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Ch. Pixie's *B*uttons-N-*B*ows

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Thanks, also, to Michelle Miller for her expert handling of this exuberant little fellow who loves to show and likes an audience.

To Nina Epps and Mary Deane Rinehart SPECIAL THANKS for making it possible for us to have Willy and for the addition of two more lovely females that will enhance our breeding program.

Best wishes to Bonnie Harris with Golden Aires Billie Jean and to Marian Dossinger with Golden Aires Nick O Dossmar. Watch for Golden Aires Here I Am (Aimee) in the ring with Michelle soon. Aimee was Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes at the Carolina Pom Club Match in August.

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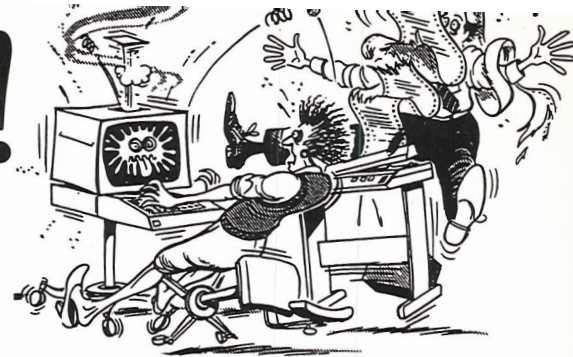
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# OLYMPIA!

**DOGS HOWL AND...**



## THE SILENT STALKER

**You can't hear him. He strikes his victims with no sound and they do not cry out in the night. You can't see him, either. He may be hiding on the bottom of your shoes or your neighbor's shoes, or in the grass in your backyard or on the sunny shores of the beach or lake. He could even be clinging tenaciously to your clothes or your hands. He prefers adolescents and you might call him a pedophile but given the opportunity he will strike adults as well. His method of operation is so extraordinary that your only protection is to seek him out and shoot him fast, using a loaded needle. If you cannot shoot him fast enough then spray him in the face with clorox...mace will not do. He is not a human stalker. His name is PARVO.**

*(This is a continuation from last month's article about one breeder's fight against kennel cough syndrome who got no R&R from her battle fatigue but went right into a war against Parvo.)*

"I had just gotten over the worst of the upper respiratory thing and began to sleep well. By now my 5 litters of pups were between ages 10-16 weeks. I also had my final litter of the year, 2-week-old nursing pups. As you remember all but one of the 8 older pups had gotten kennel cough, one severely. This one had caught it at age 2 weeks and had to be hand-fed as he couldn't nurse but now he was still small as his birthweight had determined him to be but he was as scrappy as the others and I had begun calling him 'the little devil.'

"Usually my program had been to keep the pups isolated from all outside influence and begin the full Puppyshot at 9 weeks, giving a series of 3 ending at 16 weeks, with annual boosters to adults and 6 month boosters of Parvo-Corona to show dogs. This time I had passed up shots on the 10-week-old as I figured the kennel cough thing and all the medication would cause more stress if I introduced vaccines. I had only given the 16-week-old two full shots and a 14-week-old 1 full shot. But I did not feel worried; I figured since I had attended no shows in some months and that my pups had been with no other dogs, strangers nor outdoors, they would be safe.

"My pups live in pairs of two, separating littermates to prevent  
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dependencies, in 3'x4' off-the-floor pens, with additional smaller pens for private stooling. They are given several hours a day to play in either carpeted kitchen or family room with a basket of toys and to socialize with the family members. One noon after the morning play period I found the small male, 'little devil', standing in his pen, with clenched teeth. I began forcing in Nutri-cal to no avail. In 2 hours he was at the vet's and nothing, except the usual fontenal opening in small pups, was noticed. Fecal checked clear.

"He was given fluids under the skin for dehydration and an antibiotic shot. I was advised to continue the Nutri-cal. By 9 that night he was still standing with clenched teeth but began vomiting clear foam. This time at the vet's he released a foul-smelling stool. The vet said this smelled like Parvo. Slide test in the office proved positive.

"By this time the pup was sinking fast and the vet said the only treatment was IV fluids and several days at least and with this pup he had very little chance of survival. He also suggested that with his fontenal opening he might be normal anyhow, which did not phase me as in small ones it is like that when they're young and most vets just won't accept it. However, to save the little guy from suf-

fering we had him humanely put to sleep.

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***"I reeled home. As cautiously isolated as I kept my pups and with the cleanly methods which were part of daily routine - and after 20 years of breeding with nary a disease or even worms in my dogs - I could not believe it was Parvo. But it was.***

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"I reeled home. As cautiously isolated as I kept my pups and with the cleanly methods which were part of daily routine - and after 20 years of breeding with nary a disease or even worms in my dogs - I could not believe it was Parvo. But it was. I gave immediate Parvo/Corona shots to all non-nursing pups, and boosters to all adults, including the nursing dam as the vet said it would not hurt and might help.

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### **THE SILENT STALKER continued...**

Two days later the large litter brother to the pup put to sleep came down, silently and limpidly, in only 4 hours time after a play period and was lying in a pool of dark liquid. There was no sign of blood. Not yet dehydrated, and having had no vomiting, the vet said this one had a 50-50 chance and so we took it. He spent 4 days on IV's and came home on the 5th. He was weak, his prick ears were flopped and he could only eat ID diet because after Parvo (which is an enteritis virus) his digestive tract could accept nothing else. He came along well. Then he developed symptoms of kennel cough! He was the only one who had not succumbed to this when the other pups had it. He was put on Clavamox and did well, but it was not easy to get him to eat. Finally, I found a mix of the ID with a tiny bit of Nutri-cal and a sprinkle of garlic powder got him interested in the ID food. He got over the cough quickly.

"Three days after his return home a 14-week-old and 10-week-old female, companions in pairs of 2, to the 2 males who got parvo, got loose stools, not diarrhea. Taken for fecals they checked clear, were given an antibiotic and sent home. Two days later the 10-week female was down; at 4 a.m. she was checked on and seemed fine, at 6 a.m. she was limp in a pool of liquid, no blood evidenced. She went on the IV program and lived till the 3rd day. The 14-week-old was found limp the day following the other female's admittance to the vet's. She had just eaten a midday meal and within 2 hours was going down. She lived on the IV for 36 hours and died.

"By now I was paranoid and also chloroxed out. The vet advised that chlorox 1:25 dilution with water would kill the virus and that precautions had to be taken. I touched a pup, chloroxed my hands. All feed/water bowls were soaked in chlorox water daily, all pens were taken out in the sun, chloroxed to the ninth degree and left to dry and then brought back in. The carpets were sprayed with chlorox solution five times over and everything else but the rafters was soaked in chlorox. It burned my eyes, my nostrils, gave me a cough and scalded my hands. I did not dare go near the nursing dams and pups without changing clothes, chloroxing hands and arms and was advised not to let these pups on the carpeting until they were 4 months of age

and it was sure that their maternal antibodies no longer interfered with their vaccine immunizations! What was to happen with their early socialization with the family? The other family members could not change clothes every time they came in from somewhere...and I was advised not to let them touch the pups if they didn't!

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***"Needless to say that I was underinformed on parvo and coccidia but I began gathering information during my 'siege'. I cannot tell you how much mis-information I got, even from vets and vaccine laboratories!!"***

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"I still had 4 pups who had been exposed who had not come down with it. I was told if ten days passed (the incubation period) I could breathe free. 8 days passed and three of these 4 well pups got loose stools; fecal checks showed nothing and otherwise they were normal in eating and playing habits. Then 2 days later the recovered male got a very loose stool. Rushed to the vet and given a fecal, *coccidia* showed up! Now where did *that* come from? The vet said it is difficult sometimes to locate *coccidia* in the fecal but if this pup had it they all did, and perhaps the ones who had parvo had this as well. All pups were put on Albon for 5 days and stools cleared in 6 and they are all doing fine; the parvo incubation thing for them is over, and since they were challenged by the virus and did not succumb they are given life immunity.

"But I still have the 3 nursing pups, now 6 weeks old, to worry about. They go from chloroxed whelping pen to chloroxed trolley and no one but me touches them and I am chloroxed to the hilt! They got their 1st parvo vaccine, modified live from a high-caliber vaccine manufacturer — consult your vet — and then distemper/measles vaccine and then

another parvo and the full shots with hepatitis and corona, etc., at 16 weeks. But ask your vet what he/she recommends on this, please.

"Needless to say that I was underinformed on parvo and coccidia but I began gathering information during my 'siege'. I cannot tell you how much mis-information I got, even from vets and vaccine laboratories!! Had I only had my wits about me I would have consulted some qualified experts but when one is undergoing this sort of trauma one does not think clearly. First of all here is some of the mis-information I was given:

*That a new, vicious strain of parvo was out and only a new vaccine produced by a certain laboratory would cover it and this new vaccine would also get past the maternal antibodies in young pups and protect them. The old parvo vaccines would do me no good! Then I was told that frequent administration of this vaccine would protect my pups and I would not have to worry about them being on the floor, etc. I was also told that they could catch the disease again, after full recovery. This scared me to death. I was told that my adults were at risk because they had not been given the new strain parvo vaccine and that even a housefly landing on the stool of my pups could carry it to them if it landed on their food dishes.*

"I was shaking in my boots. Then I got my wits about me and called the **James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health College of Veterinary Medicine** at Cornell University and reached **Dr. Leland Carmichael**, who very graciously gave me his valuable time to explain some facts. He also sent along a most informative brochure that is available to any who request it, and I wish you would all read it. (Address below.)

"Much pertinent info is in this brochure; it covers all questions about the facts and myths of parvo as well as giving all the latest about vaccines, such as modified live versus killed, the giving of multi-vaccines, the methods of getting a true titer, etc. It also suggests a vaccination schedule. It doesn't name brand names for vaccines but suggests consulting your vet. All in all I believe any mis-information regarding parvo as well as the giving of vaccines of any type is covered in this brochure and is well worth our efforts to obtain and read. *It is free.*

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**THE SILENT STALKER continued...**

"Myth/mis-information this brochure dispelled for me:

- There is no new strain of parvo since CPV-2 isolated in 1978 and the vaccines created for this strain in 1980 are still sufficient to cover all strains of parvo.

- No vaccine will get past the maternal antibodies. My adults were not at risk as their current immunization was adequate (and it is believed that immunization can last up to 3 years, however a little 'insurance' doesn't hurt by giving annual boosters or 6-month boosters to show dogs).

- The amount of virus a fly can carry would not do any damage, so I quit trying to zap every little fly as soon as it flitted in the front door. I also learned that once they have the disease and have recovered or as young pups are exposed and do not come down with it they are immune for life!

- I also learned that no puppy under age 4 months, however often it is vaccinated, should be allowed out of its pen or taken to fun matches, etc., and should be treated with extra-special hygienic care as it is unsure in each pup till 16 weeks when the maternal antibodies stop interfering.

- I learned that there are such documented breeds such as Rotties, Dobies and Springers (and perhaps many other breeds) who get a particularly nasty case of parvo (and succumb quickly) because they have either parasite, corona or other bacterial (coccidia?) infections running concurrently in their systems.

- I learned that the 2 most important things to worry about in under-4-month pups is parvo and distemper in that order, that hepatitis and corona are rarely seen at that age. (From now on I'll insist on coccidia treatment if any of mine come down with loose stools for more than a day, especially if there is hint of a virus running around as well!)

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***I've learned that 20 years of freedom from disease is no reason for complacency. I have the tiny little tombstones in my heart to prove it...***

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I've learned that 20 years of freedom from disease is no reason for complacency. I have the tiny little tombstones in my

heart to prove it...

**"Here lie Devil, DeeDee and Rhoda. Dead before their prime. Murdered by a Silent Stalker. His name is Parvo."**

*No Name, Please.*

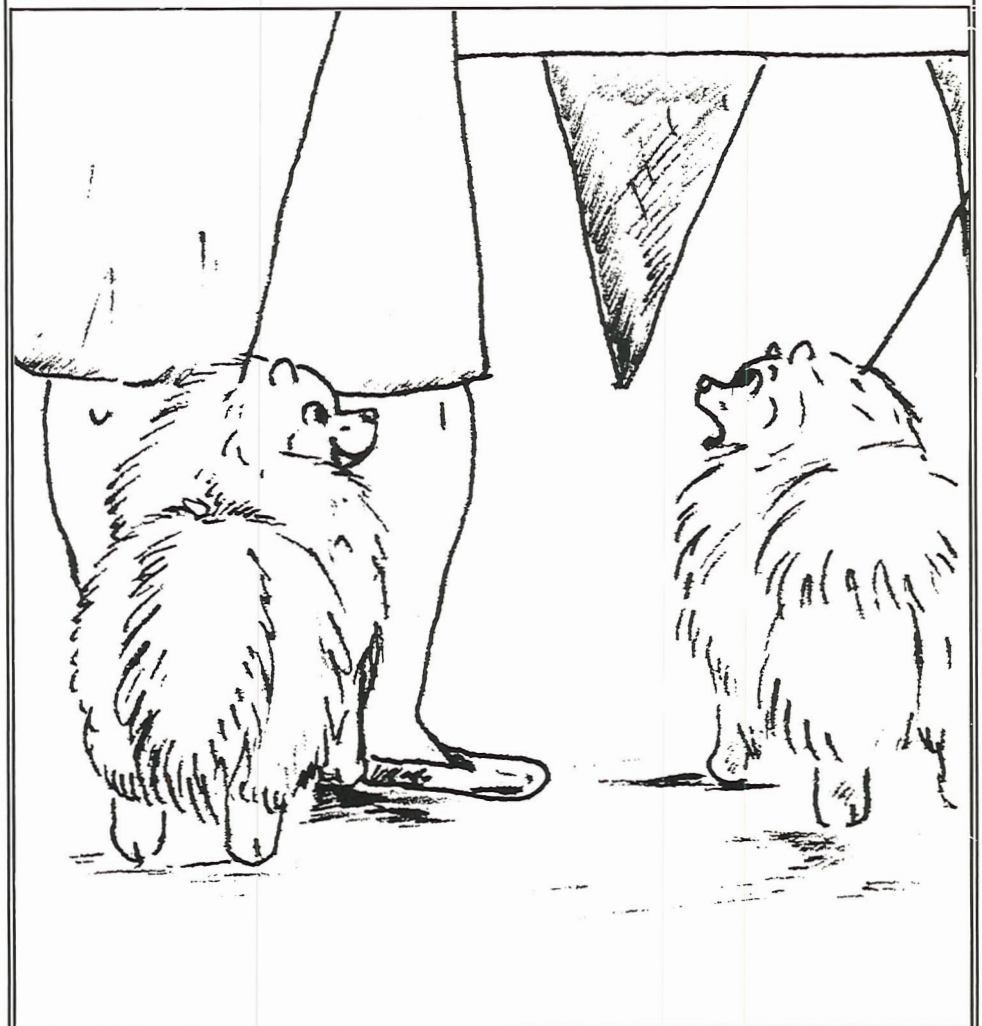
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Thanks to this brave breeder for a frightening and though-provoking account of a battle with illness. ***Until the dog howls again...OLYMPIA A/K/A Lois Ciliberto***

For further information: Dr. Leland Carmichael, Director, Cornell Research Laboratory for Diseases of Dogs, James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health, Ithaca, New York 14853. 1-607-277-3044

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Susan Johnson



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We'd like to thank everyone who responded to our last ad in the Pom Reader. Pedigrees and pictures available upon request.



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# By The Book

Tom Graves

## ● CRYPTORCHIDISM ●

**My champion bitch had a litter of puppies at the beginning of September. One of them is a beautiful (at least to me) little boy, and I am waiting, as many breeders do, to see if his testicles decide to drop into their correct position within the scrotum...**

**Cryptorchidism** is a big problem in many Toy breeds. As such, I think the subject deserved a column in **The Pom Reader**.

Before we get started, let's get our terminology straight. Some people like to refer to a dog with one testicle in the scrotum as a monorchid. This is incorrect. A monorchid would be an animal with one testicle. Most dogs with undescended testicles actually have two testicles, one of which has chosen not to take its normal position within the scrotum. The term "cryptorchid" means "hidden testicle." In a unilateral cryptorchid, one testicle resides within the scrotum, while the other is hiding either in the inguinal canal or within the abdomen. I have never seen a monorchid dog — a dog with only one testicle. I have, unfortunately, seen many cryptorchids.

In a normal dog, the testicles are descended into the scrotum by 10 days of age. If, by the time the dog is 8 weeks old, a testicle has still not descended, the dog is called a cryptorchid. These rules may or may not apply to the Pomeranian. I have known of dogs in which both testicles were scrotal at 8 weeks of age, yet eventually became cryptorchids. Conversely, I have known of instances in which breeders claim testicles did not drop into the scrotum until almost a year of age. As usual, Toydogs break all the rules.

At any rate, the bottom line is this: an alarmingly high percentage of male dogs end up being cryptorchids. Cryptorchidism is, in fact, the most common reproductive disorder of male dogs. According to one study, the incidence of cryptorchidism in the dog population is 13 percent. Researchers have found that there are certain breeds that are predisposed to cryptorchidism. Those

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breeds are the Miniature and Toy Poodle, Pekingese, Yorkshire Terrier, Miniature Dachshund, Cairn Terrier, Chihuahua, Maltese, Boxer, English Bulldog, Miniature Schnauzer, Shetland Sheepdog and (you guessed it) the Pomeranian.

Whether the testicles descend normally or not is determined by genetics. There is nothing you can do about it once a puppy is born. Various treatments for cryptorchidism have been tried, including hormone injections. These are not successful, and should not be tried.

Getting rid of cryptorchidism is likely to be a difficult business. The inheritance mode of the disorder is not completely understood. At present, cryptorchidism is thought to be a sex-limited autosomal recessive trait. That means that both parents have to be carriers of the gene in order for cryptorchidism to show up in a puppy. As strange as it might sound for someone who does not know genetics, a female can carry genes for cryptorchidism as well as a male. That creates a problem. Since females do not have testicles, it is difficult to tell if a bitch carries a gene for cryptorchidism. However, if a bitch produces a cryptorchid puppy, she must be a carrier, since in order to express a recessive gene, a puppy must get that genetic material from both its father and mother.

Furthermore, if a male puppy is not a cryptorchid, that does not mean that it is not a carrier. A dog with normal testicles can produce a cryptorchid puppy if he carries the gene. If you have a cryptorchid dog, you should have him castrated. In fact, castration of cryptorchid dogs is crucial for two reasons: 1. Cryptorchids should not be used for breeding; 2. There is a higher rate of testicular tumors in undescended

testicles than in normal testicles. This has been well established by epidemiological research.

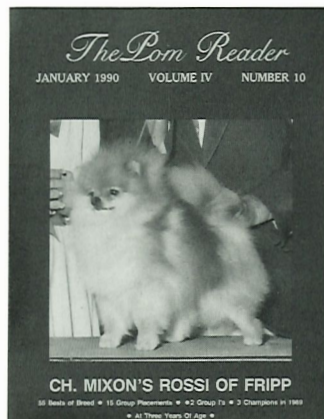
As you might know, cryptorchid dogs are allowed to be exhibited at English dog shows. This is in contrast to AKC shows at which cryptorchidism is not allowed. I think it is unfortunate that a dog can become an English champion with only one testicle in its scrotum. Cryptorchidism is an unhealthy state and measures should be taken to eliminate the condition.

Decreasing the incidence of cryptorchidism in dogs will depend on responsible breeding programs. Being a realist, I know that if every bitch that ever produced a cryptorchid were spayed and every sire of a cryptorchid, castrated, there would probably be very few breeding animals left. However, at the very least, males and females which have produced cryptorchids should not be mated to each other.

On a related topic, a breeder recently asked me if it is necessary that a dog's testicles be both of the same size. It seems that her dog had been dismissed from the ring for the reason of having one testicle smaller than the other. In my experience, it is not uncommon for testicles to be slightly unmatched in size and I would not consider it a problem. However, extreme differences between testicular sizes could be considered pathologic. There are a number of conditions which can cause testicular hypoplasia. Also, there is a direct correlation between testicular size and sperm production. Dogs with larger testicles are more fertile. □

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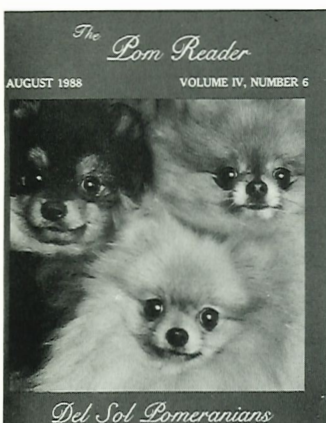


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1820	CH. JANE'S WEE PRINCE OF JERIBETH (D)..... (G. & J. Reed, Owners)	-	-	-	1	7	5	3	7
1715	CH. JAN-SHAR'S HILLBILLY CLASSIC (D)..... (S. Hanson, Owner)	-	-	-	4	4	-	1	9
1670	CH. STOLANNE THUNDERBOLT THOR (D)..... (F. Stoll, Owner)	-	-	-	4	3	1	3	7
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1120	CH. TIM SUE'S HARBOR LIGHTS (D)..... (S. & P. Conlee, Owners)	-	-	-	1	4	3	1	2
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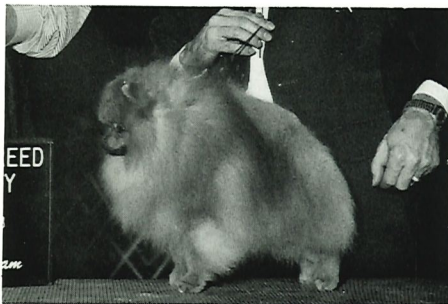


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★ TOP TEN EXHIBITORS ★  
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Welcome to **UPDATE**, your monthly rating list of breeders and exhibitors out there winning points in the show ring. As most all serious Pomeranians fanciers are, in one 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

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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-SEPTEMBER 1990 AKC GAZETTE.

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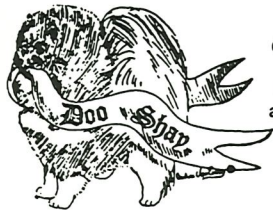


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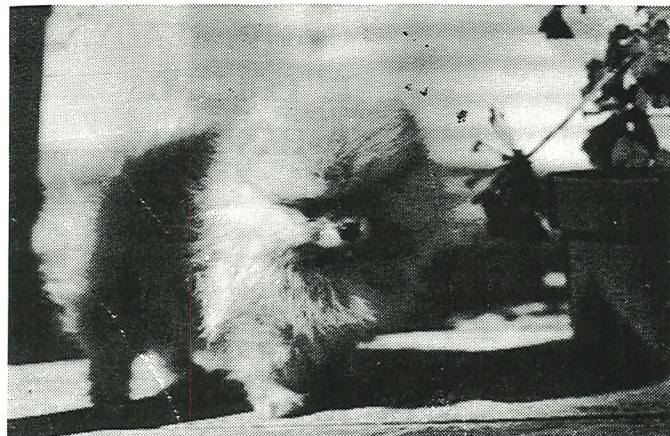
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# Divorce...

*it's an ugly word often conjuring unhappy emotions and angry strife.  
But what happens to the family pet during times of family stress?*

**by Nancy Holmes**

Some dogs are mostly left out of the issue as they belonged to one spouse or the other before the marriage. Sometimes one was not interested at all in a jointly purchased pet. Other times the dog goes with the kids - whoever has one gets the other. And we've all read about those funny cases where the bitterest divorce issue is custody of the dog. But what do you do when you are the breeder, and a person in the midst of the divorce comes to you?

Here's a situation, as yet unresolved, that has been presented to me. It's a tough one and I don't have the answers. As much as I would like to have them I don't know if I ever will. We all do the best we can and have to live with it when it's not enough.

I sold a puppy with my usual "return it any time" forever guarantee. He went off to a new home that had been carefully screened for previous pet ownership history and current living situation. A major plus was that the referral came from some great folks that owned the littermate and they were related to the purchasers. When they said they wouldn't hesitate to let these folks have their dog it was a clincher. I was terribly attracted to these pups, even moreso than usual as I had hand-raised them. Several checkups later all was well and everyone loved the dog with hubby perhaps being a little less interested than mom and son. The pup had been purchased as a son and hubby present by mom. The pup had bonded in well appearing to be closest to the mother as she was his usual caretaker and contact in the home.

The phone call came out of the blue and rather late at night from the mother. It seems she had split up with her husband and while he had gotten custody of their son her husband had stolen the dog and his AKC papers from their home. This would not be too bad provided the dog was being well taken care of, but the husband appeared to be living out of his van. The dog was being left in the van in the summer heat. During the custody hearing the dog had been left in the van in the sun with all the windows rolled up. Looking in, people had thought the dog was dead!

One big concern was that the AKC

papers were in the name of the husband. (His name was the same as the son's and the son was too young to sign the papers, so just one name was used.) From the gruesome details it was obvious the husband was punishing the wife, using the dog to do it. The dog would scream and run up and down the van when he saw the wife (trying to get to her) and the husband refused to let the wife even touch the dog.

As all this is occurring a good ways away from me, and the husband has no known address, I felt quite helpless. I asked the wife to give her husband my name, address and phone number as I wanted to make sure he knew I would take the dog. The wife wasn't interested. I also suggested that she contact the local humane society as they have the power to remove a dog that is not being properly cared for. That's if they can find the dog! Each week the son visits with the father at a different motel in the area. I suggested that the Humane Society might be able to remove the dog from those premises if the wife made a complaint. As I have no description or license number for the van, I can't do what I'm tempted to do - go and steal the dog myself!

The wife is now on welfare so the suggestion of a lawyer was also passed by as not acceptable. I was able to reassure her that the AKC papers were not considered (from all I've read, anyway) to be legally binding as proof of ownership.

To make sure I wasn't getting upset about a situation that was not really happening I checked with the relatives; they were the ones who told me the dog had seemed near death at the hearing and were amazed he had survived the heat. I still worry that I am becoming enmeshed

in a family power struggle but I would like to be the dog's advocate. I entreated the relatives to urge follow-up on the Humane Society intervention idea. They too are horrified by the dog's situation but aren't sure they want to butt in. I can understand as I really don't want to, either. But I don't want one of my puppies to die because I misjudged people! (In fact, I think the son could use some rescue, too.) The happy loving family I saw seems to have come apart, leaving only bitter vindictiveness with innocent victims among the potential casualties.

In the wake of all this I have a litter of puppies coming and I'm wondering what I'll do differently when I screen buyers this time, to try to prevent a repeat of this situation. I'm not sure there is anything I can do. After twelve years my screening techniques have greatly improved and over that time I've made few mistakes. But I think that from now on I won't sell to anyone that I don't personally like no matter how well they check out with all the logical tests. If there's no warm and fuzzy feeling there'll be no sale. This could definitely be a limiting decision and I know there are plenty of good pet owners out there that I wouldn't want as part of my family. I want to be fair. But how do I ask people who feel like strangers what will happen if...and get an answer I can feel is reliable other than by gut instinct? This is definitely going to take some serious thinking.

If anyone has any great suggestions for resolving the problem I'd love to hear them. I'd like to be able to share them with all of you, too. Solutions have become a hot item around here!

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# Letters...

## FROM OUR READERS

### SHE'S BAAAAACK!!!!

#### To The Pom Fancy,

Yes, the rumor is now confirmed. I am back...and back to stay! After a forced 2-year absence, I decided that Poms were in my blood, and it was time to get back to doing what I love best; breeding and showing Poms.

One of my first steps was to renew my subscription to the **Reader** (of course!) and to get back in touch with some of my very good friends and fellow breeders. Within a month, I had 5 dogs at my place! Nothing like starting out small.

I just wanted to take the time to thank the Pom fancy for my hearty welcome back - in the ring I was greeted with open arms. You people are the best!

But most of all, thanks to the special people who after my 2-year break, have not only encouraged me to show again, but have sent me their very best dogs to show! First, there's **David Hogg** who called me one day - says to meet him in Kokomo on Saturday and sends 3 home with me. A gorgeous young champion male (who won a Group 1st and 4th our first month out) and 2 pups for training. And **Riki Barker** from Texas sent me a young "gray" pup (out of 2 dogs I bred) to show. Because of his color, this was to be a challenge for me, one I welcomed because of his exceptional quality. I knew he deserved his championship. This male just finished last weekend with a Group 2nd, and a Group 1st. And to my dear friend (forever, it seems) **Shannon Johnson**, your kids are just fine! She sent me two of her best class dogs to show, so for now I'm piloting "Doo-Shay" here in this area. They will be back soon, Shannon, I promise! And of course I always have something cooking with **Claudia Pfeffer...**

Thanks again, Pom Fancy - it's so good to be back!

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**Jeanne** — It's good to have you back - continued success!

JMcG

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**Joe,**

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Thank you and I look forward to doing

future business with you.

**Gail Rodgers, GAILELLEN POMS**

Florham Park, New Jersey

**Gail** — Thanks for the note, and for your support.

This must be the year of **The Pom Reader**. Our circulation has almost doubled and shows no signs of stopping. In addition, recent changes in the publishing world have made us not just the only monthly Pom magazine, but also the oldest continually-edited Pom magazine. When we were number two we tried harder, and now that we're number one we're going to pull out all the stops.

With your continued support we look for many happy years of **The Pom Reader**.

JMcG

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**Mrs. Abigail Bard**

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**Mrs. Bard** — Mrs. Pratt's first issue is on its way, and I thank you for your support.

JMcG

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**Dear Joe,**

I loved **Tom Grave's** column, **By The Book**. It is my belief that vaccines never get enough discussion. Ask him to elaborate on maternal antibody decline, inoculation before or after impregnation, and also the different antibiotic agents used to stabilize vaccines and each one's potential to cause anaphylaxis. I've seen 5 cases of anaphylactic shock in 10 years, all caused by vaccines that use penicillin as the stabilizer. It's a pleasure to know that someone of Tom's caliber is writing for our magazine.

**Olympia!** column never ceases to amaze me. I like it so much! Finally the truth is beginning to come out about "black skin disease." I had a dear friend with a champion that had pituitary growth hormone deficiency about 10 years ago. We carefully looked into solving the problem then. The condition was treatable but expensive - about \$1500.00 for testing and treatment. The secondary problem from treatment was diabetes in about

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The 60 percent predilection in males certainly gives the indication that is it chromosomal sex-linked. Whenever a breeding pool becomes excessively inbred the potential for these difficulties can occur. Proof that understanding of genetics is important in dog breeding.

Also enclosed is a big *good luck in surgery* cartoon from the Parti's at Parti Line for **Shannon Johnson**. Could you either print it or send it to her?

I miss **Shu Shu's** humor. Hope my humorous O.R. tech Pom will cheer Shu Shu up while Shannon's in the hospital.

Thanks! **Nan Shartel, NABOB POMS**  
**Nan** — Better yet, I'll print it AND sent it on to Shannon. That was a very nice thing for you to do and I'm sure Shannon and Shu-Shu will appreciate it.



WHAT DO YOU THINK, SHU SHU?  
WILL THIS OUTFIT GET US INTO  
SHANNON'S SURGERY?

Get well soon! Pom Love & Kisses from the  
PARTI LINE POMS!

And thanks for the comments about our columnists. Watch the **Pom Reader** for more from all concerned.

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## Product Review

Staff

New from Borwick Innovations, Inc: PET SCREEN DOOR.



The following description accompanies the product: "Unless your pet lives strictly indoors or outdoors, you have had one of three choices: ignore your pet's scratches and replace your screening every few months; get up and open your screen door every time your pet wants to go in or out; or leave the door open and accumulate a house full of insects.

"Now, a new doorway to convenience for pet owners has been opened by a California manufacturer for about \$24.00.

"**Borwick Innovations** of Santa Barbara has introduced a pet screen door that mounts directly into the screening of a door or window screen, accomodating the comings and goings of up to a 30-pound dog or cat. Made of durable, light-weight plastic, the door measures eight-by-ten inches and can be installed in minutes using only a knife and hammer.

"The door incorporates several convenient features. Pre-installed magnets prevent it from swinging in a strong breeze when not being used by the pet. Security locks may be closed from the inside to prevent the pet from using the door. The product is fully guaranteed by the manufacturer. Doors may be obtained from local pet or hardware stores, from mail order catalogs, or by writing **Borwick Innovations, P.O. Box 30345, Santa Barbara, CA 93130**. For more information, contact: **Eleanor Winters, 1-800-365-5657.**"

Here at the offices of the **Pom Reader** we have had one of the Pet Screen Doors in use for two weeks. We are impressed.

As stated, the pet screen door is a breeze

to install - ours went into place in less than three minutes. One trip through and even the most stubborn Toy dog will enjoy this easy access to his adequately fenced yard. We would never advise the use of a product such as this without a secure outside area.

The manufacturers do not mention, and might not have noticed, but there is an added advantage to the locking system. If you slide the bolts into the lock position *while the door is open*, the door will open inward but not outward. The pet can then gain access back into the house but cannot return outside. Perfect for a sudden rain or a slow-to-come-when-called Toy Dog.

The plastic seems durable enough for years of use for the average dog. It will pro-

bably stand up to use by multiple dogs. There are no sharp edges to damage coat or inflict injury. The door itself is light-weight enough that should it bop the dog on the head they will receive no more than a surprise, but we are always leery of any swinging door for there is always the possibility of the dog going into reverse and trapping its head. As with any animal-related device, judicious use is important. We recommend leaving the door in the locked position any time a human is not in close proximity.

The Pet Screen Door is not unattractive; in fact, it almost blends into the larger screen door itself. In all it can be a boon to small-dog owners.

*The PR* gives it three stars.

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