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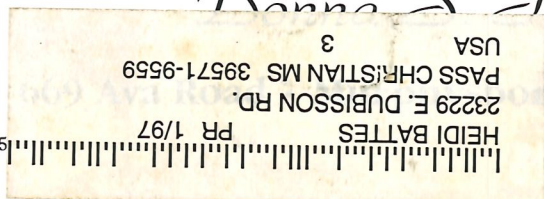
(Elan's Intrigue x Wee Hearts High Society)

Thanks to Judge Richard Miller for Best of Breed over Group winning special, to Judge Glenda Dawkins for Best of Winners, and Judge Ken Miller for First Place win at the APC Specialty in New Orleans.and not a year old yet!!!

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Did you know...



DID YOU KNOW..

A New Year is upon us - are we ready for what it might have in store?

Since I have had several weeks to reflect upon my life, I am most anxious to face the New Year. I feel the greatest possession we have is the twenty-four hours directly in front of us.

After many months of extreme pain and being told by my doctor that I would lose the use of my right leg, I had fusion back surgery done on November 7th. I've been at home the past two months recovering, and walking has been my therapy. I've had many hours to think over my years in dogs... dogs that I bought, people I've met and had dealings with, dogs I have bred, good and bad experiences I've had and I decided that sometimes we have our priorities in the wrong order. As I'm getting stronger I'm learning that patience is the ability to keep your motor idling when you feel like stripping your gears.

I wish to express a big thank you to all those who send me letters, cards, gifts, flowers and called me to help cheer me up and encourage me. My biggest thanks goes to Benson Ray, who has a hectic schedule, but still found the time to come almost every week to help me groom my Poms. Of course, my husband was the caretaker of everyone 24 hours a day. I don't have words to convey my appreciation.

I also want to thank the supporters of the DID YOU KNOW column. This column is for all of us and reader input is welcomed. I appreciate all the kind words about the column.

A few days after Christmas, I received a letter postmarked St. Louis with a lot of expression, but not a signature so I can't reply.

I wish a wonderful '95 for all of us - even when all don't have the same goals and ideas, may we all strive to do the best ever for the Pom breed that we love so much.

Sharon Masnick

DID YOU KNOW.....

You can be put in a spot when asked to evaluate a dog someone has just purchased from a fellow breeder. From time to time, I'm

sure many people have found themselves placed in this situation. So, how do you respond without not being truthful to the buyer and yet not making the involved breeders angry when they hear your comments???

Sometimes one can answer a question with a question. One can offer to furnish a copy of the breed standard. One can also offer to move the dog on a lead and ask the buyers what they see themselves. Encourage buyers to look, think, read and evaluate for themselves!! I think one can be safe in pointing out or mentioning all the good points and qualities.

The best advice I can offer is to encourage buyers to go directly to the breeder with their questions. Most breeders give an approval time and stand behind what they sell. Since beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and all of us have opinions, I think it is most confusing for a new person in dogs to ask 10 people what they think and receive ten different opinions. CONFUSED will be the end result!

I think it is up to buyers to do THEIR homework before the purchase and to not be in a rush.

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DID YOU KNOW.....

Nearly all animals experience intestinal upsets at some point in their lives.

Vomiting and diarrhea most often start in the gastrointestinal tract. Some animals may deliberately eat grass to induce vomiting when they have abdominal discomfort, or for its laxative action when they eat something that's difficult to pass.

If your pet has vomited, but otherwise appears healthy, there are steps you may need to take to prevent more upset. You need to allow the animal's stomach time to rest. This means you may offer your animal some ice cubes to lick, but you should withhold food or water for several hours. If the vomiting stops, you may set out a small amount of water about 10 hours after the last episode. If the animal is able to keep the water down, you may start a bland diet in a few more hours. The food should be low-fat, low-fiber, and easily digestible. Boiled rice with boiled hamburger or chicken is a good choice. Begin with SMALL amounts. Gradually, over the next few days, reintroduce your animal's normal diet.

If your animal has more than one bout of vomiting, even though you gave the stomach a rest, it's time to seek the help of a veterinarian.

Diarrhea is a condition that occurs when the small or large intestine can't absorb the water it contains due to some insult. Diarrhea can be sudden and of short duration, or it can be chronic. Acute diarrhea is caused by an animal eating too much, eating something new, or by eating something found in the garbage. Most cases

of acute diarrhea can be treated at home by resting the intestine.

Chronic diarrhea is a serious problem and you should consult your veterinarian. This condition could lead to dehydration, shock, and collapse.

The best course is to prevent the upsets in the first place. The following tips could help prevent diarrhea:

1. Do not feed table scraps.
2. If you change the food, do it gradually over a few days' time.
3. Keep garbage lids fastened.
4. Keep outdoor play area clean.
5. Have frequent fecal checks done by your vet.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Several unfortunate incidents resulting in the deaths of show dogs have raised the issue of once again licensing handlers.

In 1977, the AKC voted to cease licensing handlers, but since that time, the sport of showing dogs has grown. After AKC stopped licensing handlers, a new word appeared in the show catalogue. That word was "agent." There has been a growth of self-processed "agents" who promote their handling "services" particularly to the newcomer. I feel that many of today's "agents" are newcomers themselves to the sport and charge handling fees to others in order to cover the cost of showing their own dogs. I have even heard the term "expense client" used!!

I personally think I can speak about this issue as I have been a victim. I have had two broken legs, the loss of an eye and three trained dogs that, when returned, would no longer tolerate a lead around their necks. It took three months to retrain dogs and I'm not sure one will ever trust a lead. I have had

no recourse in this incident.

My message is... owner beware... whom you select to handle your dog or dogs. You cannot rely on the recommendations of others. Most people are afraid to speak out, even if they know something. So, truly, you are on your own to make a wise decision. Below are listed some considerations to check out for yourself:

1. Check how long this person has been exhibiting dogs.
2. Check the number of shows attended in the last two years.
3. Kennel facilities should meet a standard of cleanliness and safety, have good housing, grooming area and have heat and air conditioning.
4. A safe vehicle to transport the dogs.
5. Be able to provide references from clients in writing.
6. You should be allowed to see the vehicle and the kennel.
7. Has the kennel help been well-trained?
8. Will the dogs be properly exercised during the week and at shows?
9. Fees should be in writing.

It should be the goal of all to improve and protect the welfare of all dogs being shown, to educate dog owners and aspiring handlers, and support happy and successful participants in the world of showing dogs.

There are many dedicated and wonderful handlers out there, so I hope when you are ready to choose one that you will do your homework and connect with one of them.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Crate + Dog = Happy Home.

When our homes resemble a parade ground due to parties, fami-

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ly gatherings, or children visiting, where do the family pets go? A dog house for the outside dog, or a crate for the inside dog is the ideal retreat. A dog crate is a sanctuary for your pet. From a puppy or adult dog's view, it is not so much that he cannot get out, but rather that humans cannot get in!

One of the most useful devices for raising a puppy is a fold-up wire dog crate. This device can aid in houstraining puppies. It can also save hundreds of dollars in damage to household items. Since the crate is portable, it can easily be taken along on trips. This makes overnight visits or vacations with the family pet more enjoyable. People who raise, train and show dogs have been aware of the benefits of crates for years. Unfortunately, the new pet owner may not be as well informed.

A recommended procedure to prevent problems is based on several canine tendencies. These are the pup's preference to bed down with, or in the presence of, others, to bed down in a sheltered, den-like atmosphere, and to learn through association.

1. The crate should be large enough for an adult dog to stand and turn around unimpeded. A wire cage is recommended for proper ventilation and so it can see.
2. Assemble the crate and place it in the bedroom. The bedroom is recommended because the pup wants association with others.
3. Introduce the pup to the crate by placing several treats in and around it. Also, feed the pup several meals inside the crate. Remove collar and tags to prevent possible entanglement.
4. Well before bedtime, place the

dog in the crate and offer a treat. Close and lock the gate.

5. Leave the room, but remain just outside in order to audit the pup's behavior.
6. At the first sign of any separation responses (such as barking or howling), intervene with a sharply raised voice. The idea is that the pup associate its behavior with the startling raised voice. Some pups will not respond to a raised voice, but most will respond to the sounds of a shaker can (a coffee can with a few coins) or a newspaper slapped sharply against the door.
7. Usually the pup settles quietly in the crate after three to eight attempts at emotional responses. After the puppy is quiet, keep it inside for about 10 minutes. Do not praise or pet the pup immediately after releasing it. This can reinforce the desirability of leaving the crate.
8. After an interval of 30-45 minutes, repeat the procedure. Extend the pup's quiet time in the crate to about 30 minutes.
9. While the pup is inside the crate, provide one chewable toy. Also any collars or leads should be removed to prevent entanglement.

By the time bedtime arrives, the pup has associated being quiet with being inside the crate. Also, the effects of separation are lessened because of the crate being in the bedroom where a family member sleeps.

Be advised that usually, after waking, the pup will eliminate. It will probably whine or bark, since dogs tend to avoid eliminating in their bedding areas. The pup can then be taken outside to eliminate.

This procedure has several advantages:

1. The pup does not form the habit of eliminating in the house.
2. The pup can be placed in its "den" when it cannot be watched during the day.
3. The separation reflex is reduced, curtailing possible side effects related to stress.
4. A pup who has been successfully crate-trained will prefer its "den." As the pup matures, it will voluntarily seek out the crate and enter it at appropriate times. The owner can enjoy peace of mind knowing the dog is quite comfortable and not destroying the house.

The pup should not be left in the crate over two-to-three hours. The amount of time depends on the dog. In any event, if the dog has been crate-trained, the owners will never find it necessary to dispose of the animal because of destructive behavior occurring during their absence.

I was assisted by Mid-West Metal Products Company with some of the material used in this article. My thanks to them.

DID YOU KNOW.....

As a new year approaches we need to have an open mind. I often read the following words written by Alexander Graham Bell when I feel like I'm in a "rut."

*When one door closes
Another door opens
But we so often look
So long... and so
Regretfully upon
The closed door
That we do not see
The ones which open for us.*

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In Memory of
CH. COY'S TOP OF THE MARK (Topper)

(5/22/82 - 11/28/94)

From the beginning, there was something special in your eyes,
 A Beauty so unique, it would be easy to recognize.
 A name had to be chosen for that distinctive face and bark,
 How appropriate, we thought, to call you Top of the Mark.

You grew in our hearts on your journey to fame,
 And after six bests in show, our lives would never be the same.
 We decided to retire you at the young age of three,
 Because you had made your mark for so many to see.

It was a pleasure having you with us as you grew into maturity,
 Each day, coming out to see you and taking care of your needs.
 We loved you immensely, having you in our home so near,
 It will be hard to imagine you not being here.

You were, within our lives, a very bright star.
 And even though, now, you seem so far,
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Crystal's Sparkling Nova.
Breeder: Judy Shearer. Owner:
Donna Megenhardt, Evelyn
Newyear & Carol Galavich.

Emcee's Little Chips Destinee
(B) by Ch. Emcee's A Chip Of
Diamond x Ch. Emcee's Rosita
Osita. Breeder: Morris & Betty
Carson. Owner: Barbara Mona
Gates.

Idlewyld Semi-Precious Gem
(D) by Idlewyld Onyx x
Daybreak's Good Vibrations.
Breeder: Margaret McKee &
Fran Warren. Owner: Margaret
McKee.

Lovely Feigenbaum of Chaos
(D) by Ch. Bi-Mar Song 'N'
Dance Man x Ch. Lovely
Gabrielle-Debutante.
Breeder/Owner: Blake Jones &
Victoria Lovely.

Lovely Gabriel of Chaos (D) by
Ch. Ruby's One Man Show

Encore x Ch. Lovely Gabrielle-
Debutante. Breeder: Blake Jones
& Victoria Lovely. Owner: Blake
Jones, Ruby Poole & Victoria
Lovely.

McGuire's Key To My Heart (D)
by Millamor's Musical Rock x
Webwoods Mini Stitches.
Breeder: Goldie McGuire.
Owner: Eadie Sharp & Goldie
McGuire.

Millamor Little Millie Makit (B)
by Ch. Jan Le's Willie Makit x
Bev-Nor's Brandi of Millamor.
Breeder: Eleanor Miller. Owner:
Bonnie Luce & Jane Lehtinen.

Odyssey's Krystal Rose (B) by
Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz x
Moonshadow's Tiffany Rose.
Breeder/Owner: Janet
Manuszak.

Sungold's Short N Classy (D) by
Ch. Sungold's Short Circuit x
Ch. Sungold's Classie Lass.
Breeder/Owner: Anna
Lafortune.

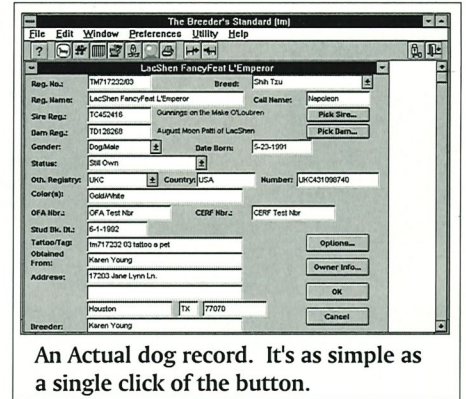
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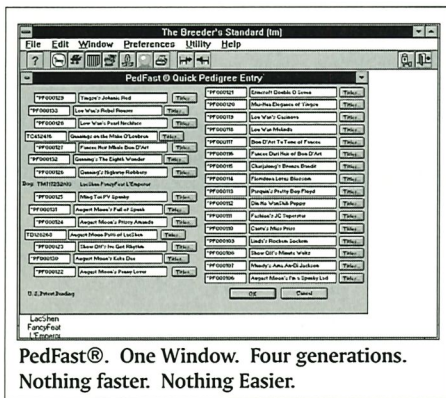
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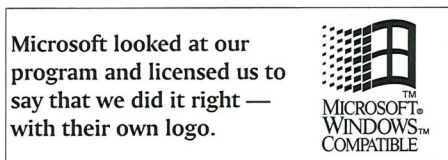
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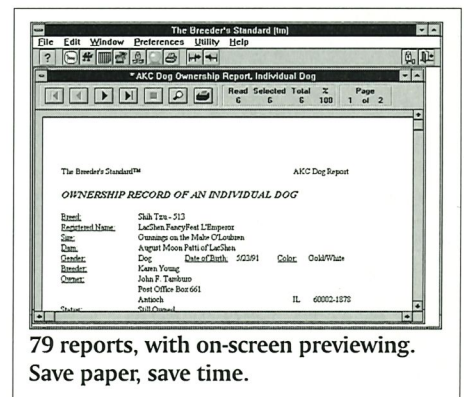
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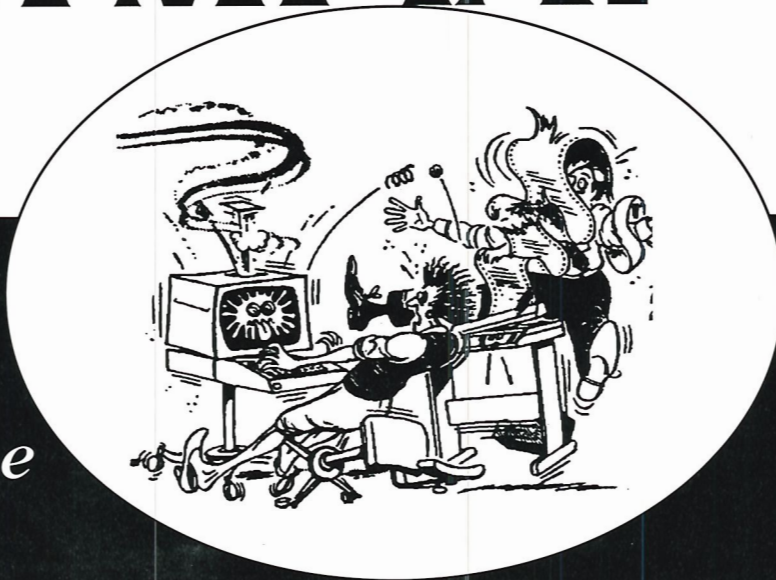
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Olympia!

Dogs Howl And... *Miracles And The Snow Princess...*



...seems to be a right apt title for this January issue. It's winter time, it's snowy somewhere other than in Florida, and this story unfolded just before the holiday season began... the season when we tend to turn our attention to such things as snow princesses and miracles.

Dear Olympia,

What a beautiful morning November 16, 1994 started out as... with the warm, golden glow of autumn and the crisp mountain air, one could not help but be invigorated!

I let my Poms out into their 2-acre play yard and decided that my little 3 1/2 month old white "Blitzen Snow Princess" was big enough to enjoy a bit of playtime with the others since they had been very careful with her.

An unexpected visit from my propane gas man warranted my rounding up the disappointed little brat so that he could get at the tanks within the fenced area. This also meant taking down a section of fence so that the truck could get in there, too. After he left, I hurriedly put the wire back up, but since my staple gun was at Mom's, I placed a 2x6x8 piece of lumber along the bottom to hold the bottom down to the ground. I let the brats back out to play and went inside.

The phone rang and by the time I got

off 15 to 20 minutes had passed. Something made me look out a front window on my way downstairs to check on the Poms, and there on my front lawn stood two of my older Poms watching the ducks swim on my pond.. Oh boy!!!

I flew out the door, scooped them up and began my one little, two little three little indians... I was short one little indian girl! My little princess was gone! Vanished! I panicked!

After running in circles like a maniac, screaming her name while becoming absolutely sickened by the thought of life without this precious little angel (that little pink belly is so kissable!), I decided that there was no plan of action at that point that I was capable of figuring out to properly conduct this search alone.

Within 15 minutes of her disappearance I was a worthless human being, unable to do anything other than search for Princess, I became this "fearless" tracker in the wilderness... a woman who runs from her car to the house in the dark would now find herself deep in the forest, ALONE, crying like a baby, begging this 2 3/4 pound puppy to please come home.

By midnight on day one I was losing hope. She loves me... if she is alive, she would come to me... the owls were angering me... why the hell did God invent

owls, anyway? Maybe they ate my puppy! Ohh! I was ill... OWL FOOD!

The pond... that wretched duck pond... my puppy was surely at the bottom of that monster, or she would have come to me. It was midnight - I still had not stopped for a minute since 10:30 am... searching. I got the pick axe and the shovel and hiked back there to break open the embankment and drain the pond. I had to find Princess... dead or alive. The ducks were very upset, but, oh well, they'll get over it. Water of that magnitude takes a long time to drain, so I became restless and took to the forest again.

At 4am, standing in the moonlight, deep in the woods, crying, I realized that a bear could get me. For a moment I was scared, but then my heart turned to my little Princess out there somewhere and suddenly my demise was not at all important... only finding Princess was. Love has remarkable strength. If she was out there, then I belonged out there, too.

Sunrise came and, as the frost glistened across the meadow, my hope began to fade. Twenty hours had passed and not a trace of her. Miles of searching and nothing. I was freezing and exhausted. I returned home a beaten woman... choking on my own tears and half out of my mind, I tended to the other Poms and decided to

expand my efforts by calling radio stations and police and veterinary offices up to 40 miles away in case she had made it to the highway and someone found her. Then I resumed my search.

As I stood watching the ducks walk across this giant mud puddle that had been their sanctuary only the day before, I knew I was now crazed, obsessed with finding my Princess. I trudged through the muck to find her body, a fruitless effort, but at least I now knew she was not at the bottom of that monster evil pond.

My friend Maria told me a prayer that she said always works for her... "St. Anthony, please come around, something is lost and must be found." So, I took to the woods crying, pleading, mumbling... must have repeated the prayer a thousand times that day in between calling Princess' name... like a babbling idiot just trekking.

By dusk I had my own version of the prayer... "Oh St. Anthony, please come around... my precious Princess is lost and she must be found." I fell to my knees bellowing this plea as the sun set over the swamp about a half mile away from my house. I was watching the huge black flesh-eating birds swoop from tree to tree and I just hated them for eating my puppy. No more Princess... no more happy face licks... no more "Who's that puppy in the mirror?"... no more little pink belly to kiss. I'd rather have been dead than feel the pain I was feeling at that moment... my broken heart wailed.

Dark fell on day two and there was little hope. My friend Debbie came over and for hours joined me once again in this relentless search. I must have walked the same paths 50 times in 2 days. Debbie and I were on our hands and knees combing the thick swamp grass inch by inch, thinking maybe Princess was stuck underneath it... in the dark, I might add. I remembered the time I saw a weasel cross the road near there last summer with a rabbit in its mouth and I just knew a weasel had sucked the life out of my puppy. I cried and hated weasels passionately.

Debbie came up with the idea that if we

could get one of the Poms to bark, and Princess heard it, she may come out. So there we are... two fools in a corn field next to a swamp at 8:00 at night with a flashlight and the headlights, trying to get my poor little Tiffany to bark at me... making monster sounds and leaping around like Nureyev while she clung in terror to Debbie. Not a peep out of her. Normally, Tiffany won't hush up.

Finally, alone back at the house, I just lay there on the bed crying. I could not focus my eyes anymore and I was dizzy. Two days without sleep and food has a way of doing that to you. There was nowhere else to look.

My 76-year-old mother was just as dedicated in the search and she stood there

they were free because Princess was more important than I was and to please go to her and keep her safe, wherever she might be. It was 10pm.

At 10:15pm my friend Linda called to see how I was and the "call-waiting" beeped. My neighbor over the hill said, "Linda, I have your dog." My heart stopped... I ran out the door in my pajamas, past my car before realizing, and had to run back to the car. Hell with the pajamas, but their farm is too far to run in any weather!

When I pulled into the driveway, I saw two young men standing in the garage and I stopped to realize that I did not know if she had been found dead or alive.

Gathering my last ounce of strength, I opened the garage door. A HEAVENLY SIGHT!... my filthy, knotted little beautiful white Blitzen Snow Princess. I grabbed that puppy and fell to the floor crying. She cried just as loudly, as if to say, "Oh Mommy, I missed you and I was scared and I love you and oh, Mommy, I thought I'd never see you again!" Everyone there was crying as they felt the love and joy of this wonderful moment. Even the men. Our 36 hour ordeal was over... with a gleeful ending.

These two wonderful young men, Ken Witkowski and Frank Santarelli, had come to the Henderson's farm to go fox hunting earlier that evening. They had driven by my 4x8 foot sign I nailed

to a pole by the highway with a \$100.00 reward offered, but luckily, Marge had told them to keep an eye out for a little white puppy while in the woods. I never liked hunting, but this night I was so thankful for hunters!

Princess' Uncle Ken and Uncle Frank had driven 30 miles to come to the country hunting that evening. They had bought an electronic distressed rabbit signal and were using it deep in the woods over a mile away from my house when they said out popped this little white puppy. However, when they turned the machine off, she took off running just as fast as a rabbit and they could not catch her. Luckily, she finally got stuck in high grass and they



a/k/a/ Lois Ciliberto

crying as I lay there wailing. I sent her to visit the retarded woman down the road with a picture of Princess to see if she could tell us something. She is incredibly psychic... but no luck. It was 9:30 pm, day 2.

A 2 3/4-pound hypoglycemic puppy, lost in the woods in the cold for two days didn't have a chance after tonight, I thought... and cried some more. My precious angel had vanished. Lost? Stolen? How could I go on from here?

Totally stricken with grief, I started talking aloud to the air in hopes that if my guardian angels were really there and listening, they could help. I told them that I release them from guarding me and that

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Rhea-Na Poms

Steve & Barbara Nagy

Stephens City, Virginia

Our Pom operation is located on our 3 1/2-acre farm and is actually a part of our 100-year-old log home. We had our long screened side porch enclosed with large windows, paneled walls and insulated flooring. Of course, it is fully insulated, siding-covered and has heat and air conditioning.

As they go out into our large fenced yard, the Poms pass through a small covered porch that they can use to get out of the weather, although there are a lot of trees and shrubs for shade, etc.

They are not kept in cages inside, so they are able to have plenty of exercise playing indoors. We like to have them close so we can see them at all times and be able to catch any little thing out of place right away. Newborns are

kept in our bathroom, next to the bedroom, for the same reason. We give our own injections and try to keep wormings, vaccinations and heart meds up to date and dogs flea-free.

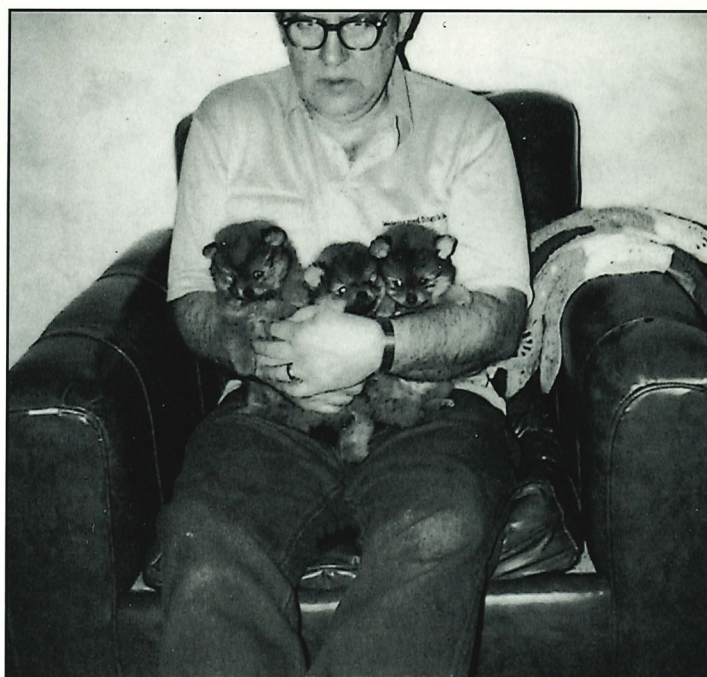
I guess you could say I was born with a Pom, as I received my first at 6 years old as a Christmas gift from my brother. Tinker lived 18 years, which is quite old in Florida with all the mosquitos. I am sure heartworms were prevalent, but still unknown at that time.

Tinker was alive when I married, and when my daughter Robbin was born, she rode on her stroller with Robbin's feet in her



coat.

Our move to Virginia was in 1960. We were without dogs for a few years as Steve and I both worked in the aero-space industry



Left: Daughter Robbin and her "giant Pom" Bud (not bred by Rhea-Na!)

Above: A promising Rhea-Na litter

Below: The front of the house showing part of the Pom yard

and were quite busy. But, after shopping one day, we saw a Pom and fell in love again with these beautiful little dolls. We again purchased a pet, but she died at a year old when she ran across the street to meet Robbin as she got the mail. We were crushed as she was so special.

Soon after, we purchased two females that we bred a couple of times. We also got a beautiful black male. At this time, we were not into showing, although we did go to a few shows. There we met Donna Lynn Wright with her first show Pom, and we would talk Poms and showing.

When we were down to only one old dog that was lonesome and refused to eat, we contacted Ann Cannon for a puppy. We ended up with the "love of my life," Chimmy - a Ch. Annon's Magnum Force of Scamp daughter. She was so smart it was scary. I still miss her terribly yet, after her death 3 years ago. We also purchased 3

more Poms from Ann.

We had seen Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasted Fudge at several shows, and finally went to see Ben about a Pom. The rest is history. We got a beautiful clear orange Ch. Theldun's Almond Fudge daughter who, thanks to the handling of Charlotte Creed, became Ch. Bev-Nor's Fudge's Image. Tuffy is 10 now and still very special to us. After this bite of the "show bug," we purchased several more dogs from Ben. Donna finished 2 for us, one being Ch. Bev-Nor's Nuttin' To It, who is now owned by Donna and still used by us to sire our show pups.

We don't breed a lot, as we don't have the room or the time due to medical problems, but we have had a few nice Poms that have become champions: Ch. Rhea-Na's Country DJ of Jan-Shar, owned by Basilio Yap; Ch. Rhea-Na's Bev-Nor Shasha, finished by

Jeanne Blank; and Ch. Rhea-Na Bev-Nor Dallas, finished by Jackie Rayner.

We contemplated quitting this past year, but since meeting Robert and Regina Nunn, who finished a Rhea-Na bred male, Am./Can. Ch. Regina Pom's Luv-A-Gator, we



The Rhea-Na Poms

Continued...



Above: Jackie Rayner with judge James P. Cavallaro and Rhea-na's Born On The Fourth of July

Left: Robert Nunn with judge Ken McDermott and Ch. Reginapom's Luv-A-Gator

Right: Donna Lynn Wright with judge Mr. Darrell Baker and Rhea-Na's Top Gun Legacy



Left: Fred & Linda Lewis exhibiting littermates bred by Rhea-Na; the judge is Vera Halpin Bistrim

Right:
"Chimmy"
doing her
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Below: Handler Jackie Rayner with Ch. Rhea-Na
Bev-Nor Dallas

have combined kennels and now have several super litters due in December.

We have some very nice bitches in our program - such lines as Ch. Absolut's Magic Mountain (a DJ grandson), Ch. Tim-Sue's Distant Lights, Ch. Tim-Sue's High Lights, Janesa, Mosaic, Starfire, etc. And, of course, Rhea-Na, Bev-Nor, and Great Elms.

Donna is now showing our beautiful Rhea-Na's Top Gun Legacy. Regina is showing Rhea-Na's Watta Lil' Socrates (by Dolores Watts' beautiful Ch. Watts' Little Socrates). He is young and full of spice, but is a true beauty. Regina has 11 points on her Damien, a Starfire-bred puppy. He won the Pom Club of Greater Baltimore's Summer Specialty over champions, for a 5 point major.

Steve and I bred Quarter Horses also for a long time before showing Poms. We bred a multi World Champion - an Honor Roll (more points in an event than any horse in the nation), several superior state champions, halter champions, High Point horses, etc.

I think this also helped with Poms, as a halter horse is shown basically for the same things as

dogs are. They are judged on movement, coat, straight legs, conformation, etc. I have found that a lot of Pom people were or are involved with horses. With our bad backs, the horses had to go, and we stuck with the Poms.

We want to thank the Pom Reader for giving us "little people" a kennel visit, and we are extreme-

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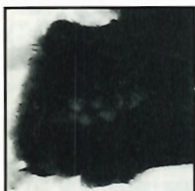
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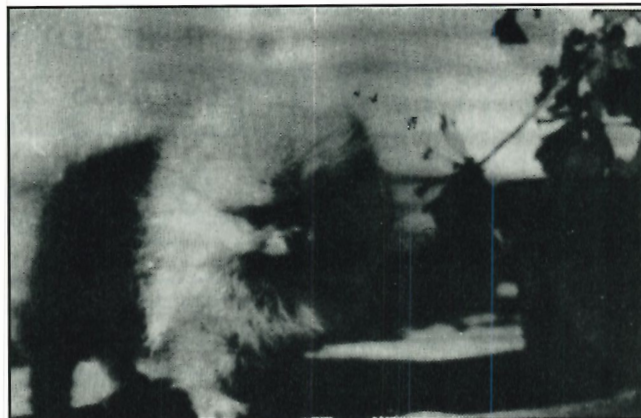


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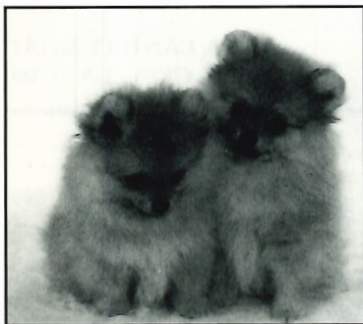
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Best Foot Forward

A Video Guide to Successful Obedience Handling

by Barbara Handler

This is a great video for novice handlers and exhibitors, although it might be even clearer with the book, which I don't have.

The tape runs about an hour and covers what to expect when going to a match or show. The setting in the video is outdoors.

This is an educational tape, NOT a training tape. It shows what equipment - collars and leashes - are acceptable and not acceptable in the AKC show ring. *Best Foot Forward* talks about the premium list and which classes to enter. It makes the distinction between Novice A and Novice B very clear. It also goes over the differences in the A and B classes in Open and Utility. The information a judging schedule gives is discussed.

Barbara Handler addresses the difference between sanctioned and non-sanctioned matches. She makes suggestions about appropriate attire for the handler.

Proofing suggestions are given to use during training sessions to get the dog ready to show. There is no description given of how to implement these suggestions. (Not a training tape, remember.)

Barbara makes suggestions about how early to arrive at the show site, where to set up and where to pick up armbands. She suggests the exhibitor watch the team being judged in the ring to know where to move to start each new exercise.

Barbara discusses what a warm-up is, when to do it and what is permitted under AKC rules.

She talks about when the dog's name can be used with a command and how to use it. There is a good point made about how too much of a pause between the dog's name and command can be considered a double command.

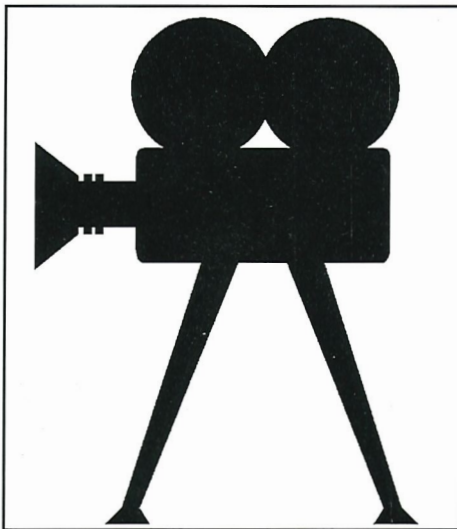
A very important section is the discussion on the terms "non-qualifying," "disqualifying" and "excused" and what they mean.

COMMON handling errors in each novice exercise are mentioned, but the scoring penalty is not. There is also no mention of how to help the exhibitors train themselves to avoid making handling errors.

Barbara describes how the dog can be handled between exercises. A point is made of NO corrections in the ring. She explains

the consequences of correcting in the ring.

One thing that I find important that wasn't mentioned was when to remove and replace the leash on the dog when entering and exiting the ring. That can cost points and create a dangerous situation for new exhibitors.



Barbara explains what a run-off is and how to prepare for it. This is quite often something not explained to a newcomer. She also tells about returning to the ring for scores and ribbons.

In the Open level, she shows a dog being measured in and advises to train this as an exercise so the dog is not thrown off balance for the rest of its performance.

Barbara points out that the exhibitor has a responsibility to check the jump heights to make sure they are correct before beginning the heeling exercise.

The drop on recall exercise is demonstrated using a signal. The option of using a voice command was not mentioned.

There was an emphasis placed on the size of the dumbbell being in proportion to the dog.

Again, suggestions are made about areas to proof for the Open ring.

I must applaud the emphasis placed on the possibility that a dog's reluctance to jump may be due to physical reasons. There is strong encouragement to have the dog checked for structural and eye problems before proceeding.

Each Utility exercise is covered, includ-

ing the moving stand. At the end of the tape, Barbara demonstrates a "good performance" with her Golden in the Open exercises.

I think this is a good tape if the exhibitor has never shown a dog at an AKC event. It would be more educational if an experienced exhibitor could watch with the novice exhibitor and make additional comments on things that are shown, but not verbally pointed out. Some things can be quite subtle for a novice exhibitor. When the retrieve on flat and the retrieve over the high jump are shown, Barbara held her left hand at her waist when she throws the dumbbell. When the dog leaves on command, she immediately drops her hand to her side to meet the requirement that the hands hang naturally at her sides. This would be pretty subtle for a novice exhibitor to pick up on.

Overall, *Best Foot Forward* should be in every training facility's collection to help new exhibitors get ready for showing. For those of us "old-timers," it can be hard to remember all the things we take for granted, such as filling out entry forms. This tape can help the novice exhibitor to learn the questions they need to ask to "survive" being new in our sport. Just remember, the common handling errors are mentioned. There are many more possibilities beyond the ones shown.

Best Foot Forward by Barbara Handler is available from Dane Hansen Productions, PO Box 18163, Boulder, CO 80308, or call to order: 800-546-8871. \$29.99 + \$4.00 shipping and handling.

Reviewed and submitted by:

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A brief resume:

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I have taught advanced beginners obedience, conformation and agility classes.

THE POM

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- YOUR OPINION ON HOW THE BREED CAN BE IMPROVED WITHIN THE NEXT DECADE

THE POM READER feels that discussion of the above issues by the fancy's judges and breeder-exhibitors will be an especially enlightening feature of the Anniversary Issue.

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