours.

So the sale brings in the bucks, but they wouldn't have to do it quite the way they do. Should you make a purchase — and even if you don't you can still eat — not only do you get your cattle, you receive a personal Thank-You note from the breeders. And follow-up letters as to the progress of the cattle you purchased. (And in our case, for Christmas, a Digital Rain Gauge.) Is this all just to bring you back, to spend more money, to get you hooked? No. These particular individuals bring you back through more than gracious entertaining; they always bring us back through ethical practices. And we go back twice a year.

Last year we were unable to attend their spring sale, and tendered an offer in absentia. And we were gratified to purchase the lot of our choice, a tremendous cow & bull calf pair of impeccable lineage. And the cow was bred back to a bull we admire, and hopefully in calf (Angus language meaning in whelp). Several months later we noticed that the the bull calf was going lame, and becoming more crippled by the day. We called and reported the problem. *No problem*, was the answer, we were credited a chunk of change for the bull calf, no if's, and's or but's. No ask for return of the bull calf, nothing. They took our word. We were more than satisfied. Then another month went by and the cow came back into heat, signalling that, of course, she was NOT in calf. They credited us eighty percent of the purchase price and let us keep the cow. We were dumbfounded. There are some things we dog people can learn from the cattle people, I guess. Ethics of this high caliber should be handsomely rewarded, and we wish these people the best of everything. So, we'll always go back for the ethics, party or no, and as for the spring sale, we won't miss another.

But of course it takes two or more to tango. Everybody in purebred dogs has had a puppy not pan out, or something go awry. And most breeders are more than willing to make things right, providing there is communication and sensible thinking on the part of all parties. It's when people start screaming at each other that everything falls apart, and by then, you've missed your chance.

And speaking of missing, numerous people have inquired how we are managing without our yard-care people, **Junior & His Wife**. Well, when you need something done, depend upon your own resources...

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THE SAN DIEGO POMERANIAN CLUB SPECIALTY

and other things...

by Sally Baugniet, A.P.C. Education Coordinator

I had the opportunity to judge the **San Diego Pomeranian Club Specialty** in conjunction with the Del Sur Kennel Club.

Winners Dog was **PICCOLO OF POINT LOMA** from the ROCS open class, bred and owned by **Pauline Hughes**. Winners Bitch was **PHYNER SWEET SUCCESS** from the ROCS open class, bred by **Lorene Bradbury** and owned by **Dolly Trauner**. Veteran Bitch **CH. MILLBROOK SUZETTA** was eleven years old and still going strong. She was bred by **Barbara Paine** and owned by **Barbara Paine & Gertrude Webber**.

There were seven other specials entered for Best of Breed. I chose a beautiful black bitch **CH. PHYNER BLACK MINIKIN**, bred and owned by **Dolly Trauner**. I would have liked to have her be a little larger, but she really had it together. She was IT! Best of Winners was the Winners Dog; Best of Opposite Sex was a new Champion moved up from the classes: **SUNGOLD'S MAX OF HARBIN**, bred by **Irene & Sylvia Harbin** and owned by **Anna LaFortune**.

Stud Dog Class had one entry, **CH. SUN RAY'S GOLD BANNER**, bred by **Fern Rodrigues** and owned by **Sam & Linda Levin**. Two braces competed; **Pauline Hughes** had the winning brace. Her brace was comprised of **WANDA O'POINT LOMA** and **PICCOLO OF POINT LOMA**, a mother-son combination.

After Pom judging was completed, we had a delicious pot luck lunch including some Mexican dishes we don't have in Wisconsin. During this time I brought out the Standardized Standard that we have hammered out thus far. I am very serious about getting as much input from as many Pom people as possible. People at the Des Moines Specialties had a chance to contribute, also.

One of the things extensively discussed was color. We can do one of three things; leave it as it is, add acceptable colors with descriptions, or have all colors acceptable. The 1st and 3rd choices are easy. Adding acceptable colors is more complicated, but might be the best way to go. Colors that are being considered for addition are: **Any Solid Color With Tan Markings** which are marked the same as tan markings in a black & tan; **Brindle** (there are several of that color around), and **Beaver**. **Pauline Hughes, Art Davison, Margaret & Daniel Ontiveros** and others were discussing the answer to my question "What color is Beaver?" I had the beaver color described to me as beige (not orange or cream). Beige-colored Poms have self-colored pigment. I thought, *Oh, Oh, the judges are going to think a Beaver Pom is a shade of orange with poor pigment*. This is probably why the Beaver color was left out of the more recent standards.

Margaret Ontiveros sent a letter of quotes from various old books on color: ***This Is The Pomeranian*** by **Louise Ziegler Spierer & Herbert F. Spierer**, 1965 TFH publications, page 32, under colors: "...The Beaver is a dark beige..."

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The shading on the Beaver color would be toward the browns rather than the shadings oranges have toward the red. Since beaver is definitely a Pom color and was in previous Pom Standards, I do believe it deserves to be put back in. Without identifying specific colors by just stating "all colors allowed", we would open Pandora's box to accepting solid colored Poms with a white leg or white feet (a mis-marked parti-colored, mismarked black, etc.) and smuttiness. Do we want this? I think, with A.K.C.'s education programs, we can educate both Pom judges and Pom fanciers. What do you think?

Pauline Hughes told me her new revised book on Pomeranians will be out and available to the public at the time of the 1989 New York Pom Specialty. This is one book I hope to add to my library. How about you?

Has anyone heard of a lilac color? A woman from the state of Washington was told by the person from whom she bought her Pom, that it was lilac. She wonders if it is a blue gene. It is impossible for me to give her an answer without a color picture or questioning her. If anyone out there can help, please do.

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SPECIALS ADDITION

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

Points (not to be confused with AKC championship points) are allotted to individuals according to the highest placement in any given AKC show, as reported in the **AKC Show, Obedience and Fields Trials Awards Book**. *Only this source will be used for point credit.* A number of points has been allotted to the various placements, and they are as follows:

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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. Tie placements will be marked with an asterisk and listed in alphabetical order. The following is the listing of the Top Twenty Poms, through the NOVEMBER 1988 AKC Gazette.

POINTS	NAME	BISA	BISS	BOSS	I	II	III	IV	BOB
14120	CH. GREAT ELMS PRINCE CHARMING II (D)..... (Piazza/Baker, Owners)	12	1	-	23	10	6	4	7
4695	CH. GREAT ELMS PRIDE AND JOY (D)..... (B. Stetson, Owner)	4	1	-	6	2	6	3	13
2305	CH. APOLLOETTE MOONLITE GAMBLER (D)..... (M. & M. Presser, Owners)	-	-	-	5	4	4	1	13
1490	CH. HOMESTEAD'S SPIT 'N POLISH (D)..... (J. Hurley, Owner)	1	-	-	-	4	3	1	14
1475	CH. TIM SUE'S HIGH LIGHTS (D)..... (Luginsland/Goddard, Owners)	1	-	-	2	1	3	2	5
1420	CH. PRECIOUS PETTIE'S GABRIEL (D)..... (C. Pfeffer, Owner)	-	-	-	4	2	1	1	2
1345	CH. BELL'S GRANDSTAND ROWDY (D)..... (B. Bell, Owner)	-	-	-	1	4	2	1	32
1270	CH. SHY ACRES OUR MAN FRIDAY (D)..... (N. Burnette, Owner)	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	7
1140	CH. LANA'S TOP PRIORITY (D)..... (Craig/Ejchorszt, Owners)	-	-	-	-	5	4	2	4
1120	CH. WHARTON'S SEPPI VON HONIG (D)..... (Coke/Wharton, Owners)	-	-	-	2	2	3	1	7
1035	CH. BI-MAR'S SUNDANCE KID (D)..... (M. Rosenbaum, Owner)	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	1
930	CH. SUN RAY'S BATMAN (D)..... (F. Rodrigues, Owner)	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	3
830	CH. PEDRON'S DRAGON THE CONQUEROR (D)..... (Galindo/Welch, Owners)	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	3
800	CH. SYSAME CLEAN SWEEP (D)..... (S. Schlienz, Owner)	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	15
785	CH. MIXON'S ROSSI OF FRIPP (D)..... (L. Collings, Owner)	-	-	-	-	1	5	2	21
770	CH. MIDAS FASCINATING RHYTHM (D)..... (J. Lehtinen, Owner)	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	2
755	CH. CHRISCENDO CALVIN KLEIN (D)..... (Heartz/Miller, Owners)	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	3
690	CH. JAMEL'S FUGICLE OF SOUTHLAND (D)..... (Jackson/Taylor, Owners)	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	9
625	CH. TEXICAN'S GIANT KILLER CHULA (D)..... (N. Gad, Owner)	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	5
600	CH. SOUTHLAND'S MR. VIP O'IDA (D)..... (Creed/Jenner, Owners)	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	5

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A CHRISTMAS TAIL

Connie R. Warnock

'Twas the night before Christmas,
quite late by the clock —
The house was so quiet —
(but soon it would rock!)
The stockings were hung in a row —
SEVENTEEN!
One for each little dog —
some were red, some were green.
They were filled to the top
with biscuits and toys;
for these pups were quite clearly
their "Mom's" pride and joys!
The tree was a tall one
and beautifully trimmed.
Boxes spilled 'neath it —
the tree lights were dimmed.
I looked at the room
as I turned to retire.
The picture I saw in
the soft glowing fire,
filled me with feelings
of comfort and joy.
I'd managed to do it —
down to the last toy!
For in this family's house —
as I'm sure in some other,
Christmas was hung up with love
by the Mother!
So weary but happy upstairs
I crept;
And within a few minutes
quite soundly I slept.
Down in the kitchen,
asleep in their beds,
with visions of squeaky toys
filling their heads;
the puppies were snoozing —
all except one —
and that one little scamp
was just ripe for some fun!
She set to the task of
waking her brother,
who then turned around, and
woke up another!
By standing on edges and
jumping and such,
they were out in a minute —
it didn't take much!
On soft little pads
they were soon outward bound —
and so far so good
as they made not a sound!
Then into that beautiful
Christmassy room
they tumbled with barely a
bounce or a boom.
What a wondrous array
met those round puppy eyes!
All those glittering boxes
that were almost their size!
And tinsel and tassel
and bright colored bows -
A room full of sniffs
for each tiny black nose!
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They went to work quickly
with hardly a sound;
save the ripping of wrappings
and ribbons around
those beautiful packages
done up so proper.
The mess they created
was really a whopper!
A bowl full of candy,
set low on a table,
was up-ended as soon
as those puppies were able!
Their soft little tongues
went straight to the heart —
they even ate wrappers!
Then they turned with a start -
wide awake now with
mischief to spare,
they grabbed up the tinsel
and went on a tear!!
Round the tree twice
just running pell mell!
Then into the hallway
sweet with bayberry smell.
Soon now this tale will turn round —
you hope!
Well the puppies were reaching
the end of their rope! (Tinsel, that is)
And just when they did -
and that tinsel pulled tight —
that tree hit the floor!
What a terrible sight!!
The noise of the crash
went straight up the stairs.
I woke in a flash -
as yet unawares.
Downward I stepped
still heavy with sleep.
At the bottom I turned
and the sight made me weep!!
The tip of the tree lay
right next to my toes.
The smell of bayberry
was strong in my nose.
I stood there a moment
in true disbelief -
Could a burglar have come in
and caused us this grief?
A glance at the room
in that dim disarray,
forecast naught but disaster
for that Christmas Day!!
The tie picked for Grandpa
hung in shreds from a chair.
A red negligee was partly here,
partly there!
The shirt for son Billy
was draped on the tree!
The slacks that went with it —
torn out at the knee!
As I took in the wreckage,
the family appeared.
The looks on their faces
became worse as they neared!

"What happened", they cried,
"Should we call up the cops?"
And just at that moment
there came from the top
of the downed Christmas tree
a soft mournful sound -
we slowly edged forward till
we all stood around
and what to our wondering eyes
should show up
but one very scared
and bewildered young pup!
Right up through the tree
the others they came!
We stood there a moment
then called them by name.
'Twas just before dawn
by the time we were through;
and the tree was restored
and the presents were too.
But out in the kitchen
it wasn't so merry —
for puppies whose tummies
were feeling quite scary!
A stern reprimand
and confinement to bed —
a teaspoon of pink stuff
was what they were fed!
So we managed our Christmas
in spite of it all -
And by evening we found we
could laugh and not bawl!
That horrible disaster that we'd
wakened to
had faded quite mercifully
into the blue.
And the puppies exhausted
slept on in their beds.
Who knows what strange dreams
filled their round little heads?
They may dreamed of spankings
which they never got —
or maybe of tummy aches
which they had a lot!
And maybe, just maybe
they heard me exclaim:
"Well, I left the door open —
the pups aren't to blame."
After all, folks, its Christmas!
Even Scrooge, that old coot,
Couldn't stay mad at puppies
so small and so cute!
So fix up the fire
and throw on the logs —
It's all too apparent
WE'VE GONE TO THE DOGS!

THE END

A CANADIAN BREEDER'S POINT OF VIEW

by Karen Bradshaw

A BIG STEP...



After twenty-three years of marriage my husband and I have gone our separate ways.

On September 26th, '88, I packed up my dogs and headed east. My daughter Kim and some close friends of mine helped pack a one-ton rental truck with all my kennel supplies

and personal effects. We left up ten large airline (metal with trays) kennels stacked two high, and into each one went three dogs. We placed these along one side of the truck, with a bed on the other and boxes etcetera, along the back. Kim drove the truck and we towed her car. Our destination was Astorville, Ontario, which is twenty-five miles southeast of North Bay.

We averaged 350 miles a day, approximately seven hours driving. We stayed in motels at night and the dogs slept in the truck. We would let the dogs out in portable pens in the morning and at night, to do what dogs do best. The bed in the truck was for me to rest from sitting, as I had undergone spinal surgery eight weeks before, and was still recuperating. After six days on the road, we finally arrived at my sister Beth's farm.

Well, I had told her I was bringing 30 dogs, plus farm dog Rocky, house dog Cherie, and pup, "Bit-A-Trouble". You can only imagine the look of surprise when we opened up the truck!

She had just built a new garage and had it planned the dogs would occupy it until the new kennel was built.

Well, now it's five weeks later and we have all settled in well. My sister and her children love the dogs. My nephew, Jason, Beth and Kim have erected a new kennel house which will be ready in a week's time. My Maltese Jody gave birth to 3 and the Pekingese had 3. Two Pomeranians and one Pekingese are due within the week. These puppies are the new beginnings of my kennel here.

I have already been to my first kennel club meeting — Nipissing Kennel Club.

I will miss my show buddies at ringside in Alberta, and the many good friends. Hello to the Ontario breeders and show people. We will see you at ringside. Please come over and say hi!

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Dogs Howl and...

“IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!”

I’ve been sitting here listening to my ‘operator’ answer phone calls. It is that time of year again — you know, that season where puppies suddenly become a hot commercial commodity. My ‘operator’ is a Scrooge. SHE HATES CHRISTMAS! But now I am finally beginning to understand why...

“Hello. Yes, we do raise Pomeranians. Oh, I see, you called the AKC and they gave you my name. (*How about they called the local kennel club, eh?*) Well, I might have something available, just what is it you are looking for?”

“A puppy. To weigh no more than 4 pounds when grown. Female. I don’t ever want to breed her but you know how, uh, males are — well, you know, uh—. Color? Uh, orange — isn’t that what I am supposed to ask for?”

“Supposed to ask for?”

“Uh, that’s the color of the Pom who won the Garden, isn’t it? Yeah, well that’s the right color then, I want orange. Uh, what do you mean you can’t say for sure what color your puppy will be when grown? Uh, it might have sabling on it — what’s that? No, I never heard of orange sable...wait, yeah, I’ve heard of wolf sable, though. Yeah, I wouldn’t mind a wolf sable if you have one. I heard about that color at a pet shop. All their Pom pups are wolf sable! Uh, you don’t have wolf sable? In fact, you’ve never even seen a wolf sable? How come? I mean, you’re a breeder, aren’t you, the AKC recommended you highly. (*Sure the AKC did.*) Well, uh, let’s get back to color later, right now I want to stress that I would like the little girl to grow up breedable size.”

“I thought you said you wanted it to weigh no more than 4 pounds.”

“Uh, well, what weight do you recommend for breeding?”

“I thought you said you were never going to breed her?”

“Well, I don’t plan to, but, uh, well — what if she gets pregnant? She’s got to be big enough to have the babies!”

“How’s she going to get pregnant if you don’t breed her, or do you have some knowledge that I don’t possess?”

“Uh, well she might get out or something, I don’t know.”

“Let’s get one thing straight — Mr. Roberts, is it? Mr. Roberts, we do not sell Pomeranians to people who might let them ‘get out’; neither do we sell to people who want breeding quality but state they don’t want breeding quality. Now, what’s it going to be?” (*If they hang up, so what???*)

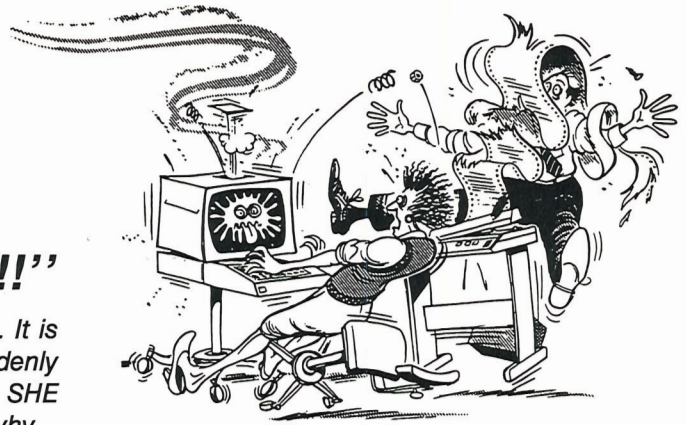
“Uh, well I guess I’m a little confused or something, I don’t know.”

“That’s all right, Mr. Roberts, if I were to set out to buy a race horse I would be confused too, since I know nothing about race horses, yet I would know that I either wanted a top caliber horse or a mediocre one. My pocketbook would make that evaluation simple. Are you, accordingly, looking for a pet or for a breeding or showing dog?”

“Uh, a pet. I thought I would give it to my girlfriend for Christmas. She has wanted a Pom ever since she saw that one win at Westminster.”

“Well, Mr. Roberts, in that case I do happen to have a beautiful little Pom boy who should weigh out at about 3½ pounds when grown, however I would sternly advise against letting him on the

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furniture, as these small ones will break legs or a neck when jumping down.”

“But I don’t want a boy!”

“But you said you did, Mr. Roberts! But that aside, I also have a female for sale, but her caliber is better than pet quality. The price will be higher.” (*If they want to breed them to get back their investment plus make money, let ‘em pay, eh?*)

“Uh, that was my next question, what kind of prices we talking about here?”

“Well, Mr. Roberts, you mentioned that you had been to a pet shop. I am aware of the prices they sell for and what caliber they sell for those prices. Unlike pet shops we do not sell our pups at 8 weeks. The pet shop has to because at 12 weeks it becomes painfully obvious that they are selling Arctic sled dogs rather than Pomeranians. Also our dogs are fully inoculated when they leave us, have been vet checked and are guaranteed health-wise. This guarantee is not simply a replacement puppy (IF we had one) but means that you have 48 hours to take it to a vet and if it is determined that the dog is not healthy we will refund your MONEY. *Instantly!* Then too our puppy will have been lead trained, which is a big plus for those who are afraid their dog might ‘get out’, and our puppy will be of an age for proper evaluation, which is how we price them. According to whether they are pet, show or breeding. Pet caliber in a good breeder’s home means that they will look 100 percent typical Pomeranian and have the same charming personality as the ones you see in the show ring. However, they will either be too small or too large for breeding or showing, and in the case of males they may have one small missing part (*Oh, you shouldn’t have said that — you will spend a whole hour explaining that one!*), but then the price difference at purchase more than makes up for these small differences. In the case of breeding or showing caliber there is a differential between those qualities of about 2 percent. Maybe one will have a tail curved rather than over back, or be a bit long in muzzle or have wide ear placement, things that will have effect in the ring but should not interfere with producing good caliber if bred right. Whew, Mr. Roberts, I didn’t mean to take up so much time explaining all this, but I am trying to un-confuse you as well as be ethical with you. So as to the prices I am offering the male for \$350.00 and the female at \$650.00, very reasonable prices considering they have all shots, are trained and are health-guaranteed.”

“Uh, \$350.00 for the boy and \$650.00 for the girl — ah, well, uh, maybe I better talk this over with my girlfriend and call you back. Is that okay?”

“Yes, Mr. Roberts. That is quite okay.” (*Quite, quite, quite okay!*) (*In the meantime of course the roast has burned in the oven, five Poms sit verbalizing their need to have dinner, someone is at the front door and the telephone is ringing again...“Hello. Yes, I raise Poms. Oh, I see — you called the AKC and they gave you my number...”*)

Until the dog howls again...OLYMPIA!

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tries close: 12/23/88.* For further information, check
MB-F Premium list.

CAROLINA POM CLUB...On September 3, 1988, the second meeting of the **Carolina Pomeranian Club** was held in Raleigh, NC. There were approximately 20 people in attendance.

We are having a ball! We have such great things planned, one of which is a Pom match to be held in February in conjunction with the **Charlotte Dog Training Club**. Our match will be held at the Piedmont Kennel Club building in Charlotte, NC. We hope everyone will join us. For more information, contact **Dot Martin**, Rt. 2, Box 30M, Rock Hill, SC 29054.

We have such a fun and enthusiastic group of people in our club, you won't find a better group of people anywhere.

Charter members are being accepted until December 31, 1988. For information on joining our club you also contact **Dot Martin**. We would love to have you.

Ramona Baldrige has done a great job on our club newsletter. She is keeping us up-to-date on what's happening within our club, and what's going on in the Pom world. Thanks, Ramona, for taking on this enormous task and taking time out of your busy schedule to do this for us...we greatly appreciate you!

Our next meeting will be held on November 12, 1988, at the Columbia Kennel Club show. We will meet ringside after the Pom classes. *Come join us!*

Yolanda Webster

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OHIO VALLEY POM CLUB...Well, the late autumn days are getting far too short here in Ohio, but what they lack in "time", they make up for in "glory". The colors are breathtaking. The wind is quite fickle now...sometimes it gently strokes your cheek and brushes softly through your hair...then again it fiercely tugs at the branches of the trees and whips the leaves into a frenzy of whirling, swirling, confetti-of-colors. The Poms just LOVE it — they run & jump & scatter the leaves everywhere. Especially after you rake them into neat piles...

Our Club has had its first Specialty match, in October, and it went very well. We will be holding an ALL TOY MATCH on 3/5/89 and a Seminar on 3/11/89. For more information on these events contact President **Ron Feyh** at (614) 274-2118. Our Medina K.C. supported entry for the December Cleveland shows is going very well and we will be having a Hospitality area. We hope many friends and exhibitors will join us again this year.

As everyone knows, **Ch. Great Elms Prince Charming II** is continuing his winning ways — he has many Best in Show wins to his credit, and some very fine puppies in the ring already. **Ch. Great Elms Pride & Joy**, owned by another OVPC member,

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da Vasata & Darren Lane will be bringing out their puppies very soon — they finished THREE puppies this past few months! **Donna Megenhardt & Carol Galavich** have also finished some of their Poms and are going strong with their new puppies. Our club is still growing and has much planned for 1989.

The autumn sun is setting now, the skies are a beautiful gold & orange...the wind is quiet and the Poms are sleeping at my feet. It's a peaceful time & a time to give thanks for my many blessings. Take care — God bless — see you next time. **LOVE THOSE POMS!**

P.S. — "Foot-note" for the day...

*My Pom is so obedient
he does what he is bid.*

*The Park Bench said "Wet Paint"...
and that's exactly what he did!*

Barbara A. Stoffer

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DIABETES CURE..."We can cure any dog with insulin-dependent diabetes with our transplant technique and (the drug) cyclosporin," **Rodolfo Alejandro, MD**, said.

His next challenge is to find a way to cure diabetes without relying on drugs which repress the immune system, and to bring the technique within the financial range of pet owners. It currently costs about \$2000.00 for the process, and the drugs coast about \$300.00 per month.

Dr. Alejandro heads a team at the Diabetes Research Institute of Miami, Florida, which is transplanting islet cells, the cells in the pancreas which produce insulin, into dogs with diabetes. Once in place, the cells produce insulin which the dog lacks, and the diabetes is cured.

Cyclosporin must be given regularly to prevent the dog from rejecting the foreign cells. The disadvantage of the drug is that it weakens the dog's immune system, leaving it prone to pneumonia and skin problems.

The team is testing two techniques to inactivate the cells in the implant which stimulate the immune system to reject the implanted cells. If either prove successful, drug use could be cut down or perhaps even avoided. During the first two years of the study, Alejandro's team learned to separate the islet cells from other tissues in donor pancreases. They learned that three or four donor pancreases are necessary to provide enough cells for a successful transplant (even more for large dogs) and how to successfully transplant the purified cells into a vein of the liver. If a transplant failed, they learned that they could perform a second transplant.

One dog from the early phase of the study, **Fritz**, a Schnauzer, developed diabetes in its first few months of life. Fritz has lived 23 months without a sign of diabetes. Another, a Chesapeake Bay retriever, was in poor condition when it joined the study. The dog regained weight and

learn what the long-term results of the transplant may be, they cannot go back to their original homes, but are maintained in the university's kennel. Two full-time veterinarians and a staff of animal technicians tend to their needs and provide companionship.

Dr. Alejandro's project has several purposes. Ultimately, he hopes to learn to cure diabetes in humans.

Dogs with diabetes develop secondary complications similar to those of humans, but Dr. Alejandro selects dogs with recently diagnosed disease as transplant candidates. Through the process, his team is learning a great deal about diabetes and about transplant techniques.

About 50 percent of the dogs in the project have diabetes which appears similar to one type of diabetes in humans. This type, called Type 1, appears to be an autoimmune disease where the patient's immune system destroys the body's own insulin-producing cells. Another 30 percent of diabetes in dogs appears to come from damage to the pancreas by severe bouts of pancreatitis, an inflammation much more common in dogs than in people.

At this time, purifying the cells for transplant is a sensitive and demanding procedure, requiring 24 hours of lab work. The surgery itself is extremely simple, Dr. Alejandro said. If more pancreases could be obtained from dogs which are put down, such as those destroyed by animal shelters, the cost of the transplants could be reduced. (Dr. Alejandro, a strong advocate of organ donation, says in both humans and dogs, about 80 percent of potential organs for transplant are lost.

MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION

13TH ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR SMALL ANIMAL PRACTITIONERS

A total of 147 veterinarians from around the country gathered in September at beautiful Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for Ralston Purina's 13th Annual Seminar for Small Animal Practitioners. Practitioners spent their days in meetings designed to catch up on the latest in medical techniques, animal research and individual case studies.

M. J. Bojrab, DVM, spoke on "New Techniques in Ear Surgery and Gastrointestinal Surgery"; **Todd R. Tams, DVM**, of Los Angeles discussed "Endoscopy of the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract"; **Larry P. Thornburg, DVM**, spoke on "Liver Diseases in the Dog and Cat", and **Dick Kealy, PHD**, Manager of Pet Nutrition & Care Research for Ralston Purina, addressed "Applied Nutrition for the Veterinary Practitioner."

Ralston Purina also announced that the 14th Annual Purina Seminar for Small Animal Practitioners will be held in Monterey, CA, September 12-16, 1989.

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DOG FOOD DILEMMA

by *Debbie Coleman*

During my years of association with canines, I have had innumerable opportunities to change my beloved pets' diet from the same mundane daily "offering" to something perchance a bit more enticing. Sometimes this change was required due to a "Morris-type" finicky behavior. Rather than the usual scarfing up of the dinner meal, my little 'darlings' would meet me with undeniably pathetic stares. Then with an obvious arrogance, my pets would refuse to touch even the most miniscule of morsels.

Oftimes, a change of diet was implemented to benefit a particular episode of my dogs' lives...sometimes tailored to suit a young pup, older dog, or even a dog suffering from the stress of showing or illness. Sometimes it may have been from a poor condition of hair coat when his competition had luxurious quantities.

Regardless of the primary reason which precipitated the change of diet, a change was necessary and made. As I'm sure anyone in the likelihood of raising a dog for a lifetime will encounter a similar problem, I humbly beseech your indulgence as I have undertaken a real challenge for the benefit of enhancing your knowledge, as well as mine, on a subject close to our hearts...dog food.

Let me approach this subject with trepidation as I've never yet attempted to elaborate on a subject of such gargantuan proportions. Bear with me as I cover a few facts with which we should all become familiar.

Supermarkets are designed with the busy shopper in mind...In order to expedite your shopping chores, everything is arranged in an orderly manner as to the most popular, brightest, most attractive packaging, or consumer appeal. Admit it, your eyes are attracted to brightly colored packages, items seen regularly advertised on television or in the magazines, or even items which appeal as to your dollar value.

Similarly, the pet food section is designed to appeal for all the same reasons plus a built in appeal to YOUR taste. If a hamburger, pork chops, or a gravy laced entree is to your liking, their food in the design of those items is manufactured with you, the buyer, in mind. A dog hasn't the ability to shop for himself in the grocery store...people have. So, while you may choose from these 'formed' foods shaped like pork chops, hamburger meat, hot dogs, etc., or 'dry' food containing gravy, tiny bone or heart, or even vegetable shapes, or 'canned' foods labeled as chicken chundks, beef stew, country platter, etc., are you being thoughtful of your pet by purchasing what you feel he may enjoy or are you wisely, methodically shopping for what is genuinely good for your pet?

Dog foods found in a supermarket are sold to someone who purchases a variety of items from a seemingly endless supply, while dog foods which are bought from a feed store, pet store, or veterinarian's office, are generally sold to a nutrition-conscious consumer. Premium foods are designed with the idea of supplying the dog with a higher quality source of food at a bit higher price.

One may look at a bag of premium food with a \$25.00 price tag and be appalled at the fact that a bag of grocery store food of the same size costs considerably less! But, let's look at the price tags for a moment. Consider that even clothing sales are generated on the same principle. While a department store may sell a purse, for instance, for \$15.99 which will co-ordinate with an outfit in your wardrobe, is vogue in a fashion sense, and is inexpensive, that



purse probably serves the same function as the designer bag found in exclusive stores for many times that price. In essence, a dog food which sells for \$3.99 per 25-pound bag will feed a dog as pinto beans feed a person. However, who ever served beans at a fancy dinner party? Chances are prime rib would better suit the affair. Again the beans (vegetable in makeup) compare to the \$3.99 per bag of dog food as the prime rib (an expensive choice of meat) compares to the premium dog food at the \$24.95 per bag price. Both will feed the dog, IF that's all you want to consider.

Consider now the reason for the difference in cost. The cheaper bag probably consists of a mostly vegetable protein source while the more expensive bag is probably made up of a meat protein source...and remember hamburger sells for much less per pound than the higher priced cuts for roasts or steaks.

Canines are carnivorous — meat-eating — so why feed them corn and wheat to fill them up, when nature designed them to consume meat as a primary source of nutrition? If vegetable proteins make up a major ingredient in our dog's diets, then it should be processed as a canine would most likely encounter it in the wild.

Studies show that as a wild animal, the canine would kill its dinner and the first thing to be consumed would be the gut of its kill. This was because the gut contained vegetable proteins already digested by the animal. Secondly, the dog would devour the vital organs of its victim which were rich in vitamin content. Lastly, the canine would consume the meat of the animals, bones for cleaning its teeth and the hair for a source of bulk in the diet.

Seeing this, it would stand to reason, that any vegetable matter our canines would consume today, would be processed using enzymes to 'digest' it to a state found in the wild and it wouldn't be the primary source of each meal. Meat would also be present in a somewhat larger portion. Vitamins and minerals, which would have ordinarily been found in the organ meats, bones, and hair of a freshly killed animal, should be added since during the manufacture of dog foods, the vitamins and minerals have mostly been lost in the process. Lastly, preservatives have to be added to ensure freshness.

Some dog food manufacturers stick to only the above mentioned ingredients in the formulation of their pet foods. Others add more vegetable protein to cut costs and facilitate 'shaping' of their food into tiny bone, heart, or meat-shaped morsels. They also add sugars and food coloring dyes to appeal to the human purchasing their products. Some of the same food dyes outlawed for human use by the FDA, are used in the dog foods to make them appear to be more like real meat or in the gravies. If the product has been found harmful to us, why feed the same dyes to our pets?

Let's consider that most foods today conform to rigid standards set as guidelines for the proper formulation of dog foods. This ensures that only foods manufactured according to those guidelines, as proven in various tests, are available to the shopper to provide the pet with the proper dietary requirements. That is to say that if a food lists on the packaging that it MEETS or EXCEEDS THE RECOMMENDED DAILY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STAGES OF YOUR DOGS' LIVES, one should reconsider the implications of that statement.

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Welcome to **UPDATE**, your monthly rating list of breeders and exhibitors out there winning points in the show ring. As most all serious Pomeranians 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 this area.

The procedures for tallying the point scale are as follows: Exhibitors are credited with all AKC Championship points won in the calendar year, as published in the **AKC Show, Obedience, and Field Trials Awards Book**. *Only this publications will be used for point credit.* Many times the actual show dates will vary from the date of publication (i.e., a September show may not be published until November). The Gazette's calendar year runs from about October of the previous year until September of the present calendar year.

Points are allotted to the REGISTERED OWNER OF THE DOG ON THE DAY 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 AS OF THE JANUARY THROUGH NOVEMBER AKC GAZETTE.

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NEW CHAMPIONS

Pomeranians PUBLISHED as Champions of Record in November 1988, as per AKC records

Annon's The Noog Man (d). By Ch. Annon's Dazzling Force x Annon's Miss Prim 'N Proper. Breeder/Owner: **Ann Cannon.**

Apolloette A Unique Pleasure (b). By Ch. Apolloette Coast to Coast x Apolloette Lady of Pleasure. Breeder/Owner: **Marlene Presser & Marlin Presser.**

Beltane's Such A Spree (b). By Ch. Millamor's I'm A Windjammer x Ch. Karlee Holiday Flare. Breeder: Barbara A. Curry & Jo Ann Schiffer. Owner: **Paul T. Curry & Barbara A. Curry.**

Dal-Lea's Sara Ann (b). By Dal-Lea's Rhinestone Cowboy x Dal-Lea's Lindy Lou. Breeder/Owner: **Mrs. Gertrude A. Howell.**

Dia's Apricot Brandy Bear (b). By Dia's Pied Piper Bear x Dia's Brandy Bear. Breeder: David Hogg. Owner: **Renee K. McGrath DVM & David H. Hogg.**

Emcee's I'm Hy-Chips (d). By Ch. Emcee's Solid Gold Diamond x Emcee's Diamond Chippa. Breeder/Owner: **Morris E. Carson & Betty F. Carson.**

Golden Aires Lil Gold Caddy (b). By Ch. Twin Pines Tico Tico x Wee Heart's Our Girl Friday. Breeder: Sharon Masnick. Owner: **Anna Liselli.**

Jan-Le's Ragtime Music (d). By CH. Midas Ragtime Rock x Dixieland's Music Box. Breeder/Owner: **Jane Lehtinen.**

Janesa's Glen Iris Sorceress (b). By Ch. Bev-Nor's Toastmaster x Bev-Nor's Janesa Toast. Breeder: Jerrie Freia. Owner: **Cheryl A. Jackson & Joel M. Taylor.**

Kazar's Sungold Cowgirl (b). By Ch. Millbrook's El Gran Caballero x Kazar's Lori. Breeder/Owner: **Richard Lackey & Ethel Lackey.**

Sharel's Southern Diamond (d). By Ch. Cedarwood's Image of Diamond x Sharel's Southern Belle. Breeder/Owner: **Sharon Hicks.**

Stolanne Mystique Starlet (b). By Ch. Dixieland Rock of Millamor x O My Starmist Minuette. Breeder/Owner: **Frances J. Stoll.**

Teakwood's House Mouse (d). By Silva Lade Midnight Madness x Pombreden's Glory in Victory. Breeder/Owner: **Laureen Ivey.**

Tim-Sue's Dazzlin' Light (d). By Ch. Chriscendo City Lights x Tim Sue's Dazzlin' Lady Luck. Breeder/Sue Goddard & Tim Goddard. Owner: **Keith L. Neuway & Ruth Ann Neuway.**

Tim-Sue's Flashing Lights (d). By Ch. Chriscendo City Lights x Tim Sue's Duchess Sabrina. Tiniest Toy's Lil Short Stuff (d), 10/88. By Ch. Rider's Sungold Diamond x Tiniest Toy's Post Script. Breeder: Virginia R. Kersey. Owner: **Horst Graf.**

Twin Pines Jack Sprat (d). By Ch. Twin Pines Diamond Chips x Twin Pines Gypsy. Breeder: John H. Cribbs. Owner: **M. Marie Jatczak & Henry V. Jatczak.**

Valcopy-Wakhan My Style (b). By Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Idolmaker x Ch. Valcopy Wakhan High Style. Breeder: Randy Gemmill & Dana L. Plonkey. Owner: **Janell Reich & Dana L. Plonkey & Randy Gemmill.**

Watts' Little Sir Walter (d). By Ch. Scotia Chase National Dream x Ch. Scotia Tin Tin Fabulous. Breeder/Owner: **Delores A. Watts.**

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