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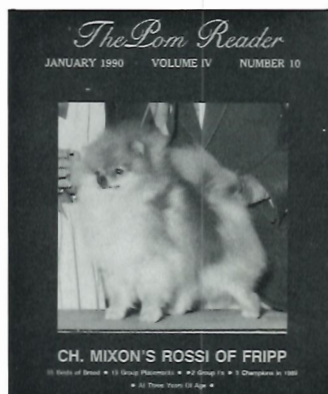
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## SOUTHLAND POMS.....Rays of Sunshine

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# SHOWSIGHT

FROM THE EDITOR

So there I sat with a four-star hangover, the worst cold and/or case of flu of my life, and a dead lady's ring on my finger. And I thought to myself, well, 1989 was kind of like this all along; the last week of the year shouldn't be much different. So good riddance to '89, and welcome 1990.

Of course, I wouldn't have had the cold if it hadn't been for my stupid Christmas decorations. Nobody had a gigantic tree this year so I settled for three; one rather large one flanked by two medium-sized trees. Then I did my *Wall of Lights* about which I had threatened in times past. This was a breeze to do. All that was needed was a wall, and some lights. Or so I thought.

Building an eighty-foot wall across the open yard required more effort than I wanted to spend, since I was already a week late with the decorations. (Several neighbors called and complained that they were getting impatient for the spectacle.) But then I hit upon the answer; chain link dog fencing! From the back of the barn I hauled out a bunch of eight-foot-high, 16-foot-wide panels which I attached together with chain link dog fence clips; it looked promising and I ventured out for the lights. Of course, I still had several thousand from times past, but this year I latched on to a new idea; there is now on the market *Lights with Computer Micro-Chip control!* You can make them zoom in a circle; blink fast or slow or not at all. Imagine if you will, lights such as these festooning my wall of lights, in front of which were my three decorated trees and fifteen poinsettias. Then, for extra punch, I again did the white board fence behind the "wall" - 160 feet worth - but this year with also computer-controlled lights. It was great until a major thunder storm made its appearance, shorting out about 50 percent of the lights, blowing over the trees, and soaking me to the skin. And then of course I caught the cold.

The hangover was not from cold remedies. The day after Thanksgiving I had some contractors here to knock out some walls, put some more up, and in general make life miserable for most of December (to get to bed, one had to climb over the dining room table, under a Queen Anne desk, step carefully over piles of framed dog show photos, then dive over two Oriental sofas and hopefully land on the mattress and not something breakable. It was great.) When they finally got through, on December 21st, I took one look and decided that the carpet had to go, too. On December 22nd the



carpet people arrived and again all the furniture and things had to be moved out and then back in. But finally the carpet was in and it looked great. Just in time for my Unfortunate Open House.

Christmas is my favorite holiday, and I like to do it right. I thought, well heck, Christmas Eve is on Sunday and nobody will have anything better to do than to come to my place for food and drinks, so I loaded in cases of champagne, liquors and things, and set up a buffet complete with *Mona Fosella's Sister-In-Law's Caviar Pie*, for which I had had the recipe for five years but had never previously attempted. I made my debut as a gourmet chef the night before the party. But I did something wrong, and as a result we had Caviar Soup. Undaunted, I doubled up the caviar on the top and told no one of the trouble. So I had the only Christmas Open House on earth where the guests enjoyed their caviar through straws.

But of course that was the night of the hard freeze, and everyone was running late on Christmas Eve; in addition, the power company had engineered a new policy; *Rolling Blackouts* to conserve energy. Ten minutes every hour they shut off the power, meaning the Christmas carols would grind to a halt; we would be plunged into darkness, and all the digital clocks would have to be reset. To deal with this pioneer approach to the holidays, I did what the early settlers undoubtedly did; drink more champagne. The first guests arrived about 1 in the afternoon; the last about 7 in the evening. After six hours of bubbly needless to say I did not attend Midnight Mass. I went to bed and the next thing I knew Santa had come and gone.

Speaking of which, I have been getting call upon call inquiring about the fate of *The Pom Review*. For those who do not know, the Review is a quarterly publication put out by *The American Pomeranian Club*. Helmed for many years by *Phyllis Ripley*, the Review is now undergoing a change in leadership. Well, no one ever said a Pom magazine has to be put together by a Pom lover, but that's the way we do things. And

we will continue to do things - eleven times per year - the way we have to date. (Of course, I always wanted to advertise *The Pom Reader* by saying "For those who need to get it more than four times a year", but never had the guts.) To Phyllis we say Congratulations on a job well done, and we hope that this move will be good for all concerned. That remains to be seen.

And I keep getting calls expressing concern about the doings in the *APC* itself. To those people I say, don't worry. There is no problem that is insurmountable, and the venerable Club will iron out any little wrinkles it may now have. And we will see you all at the APC National in New York, February 11th. Best of luck to all.

But back to the Ring. Our dear friend, *Amy Stilwell*, passed away on December 15th. From being rich in Connecticut to not rich in Florida, Amy's eighty-odd years were testament to strength of character and sense of humor. Unfortunately, failing health dictated that her family sell her trailer, return her devoted dog to us, and the independent Amy was placed in a nursing home. When we got news of this, Duane said, "Amy won't last sixty days." She made it fifty-seven.

Amy had a ring that had been her husband's, and his father's before him. For some reason, the last ten years Amy had always said she wanted that ring to go to me if anything ever happened to her. As this was the only material thing Amy left on this earth I never expected to get the ring, but the thought was nice. Imagine my shock when the family hand-delivered the ring to me. I cherish that ring like I cherished Amy.

I must tell you an Amy story. Years ago, when they were our neighbors, Amy and Mavis, the lady across the street, were arch-enemies. One day - and I was there so I know it's true - Amy was *convinced* that Mavis was up to something across the way. Amy couldn't stand it, so she pulled out her field glasses and aimed them through the venetian blinds. And what did she see? *Mavis spying on Amy*. Amy let out with a furious shriek and her white hair practically turned red. And that was *The Day That Mavis & Amy Locked Binoculars*.

The song that I sang at Amy's service was not a Christmas carol, but along with the sadness there was joy in celebration of a feisty lady who loved her dogs and loved life. Rest in peace, Amy. We miss you.

Happy New Year to all. May the 90's be the decade you have awaited all your life.

JMcG



# Jan-Le's



## JAN-LE'S TIL WE MEET AGAIN

A/C CH. JAN-LE'S RAGTIME MUSIC x THELDUN'S TIA MARIE

**Rhythm is back out and about.** In limited showing he's picked up 3 BOB's and another Group II.

**Rhythm** sends best wishes to his half-brother **A/C Ch. Jan-Le's Ragtime Music** on his new home. Rhythm says he doesn't miss him and Screamer says he likes his new job!

Watch for Screamer's full brother **Jan Le's Rock My World** out with his Canadian handler **Sandra Orford** this spring.

A repeat of **Tillie** is in the works. Maybe we will have a...

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It was a **SCREAMER** of a weekend...BOS over a Special for our first major - 4 points!

Next day BOB over a Special and on to Group I - and we were only 6 months 3 weeks old!

Congratulations to **Pom Acres Jessie James** on his Mega-Match win. Both puppies are sired by **A/C Ch. Jan-Le's Ragtime Music (Screamer)**.



**A/C CH. MIDAS FASCINATING RHYTHM**  
**A/C Ch. Midas Rock Tempo x Dixieland Music Box**

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# Pom Acres Presents Our New Champions



**CH. JAN-LE'S RAGTIME MUSIC**

Last February we were fortunate to purchase "Screamer" from Jane Lehtinen. Since then he has won Group placements and sired excellent pups - including Best Puppy In Match at the *Ohio Valley Pom Club's Magna-Match!*

**WATCH FOR POM ACRES JESSE JAMES...**  
*Hopefully he won't be such an outlaw  
in the coming shows!*

# THANKS, JANE!

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**POM ACRES JESSE JAMES**



# Pom Acres Presents New Home-Grown Champions



TIMMY'S CHI CHI

**Chi Chi** finished last March with a 3 point major. She is now bred to **Ch. Pom Acres Stunningly Sable**.

*Congratulations to Heika Werhle on her Sable son "Shorty"- who has 9 points towards his Championship.*



### POM ACRES SABLETTA

**Sabletta** finished at the Nebraska KC show on November 26 - she is **Ch. Pom Acres Stunningly Sable's** first champion offspring.

*Good luck to Wendy Feist on her black & tan "Bandit" - a "Sable" son. Watch for him in the show ring.*

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# ASK SHU-SHU!

*Shu-Shu & Shannon Johnson*

Dear Pom Readers:

**Shu-Shu** is busy digging up the yard, once again, in search of her buried treasures, so I thought I would take this time to say to those that missed the **MAGNA MATCH** in Akron, Ohio, we missed you and you unfortunately missed the greatest opportunity in Pom history to partake in viewing over 200 Pomeranians under one roof, along with their proud owners. So many of us brought the entire family of Poms, or at least the better part of the family, to share in this exciting adventure.

I personally met many Pom fanciers that I had only read about through various advertisements. I even had the distinct pleasure of finally meeting with a gentleman I have worked with for several years, but never had the opportunity to meet until this show, my handsome boss, **Mr. Joe McGinnis**. [Ed. note - get real, Johnson. JMcG.] I was reunited with some old friends that I hadn't seen in a long while. This was a happy event for all, an emotional event for some and a hopeful event for each and everyone that had an entry.

We were all winners - it was obvious - the judge made us feel good about what we were showing. **Mr. Lawrence Stanbridge** was able to point out our breeding weak points as well as our strengths as was told to us by him in a seminar, following the show. A caring and gentle man that anyone of us would show under again - anytime - anywhere! An excellent choice, OVPC.

I was one of many that displayed a look of amazement on my face, every time a new phenomenon took place - one right after another - like clockwork. A stupendous job in every area of this **MAGNA MATCH** that radiated throughout the show's events. Just when you were ready to give your thanks of appreciation to an Ohio Valley PC member, another event jumped into view, unexpected, perfectly synchronized and generated the crowd's enthusiasm.

Each and every member of the Ohio Valley Pom Club worked hard to make this show what it was — A **FIRST!** Thank you **Bonnie Stetson**, a lady who tested her endurance by jumping into a job that took a lot of hard work, a lot of extra time and energy to make this show the success that it was. Everything was perfect in every way, from an exhibitor's point of view. The accommodations - the food - the flowers and decorations - the prizes - the entertainment - the speakers and of course a top notch judge that proved to be consistent in his choices throughout the day from start to finish.

**Bonnie Stetson, Donna Megenhardt**, and all the **Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club Members**, I thank you all for a job well done and a lasting memory!

**Shannon Johnson**



Dear Pom Readers:

Before you fill my mail box with mail for this unanswered problem that arises each year, I thought I would save myself the trouble of pushing the wheel-barrow out to gather all the mail and get ahead of you!!!

**BRACING FOR COLD WINTERS:**

- 1) Store your leftover yummys in your human's bed, or his/her favorite chair.
- 2) Start gathering socks to pile in a special corner of this house just in case of electrical failure and you lose your heating system.
- 3) Dig up the back yard and locate all the bones you buried and return them - dirt, mold and all - to your and your human's favorite resting spot. Please - don't be stingy!
- 4) Get yourself paper trained to avoid those outside cold temperatures. It doesn't matter what kind of paper.
  - a. Newspaper
  - b. Notebooks
  - c. Paperback books
  - d. Letters to and from friends and relatives and bill collectors
  - e. Grocery sacks
  - f. Dollar bills and/or whatever is handy.
6. **PACK UP AND MOVE SOUTH OR** (Joe and Duane, please print the rest in teeny tiny print) come down to Shu-Shu's for an indefinite time frame, but don't call Shannon first!!! Mum's the word!!!

*Cleverly Yours,*

**Shu-Shu**

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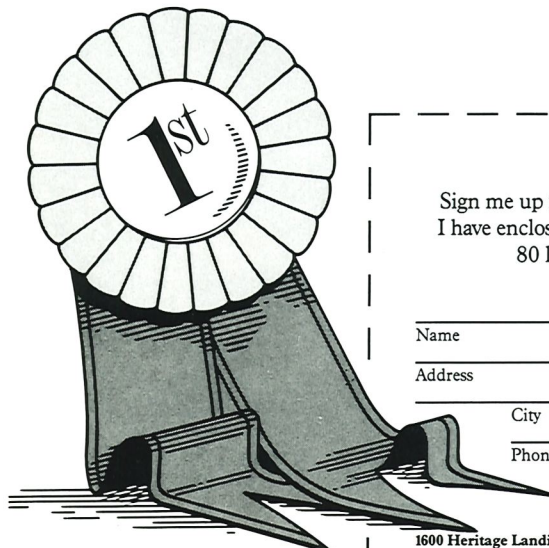
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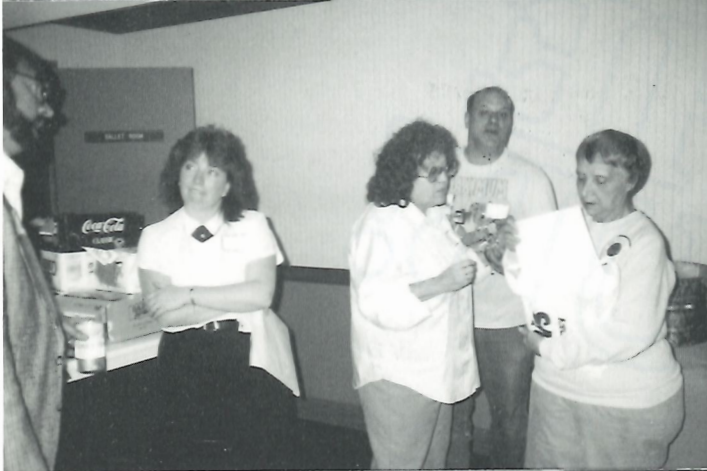
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# MORE PHOTOS FROM THE OHIO VALLEY POM CLUB MAGNA MATCH

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# BEST WISHES TO THE APC FOR A HOPEFULLY SUCCESSFUL 1990 SPECIALTY

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to the real Pom lovers for their support of the trophy fund  
for the coming National APC Specialty in February 1990.

What amazes me, the greatest support is coming from the so-called 'little people', the ones not well known but who raise or have Poms for the love of the breed; my personal friends, some of whom have Poms, others who respect my love and dedication and those who live on Social Security and maybe small pensions. More than a third of donations already received have been from friends of the breed. There are some exceptions and if other well-known persons come forth with a donation before this goes to press, my apologies. These 'little people' are filling in those empty spaces and in many instances giving way more than that well-known person who is breeding, exhibiting, judging, whatever with more thought of recognition than love of the breed; even sitting back complaining and stirring up trouble that is detrimental to the breed and club.

By now you members have received a letter that definitely some will not fully understand and believe the worst. Thank goodness, you that contributed to the trophy fund, didn't get this letter first. Some of you might have given second thoughts to furthering *such corruption*. "To heck with them, I'll not support that club - Why did I waste my money on dues?" And if you haven't paid your dues you may give that a second thought, too. Even cancel plans to show at our Specialty.

I am a Life Member of the APC and am independent and feel free to express *myself* in a way I hope will be understood and may remove some of the doubts you may have formulated. A problem does exist, is being reviewed by your governing Board - at an unnecessary expense by phone conferences, correspondence and whatever necessary, and it will be resolved in an orderly, ethical man-

ner. The problem is not as terrible as the publications you have received would have you believe. Don't let it cause a riot which would destroy years of work by many in forming and supporting our APC. Be loyal to your club as a whole and not be influenced by one person, whom I confess did call attention to a discrepancy but who in turn should have given the governing Board time to make a correction. They are working hard on this and they need your support in waiting patiently for them to resolve the problem. I assure you it will be complete before our Specialty. Remember - the lack of knowledge in this case is unfortunate, unintentional and mendable.

Please do not act hastily; let's go on with plans to support our 1990 Specialty, and make it surpass all that has gone before. Let good relations and sportsmanship prevail and make every effort to give your support in any way you can.

As Trophy Chairman, I am honored but shocked, to have been given this important job and it will only be the support of members and friends that will make this project successful. I do not regret or resent the time I have spent making a good trophy display possible.

Again my sincere thanks to those who so kindly supported me with their donations and some exceptionally flattering words. Hope to see you in New York, that you will come to show, enjoy sportsmanship, activities, hospitality and just getting to know one another. "Try it - you'll like it."

Your Trophy Chairman



**Edna Girardot**  
**Scotia Poms**





# Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club Specialty Match

## Judge's Comments

*by L. E. Stanbridge*

It was a pleasure and an honour to judge your Match. I would like to thank the **Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club** for the invitation and for the outstanding hospitality. I would like to thank the exhibitors for their entries and for their good sportsmanship. As well, I would like to congratulate all those involved in the organization and running of the Match for achieving your record entry. From my point of view, the day was educational, rewarding and very enjoyable.

The following observations on the overall quality of the Pomeranians presented to me are intended to be constructive. I trust that they will be taken in that manner.

Overall, I found the quality of the entry to be quite satisfactory. There was a greater variation in type than I would have preferred to see but I was able to stay within my preferred type in choosing my winners in each class. I also found that overall temperament was quite good and that coat type and texture, for the most part, was quite good. With a



few obvious exceptions, eye colour and pigmentation was nice and dark. Also with a few obvious exceptions, tail placement and carriage was quite good although there were more than a few with definite tendencies to ring tails.

On the side of concerns, I have to first mention front assemblies. There were too many otherwise good typey dogs who were incorrect in front. Straight shoulders and short upper arms were the major problems in this area and movement both from the side and coming at you readily revealed the problem. In rear assemblies, two problems seemed very obvious. They were cow hocks and long hocks. Rear problems were not as frequent or disturbing, however, as front problems. Another concern was the number of questionable bites which I saw. Level bites bordering on undershot were too frequent.

Thank you again for the opportunity to judge your Match and to share a bit in the history of your breed.

**Lawrence E. Stanbridge**

*November 26, 1989*





**CH. BI-MAR SUNDANCE KID  
PRESENTS TWO NEW CHAMPIONS**

**CH. BI-MAR SUNNY'S MASTERPIECE      CH. BI-MAR SUNNY'S SUPREME**

**FOR SALE:**

**ORANGE FEMALES** whelped 3/6/89, sired by **Ch. Bi-mar Impressive** (see front cover of *Dog World* issue 1/90) and out of a daughter of **Ch. Timboy's Pico Chico**. Short and cobby show prospects.

**RED ORANGE MALE AND SABLE FEMALE** whelped 8/13/89 by **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** and out of a daughter of **Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasted Fudge**. Show prospects with excellent legs and style.....\$850.00

**SABLE MALE** whelped 9/25/89 by a **Ch. Creider's Smoke 'N Flame** son and out of a **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** daughter (littermate to **Ch. Bi-Mar Sunny Go Lucky**). Huge coat and excellent legs.....\$550.00

**MALE AND FEMALE** sired by **BIS Ch. Bi-Mar Sundance Kid** and out of a daughter of **Sonny's**. (Same breeding as **Ch. Sandtown's Bi-Mar April**.) These are very nice show puppies.

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# UPDATE

## ★ TOP TEN EXHIBITORS ★

### ★ FINALS FOR 1989 ★

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.

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# JUDGING... mostly Poms

*by Pauline B. Hughes*

*The first time I was asked to judge I was quite worried about it. Would I ever be able to pick the very best puppy that was there? Would it grow up to be the very best of the lot? Would it become a champion?*

I read the Standard over and over until I thought I had all the answers. Then the great day arrived. It was held in one of the parks in Los Angeles and if I remember correctly put on by the **Los Angeles Pomeranian Club**.

I had just moved to San Diego and got a Breed club going. It was the **San Diego Pom Club** and it's still going - through good times and rough. This was in about 1950 and since I had three newly finished champions in my kennel they had confidence in me.

Their President presented me with a corsage before I began and that truly helped give me the confidence I needed.

In with the gorgeous puppies. The first class, two to four months, was enough to take away the confidence of anyone. Each was a delight! There must have been twelve of them. Half of them thought the grass was a challenge; to be eaten, pulled or rolled in. Half of them walked properly for a little ways. Some of them wished to investigate their neighbor; to play, beat up or just say "Hello"; a few lay down on their stomachs and refused to budge.

The antics of the owners in trying to get their darlings to behave like show Champions is another story. TRY TO DO IT ONE DAY.

On with the judging now...

IN the early 1950's the STANDARD For judging was supposed to be very clear and easy for judges. However, they had to be able to add and subtract. (Multiplicaton was left for the dogs.) One hundred points meant a perfect Pom. Twenty-five was allowed for coat, plus ten for the color, plus ten more for general appearance. That made the coat very important. Add or subtract a few points and the dog is half judged. Next came: body, legs and tail, ten points each. They all had these, so subtraction was again in order. Now we get to the head which itself was 5 points; with five each for eyes, ears and nose. That left five for the neck and shoulders. **There you are.**

Left for the judge was to read the description and figure how much to take off for each fault in every category for each dog - puppy I mean in this instance - all twelve of them. Then the job is finished. I forgot to mention it must be done in your head as you are not given a computer or even a pencil and paper. I must in all fairness mention that the Standard has been changed

a few times. Is it easier to judge now?

Back to the puppy match. I finally came up with One, Two, Three and Four. The only owner that liked his number was naturally the first one. This went on until all the classes were done. Age four to six was easy because most of the babies were in what is called: Monkey Stage, Homelies, Teenagers, or All Arms and Legs - No Coat. Even your fond owner won't take you to a dog show.

I thought my winner or what was called then BEST PUPPY was about the tops. Perhaps I was lucky as I was later told he grew up to be a Champion.

A Puppy Match is different from a Dog Show according to the regulations of the American Kennel Club, so a Pink ribbon is first instead of a Blue. Every Pink Ribbon winner thought I was a good judge. *I didn't ask the others.*

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Submitted by Janet Hovey



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# OLYMPIA!

## DOGS HOWL AND...

### To Sculpture or Not To Sculpture... THAT IS THE QUESTION.



The following article consists of a recent survey taken by a cross-section-of-the-country poll of Pom fanciers on the subject of trimming the Pom for the show ring. While there are admittedly far more important subjects afflicting the breed, such as slipping stifles, bad bites, testicle problems, open fontanel, etc., the TRIMMING subject was inspired by a recent grooming-hint written by *Olympia* and several follow-up pro/con discussions on trimming methods and "what part of the anatomy" to trim. Indeed, many such pro/con discussions

amongst gathered exhibitors of the Pomeranian today. As, as well, many questions are posed by newcomers to the breed. Their curiosity and sometimes confusion is hardly a subject to ignore.

I seriously doubt that this, or any other article, will clear up the confusion but it might satisfy the curiosity, and hopefully even be educational. Many thanks to the Pom fanciers who took time from their busy holiday and/or showing schedules to respond to the survey! **Lois Ciliberto a/k/a Olympia.**

#### THE SURVEY

1. From memory check all that apply in the Pom Standard on trimming:

- A. Trimming of unruly hairs around edges of ears
- B. Trimming of feathers from rump to hock on hindquarters
- C. Trimming of unruly hairs around anus
- D. Trimming of tail root to expose set
- E. Trimming of head hairs to expose flat skull shape
- F. Trimming around feet and up back of legs to first joint
- G. Trimming of lengthy hairs on underbelly

2. Are you FOR  or AGAINST  or NO OPINION  more trimming than the Standard currently states) If FOR, do you feel MINOR  or MAJOR  trimming changes would help?

3. Do you think there is such a thing as TOO MUCH COAT on a Pom? YES  NO  NO OPINION

4. Do you feel that SOME  or MOST  or ALL  licensed Pom judges pay no attention to the Standard's limitations on trimming.

5. Do you feel it is WHO handles a Pom that matters in the penalization or non-penalization of an over-trimmed specimen? YES  NO  NO OPINION

6. Do you feel that a Pom trimmed to the Standard and a Pom trimmed beyond the limitations of the Standard, all else being equal, have an equal chance in the ring? YES  NO  NO OPINION

7. If your Pom was abundantly coated and trimmed only within the guidelines of the Standard and losing in the ring to a more radically trimmed Pom whose short backed anatomy was more quickly obvious to the judge's eye, would you trim your Pom more radically in order to win? YES  NO  NO OPINION

8. If you are against more radical trimming than the Standard allows, do you express your opinion to exhibitors who overtrim and judges who award wins to over trimmed Poms? RARELY  SOMETIMES  OFTEN  ONLY WHEN YOU LOSE  NO OPINION

9. Which of the following are reasons you feel poms SHOULD NOT be trimmed more radically. Check all that apply to your opinion.

- A. To keep a coated breed a coated breed
- B. To retain the natural Arctic type with no artifices
- C. To prevent fad trimming such as appears in other breeds like Poodles
- D. To keep all styles of Poms on an equal footing in the ring
- E. To prevent larger Poms from becoming the rule

10. Which of the following are reasons you feel Poms SHOULD BE trimmed more radically?

- A. To make coat maintenance easier
- B. To avoid the necessity of lacquer or mousse
- C. To expose a short back and high tail set hidden by abundant coat
- D. To reveal the leg quality and movement hidden by too much coat
- E. To 'stamp' an individual look for dog and exhibitor
- F. To present a more rounded-out, evenly-coated specimen

11. Check any trim below you would consider appropriate if it were in the breed standard. Check all that apply in your opinion.

- A. Trimming a graduated slant on hindquarters from rump to hock
- B. Shaving around the anus to leave a hygienic area
- C. Scissoring a slight V beneath tail on rump to show tail flatness
- D. Scissoring a slight cut on either side of tail at root to expose set
- E. Trimming bib hair upward to prevent squatty look
- F. Trimming of all long guard hairs to round out
- G. Trimming of hair forward and short on rump beneath tail to show flat tail set
- H. Removing undercoat to make dog look smaller
- I. Trimming head hair and hair before, behind and on sides of ears to make compact
- J. Trimming of belly hair to present upside down U when side viewed

12. Since some coated breeds (Poodles, Schnauzers, etc.) have been evolved to appear in 'stylized' trims approved by parent clubs, AKC and the public, what is WRONG or RIGHT in your opinion about 'stylizing' the Pomeranian trim? (Please confine answer to 60 words or less. We reserve the right to edit for brevity.) (Note: Due to the vast number of responses received and the fervor with which the subject was met, the sixty-word limit was in many cases rescinded. None of the responses was edited in any fashion.

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In the November 1989 issue of The Pom Reader, Sharon Masnick and I announced that we would combine our kennels. Since Sharon has a demanding work schedule, I had offered to work with problem litters that needed constant care. Now after only a few months, due to my health I won't be able to continue.

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## ★ SCULPTURING SURVEY RESULTS ★

From 33 Responses received by 10 January 1990

1. Correct responses were: A. Trimming of unruly hairs around edges of ears; C. Trimming of unruly hairs around anus; and F. Trimming around feet and up back of legs to first joint.

Number of correct responses received: 26

Number of incorrect responses: 7

2. FOR or AGAINST more trimming than the Standard currently states?

FOR: 18  
AGAINST: 13  
NO OPINION: 2  
MINOR: 15  
MAJOR: 3  
NO OPINION: 15

3. TOO MUCH COAT?

YES: 13  
NO: 20  
NO OPINION: 0

4. Do judges pay no attention to the trimming limitations?

SOME: 10  
MOST: 22  
ALL: 1

5. Do you feel it is WHO handles a Pom that matters...

YES: 18  
NO: 12  
NO OPINION: 3

6. Equal chance for trimmed and overtrimmed Poms?

YES: 11  
NO: 21  
NO OPINION: 1

7. If you were losing to an overtrimmed Pom, would you overtrim?

YES: 14  
NO: 16  
NO OPINION: 3

8. Do you express your opinion to exhibitors and judges?

RARELY: 14  
SOMETIMES: 2  
OFTEN: 9  
ONLY WHEN YOU LOSE: 0  
NO OPINION: 7

9. Why Poms should NOT be trimmed more? Responses:

A. 24  
B. 15  
C. 22  
D. 13  
E. 3

10. Why Poms SHOULD be trimmed more? Responses:

A. 6  
B. 4  
C. 10  
D. 13  
E. 5  
F. 19

11. Trim you feel appropriate? Responses:

A. 6  
B. 5  
C. 10  
D. 12  
E. 9  
F. 17  
G. 3  
H. 0  
I. 10  
J. 2

12. What is WRONG or RIGHT about 'stylizing' the Pomeranian trim? (All opinions are reprinted with their author's permission and none are edited. They are listed in alphabetical order.

**DOROTHY BONNER (BONNER'S):** The Pom is designated as a "natural" breed, proudly accepted by the fancy. If sculptured much of the natural charm and distinctiveness is lost. Judges are obligated to judge entirely by the Standard and certainly should do so. □

**ANN CANNON (ANNON'S):** Extreme sculptured styles are no-no, as it puts most exhibitors behind the eight-ball. Basic rounding improves the look substantially and novices can easily learn how. □

**KATHY CARROL (SWEETHEART'S):** I believe in trimming enough only to allow exposure of legs and features which may be hidden due to excessive coat. Trimming to CORRECT is WRONG and should be heavily penalized. From my experience radical trimming to correct is only penalized by very few judges and only to those exhibitors who are less well known. Most spectators of our breed are not knowledgeable and are easily deceived by excessive trimming. Poms should have profuse coats without pulling undercoat or radically trimming. Let's not ruin our beautiful breed by fashion/fad trimming, or trimming to 'stamp' a look. Let's trim ONLY for neatness and DO PENALIZE radical trimming. □

**ROLLIE CONLEY (LYN-LEE):** I quote: "Article 1, Section 2 (A): The object of the club shall be: To encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Pomeranians and to do all possible to bring their NATURAL qualities to perfection. (B) To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the Pomeranian as approved by the AKC (which comes from the APC) as the only standard of excellence by which Pomeranians shall be judged." (Pomeranian Club of Michigan Constitution) □

**CHARLOTTE CREED (SOUTHLAND):** I almost did not answer this question because of all the conflict. However, you mostly hear from those opposed to trimming and those of us who are for it just sit back and never say anything, so I decided to speak out. I think we need to move from the dark ages and go forward. Trimming does not change the quality of a dog. It's like grooming oneself, only enhances the beauty. I think most people who are opposed are afraid because they don't know how or perhaps do not want to learn. As a teacher I believe in education and I think our club should set up workshops and instruct or direct people on proper trimming techniques. There are many people in our club that are capable - all of the Top Poms of the '80's have been trimmed - we must remember that we compete in the group ring too and anything that enhances the beauty of the Pom is a positive point. One thing I really get disgusted with is the hypocrisy of the whole matter. Many people who usually speak against - their dogs are trimmed. I do believe it should be left up to the individual. If they want to trim, fine, if they don't, fine, but don't criticize the others for doing what they want. With all



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**Survey continued**

**Charlotte Creed:** the REAL problems we have in Poms - bad bites, slipping stifles, testicles, and etcetera, it amazes me that people get so bent out of shape over trimming. Again, I say educate and let the individual have a choice. Let's spend our energy on something that would benefit the breed instead of petty jealousies. □

**MRS. JAMES DUPREE (DUPRE'S):** I feel that any trimming that is done beyond what the standard allows shows an attempt by a breeder or handler to conceal an undesirable fault or trait. The place to remove an undesirable fault or trait or to add a desirable trait is in the breeding program, NOT on the grooming table. Let us leave the Pom trim as natural as possible. Compare pictures of a properly groomed Pom and one overtrimmed. I feel you will find the one trimmed to standard is far more natural and beautiful. □

**CASSANDRA EVANS (WEE HEART'S):** Trimming does change the total appearance of Poms and covers many faults that otherwise would be very prominent. It makes the untrimmed Pom appear larger and unruly instead of correct. What's the purpose of growing heavy abundance of coat as the standard clearly states to overtrim and change the purpose of the standard? The standard doesn't need revising, the penalties should be greater for the ones who do not abide by it.

**DIANE FINCH (FINCH'S):** The Pom should be left as "natural" as possible so that when an untrimmed Pom is seen it still looks like a Pom. This is not true of the a la natural Poodles and Schnauzers. Pomeranians are "natural beauties"; they don't need RADICAL trimming. I do believe in reasonable "neat" trimming around ears and lower legs and toes and REASONABLE trimming of unruly, uneven, excessively long guard hairs wherever they are. RADICAL — NO!

**ANNA LA FORTUNE (SUNGOLD):** I raise Poms because I like all their coat. A trimmed Pom isn't a double coated dog. If we were in England it would be different. (When in Rome, etc.). When you start overtrimming you have to keep overtrimming. Why go through all that work? Oh!, what a sight when it goes out of coat. Grey behind and terrible looking. A good coat can be brushed in place. The ruff, pants and tail should be long, not cut. □

**JERRY FREIA (JANESA):** There are more important issues to be concerned with such as bad bites, apple heads, poor movement, slipped stifles, open fontenals and testicles of unequal size, currently being shown. I feel most judges are experienced enough that no amount of trimming can camouflage faults, or draw attention, to influence the outcome of his or her judging. Most of the prominent winning Poms of the '80's have been trimmed. □

**NORMA GAD (CHULA):** I breed for big, correct coats and wish to keep them for our breed. Trimming for neatness is all that's required; as with very minimal trimming the coat should hold its shape. An untrimmed soft coated Pom looks like an unmade bed, as if the dog were ungroomed for the ring. Overtrimming destroys a very basic quality in the breed. It all comes down to presentation of your Pom. They should look well-groomed, neat and well set down, while retaining big coats. □

**EDNA GIRARDOT (SCOTIA):** I believe in trimming to make a Pom look its best to compliment good points - yes, to distract from faults. That is just common sense. However, I do not approve of sculptur-

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ing as is seen today. It takes away the natural appearance too much. Exposing anus to the extreme and showing base of tail up to an inch plus is ridiculous. A real eye-sore, disgusting and not natural. □

**PATTY GRIFFITH (MERRYMONT):** Overtrimming is an attempt (usually by the inexperienced) to cover up flaws, i.e., long back, short legs, low tail sets. We should breed for the "desired" look rather than take the "short cut." I admire the judges who penalize overtrimming. Generally speaking, the more a dog is trimmed, the more it accentuates the faults which are trying to be disguised. We work so hard to breed a coat in, why cut it off? □

**CHRISTINE HEARTZ (CHRISCENDO):** I personally feel Poms are not as often OVERTRIMMED as they are BADLY trimmed. Any trimming that makes the Pom look "artificial", i.e., exposed tail root, squared off on back of pants, shaped or scissored over the whole body. Trimming that makes the Pom appear both natural and doesn't hide his most attractive features is perfectly acceptable to me. Never should trimming DETRACT from the desired round outline while retaining the long guard hairs WHERE specified in the standard, pants and ruff. I feel it is perfectly possible and acceptable to present a Pom in this manner, offending few, and presenting the dog to his best possible advantage. □

**JANET HOVEY (JD'S POMPOUS POMS):** Well, I guess there is nothing "wrong" with deciding to 'stylize' the Pom trim, it's just that since I've been in Poms the idea was always to try to keep the Pom looking as natural as possible. I personally prefer seeing the "unruly guard hairs" trimmed to give the Pom a "well kept look". A Pom with unruly guard hairs sticking out all over the place gives the impression of a dog not well kept up, and a Pom should look his very best to go into the show ring. □

**SHARON MASNICK (GOLDEN AIRES):** The coat was what first attracted me to the Pomeranian. To me a Pom in full coat is truly a beautiful sight. If a Pom is put together properly, radical trimming should not be necessary. Since we have several 'types' of Poms I think 'styling' would be difficult to achieve in any regular manner. Trimming for neatness is necessary at different degrees at different ages. I think each INDIVIDUAL Pom has to be trimmed and groomed to make that Pom appear at its best. If 'fad trimming' or 'radical' trimming appears on most Poms being put up, then it will soon be considered the norm and more exhibitors will do it. We need to abide by our standard or revise it to allow more trimming. □


**ELEANOR MILLER (MILLAMOR):** First of all it does not conform to the standard. The Pom is not a sculptured breed and the standard does not allow for heavy scissoring and sculpturing. It clearly states that overtrimming or trimming other than described in the standard should be HEAVILY PENALIZED. I breed for coat and feel that since the Pom is a coated breed, this is a very important part of the breed. The Standard refers to PROFUSE coat...WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

**Continued next month in THE POM READER.** Anyone who would like to partake in the survey but has not had the opportunity may do so. Please answer all questions and submit your answers to: **Lois Ciliberto, 9605 Land O'Lakes Blvd, Land O'Lakes, FL 34639, or Joe McGinnis, Editor, The Pom Reader, 8848 Beverly Hills, Lakeland, FL 33809.** All replies are confidential. Responses to question 12 will only be published with your permission and signature.



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2320	CH. CHRISCENDO COVER GIRL (B)..... (Cohen/Jenner, Owners)	-	-	-	4	6	3	1	17
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1890	CH. PEDRON'S DRAGON THE CONQUEROR (D)..... (Galindo/Welch, Owners)	2	-	-	3	-	1	1	4
1435	CH. SOUTHLAND 'N BEV-NOR NUT E FUDGE (D)..... (J. Wilhite, Owner)	-	-	-	2	3	3	6	11
1255	CH. STOLANNE THUNDERBOLT THOR (D)..... (F. Stoll, Owner)	-	-	-	2	2	3	4	13
1210	CH. TOMHO CHAMPAGNE WISHES (D)..... (R. Koepfel, Owner)	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	21
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## to Dolly B. Trauner

**Many of you recently received a letter from me, but you don't know me. You may be wondering who I am, what my motives are, where I'm "coming from".**

I was born a city girl in Evanston, Illinois, in 1919. I completed 2 years at Northwestern before I married a Kentuckian and lived for 10 years on a working farm near Danville, Kentucky. In addition to tobacco, we raised Angus cattle, Merino sheep, OIC hogs, but sadly no children. During much of WWII, I served in the local hospital as a volunteer Nurses' Aide; with only one Registered Nurse per floor, we Aides were trained to give shots and do things that only an LVN is allowed to do today. I still have friends there, although the marriage ended in divorce and, in 1949, I joined my family who had earlier moved to southern California.

I attended business school for a year. My first job was with a Beverly Hills designer/maker of gold jewelry. My next was as a girl-friday in a doctor's office. Later, I was office manager of the Los Angeles outlet of a fancy food importer and wholesaler. The decision to change jobs was based each time on an increase in salary.

I moved to Santa Barbara, to get out of the smog which was very bad at that time, and got a job in the accounting section of the Trust Department of a bank. During the summer, I filled in at various jobs for the different girls as they went on vacation, and wound up as secretary to one of the Trust Officers. That is the job I held at the time I met and later married **Lawrence M. Trauner, MD**, in 1957. I was also Secretary of the local chapter of the Legal Secretaries' Association.

Larry's sister, Evelyn, had been my best friend in L.A., and we have remained close ever since. Evelyn had a Standard Poodle that I loved, and, before I had time to acquire new friends in Santa Barbara, I was given a Toy Poodle, named **Napoleon**, for company. I bought and studied every available book on Poodles, especially **The Complete Poodle** by **Lydia Hopkins**. Also, while in Santa Barbara, I attended my first dog show. It was still a benched show then, beautifully tented on the lovely grounds of the old **Hope Ranch**. I was hooked!

Soon after my marriage and move to San Francisco, where Larry owned a home and maintained his practice, we bought a mate for "Nappy". Genetics had fascinated

me in college; I learned more while living on a farm, and by reading whatever I could find on the subject. I understood inbreeding and line-breeding, so I looked for a female from the same line as my male. Eventually, she produced my homebred **Ch. Phyner Silvester**.

Nappy was oversized, so we went to Obedience class. I trained and showed him to his CDX; he knew Utility, but had become too ringwise to behave when it counted. My interest was really toward breeding and conformation, so I looked again for a silver Toy Poodle female. I found my show bitch, but she wasn't silver; she was *apricot*, a really rare color in 1959. She became **Ch. Pood-I-Man Pretty Peggy**, with many BOV's and some Group placings. Her handlers were the breeders from whom I bought her, **Bill & Marion Spires**.

I joined the **Poodle Club of Central California** in 1958, and the **Poodle Club of America** in 1960. Along with several others, I was a founder of the **Mission Trail Poodle Club** in 1966, and held various offices in each of these local clubs at various times. I have also served twice as Show Secretary for licensed Specialties held by the local and national Yorkshire Terrier club, as well as for Matches and Specialties given by the local Poodle clubs.

When Peggy was being shown, there was a Pom in the Toy Group that caught my eye many times; it was **Ch. Rider's Sparklin' Gold Nugget**, owned and shown by **Porter Washington**. I knew then that if I ever changed breeds it would be into Poms!

The change-over came in 1969, with the acquisition of a 4-month-old black female, a pick of litter from **Dudley Roach**. She won a number of BOB's at local matches before she was old enough to be entered at a regular show. Eventually she was sent to **Lorraine Heichel**, and became **Am. & Can. Ch. Phyner Black Queenaire**. Her daughter, **Ch. Phyner Black Bumble Bee**, was granddam of **Ch. Phyner Night Editor**, who appears in the pedigrees of many oranges as well as blacks. He sired a chocolate bitch in his first litter. The chocolate, **Ch. Starlite Legacy Choco Bear**, is his grandson, and my chocolates and blacks currently being shown and pointed have him on both sides of their pedigrees.

I joined the **Northern California Pomeranian Club** early in 1969, and joined **APC** later that same year. After serving

as Secretary of NCPA for a couple of years, I was nominated and elected to the APC Board of Directors in 1971. Board meetings were held quarterly in New York with personal attendance a requirement. If I remember correctly, the Standing Rules stated that any Board member missing 2 meetings in succession without very good cause would be dropped and their replacement selected by the Board. Naturally, we attended *at our own expense*. Business phone calls between Board members were not generally chargeable to the Club. I recognize that times have changed, and that most Board Meetings are now conducted by conference calls on the phone and charged to the Club. This does permit a widespread Board to exchange views and vote expeditiously.

I now have a strong sense of *deja-vue*. This is not the first time problems have occurred in a Club. This is not the first time there have been questions about a Club's Treasury. When handled promptly and competently, such problems and questions have usually been resolved to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. The APC is not immune to such problems and questions; they have arisen before!

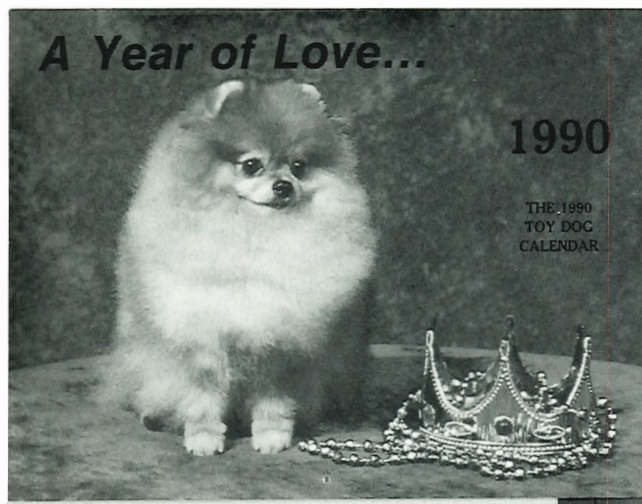
After 2 years as a Director on the APC Board, I was elected to be Treasurer. Due to the condition of the Treasurer's records, no proper audit of those records was possible. Only after the Board gave written assurance that I would not be held liable for anything occurring prior to assuming office did I agree to serve as Treasurer. I was sent a check by regular mail for the total amount of club funds - something in excess of \$16,000.00. With no previously established system to guide me, I set up a ledger with such accounts as I could imagine were necessary: DUES, POSTAGE, PRINTING, RENT, PHONE, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ENTRY FEES, and any other income or expense accounts that I felt would likely be needed. I opened a club account and deposited the club funds. In addition to the required quarterly and annual reports, I submitted regular written reports monthly to all Board Members, so that all were kept fully informed of all financial transactions and balances during the 2 years I was Treasurer.

Due to **Mary Casey's** own illness, and that of her husband, she had been unable to carry out the duties of Corresponding Secretary during much of 1974 and early 1975. The Board asked me to take over as



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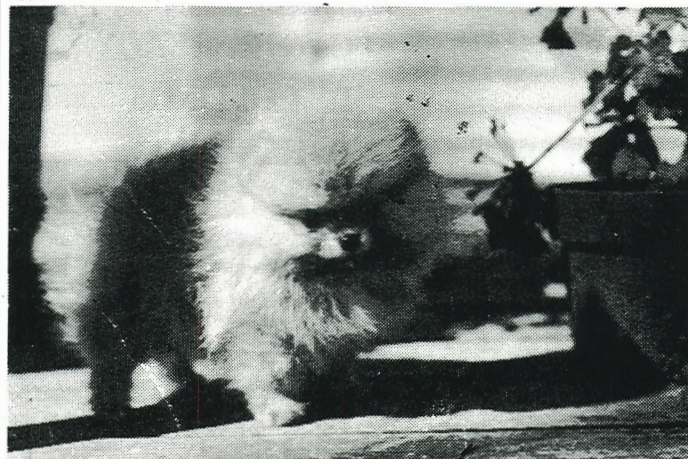
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Acting Corr. Secretary for the balance of 1975, and selected **Goldie Manley** to replace me as Treasurer. Goldie did a noteworthy job and served as Treasurer for a number of years. Someone else succeeded Goldie for a year or two. Then **Al Williamson** became Treasurer, and also did an exemplary job; their annual reports were informative and in standard format. The Treasury during all those years remained between \$15-and \$18 thousand dollars.

I was unopposed as candidate for Corresponding Secretary on the February, 1976, APC ballot. However, I had to withdraw due to the explosive growth in a program I had started with several friends: **The Canine Eye Registration Foundation, Inc. (CERF)**. It is a registry for purebred dogs found free of signs of major hereditary eye disease following examination by a Board-certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist. It is similar in many respects to the **Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA)**. As Secretary/Treasurer of CERF, from its incorporation in October, 1974, as a tax-exempt, charitable foundation serving ALL breeds, I felt CERF needed my time and energy, and that APC surely had many qualified members from which to select a Corresponding Secretary. **Marlene Scott (Halsey)** was APC President at that time, and continued as President for some time thereafter.

For the past 3 years, the Treasurer's reports as published in the Annual Roster, have been incomplete, uninformative, and not in standard format. I thought the first report was perhaps a printer's error - that the rest of it had been omitted by mistake. The ending balance of over \$15,000.00 was in line with prior years.

For some years, after my husband's death in 1982, I had suffered increasing pain from degenerative arthritis in my hips. By 1987 the pain was very disabling, and x-rays finally persuaded my Orthopedist to schedule surgery. Only weeks after the hip-replacement, I had chest surgery to remove a portion of lung that showed a "spot"; it was not malignant, it was a scar from an earlier bout of viral pneumonia, but they couldn't know that until they took it out. It takes time to recover from 2 major surgeries so close together, especially at my age. Later that fall, I was able to transfer the bulk of the CERF program to Purdue University's Veterinary School, and get back to enjoying my family, my friends, my Poms, and related activities.

The Annual Roster published in April, 1988, despite being improperly presented, showed an ending balance in the checking account, for December 31, 1987, of over \$10,000, with over \$8,000 in savings, making total club funds in excess of \$18,000.

Whatever manner in which the books were being kept by the Treasurer, it could be assumed that the Board had things well in hand and was managing things economically and efficiently. Club funds were within normal range, even if the membership was not being informed on their management.

Matters took a different turn with publication in the April, 1989, Annual Roster of the Treasurer's report for 1988. Not only was the report incomplete and uninformative, the starting balance in checking was suddenly less than half what it should have been - with no explanation given. The ending balance of club funds, for 1988, in the neighborhood of \$10,000, is down about \$8,000 from the previous year. No information was given to explain this in either the 1989 Roster, or in the "corrected" Treasurer's Report published in the October, 1989, **Pom Review**.

As those of you who have received recent correspondence from me know, I have repeatedly asked for clarification, beginning in early June. At no time have I thought or implied that any fraud has occurred. The only "answer" I have received to my questions was the "corrected" report in **Pom Review** - which answers nothing. Even earlier, I have also tried to be helpful by sending a copy of a mock report in standard form in which the correct figures could be inserted, and then copies of actual annual financial reports published by a couple of other clubs, to serve as models and guidelines by which to prepare an amended APC financial report for 1988.

For those of you to whom I also sent a copy of the letter to me from the APC President, I respond to it now. The discrepancies had NOT been noticed, to my knowledge, until I brought them to the Board's attention in June, 1989. After initiating several lengthy phone calls, and further correspondence, both before and after publication of the October **Pom Review**, I was still unaware that an "resolution" was being effected.

I have never questioned the honesty of any member of this, or any previous, Board. I do not question it now. The fact that I question the competence of someone should not suggest that I question their honesty - nor should it be interpreted as such. As to the giving of time and dedication, I DO understand. I understand how the APC Board operates; I was THERE nearly 20 years ago. I served then in the capacities of a Director, as Treasurer and as Corresponding Secretary. That is why I can see, understand, and question the present circumstances. That is why, as a member interested and concerned for the well-being of the Club, I undertook to act in the manner I have.

If an Auditing Committee appointed by the Board is composed of persons un-

familiar with normal, standard bookkeeping practices, are they really competent to perform that duty? If the records presented to them are also not in normal, standard bookkeeping form, can even someone familiar with bookkeeping adequately and competently audit them? If an Auditing Committee is chosen at the last minute following an Annual Meeting, from among those few members who have lingered in the room because they have no plans to rush off for dinner or the theater, can even the Board be sure that those chosen are sufficiently knowledgeable and competent to do a reliable audit? The Bylaws also state that an outside Auditor may be hired and paid for by the Club, and his/her report be adopted as the report of the Auditing Committee! Whatever audits were performed on the books for the past 3 years - in particular, those for 1988 - HAD to have been incomplete and/or incompetent, or they would have found the very evident errors and insisted on their correction prior to publication of the Treasurer's reports.

How CAN the Treasurer's books and reports for the year 1989 be in ORDER and CORRECT when the beginning and ending figures for 1988 have not been fully corrected and explained - and also made available this coming February, 1990?

I am extremely pleased and encouraged by the overwhelmingly favorable response to my request to the membership for their signatures to petition for an outside audit. I will continue to do my best to see that they are not disappointed. My motive in all I have done so far is based solely on my interest and concern for the Club's well-being. I feel that I have allowed reasonable time - over 5 months - for the Board to have taken appropriate action to straighten out the financial records and prepare a comprehensive report for the membership.

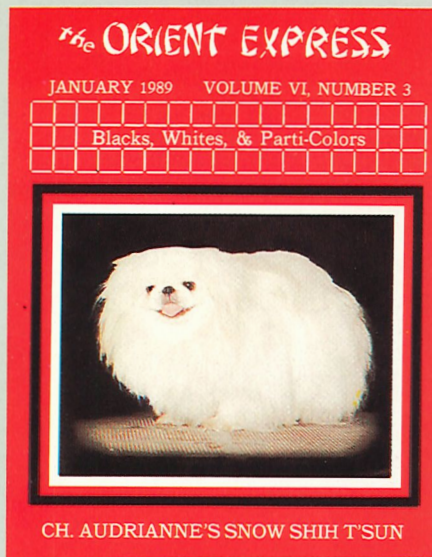
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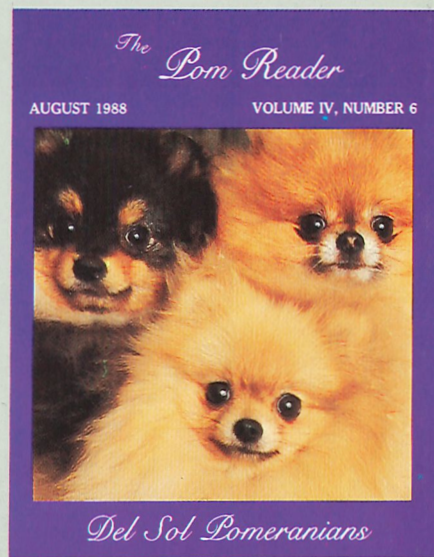
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