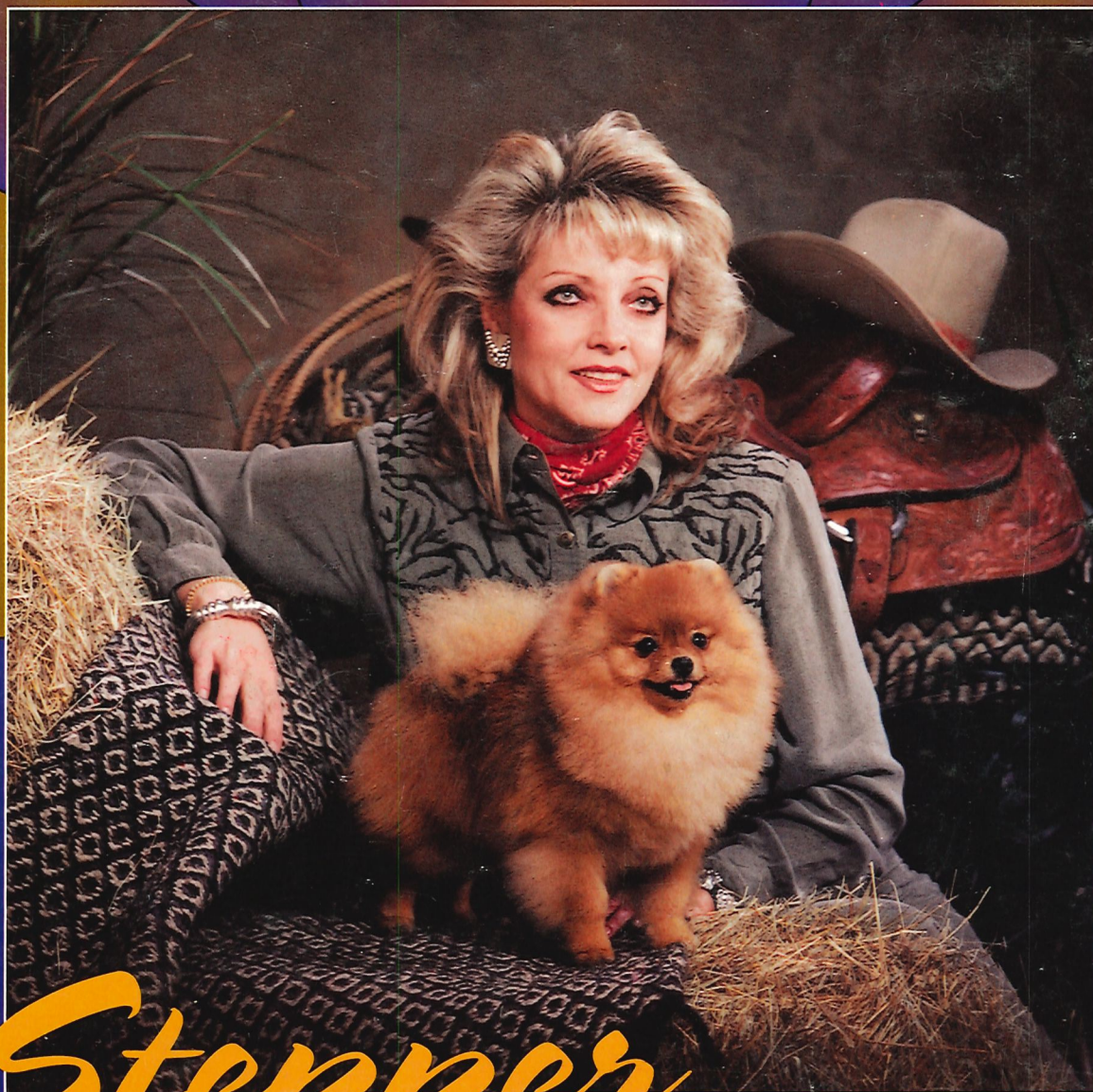


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Stepper

THE TEXAS POM WITH PRESENCE

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY TO JOE, DUANE & THE POM READER!

Majestic's WILLIE B STEPPN UP

SIRE: CH. MAJESTIC'S I BE WILLIE BAD
DAM: CH. SOUTHLAND'S MS. RUTH OF GE



ALL FROM THE PUPPY CLASS...

TOP LEFT: A glorious win - Stepper goes BOB under breeder-judge Mr. Darrell Baker over 5 Specials at 6 1/2 months of age August 18, 1994, San Antonio, Texas.

TOP RIGHT: Judge Mr. Don Sutton awards Stepper Best in Sweepstakes at the Ft. Worth-Dallas Area Specialties, September 23, 1994 (Mr. Sutton is now approved to judge Poms and Pokes).

BOTTOM: October 8, 1994 - Stepper goes Best of Winners & Best of Opposite Sex in Conroe Texas under Toy Authority Mr. Frank G. Nishimura.

THANK YOU ALL FOR APPRECIATING STEPPER'S TYPE & STYLE!

Bred by Annette Rogers-Rister & Charlotte Creed
Owned & Handled by Annette Rogers-Rister
P.O. Box 50, Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0050
512-992-8233 (after 7 pm)

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte Creed on your recent wins with 'TOPPER'

Ruddy

Congratulations to Joe & Duane and The Pom Reader on 10 Great Years!

'n MICHELLE

11-19-94 -- 1-20-95:

Lumberton KC
JOAN G. ALEXANDER
WD, BOW.....2 pts.

Beaufort KC
DR. HARRY SMITH
WD, BOW, Best of Breed
over 2 Specials & on to
GROUP II3 pts.

Savannah KC
W. E. DEAN JR. (pic.)
WD, BOW, Best of Breed
over 2 Specials2 pts.

Arkansas KC
KEKE KAHN
WD, BOW.....4 pts.

Manatee KC
WAYNE GURIN
WD, BOW.....3 pts.

Golden Triangle KC
FLORISE HOGAN
WD, BOW, Best of Breed
over 4 Specials3 pts.



LOOKING GOOD FOR '95! WATCH FOR THE TEAM WITH THE LOOK THAT PLEASES!

THANK YOU Michelle and to the judges who recognized this 6-9 month old puppy.

A special THANK YOU to Benson Ray who kept Ruddy in show condition while I was ill.

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Judge: **MR. ROBERT PLUMPTON** (Australia)



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BI-MAR SUNNY'S GEE WHIZ**



**PHILIPPINE/CANADIAN CHAMPION
TIM-SUE'S DISTANT BELL**



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In Loving Memory...



LINDY'S BLITZEN
Snow Princess

July 28, 1994 - January 29, 1995

*She would have
taken the show
world by storm...
The same way
she stole my heart.*

In a magical whirlwind moment in time.....

An angel came and touched me.
She danced in snow white lace.
With wings as soft as a whisper,
She sprinkled the stardust of her grace.

She taught me just how far true love will take you,
Be it flesh or fur you wear;
That boundaries don't exist...
In hearts that truly care.

She sparkled like a diamond,
Melted hearts with all her charm,
Spread joy to all who met her,
Then left behind this broken heart.

In silence I surrender
To all I cannot change.
But love goes on forever
And the light of this little dancing angel...
Shall always remain.

Mommy loves you Princess.



Thank you, Debra, for granting me the privilege of being graced by her love in my life.....

BREEDER:
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OWNER:
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Bow Boys Mighty Sweet



OUR LIL SALLY...

pictured at 7 1/2 months winning her first 2 points (WB, BOW) at her very first show under Mrs. Paula Hartinger. Next day out - ResWB under Mr. John Honig and on to the next weekend out - 2 point WB. What a gorgeous little girl - so full of it! So cobby! And Oh - so sound!

SIRE: MULTI BISS, BISA CH. SOUTHLAND'S MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE

DAM: BOW BOY-N-BEV-NOR'S SWEET SECRET (our Bunny) is the last offspring sired by her grandsire, Multi BISS, BISA CH. BEV-NOR'S TOASTED FUDGE - a breeding that can never be repeated!

FLASH - Bow Boys High-N-Mighty - Best Puppy at 1st Match! Watch out for this boy with a head to die for.

MIGHTY SWEET & HIGH-N-MIGHTY - THE BROTHER-SISTER TEAM TO WATCH OUT FOR

Handled by our good friend Debby Wheeler, Bridgewater, New Jersey - thanks, Debby!

BEST WISHES to Duane & Joe on the anniversary of a great magazine! **HUGS & KISSES** to a 'special friend' Miss Charlotte for taking such good care of our girls on their visits south! **CONGRATULATIONS** to Tony & Ch. Starfire's I'm Too Sexy on winning the National Specialty!

Bow Boys

D. STEPHEN TURNER • FRANK P. JACKSON
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Rocky took Best In Specialty Show. Thank you judge Julie Moreno for liking him, and thanks again to his friend and handler, Marlin Presser.

Our other boy, **Rikki**, took Best In Sweepstakes under Judge Tula Demas. Thank you, Tula, for that nice win.

Owner/Breeder:
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RODI'S WIND DANCER

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Good luck with little Billy, I hope he does it for you.

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PRISM POMS of FLORIDA

Wants to send congratulations to the very dedicated staff of THE POM READER on accomplishing "The Impossible" ...10 successful years!!!

Here's to many more years and much continued success.



GOOD LUCK CHARM OF PRISM

shown taking her first points AND on Friday, January 13th!!

Thank you - Mrs. Easton for this wonderful win.

Thank you to my good friend, JODI ECKARDT for her expert handling of "**Clover**" to this nice win on the Florida Circuit! Watch for **Clover & Miracle** (now with 5 points from the Orlando Circuit) in the ring again in the spring.

NOTHING AVILABLE AT THIS TIME.



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STACEY



RULOCK HOMEOSTASIS

CH. KON TIKI WEE SAINT FROM RUBY X CH. LOVELY CASSANDRA OF K AND L

'A NATURAL SHOWDOG'

In 'Dad' Sainty's December Pom Reader ad, we mentioned that his first child would hit the ring in January. Well, Stacey's first show was a hit! Under Judge Sandy Wheat (pictured), Stacey took Winners Bitch from the 6-9 class over 17 other girls. She also beat the class dogs for Best of Winners (another 14), and finished the day with Best of Opposite over two Champion females for 5 points. All this at less than 7 months. Thank you Mrs. Wheat for recognizing Stacey's style, carriage and showmanship. This is truly one self-stacking baby who doesn't put a foot out of place.

Breeder/Owner/Handler
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Owner/Handler
VIC LOVELY

Owner
RUBY POOLE

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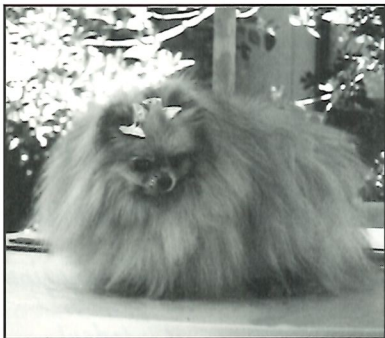


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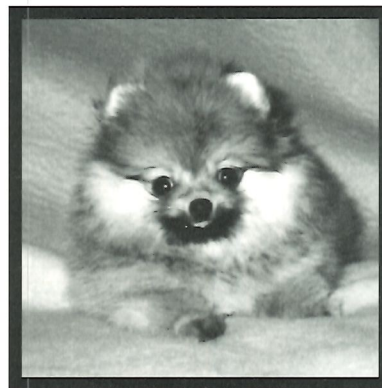
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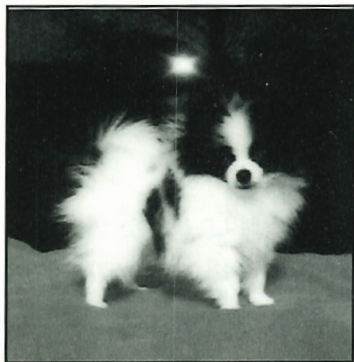
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"Taggy" is collecting wins with the loving help of
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On Water. Watch for "Barney" in the fall shows!



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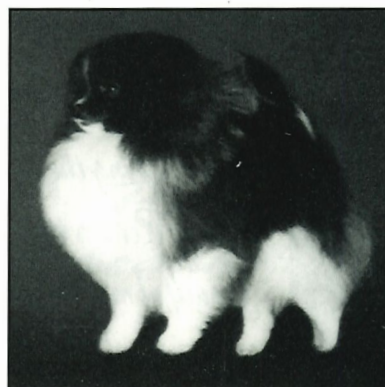
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SUNRAY'S GOLD "BULLET"

shown here being awarded
Best of Winners
by the late Josie Mitchell.

Dear Joe & Duane,
Your magazine's
touch of class posi-
tively states "Poms are
us!" The information
and articles and beau-
tifully coated and your
inspiration shines,
always placing the
Pom Reader in the
limelight.

Best wishes and
thanks from the both
of us and our little
Wee Wonders!

WEE WONDERS

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Many people were dressed in great costumes which added a real flair to the evening. Following the banquet, an auction was held with great items made or donated by club members.

Friday at 8:00 a.m. the La Cajun
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Pomeranian Club was the host of their 1st Specialty Show. What a show and what a group of hard-working, dedicated people. A big thank you to Tim and Sue Goddard, Claudia Pfeffer, Tiny Nelson, Audrey Roberts and

Nancy Wharton. These people were always busy making sure everything was running smoothly. Sweepstakes Judge Joel Taylor stepped into the ring and judged like a professional. He had an entry of 60. Results were:

Puppy Dogs 6-9 Months
 Chriscendo Centre Stage. Christine D. Hertz, owner.

Puppy Dogs 9-12 Months
 Jan-Shar's Mr. Nice Guy. Sharon Hanson, owner.

Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months
 Jan-Shar's Sunny Side Up. Barbara Murphy, owner.

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months
 Jan-Shar's Sweet Georgia Brown. Sharon Hanson, owner.

Best In Show Specialty
 Chriscendo Centre Stage. Christine D. Hertz, owner.

Best of Opposite Sex to BISS
 Jan-Shar's Sunny Side Up. Barbara Murphy, owner.

At 11:00, Douglas H. Wilson took over the ring with an entry of 140. He carefully and expertly judged his lovely entries. It was not an easy task to choose only 3 winners. His choices were:

Puppy Dogs 6-9 Months
 Majestic's Willie B Steppn Up. Annette Rogers Rister, owner.

Puppy Dogs 9-12 Months
 Jan-Shar's Mr. Nice Guy. Sharon Hanson, owner.

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs
 Stollane's Hazy Image. Frances J. Stoll, owner.

American Bred Dogs
 Treasured Lucky Boy. Claudia Wallace, owner.

Open Dogs, Red, Orange, Cream, Sable
 Yolanda's Cool Breeze. Jessica Doyal, owner.

Open Dogs, Black, Brown, Blue
 Heartland's Park Avenue. Donna Riehm, owner.

Winners Dog
 Jan-Shar's Mr. Nice Guy. Sharon Hanson, owner.

Reserve Winners Dog

Yolanda's Cool Breeze. Jessica Doyal, owner.

Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months
 Golden Aires Born Free. Sharon Masnick, owner.

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months
 HHH Megan Rose. Peggy Hendricks, owner.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches
 Dupre's Sparkling Gold Toy. Mrs. James R. Dupre' Sr., owner.

American Bred Bitches
 Carousels Lil Ms. Dangerous. Michael Marcotte, owner.

Open Bitches, Red, Orange,

Best Of Winners
 Jan-Shar's Mr. Nice Guy. Sharon Hanson, owner.

Best of Opposite Sex to BOB
 Ch. Valcopy-Wakhan Hot Gossip. Hideko W. Strasbaugh, Dana L. Plonkey & Randy Gemmill, owners.

Friday evening a large group of people went for a river boat dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. We enjoyed the melodies of a Dixieland Jazz Band and dined on the foods that made New Orleans famous.

The American Pomeranian Club Summer Specialty and the First Specialty of the La Cajun Pomeranian Club of Louisiana

by Sharon Masnick

Cream, Sable
 Chestara's Fantasia. Bill & Beverly Henry, owners.

Winners Bitch
 HHH Megan Rose. Peggy Hendricks, owner.

Reserve Winners Bitch
 Dupre's Sparkling Gold Toy. Mrs. James R. Dupre, owner.

Veteran Bitch
 Ch. Stollane Mystique Starlet. Frances J. Stoll, owner.

Best Of Breed
 Ch. Watts' Little Socrates. Dolores A. Watts, owner.

Everyone should go to a specialty at least once. Great dogs, fun-loving people, wonderful food, great entertainment, fantastic scenery - what more can one wish for in a weekend!

Thank you to Jane Lehtinen for helping me take photos.

*Sharon Masnick
 Golden Aires
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 Huger, SC 29450
 (803) 928-3511*

INTRODUCING...

Jane-Le's
RUMM TUMM TIGGER



At 6 months and 8 days of age, "Tigger" voyaged to the Big Apple to place 2nd in a large Bred-By-Exhibitor class. Her placement under Michele Billings was especially thrilling because "Tigger's" rare, brindle color!

"Tigger" will join "Nedd" in her quest to prove brindles can finish!

CO-BREEDER/OWNERS

JUDY MEHCIZ
 Waukesha, WI

JANE LEHTINEN
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HAPPY TENTH ANNIVERSARY TO THE POM READER, TO JOE & DUANE

JAN-LE'S IS PROUD OF

Jan-Le's COLOR ME BADD



Pictured with judge Mrs. Dolly Ward and handler, Erika Moureau
 "Nedd" won 2 points (pic.) and also 1 point under Mrs. Jean Fancy. He won the AOAC Class at the APC NY Specialty under Michele Billings. We appreciate the judges who have recognized "Nedd's" quality - sometimes color isn't everything!

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Cabrera & Fabian Arienti on their NY "Hat Tricks" - 3 in a row!

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SPECIAL ADDITION

TOP TWENTY TOYS - FINALS

SHOWS NOVEMBER 1, 1993 - OCTOBER 31, 1994

The following system is based upon the number of dogs defeated in AKC competition. Each dog accumulates one point for each dog defeat-

ed in Breed, Group or Best in Show competition, according to records confirmed in the AKC Show, Obedience & Field Trials Awards book.

RANK	BREED	DOG (Owner)	Points
1.	Maltese	CH. SHANLYN'S RAIS'N A RAUCOUS (Joly/Newcomb/Abbott)	39591
2.	Poodle (Toy)	CH. MVP OF AHS (Ueda/Yoshida/Wittmeier/Patton)	29919
3.	Affenpinscher	CH. OSGOOD FARM'S MIGHTY MOUSE (Dr. & Mrs. B.M. Shack)	21625
4.	Italian Greyhound	CH. DONMAR SCARLET RIBBONS (E. Martin)	19285
5.	Pug	CH. LARIMAR'S TALK OF THE TOWN (Martens/Neu)	17823
6.	Silky Terrier	CH. JENINI'S ARISTOKAT (Elliott/Rogers)	14631
7.	Pomeranian	CH. GLEN IRIS CASTLE ROCK (Fetter/Taylor/Jackson)	13678
8.	Shih Tzu	CH. SHENTE'S JOLEI IN YOUR DREAMS (Werner/Phillips)	12229
9.	Brussels Griffon	CH. PAMELOT'S OVER THE TOP (Powell/Jenner)	11631
10.	Pomeranian	CH. FINCH'S HE WALKS ON WATER (D. Finch)	11284
11.	Yorkshire Terrier	CH. STRATFORD'S BLUE MAX (P. Beissel)	10852
12.	Miniature Pinscher	CH. CHATEAU ACRES FLAKEY JAKE (R. Sufficool)	10560
13.	Affenpinscher	CH. DRESS CIRCLE GOOD GRIEF (P. & C. Dresser)	10254
14.	Pekingese	CH. ST. AUBREY BON JOVI OF ELSDON (Carlstrom/Pennell)	9453
15.	Shih Tzu	CH. MING DYNASTY SHOOTING STAR (Blackburn/Iseki)	9060
16.	Silky Terrier	CH. LUCKNOW LOCAL TALENT (S. Monteleone)	8871
17.	Pekingese	CH. BRIARCOURT'S DAMIEN GABLE (N. Shapland)	8614
18.	Italian Greyhound	CH. VOGUE'S MATERIAL GIRL (K. Holmes)	8342
19.	Japanese Chin	CH. EASTWYCK'S EVIL DOINGS (Kennedy/Farmer/Martenson)	7780
20.	Pekingese	CH. REEDMAR POWER BROKER (Reed/Brewster)	7730

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RANK	POM.....	# DEFEATED
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This is the 111th issue...

...of the Pom Reader, which translates to our tenth big year! From what I hear from our Reader fans, everyone is very pleased that Joe McGinnis, Editor, and Duane Doll, Publisher, created the Reader back in 1985 and had the stamina to stick it out through thick and thin to make the Reader the lovely publication it is today!

Thanks from Lois Ciliberto, Advertising Director, to all of you who contributed to this Anniversary Issue. I know how difficult it has been at this time of year, between the New Orleans Specialty, the holidays and the APC New York Specialty, everyone is both busy and broke. I know the feeling, and I sure thank those who took time out to congratulate Joe, Duane and the Reader on this special issue!

Regarding the dog auction article in the November, 1994 issue, I

have received official information that a Pomeranian specialty club investigated one of their members who had sold a dog into an auction home and found no proof of intent to violate the Code of Ethics. Therefore, no further action will be taken against this member.

However, it came to my ears that this member said my article helped her business in Poms. WOW! If this statement was indeed made, it is a statement that should speak volumes to us all!

Speaking of clubs, I received information that the Delaware Valley Pomeranian Club, formed in 1987, is looking for new members, either in the regional area of the club or from associate members - and also desperately needs donations to fund its Pom Rescue organization. The club serves the greater Delaware Valley area, which includes New Jersey, east-

ern Pennsylvania, northern Delaware and New York City, including the Long Island area. It has associate members from as far away as England and Florida. The club has had problems over the years, but struggles on, albeit with a depleted treasury. If you are interested in belonging to the club and joining in their educational and rescue activities, or wish to make a donation to their rescue effort, please contact Susann Philbrook, President, at:

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The following article, which I find interesting, was sent to me by a TNT client who has raised Maltese and Poms in Europe and now in the United States. Her name is Ingela Gram, and I thank her for thinking of me! It seems to

be perfect for this 10th Anniversary Issue.

**Kleinspitz und Zwergspitz:
Smaller Pomeranians of
Germany**

by Eyke Schmidt-Rohde

In France, the smaller Spitz varieties known in Germany as Kleinspitz and Zwergspitz (Small Spitz and Dwarf Spitz) are called "Lou-lou de Pomeranie" (Ger: Pommernspitz), and in England and America likewise by the name Pomeranian.

During the crazy 1920's, these small-sized German Spitz varieties were the public's idol with their bushy, profuse, beautiful tails and their luxuriantly exuberant coats. This infatuation lasted approximately a decade. These two smaller Spitz varieties correspond, respectively, to larger and smaller British and American Pomeranians. These small dogs make companion-dogs par excellence and have found enthusiasts among many famous and distinguished people during the course of history: Czarina Katharina of Russia, Empress Marie-Antoinette, Empress Josephine, Sir Isaac Newton and Emile Zola.

When, in the 18th Century, the Prince Electors of Hannover (Germany) ascended to the English throne, the larger German Spitz varieties became the dogs of fashion in England. Gainsborough pictured these splendid beauties in numerous portraits. For example, in the portrait of the famous actress Mrs. Robinson in the costume of "Perdita." In the 19th Century, Queen Victoria of England received a few German Spitz dogs as a present during a trip to Florence, Italy; these were later shown with great success at the British dog shows of that era.

At the end of the 19th Century,

the smaller Spitz varieties enjoyed great popularity and esteem, especially in Great Britain. One of these small dogs named "Bout de Chou" is still famous today for his unforgettable charm and beauty. It is said that an American breeder wanted to acquire him and that he offered to pay the sum of 500 British pounds (sterling). The fact, however, that this offer was not accepted caused just as great a sensation as the value of the little dog per se.

These intelligent, clever, merry, fascinating, sly, crafty, humorous and highly attractive little dogs are also quite entertaining and a true

danger with high-pitched, but melodiously pleasant little voices; high intelligence and a strong desire to please their master enable the owner to quickly train his little dog not to bark excessively. For a person who is hard of hearing, barking could, of course, be of vital importance and mean the difference between life and death in case of emergency, because the prudent little German Pomeranian, so attracted and devoted to his master, learns very quickly to announce and indicate the ringing of his master's telephone or door bell by barking.

Companion Dog: 9th Group, as categorized by the Federation Cynologique Internationale

History:

The *Canis familiaris palustris* of the Stone Age, skeletal remains of which have been found in and along the lakes of Switzerland and other Central European countries, is the ancestor and progenitor not only of all the varieties of German Spitz and Pomeranians, categorized according to size and color, but also of the Nordic and Polar sled-dog breeds. No other group of canines has shown over thousands of years such selective fitness and

adaptability prerequisite for survival. If the Spitz breeds, owing to their superb characteristics as working dogs, had not been such advantageous and useful collaborators in man's struggle for existence, these dogs would never have been kept for so many thousands of years as man's servant.

Germany is regarded as the country in which the smaller Spitz varieties originated; and in Central Europe, Germany has always been allowed to determine the breed standard. The British Pomeranian was imported by Queen Victoria of England from Southwest Germany

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joy to own. In spite of their tiny size, these little dogs make peerless watch dogs. Cleverness, intelligence and talented trainability have enabled even the smallest German Pomeranians to enter upon and conduct brilliant careers in the circus and variety theatre. As merry, cheerful, charming and amusing as the smaller German Spitz varieties are, they are just as wide awake, attentive, alert and vigilant, constantly watchful and suspicious of all proceedings taking place in their surroundings.

These small dogs report the slightest inkling or suspicion of

(Baden-Wuerttemberg) at the end of the 19th Century and bred under Queen Victoria's explicit methodical instructions. The British determine their own standard. The excessive reduction in size, as often observed in British breeding programs in the past (some specimens have even weighed less than 3 pounds), has produced besides some, indeed, very beautiful tiny dogs, unfortunately also tiny dogs with ugly deformities or malformations, such as cleft palate, excessively domed skulls, bulging "pop eyes." incomplete formation of the coronal suture resulting from improper closure of the skull bones, etc.

An Outline of the German Pomeranian Standard (for the varieties Kleinspitz and Zwergspitz):

General overall appearance: small, very elegant, quick, agile, nimble and dexterous in movement.

Size of the German Kleinspitz (German Small Spitz): 23-28 cm in height, measured at the withers (9-11 inches); these correspond to larger British and American Pomeranians, i.e. those weighing over 5 pounds.

Size of the German Zwergspitz (German Dwarf Spitz): 22 cm or less in height, measured at the withers (under 9 inches in height at the withers); these correspond to smaller British and American Pomeranians, i.e. those weighing 5 pounds or less.

Head: medium-sized; when observed while looking down from above the dog, the head should appear broadest at the rear; and wedge-shaped in form, the head should become gradually narrower as the observer's eye moves toward the nose tip. The nose tip should be round and small. The nose must be black, except for chocolate-coated dogs, which must

have dark-brown nose pigmentation.

Eyes: dark colored, medium sized, almond shaped, slightly slanted.

Ears: Small, erect in position, triangular-tipped (not rounded), set high and thus not too far apart.

Neck: Medium in length with a profuse mane-like collar of fur.

Body: deep brisket; well rounded ribs; perfectly straight back, which should be as short as possible; the belly should be moderately raised toward the rear.

Tail: must be set high, medium in length; must turn toward the head over the back immediately at

legs should be feathered profusely to the lower foreleg joint and to the right before the hocks.

Colors: Black, White, Dark Chocolate, Red-Orange or Red, Wolf-Gray (the color found in the Keeshond). The tiniest variety called Zwergspitz (Dwarf Spitz), which corresponds to American or British Pomeranians weighing 5 pounds or less, may have other colors: Blue, Cream, Beaver, Parti-color. Parti colored Zwergspitz must have black, chocolate, gray or red-orange spots distributed over the entire body.

Major Faults: Flat head; domed "apple-shaped" head; eyes too

large or too lightly pigmented; bulging "pop-eyes"; ears too long or set too widely apart; floppy ears not held erectly; flesh-colored nose tips; wavy or curly hair; tail too short; undershot bite; unilateral and bilateral cryptorchids.

Practical Advice: A dog that can stand cold weather, snow and exertion. Sometimes susceptible to eye inflammations and tartar deposits on teeth. Bathe your dog (with a good dog shampoo which replaces natural coat oils) as often as necessary, but as seldom as possible.

When brushing, patting or combing your dog's coat, always stroke in the direction tail-to-head... this trains the hair of the coat to form the desired stand-off coat instead of lying flat on the dog's body.

Thanks again, Ingela.
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its root and should lie firmly and directly on the dog's back, preferably curled or rolled.

Legs: Medium in length, powerful, straight; the hind legs may show slight angulation at the hocks.

Paws: as small as possible; so-called "cat paws," roundly tipped with arched toes.

Coat: short and dense on the face, ears, legs and paws; the rest of the body should be profusely covered with a long coat of stand-off texture; under the neck and on the tail, the coat is the longest and most profuse; the back sides of the

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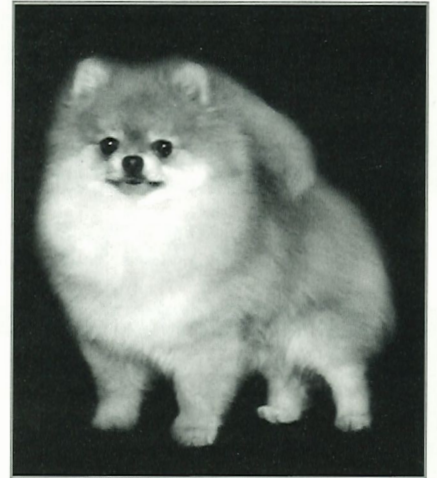
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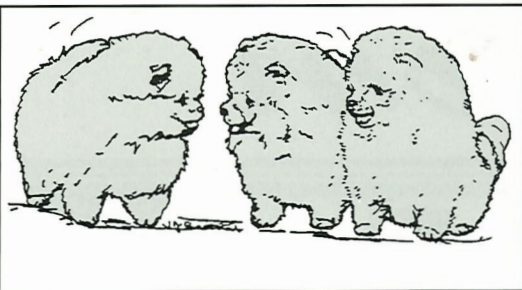
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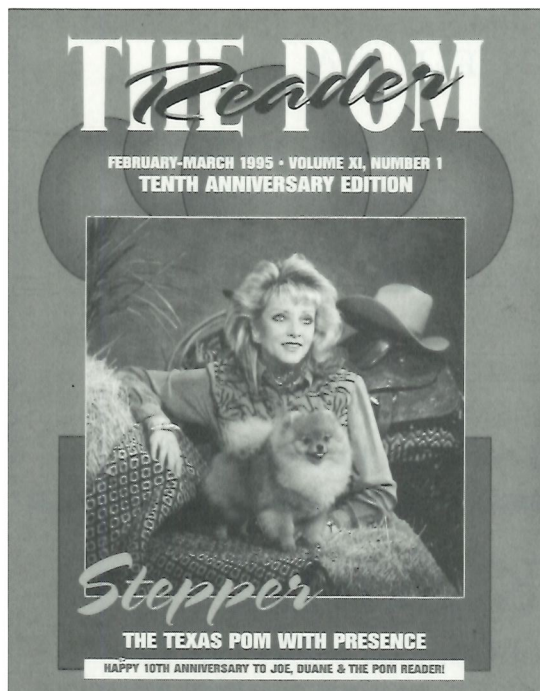
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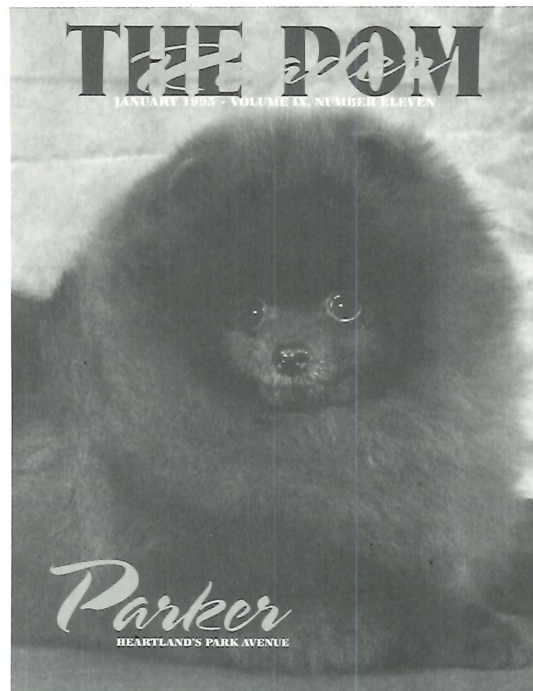
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Adele L. Tidman
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BREEDER'S

Readers respond to the current

...I think the breed is really at a high at this time but certain aspects seem to be pushed aside and worsen with time. I don't think we should toss aside soundness to have the prettiest "looking" Poms we can. Movement and soundness are very important considering these are the Pom that will be producing our future generations of Poms. Maybe the "black skin disease" is not any worse or more frequent than it was before -- but there is surely a lot more being published about it! [ed. note - Pom fanciers will recall that THE POM READER was the first publication to tackle the problem of skin disease. JMcG] Unfortunately, I can admit that I am afraid of it, mostly because I have never had it on a Pom or seen it in person so I guess I fear what I really do not know. I don't feel that it is something that I can work with in my breeding program, but that is my choice. The coats on Poms today seem to be really improved except some of them will not keep that into adulthood and others just have it all scissored off! All breeders seem to have certain things they are willing to "give up" to get other things they believe are more important. Heads seem to be wonderful at this time, but of course I do not have the opportunity to open those little muzzles and see what their bites look like! I also think that it is wonderful to see so many colors in the ring. If they are of good quality, they should be put up to win! All colors should be judged equally! You should not have to look for a judge that is willing to look at the dog, not just the color. Read your standard!

*Gail Rodgers, Gailellen Poms
Staten Island, New York*

You asked for opinions on certain topics and I thought this would be a good time to voice my opinion. I am very concerned about what the "Pom Breeders" are doing to our breed. I have heard many horror stories and have seen the results of what

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is going on in this breed. Some of these breeders are breeding continuously as a monetary business and not for improvement of the breed. To be brief, a good friend of mine just received a six-month Pom from a "reputable" breeder. The puppy is malnourished (half the size [one would expect] of a six-month-old Pom), has bleeding ulcers in her mouth, an infection in her heart along with a heart murmur, and the vet told my friend she would not have survived much longer if she stayed with that breeder. I am also shocked at the AKC statistics on the amount of Pomeranian puppies being produced each year (especially when they only average 2-3 per litter).

I have had Keeshonds for approximately 10 years and got my first Pom five years ago. I have had two litters of Poms. The first litter, I finished within a year. I have put championships on six of my Keeshonds and have had five litters in 10 years. I feel the purpose of producing a litter is to try to improve the quality of the breed, not for monetary purposes. I'm afraid the Pom fancy has forgotten the purpose of breeding, and because of that, the quality of the Pomeranian has a serious problem. I am appalled with the condition that some of these precious little puppies live in, only to be mass produced like cattle for market. The Pomeranian is meant to be a loving companion dog, not a dog with no socialization living in small pens only to be mass produced for profit. We -- the Pom fancy -- are the only ones that can put a stop to this!

*Linda Rindock
Honesdale, Pennsylvania*

The various diseases and environmental factors causing hairlessness and skin darkening in the Pomeranian breed do not promise a long and happy life to the Poms who suffer these problems. Indeed, they debilitate the animal and in some cases are lethal -- responsible for a shortened,

unproductive existence. Gradually over the recent years, we have heard more and more about suffering Poms and if recent occurrences are to be believed, it is becoming epidemic. This is a different situation than one dealing with a relatively simple dominant or recessive gene, or even one dealing with a complex inherited susceptibility. Most often when I hear of a problem, there is rarely a diagnosis or a successful treatment leading to long-term recovery. Such a situation can lead to confusion, dismay and even hysteria from the owners' reaction.

Offering some hope may be the knowledge that pressure will be placed on the Pomeranian gene pool to produce resistant Pomeranians. Therefore, it is extremely important for the Pom breeders to very carefully consider males having prolific coats who refuse to demonstrate any skin or coat problems whatsoever even when exposed to environments causing other dogs problems. I say males because first, their genes are used more often, and secondly, they demonstrate more fragility in this area.

If you have such a male and you are sure of him by the time he is 2 to 3 years old, then you should consider using him extensively in your breeding program, as well as repeating the breeding that produced him, and/or using his parents individually and as extensively as good husbandry will allow. These individuals may occur anywhere, including springing from the lines appearing more susceptible to problems. We must regain our composure and good sense. Rather than degrade individual dogs and breeders, let us concentrate on those worry-free, truly exceptionally coated males who come along to us. Let us be prepared to know one when we see one and use him for the benefit of the future generations of our breed.

*Melissa R. Dahlenburg
Elan Pomeranians
Loxahatchee, Florida*

FORUM

state of the Pomeranian

Opinion on faults...

The major problem I fear is the black skin or Hair Loss condition in our lovely Poms. If the Poms that exhibit this problem continue to be top winning and are used in breeding programs, what will be the long term impact on our breed? I think we need to support and fund research for this problem. I also see Poms that are not in proportion. Some exhibit short legs and longer bodies. I think as well as type, beauty and coat, we cannot forget structure.

Opinion on Present High Popularity...

The Jan. 1995 Gazette reported 2,837 dogs registered and 2,158 litters in 1994. Poms were the first in the Toy group. I wonder if limited registration is being used to our advantage. I think breeders must insist that Poms that are placed as pets be on a spay/neuter agreement. New words have surfaced... flea market sales, auctions and rescue. All three words scare me and I hope they will be eliminated from our vocabulary.

Opinion on How To Improve...

We need to focus on selective breeding and to make this work, be careful of the breeding stock chosen. We need to take a good look at the dogs' relatives (pedigree). Breed with the plan that the litter "to be" will have "in it" a dog better than in any previous litter. I would like to see Winners Dog and Winners Bitch at every show be the soundest of the typiest Poms shown.

*Sharon Masnick
Golden Aires Poms & Shibas
Huger South Carolina*

I'd like to offer some opinions for your 10th Anniversary discussion. Since I have only been involved with Poms about half that time, and have not yet bred any dogs, I can't comment about changes or improvements to the breed. But I do have some real concerns about the soundness of what's being produced today.

I show both obedience and conformation with my dogs. In my opinion, the patella problem has reached unacceptable proportions. And so many of the breeders and exhibitors I meet and speak with simply shrug their shoulders and accept it! I can't fathom how so many people who otherwise love and promote their breeds can breed crippled dogs and claim to be "responsible." Some comments I have heard are: "it isn't a question of whether or not a Pom has it, it's a matter of how bad it is," or "It's in 90% of my dogs." I've had to have the surgery on several of my dogs (now neutered, you can be sure!), and from my personal observation it affects the whole dog and their happiness. Think how you would feel if you were tottering around on unstable or painful knees! And then you see their attitude come back after the surgery -- once again, the little eyes are bright, the tail is up, and they play and run. But think of the pain they went through before, and may have to endure again if more surgery is needed later in life.

Mind you, I am not talking about poorly-bred or puppy mill dogs - though these surely have it, too. It's in many of the dogs coming away with championships from our show rings, and in many of the most famous lines. Are we inbreeding too much? I've heard that, too, but I don't know what the answer is. But we need to start facing it squarely. Maybe we need to check for it in the ring -- maybe we need to certify our breeding stock -- but we can't continue to hide our heads in the sand.

Do we really love our breed enough to do something?

*Pat Cummings
Maryville, Missouri*

I would like to put my 10 cents worth in your anniversary section on the Pom -- where it's been and where it's going!

Improvements: I have noticed many more

pretty heads in the ring than I used to. It seems to me that tail sets and shoulder angulation have improved somewhat, also.

Faults: There are very few truly short-backed dogs in the ring nowadays. Most are trimmed to look that way, but if you observe carefully you can see which is dog and which is clever scissor-work. I think that movement in general has declines, with fronts often being worse than rears.

There is, of course, the skin condition which is becoming more and more common. This is (in my opinion) because of the current ability to keep the dogs coated at least some of the time. Thus when they are out there and winning, naturally people will be impressed by the type (and wins) and breed to the dog, perpetuating the problem.

I believe that thyroid problems are rampant within the breed. One can hardly find any breeder that does not have at least one of his dogs on thyroid supplement. It is my feeling that these dogs are as much, if not more, of a problem than the "skin condition" dogs. Without the supplement many of these dogs are functionally sterile, but a pill will keep them producing more of the same.

Popularity: I hate it!! Everyone and his uncle feels that "Fluffy" ought to be bred to cash in on the craze. Few breeders use the Limited Registration, allowing perpetuation of the many faults we see.

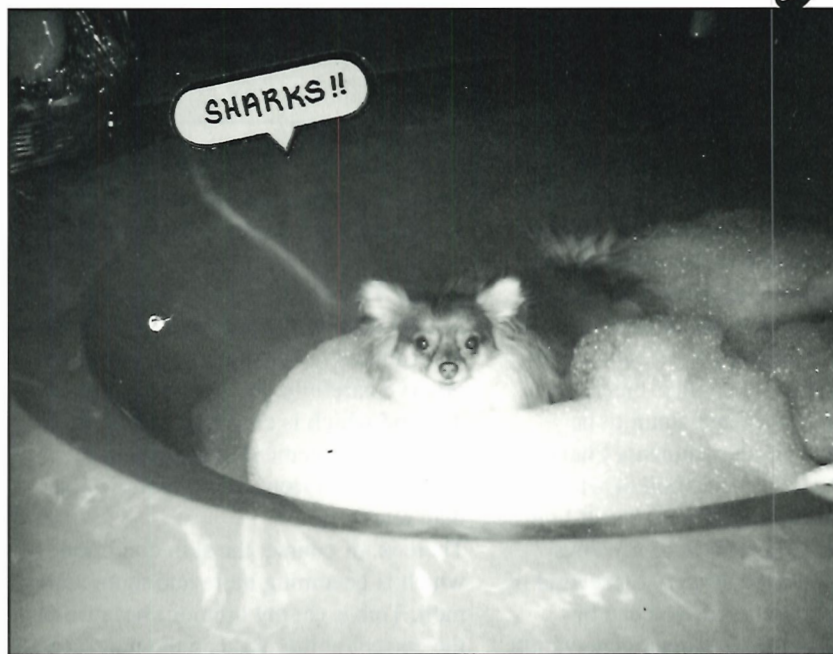
Improvement: Honesty between breeders and a sincere desire to improve are the only way we can improve our gene pool and our breed. I would like to see shorter backs, correct **double** coats, better legs and an open registry for skin and thyroid problems.

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That HOOKWORMS can do enormous damage to your dog before you even know they're there? We wish to thank Valerie Matthews, DVM for sharing this information:

Although hookworms are not as common a health problem as tapeworms and roundworms, they do pose an important health threat to dogs. For dogs in warm damp climates, such as in the Southeast, they are considered the primary internal parasite. Unlike roundworms, they infect adult dogs and puppies in equal proportion, but they are a more serious health threat to puppies than to adults. There are two types of hookworms common to the United States. *Uncinaria stenocephala* is found mostly in the north and is much less common in the south. *Ancylostoma caninum*, however, is found in both the north and south. Adult worms of both types are off-white, about 1 centimeter long and have large "mouths" which cause

the anterior (head) of the worm to appear enlarged.

Life Cycle and Transmission: Unlike tapeworms and roundworms, hookworms can be transmitted directly from dog to dog without the assistance of an immediate host. Adult worms live in the dog's small intestine, where they breed and produce eggs. These oval-shaped eggs, which are microscopic in size, are released from the female worms and passed out along with the feces. Within two to eight days, the larval hookworms hatch and molt twice to become infective larvae ready to invade another dog.

Dogs can be infected by either eating food or water contaminated with the larvae, or simply by walking on or lying in soil infested with the larvae, which can actually burrow directly through the dog's skin into the bloodstream. When the larvae are eaten, they burrow into the lining of the stomach and migrate throughout the dog's system for two or three weeks as they develop. Once mature, they return to the interior of the stomach and are passed along to the small intestine, where they develop into adult, egg-producing hookworms. This

whole cycle takes from 15 to 18 days.

When the larvae burrow into the dog's skin, they enter the bloodstream and are carried to the heart and lungs. There, they molt and break through the tiny air sacs called alveoli. The irritation they cause makes the dog cough, which brings the now mature larvae up to the throat where they are swallowed and taken into the intestines. The life cycle is completed when they molt once more to become adults and establish themselves in the small intestine.

Ancylostoma caninum can be particularly dangerous to newborn pups. If a pregnant dog is infected, the larvae migrate to the mammary glands where they collect, ready to infect the newborns during the first week of nursing. Adult worms can, therefore, be present in a pup's small intestine by the time it is 2 to 3 weeks old. If larvae are circulating in the mother's bloodstream, the pups can also be infected directly, even before they are born, in which case they will be releasing eggs by the time they are only 11 days old.

EFFECTS AND DIAGNOSIS: To understand the kind of damage

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hookworms cause, it is necessary to examine the way these parasites feed. Hookworms have large "mouths" and attach themselves to the lining of the small intestine by pulling a plug of the lining into their mouths. Within 30 minutes, the worm digests the plug, disrupting the blood supply to the area and causing blood loss into the surrounding tissues. A worm will ingest two or three tissue plugs then move on to a new area. This is called "graze-type" feeding because it resembles the grazing of cattle.

When the hookworm moves on to a new site, the first site is left bleeding. One adult female hookworm can be responsible for the loss of one cubic centimeter of blood per day. Thirty such pests can account for the loss of an entire ounce of blood each day! It is easy to see, then, how a dog with hookworms can become anemic. Blood loss starts as early as eight days after a dog becomes infected, even before the worms begin producing eggs. The period of maximum blood loss occurs approximately 10 to 25 days after infection. Heavy infections can kill very young puppies; less than 50 worms, acquired before or soon after birth, can cause a rapidly fatal disease easily confused with other puppyhood diseases such as acute parvovirus, canine herpesvirus and chilling.

Signs of severe anemia from hookworms include pale gums (nearly white), weakness, crying and unwillingness to nurse. Pups may also have fluid, foul-smelling, almost black feces, but sometimes the illness is so sudden that the owner will not notice a change in the stool. The dark, tarry feces is

caused by the digested blood from the small intestines. In addition to the blood loss, the dog will be nutritionally compromised because of the damage to the small intestine that hinders absorption of nutrients. A pup may have stunted growth, a dry coat, weight loss and decreased blood protein, leading to tissue fluid accumulation called edema. Older dogs suffering from chronic blood loss will show signs of iron deficiency anemia.

Because hookworms are so small and not usually released in the feces, and because hookworm eggs are microscopic in size, it is not possible to diagnose hookworms just by looking at the feces with the unaided eye. Although dark, tarry feces, anemia, poor haircoat and edema are certainly clues that hookworms may be affecting your dog's health, these symptoms can also be caused by other problems. The only reliable method of diagnosis is to examine a fecal sample under a microscope.

Adult dogs should be examined for intestinal worms every six months. Breeding females should also be checked just prior to breeding. Puppies should be checked starting at 2 weeks of age and again at 6 to 8 weeks, when they receive their first vaccinations.

CONTROL AND PREVENTION:

Hookworms prefer moist, well drained soil that is not exposed to drying heat or hot sunlight. The mild weather of late spring, early summer and early fall in temperate climates - commonly called "shirt sleeve" weather - is their ideal. Freezing weather will kill *Ancylostoma* eggs, but not *Uncinaria* eggs. It is especially difficult to control hookworms in sandy soil because the hatching

larvae will burrow down into the soil during dry periods and resurface when conditions are moist. Control is easier if dogs are kept on concrete or non-sandy soil that is exposed to direct sunlight. Some shading is a necessity, however, to keep the dog comfortable in hot weather.

Cleanliness is very important in hookworm control, especially when mild temperatures and prime moisture levels allow rapid hookworm development. Feces should be removed from the yard or run daily. The eggs can hatch and reach infective stage in just six days. If the fecal mass is broken apart by rain or tracking, the eggs will be able to develop much easier. Cleaning concrete kennels and runs with a sodium hypochlorite (Clorox) solution can also help control these parasites.

To control hookworms in gravel or concrete runs, sprinkle sodium borate (Borax) on at the rate of 10 pounds per 100 square feet. This compound will kill hookworm larvae, but probably not the eggs. The sodium borate should be wet down with a sprinkler to help bring the powder in better contact with the surface being treated. During the spring and summer months, the soil should be treated every one to two months. The sodium borate will not harm the dog's feet, but it is best to keep the dog out of the treated area until after sprinkling if there is a possibility the dog will eat the Borax. The sodium borate treatment cannot be used on lawns or grass runs because it kills grass and most types of vegetation.

VIP Hookworm Spray Concentrate, produced by Florida Veterinary Laboratories, can be used on yard and grass runs. It

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should be applied at two-week intervals, and it will not penetrate intact feces. It is always a good idea to pick up and dispose of the feces in the yard or kennel before treating with VIP or Borax, however. (Caution: Do not mix these chemicals. Use either one, but never two at the same time.)

Another way to prevent hookworm infestation is to medicate the dog daily with Styrid-Caricide, which is available in tablet and liquid form from your veterinarian.

Styrid-Caricide is usually given to dogs less than a year of age, but it can be used for older dogs as well. The medication prevents not only hookworms, but roundworms and heartworms, too. Because of this, it is essential that the dog be checked for heartworms before beginning this medication.

Once a dog is infected with hookworms, treatment will depend on the severity of the condition. The worms will be eliminated with oral or injectable dewormers, but because the drugs currently available kill only adult worms, the treatment will have to be repeated at 10-14 day intervals until no more eggs appear in the fecal exam.

If a dog has severe anemia, a blood transfusion may be necessary to replace blood lost due to the worms. If the anemia is not life-threatening, it may be corrected by dietary changes. Dogs that are extremely debilitated from the hookworm infection will need gentle handling if they are to recover - warmth, quiet and good nursing care really help.

Strict sanitation and regular fecal exams are the best means of insurance that your dog never has to face recovery from the effects of

hookworm infestation. Consult your veterinarian to find out how much of a threat hookworms are in your area, and work with him to set up a health care program for your dog. ■

Thanks for this helpful information!
Sharon

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that you could have a Flat Puppy (swimmer) in your next litter. A flat puppy looks like a turtle because his legs stick out to the side instead of underneath him. Because they lie on their stomachs, they are flat-chested. Most of the time the condition is caused by a weakness of the muscles which pull the legs together.

This disorder is more likely to occur in overweight puppies and in heavy-boned breeds. Slippery floors are believed to predispose to the condition. When puppies are first learning to walk they should be kept on a nonslippery surface that provides good traction.

You can assist a flat puppy by making him stand and walk several times a day. Also place him on his side to sleep. A hobble made from tape, placed from elbow to elbow forces a puppy to sleep on his side. It will also keep his legs under him when he tries to stand.

I had a puppy like this a few months ago and we worked his legs like a bicycle several times a day to make the legs strong.

Sharon

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A reader response - the following comments are from Nancy Coke Wharton:

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Happy New Year,
Nancy

Thank you Nancy. Nancy is that lady who keeps things moving at the shows. She is a terrific ring steward.

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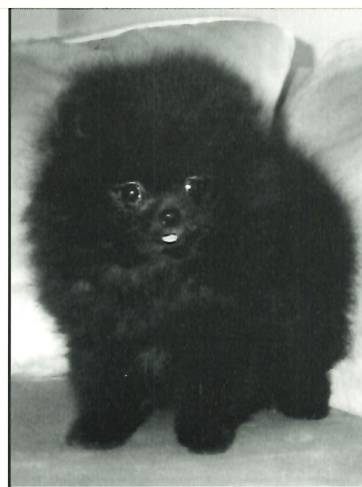
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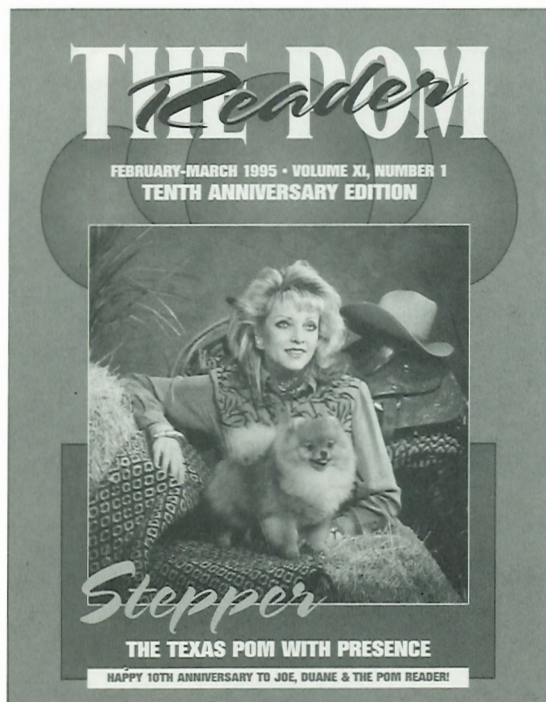
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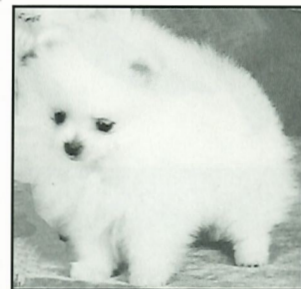
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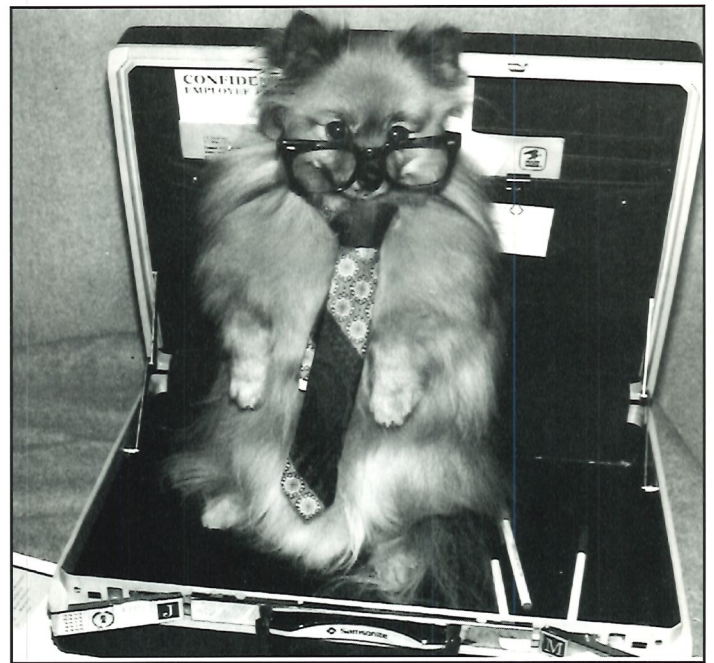


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CRYPTORCHIDISM

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...

B Y T O M G R A V E S

Cryptorchidism is a big problem in many Toy breeds. As such, I think the subject deserves 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 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, Toy dogs 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 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) Pomeranian.

Whether the testicle 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 difficult business. The inheritance mode of the disorder is not completely understood. At present, cryptorchidism is thought to be a sex-limited atosomal recessive trait. That means that both parents have to be carriers of the gene in order for it 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 it as well as a male. That creates a problem. Since females do not have testicles, it is difficult to tell if the female carries the gene. 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 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 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.

Phenotype vs. Genotype

B Y V I K K I P O W E L L

The very first comments I ever heard about breeding dogs centered around the terms "linebreeding", "pedigree" and "type." Even in a neophyte stage of comprehension about genetics I grasped the importance of linebreeding to a good breeding program, for it made perfect sense. It was only upon further study that I realized the full import of "linebreeding" as well as the inherent dangers. A favorite roundtable discussion amongst dog fanciers seems to be whether type- or line-breeding is superior, when in actuality to do either without regard for the other is folly.

In technical terms, the word "phenotype" is used to describe the dog's outward visible characteristics. The word "genotype" is used to describe the dog's genetic makeup, encompassing all the traits you cannot see as well as its "type." A pedigree is a tool breeders use to find out as much as they can about a dog's ancestors, since the breeder may not have seen any of these dogs. A conscientious breeder retains all information about any dogs he or she may be interested in for later use, integrating wins and quality of offspring into this information bank so as to better critique a pedigree. As I mentioned last time, it can be a mistake to breed to a big winner solely on the virtues of his show career, for show wins do not necessarily make good pups. The following example gives you, the breeder, a hypothetical breeding to play with... what would you do with this potential breeding, and also the one that follows?

Suppose the top-winning dog is beautiful, has everything you think you want to combine with your linebred bitch and the stud dog lives only 25 miles away. You have perused the pedigree, made some inquiries into the dog's lineage, seen some of his offspring and everything looks good on paper. However, you have turned up two things in your studies you don't like: None of the stud's offspring have near his exemplary "type" and, all of them have a coat texture you don't like... Your bitch's coat is not her strongest point, but the stud dog himself has a wonderful coat texture. What do you

do now? Do you go ahead and breed to him anyway, blaming all the problems on the bitches he was bred to? Or do you think twice about that pedigree you studied, becoming critical of a linebreeding for the mere sake of line breeding due to the fact that the breeder of the stud has cemented in certain undesirable traits through his injudicious linebreeding?

It is surely a dilemma, but one that is easily rectified. Find another dog that has the type you want but does not carry the problem with him in his pedigree. Unless, of course, you are hell-bent on breeding to that top winner no matter what, in which case you simply pay your money and take your chances. The problem with that is that dog breeding is a respected science, not a gambling trip to Vegas, and as we talked about a few months back, reputable breeders view it as a serious business. The future of your breed and the sport of purebred dogs rests on all breeders' shoulders.

So how do you approach the question of whether to type- or pedigree-breed? Scientifically, let's look at a beautiful example of a potential linebreeding that would produce the type you desire, but in your careful study of the common ancestors, you discover a few very important genetic traits.

Hypothesis: Assign the letter "A" to the bitch's maternal grandfather and "B" to her maternal grandmother. Now assign the letter "AA" to the stud's mother, because she is also dog "A's" litter sister. Assign "BB" to the stud's paternal grandmother because she is dog "B's" full sister from a repeat breeding. Make further note of this fact: dog "A" is also the bitch's paternal grandfather as well. What you have here is a very pretty linebred pedigree which, on paper, looks great and should really produce well for you. But... here are the problems the prospective breeder turned up with research. Dog "A" died of complications stemming from kidney problems. He had a grandson who was out of his litter sister, dog "AA", that died at a very young age of kidney failure, and two of the grandchildren of dogs "A" and "AA" have very serious kidney problems at a

young age. If you linebreed the bitch and the stud, you will be doubling and tripling on these problems. Are you willing to take the chance to produce some typey linebred pups? To further complicate this scenario, let's talk about dogs "B" and "BB." Both have severe skin problems and light eyes, a fault in this hypothetical breeding. Not only does the pretty-on-paper breeding have the potential kidney problems, but you now have the added possible skin problems and light eyes (a fault) to your typey line breeding. Now what do you do?

My scenarios are in no way meant to say that linebreeding or pedigree breeding is bad, any more than occasional outcross of pure type breeding is bad. Every one of these ways of breeding are valid and good when used correctly. It is your job as the breeder to understand the pitfalls (like the above mentioned cases) as well as to recognize the advantages of whatever type of breeding you are looking for at that time. Be judicious in your practices and your genetic choices for you are the artist creating the final picture, the ultimate dog. Always understand that for all the virtues there are in pedigree breeding, said breeding is only as good as its components, the stud dog and the brood bitch, and their ancestors. It can be the best breeding in the world on paper, but if the vital components, the genes, do not measure up to what you want, you will not get what you want. Think about the virtues of the dogs in question, not the virtues of the pedigree vs. type breeding or outcrossing. Genetically it is to your advantage as a breeder to use linebreeding to cement in wonderful qualities if you can find complementary specimens free (as much as is feasible) of genetic faults, illnesses, etcetera. You can do it; top breeders do it daily with great success. Always strive for the best possible breeding, even if it means waiting, for it is better to get what you want than to keep failing because you are not using the "right ingredients." Remember, what you breed is a reflection on you and your good kennel name. ■

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