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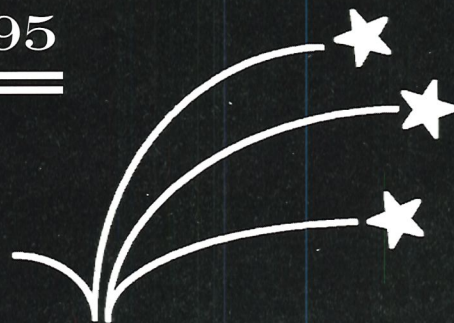
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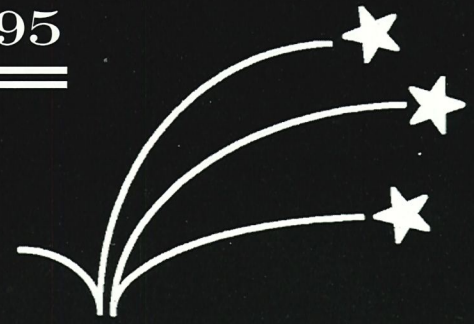
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VALCOPY-WAKHAN HOT GOSSIP



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AMONG  
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## Reader

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# Show Sight

FROM THE EDITOR

*Were I to pick the sin for which I have the toughest time forgiving myself, and for which I find little capacity to forgive another, it would be the sin of omission...*

Or, to be more exact, the sin of forgetting to thank, and neglecting to honor, those who have given much - while they are still with us. I was reminded of the fact while working on this magazine, when I ran across the photo at the top right of this page. It is a photo which I will always cherish, of an experience I will ever remember, but its simple message brought a touch of sadness.

The occasion was a joyous one, indeed, and it was with pride that I was able to join others in honoring a friend to the breed, a friend to the sport, a friend to man. **Dorothy Nickles** was chosen by the Dog Fanciers' Club and Gaines to receive the coveted FIDO Award for Woman of the Year, in recognition of her many contributions to the sport of purebred dogs. It was presented at Sardi's Restaurant in New York during Westminster week. It was my honor to escort Miss Nickles to the podium, and it was my pleasure to see her elation at the award, to know that perhaps she is aware, now, of how much she has meant. And that her efforts made a difference. I think that is the least we owe the people who have worked tirelessly in pursuit of the protection of purebred dogs. And that Miss Nickles, whom I have long considered a good friend, was honored by her peers with this august award gave me great gratification.

But it also made me pause. I wondered if I had truly taken the time to express appreciation to those most deserving; I wondered if those I've lost ever knew the depth of my gratitude. And I decided that it was high time to concentrate more heavily in

that area.

And the subject was underscored by a tragedy in our midst. It is my most unpleasant task to note the death of **Debbie Lang** this month, whose brave battle with cancer was an inspiration to us all. Debbie is no longer suffering but she leaves a gaping void in the lives of her family and friends. Especially in the lives of two of my dearest, closest pals, her parents **Bernie & Lois Ciliberto**.

Throughout the ordeal Bernie & Lois were bricks of support for Debbie, her husband, and children. They put aside their personal anguish to provide comfort in Debbie's last months, weeks, and days. It was, is, and will always be, a most painful experience for them.

Bern & Lois and family were not entirely without support: extra-familial, there was the tremendous aid provided by a local Hospice group which provided in-home care and counseling. The comfort provided by this concern



*A triumphant Dorothy Nickles celebrates her much-deserved FIDO Award, Sardi's Restaurant, New York, 2/15/95. With the editor.*

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cannot be measured, but its good work deserves praise, and also support so that it may continue to serve others in need. Those wishing to make a contribution in memory of Debbie may do so, to:

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But perhaps the most support for the Ciliberto clan came from *in* family - and by family I refer to the dog fancy and the Pom fancy in particular. Pom people from all over expressed concern and will now wish them respite from pain. We never truly realize just how caring the dog fancy is until disaster strikes; it's too bad it takes a tragedy to remind us. I for one am going to try harder to remember.

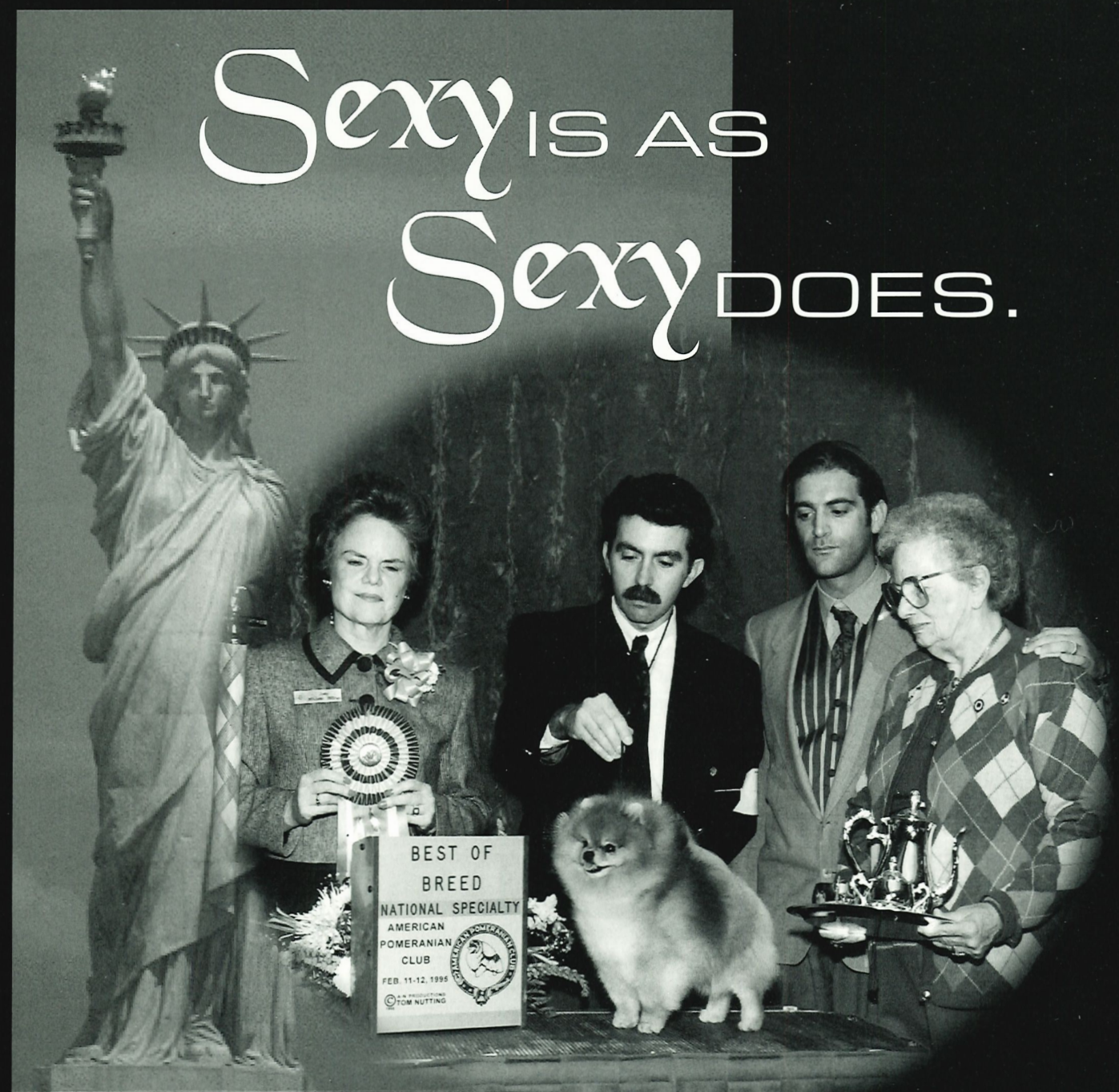
I wonder if I've taken the time to tell Lois and Bernie how much I appreciate them, enjoy them, and respect them. And I wonder if I've ever taken the time to tell that them I love them.

*Well, I just did.* Until next month, I send my thanks for your support, and remind us both that although we always take the time to thank the Poms for all they give, it never hurts to pet the humans, too.

*J McG*



# Sexy IS AS Sexy DOES.



PICTURED WINNING THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY UNDER ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED MINDS IN THE SPORT, MRS. MICHELE BILLINGS, "SEXY" AND HER TEAM SEND THANKS TO THE JUDGES AND TO THEIR FELLOW EXHIBITORS FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S TRIP TO NEW YORK MOST MEMORABLE, INDEED.

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# Did you know...



## DID YOU KNOW..

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experiences we have while whelping, raising, training and showing Poms that we share can help all of us as Pom lovers. The following article was printed in a newsletter that was published several years ago by an established breeder. He was willing to share this information again by allowing me to print it in my column.

### OPEN FONTANELLE...

Without a doubt one of the most perplexing problems today's Pom breeder faces is the open spot on the top of the head and sometimes over the eyes. I know personally as well as most of you that this causes us all a lot of concern, especially considering the treatment we are getting from most vets. I can't tell you how many letters and phone calls I have received from other breeders wanting to know what we can do.

Let's take a look at the problem. Why do Poms in general have this condition? I think here is where most breeders and vets can agree. Poor breeding practices for decades, plus the fact that we have

bred runts, surely must account for most of the problem. As I have said many times before, Mrs. E. Parker, one of the foremost authorities on Poms in her day, literally warned the Pom World that we were heading for destruction. In England, during the twenties, she said breeders simply cannot continue to breed runts to runts. They laughed at her then, just as they laugh at we other breeders who have been saying this for years. I think the old Biblical expression is in order here: "We will reap what we sow."

How severe is the problem? The vets are telling their clients not to buy the Poms, and we breeders are telling our clients not to worry about the problem. Just in the last few days I sold a very nice 10-week-old female puppy that I especially liked. She was out of a famous stud and she did have a small open spot, so I informed my client of this and put it on the contract that the puppy had this fault. I warned her that her vet might not know that this is now a characteristic of the well-bred Pom and for her not to get upset if he told her to bring the puppy back. Well! You guessed it... she called all upset saying her vet said that if the open spot was going to close up it would have done so before the pup was 10 weeks of age. Who does the lady believe is correct? Is it the breeder with over 30 years of experience or the vet that is sup-

posed to be so highly trained? Our clients are caught up in the middle and I feel for them.

If your bloodline is well bred (approximately 20 champions per 5 generations or more) then you can expect the following: Approximately 99% of your puppies will have open spots if they are going to mature under 3 pounds. If they are going to mature under 4 pounds, then expect about 90%. Under 5 pounds, expect 70% to 80%. Under 6 pounds, approximately 30%. Under 7 pounds, 10%. If a Pom is going to mature over 7 pounds, it is rare for him to have an open spot.

The quality of the puppy has a lot to do with it also. If the puppy is very nice and considered a show prospect, then in almost every case he will have an open spot. The smaller the pup and the prettier the pup, the larger the open spot. The larger pups almost never have open spots. I know you must think I am putting you on, but I AM TELLING YOU THE TRUTH. ALL BLOODLINES ARE AFFECTED. If breeders tell you they are not having problems with open spots, then rest assured that they are raising larger Poms [or] they are simply not telling the truth.

What can we do? Of course the first thing is to watch our breeding practices. In other words, do not use grown Poms with open spots. Secondly, and hardest to

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do, would be to increase the size of show Poms. Since our standard penalizes Poms over 5 pounds, I can't see breeders going to larger Poms until our standard is changed. Quite frankly, I can't see our standard being changed in my lifetime concerning the size of Poms. So we are now caught in a no-win situation. Until the situation gets much worse we will not see any change. You might ask, "Is there any light at the end of the tunnel?" Most definitely yes. We are having more customers asking for larger Poms, and I hear from other breeders that they are experiencing the same thing. It is hard to sell even a male under 4 pounds for show in today's market. Almost all our calls for show females are females

that will weigh around 5 pounds, or even up to 6 pounds. It is even hard to sell a show prospect female that will only weigh 4 to 4 1/2 pounds. I see a most definite trend toward the larger Pom. Perhaps someday we will have to change the standard to fit the description of the dog being shown.

The second thing we can do is to try to educate the buying public and our vets. I think we can easily do this on the public side, but most vets will not pay attention to breeders, so this will be hard to do. Recently, at our local Pom Club meeting, we had a roundtable discussion on dog problems and we got off on open spots and immediately all the breeders present spoke up saying, "Yes, we are having problems with the vets and we must do something." I thought one young new

breeder had a tremendous idea. When he sells a puppy, he opens a book and lets the buyer read directly out of the book where open spots are a characteristic in

Rottweiler that the average life expectancy is only 6 years. No! Of course not. Seems they only pick on our little Poms. I guess you have guessed by now that I am

fed up with vets telling prospective Pom owners not to buy Poms. I am not down on vets in general, and I always encourage my clients to take their puppy to their vet and have it checked out and, most importantly, keep up the shots. I even give them a printed sheet telling them all these things with a vaccine program mapped out. We breeders must work with our vets. I really appreciate my clinic and especially my number-one vet. I just got off the phone sharing with him what the S.C. vet said about open spots, [that they] should be completely

closed over by 10 weeks of age. I wish every Pom breeder had such nice vets to work with. ■

Thanks again to this breeder who asked to remain anonymous for allowing me to share this article. S.

DID YOU KNOW.....

that veterinarians report that as many as four out of every ten dogs may be overweight. At the root of the problem is overfeeding and lack of exercise. Your dog is not overweight if you can easily feel the dog's rib cage and spot a waistline. If there is a lot of fat over the ribs, you should consider slimming your dog down. It is wise to check with your veterinarian to be sure that the overweight problem is not the result of some medical

***"We must educate our vets that Poms do have a long life expectancy. Most Poms live to be over 10 years of age and a good many even live to be over 15 years. I wonder if they tell their clients when they bring in a Rottweiler that the average life expectancy is only 6 years. No! Of course not. Seems they only pick on our little Poms..."***

today's Poms. I think this is an area where the APC could help. Why could we not have a sheet or pamphlet printed on official APC stationery telling about all the common problems in Poms? Perhaps if our vets could see this, some of them would believe that Poms can and do have a long life expectancy. Some vets are implying to our Pom clients that the puppy might not live but a few more days or weeks. One vet told one of my clients that perhaps the puppy might not live but a few more hours or days. It has been about 4 years and, as far as I know, the Pom is still living. We must educate our vets that Poms do have a long life expectancy. Most Poms live to be over 10 years of age and a good many even live to be over 15 years. I wonder if they tell their clients when they bring in a

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condition.

Being overweight can cause health problems for dogs. They tend to have more liver and skin problems, more complications if they have diabetes, and an increased susceptibility to pancreatitis. Other health problems include joint and muscular difficulties, heat stroke, and protracted recovery from surgery.

All dogs, obese or not, still require a diet that is complete and balanced to supply the necessary protein, minerals and vitamins they need. Most veterinarians suggest that overweight dogs be fed 3/4 of their daily rations or be fed a reduced-calorie food. Also, their activity level needs to be increased.

Reduced-calorie foods come in canned and dry forms. I suggest dry dog food as it takes longer to eat and is better for the teeth and gums. To reduce the calories, the "diet" dog foods are formulated with less fat and more fiber.

In general, a small dog can lose 1/2 pound per week, but please consult your veterinarian for help in setting a safe weight reduction goal. Usually, in 2 to 3 months a dog can be back to normal weight.

Next time you go for a walk, take a leash out and walk your dog with you.

## DID YOU KNOW.....

that the world of purebred dogs is a truly fascinating one, and for many it becomes an entirely new way of life with a whole new group of friends.

There is a great turn-over among breeders, with the average breeder lasting only five years. From whom and in what manner a new breeder seeks his basic knowledge will contribute to his eventual success or failure.

Many new breeders expect to be able to purchase good dogs from breeders. Most breeders do have good stock, but aren't in a position to sell their best products to others. Therefore, it is best for the beginner to try and purchase from a suc-

cessful and well-established breeder.

The first step toward a breeding program is to purchase a good dog or bitch. A novice that is serious and will engage the services of a professional handler will probably be offered a better quality puppy. A beginner who will allow a breeder to guide him in the raising of a puppy, the training, and the breeding will also have a better chance of obtaining a better quality puppy.

It takes a great deal of work, money and patience to establish a successful breeding program. Those beginners who expect to be overnight success stories need to stop and rethink the whole process. The successful breeders are the ones who, when roadblocks and difficulties come along, are able to pick themselves up and continue onward toward their goals.

It is advisable for anyone embarking upon a show or breeding career to embark gradually and slowly.

## DID YOU KNOW.....

a hernia is a protrusion of an organ through an opening in the abdominal wall. The two common sites of a hernia are the groin and around the navel.

**INGUINAL HERNIA (Groin):** This type of hernia appears in the groin and usually in a female that is older or that has been bred. These hernias do occur in male puppies, but many will close.

**UMBILICAL HERNIA (Navel):** They can be seen in puppies about two weeks of age. The cause may be due to cutting the umbilical cord too close to the abdominal wall, or due to the slow closure of the umbilical ring. If your finger will fit through the ring, it should be surgically repaired. Most will disappear by about six months.

## DID YOU KNOW.....

that a newborn puppy can have conjunctivitis?

The eyelids of puppies do not open

until they are 10 to 14 days old. There is a closed space behind the lids which can become infected if bacteria gain entrance. This can happen if there is a small scratch around the eye or if bacteria enters through the bloodstream. We should check the eyes of newborns daily, even if the eyes are still closed. If the eye area becomes red, swollen, puffy, or if a discharge is evident, there is a probably an infection present.

To prevent permanent damage to the forepart of the eye, the eyelids must be pried open to allow the infection to drain. The eye will need to be flushed and drops used. Be sure to consult with your vet so that proper medication is used.

## DID YOU KNOW.....

that a newborn can also suffer from blood poisoning (puppy septicemia)?

Sepsis in newborns is caused by infections which spread quickly and cause signs mainly in the abdomen.

The bacteria usually enters through the digestive tract. Until a newborn is seven days old, bacteria can penetrate the lining of the bowel. Infected milk is a major cause of infant sepsis. Another cause can be navel infection.

Signs to watch for are straining, bloating, and crying out. The abdomen will become rigid, distended and the skin will take on a bluish tint.

Consult your vet, as the cause must be divorced immediately. The puppies will need to be given a broad spectrum antibiotic and be treated for dehydration and chilling.

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# CH. JAN-SHAR'S MR. NICE GUY



Pictured here with Judge Michele Billings and handler Jason Lynch going BOW at the National Specialty in New York. "Guy" was sired by Absolute's Magic Mountain.

Congratulations Charles and Tiny Nelson on finishing Ch. Jan-Shar's Lover Boy.

Congratulations also to Yvette and Clarice Oganeku for finishing Jan-Shar's Bad Bad Leroy Brown with handler Nadine Hersil.

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# New CHAMPIONS

**CONFIRMED FEBRUARY & MARCH 1995**

## FEBRUARY .....

**Lyngayle's Magic Touch** (B) by Ch. Absolute's Magic Mountain x Ch. Pris's Steepin Out In Style. Breeder: Gayle Vautaw & Jim Hupp. Owner: Marlene J. Slason

**Sungold's J N's Babett** (B) by Ch. Ida's Touch of Bev-Nor x Ch. Ida's Miss Ruthie. Breeder: Miss Tula Demas. Owner: Anna Lafortune.

**Tim Sue's High Dee Ho** (B) by Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights x Jolly Wee's Lil Pizzazz. Breeder: Tim & Sue Goddard. Owner: Keith & Ruthann Neuway.

## MARCH .....

**All American Mr. Stub** (D) by Sweetheart's Nugget O'Gold x Prestigious Pebbles Pghuffy. Breeder: Doris Phillips. Owner: Doris Phillips & Kathy Carroll.

**Apolloette Color Me Scarlet** (B) Ch. Wee Hearts Can't Touch This x Apolloette Monique. Breeder/Owner: Marlene & Martin Presser.

**AAA Just A Little Candy Bite** (B) by Ch. Tim Sue Just A Lil Moonlight x Lazy Sl Miss Masquerade. Breeder: Kathy Armstrong. Owner: Annette Lynn Heise.

**Bi-Mar's Grasshopper** (D) by Ch. Bi-Mar Sunny's Supreme x Bi-Mar Summer Sunshine. Breeder: Mary Rosenbaum. Owner: Manuel Gonzalez & Terry Miller.

**Chas-T-Dee Peppermint Patty** (B) by Ch. Rockn Tradition Of Oakridge x Chas-T-

Dee Look At Me Now. Breeder/Owner: Charles & Dee McNeice.

**Chinadoll's Terminator** (D) by Chinadoll's Sudden Impact x Bavanew's Eternity. Breeder: Darlene & John Boyd. Owner: Joan & Melv Beech.

**Chula's Spartan Pretty Baby** (B) by Alden's Spirit Of Spartan x Chula's Misty Dragon Mark. Breeder/Owner: Norma Gad.

**Emcee's Jackson Of Haven's** (D) by Chip-A-Way Chips Of Aristo x Emcee's Hy-Tinker Chips. Breeder: Morris Carson. Owner: Tammy High.

**Finch's Classic Creation** (B) by Ch. Finch's He Walks On Water x Finch's Magically Impressed. Breeder: Diane Finch. Owner: Deanna French.

**Glen Iris Chardonnay** (B) by Ch. Glen Iris Luckdragon x Ch. Tim Sue's Sparkling Lights. Breeder: Cheryl Jackson & Joel Taylor. Owner: Ellen Fetter.

**Glen Iris Dances With Wolves** (D) by Ch. Glen Iris Luckdragon x Ch. Tim Sue's Sparkling Lights. Breeder: Cheryl Jackson & Joel Taylor. Owner: William & Roberta Kerr.

**Ja-Newby's Gold Peanut** (D) by Ch. Bi-Mar Whipoorwill x Little Mistique Ginger. Breeder/Owner: Betsy Ruth New.

**Jan Shars Bad Bad Leroy Brown** (D) by Ch. Jan-Shars Absolutly A Master Piece x Jan-Shars Big Mama. Breeder: Sharon Hanson. Owner: Charice & Yvette Oganeku.

**Jan-Shars You Are My Sunshine** (B) by Ch. Jan-Shars Flesh And Blood x Jan-Shars Miss Moonglow. Breeder/Owner: Sharon Hanson.

**Ka-Mi's Harbor Mystery Gal** (B) by Ch. Tim Sue's Harbor Lights x Karens Shadow Play In The Dark. Breeder/Owner: Karen & Michael Crawford.

**Lakeway's Mischief Miriah** (B) by Great Elms Little Jody x Lakeways Wonderfully Wicked. Breeder/Owner: Elaine Way.

**Mac's Reach For The Gold** (D) by Ch. Mac's Lucky Legend x Mac's Bold And Gold. Breeder: Mrs. B.G. McDonald. Owner: Estelle McDonald.

**Merrymont Patent Pending** (D) by Ch. Chriscendo Calvin Klein x Merrymont Cameo Keepsake. Breeder: Patricia Griffin. Owner: Rosemary Regoni & Deena Swinney.

**Nanee's No Idle Chatter** (D) by Ch. Chip-A-Way Chips Of Aristo x Larron Little Bit. Breeder: Deborah Donaldson. Owner: Nancy & Walter Zurek.

**Postoaks Diamond Dreams** (B) by Ch. Shadomountain One Man Show x Carousels Touch-O-Class. Breeder/Owner: Pam Gault.

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The American Pomeranian Club's Board passed a motion made by its president, **Mrs. Dolly Trauner**, to donate \$3,000.00 to finance a sabbatical by Dr. Carol Foil of Louisiana State University, who will study with Dr. Lothrop at Auburn University. Dr. Foil has been studying the SHL disease (Severe Hair Loss) in Pomeranians and is a board certified veterinarian in dermatology.

This was a most generous and gracious effort on the part of the APC board, an effort which proves that the parent club is now hard on the trail of the SHL problem.

This should be appreciated by us all. And here I must give credit to **Mr. Dean Hebert** for his original theories on SHL that were published in this column, theories which kicked up a lot of controversy, but opened the door for research and possible elimination of the affliction in our breed. Mr. Hebert, who did not know I was going to "credit" him, asked me to credit the Pom Reader and Moi for print-

ing the original controversial material! Now Mr. Herbert settles down under the old oak tree while the APC carries the SHL ball.

From all the flack I have heard lately, it seems the issue of trimming the Pom for the show ring is again a big cause for conjecture. Personally, I had thought the subject overdone in all of the Pom publications, yet it does crop back up. It should end once and for all in the hands of the new committee appointed by APC for revising the Pom Standard. **Charlotte Creed** heads this committee and wishes to have letters from you on any subject regarding the new revision of the Standard. If you wish to see the trimming quandary cleared up, the proper way to go about it is to contact the Revision Committee with your opinions. Write to:

Charlotte Creed  
APC Chairperson, Standard Revision  
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**NEW CLUB NEWS:** The Central Carolina Pomeranian Club, in existence several years, has been licensed by AKC and approved by APC to host the summer national in 1997. The club is active in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. Its current president is **Mr. Ed Martin**. The club meets 6 times a year and publishes a newsletter, "Scratch Off," in alternate months. (Submitted by Sharon Masnick, charter member.)

In the February-March combined issue of the Pom Reader we celebrated our tenth anniversary and had previously asked fanciers to respond to questions such as "What has most improved..." or "What faults have escalated..." in the past decade. Predictably, the response was very poor. Briefly, one fault that has escalated, in my opinion, and one that should be a most typical trait of the breed, is the lack of Poms with stand-off coat, bristling with harsh guard hairs. Too much emphasis has gone into breeding for coat quanti-



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ty, and not enough into the correct coat quality.

What has most improved is the quality of the rarer-colored Poms. Breeders who began a decade or more ago to doggedly breed quality into the exotic colors have come a long way. The origins of our breed were chocolates, whites and blues. It is only fitting that a few determined breeders have brought these now "rare" colors back, and indulged in many other rare colors.

Not being a breeder of rare colors, I do, however, greatly admire these colors when the dog beneath the coat is of typey Pom caliber and thus it aggravates me when I see good-quality rare colors going down in the ring, or being hard to finish, just because they are not in the "majority."

Sometimes I feel this may happen because the judge is not secure in his knowledge of what colors are allowed. I hope this subject turns up in the new revision of the Standard - totally clarified. Recently a breeder had points put on a brindle (The first? Do you know?) by two judges. One of the judges remarked, "I hate the color, but I can't deny the dog." This same breeder entered a sister to this brindle male in a Regional and the National specialty. It went BOS in sweeps at the Regional and then was denied a win in regular puppy class because the judge erroneously insisted the color was a disqualification. This same bitch went on to place consistently high in its classes at the National.

Given judge education, ten years down the road there will be no need to write articles on the rare colors except to interview the courageous breeders who through grit and tenacity endured every slight in order to pursue their impossible dream.

In the December issue, we published the rescue story on "Snow Princess" who got lost in the woods at the tender age of 3 months. Sadly, we must report the death of Snow Princess at the age of 6 months. She was out in the snow romping with other Pom playmates when she began to

choke and her trachea collapsed, making resuscitation impossible. It took some sleuthing on the owner's part to discover what Princess choked on: Her owner had thrown away a batch of rather green-edged raw chicken livers. They fell unnoticed from a garbage bag on the way across the snow-covered yard. Princess and her playmates, no doubt in true Pommy competition, gobbled at the livers and Princess began to run. She got forty feet and collapsed.

This tragedy is not uncommon. I have heard of Poms and other Toy breeds choking on anything from orange rinds to acorns, and know of a Papillon who choked eating a maple leaf. We, ourselves, had to do a Heimlich on a champi-

produced massive external melanoma tumors. She suffered horribly and, at the end, we prayed for her to "let go," but she fought on to the bitter end. Her bravery in her fight to survive, especially bearing up with the ghastly ugly tumors, will inspire me all the rest of my own life, as well as all the family members.

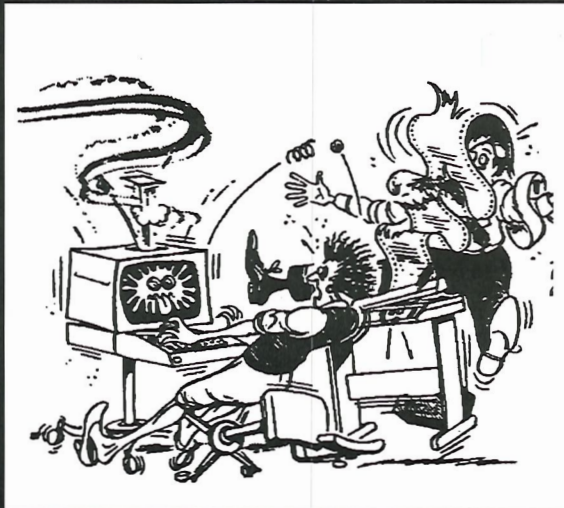
I hope her death may save a life out there. Her melanoma began with a mole on her back. She ignored it, even as it changed by rising up and getting an aura around it. When it finally bled, she sought out a dermatologist... two years too late. Extensive surgery was performed twice, but she did not then follow up with recommended chemo therapy. Whether this would have helped no doctor will, or,

possibly, can say. When, 4 months after surgery, the cancer surfaced in the lungs and lymph nodes, Debbie began to undergo chemotherapy. The melanoma tumors began to burst out of her skin. They literally covered her and were, in themselves, a great threat to life, as they often burst and heavy bleeding occurred.

One thing the doctors have all said is this: *if you have a suspicious mole, especially if you are fair-skinned, run, do not walk, to the nearest dermatologist.* Melanoma is the deadliest of cancers and few survive it entirely, but the long-term survival is much higher for those who get early removal of the mole.

Debbie said to tell all of you who prayed for her that she knew this kept her going much longer than any doctor or hospital nurse could believe. For this, our family is sincerely appreciative. Thank you all for your moral support during this trying time in my life and for your kind expressions of sympathy on our loss.

## OLYMPIA!



**a/k/a/ Lois Ciliberto**

on bitch who grabbed a piece of cheese that we had inadvertently dropped from the table. They want it, it's too big, they run, they swallow, they choke: sometimes they can be saved if you are on the spot, but sometimes the trachea collapses and nothing can stop the death at that point.

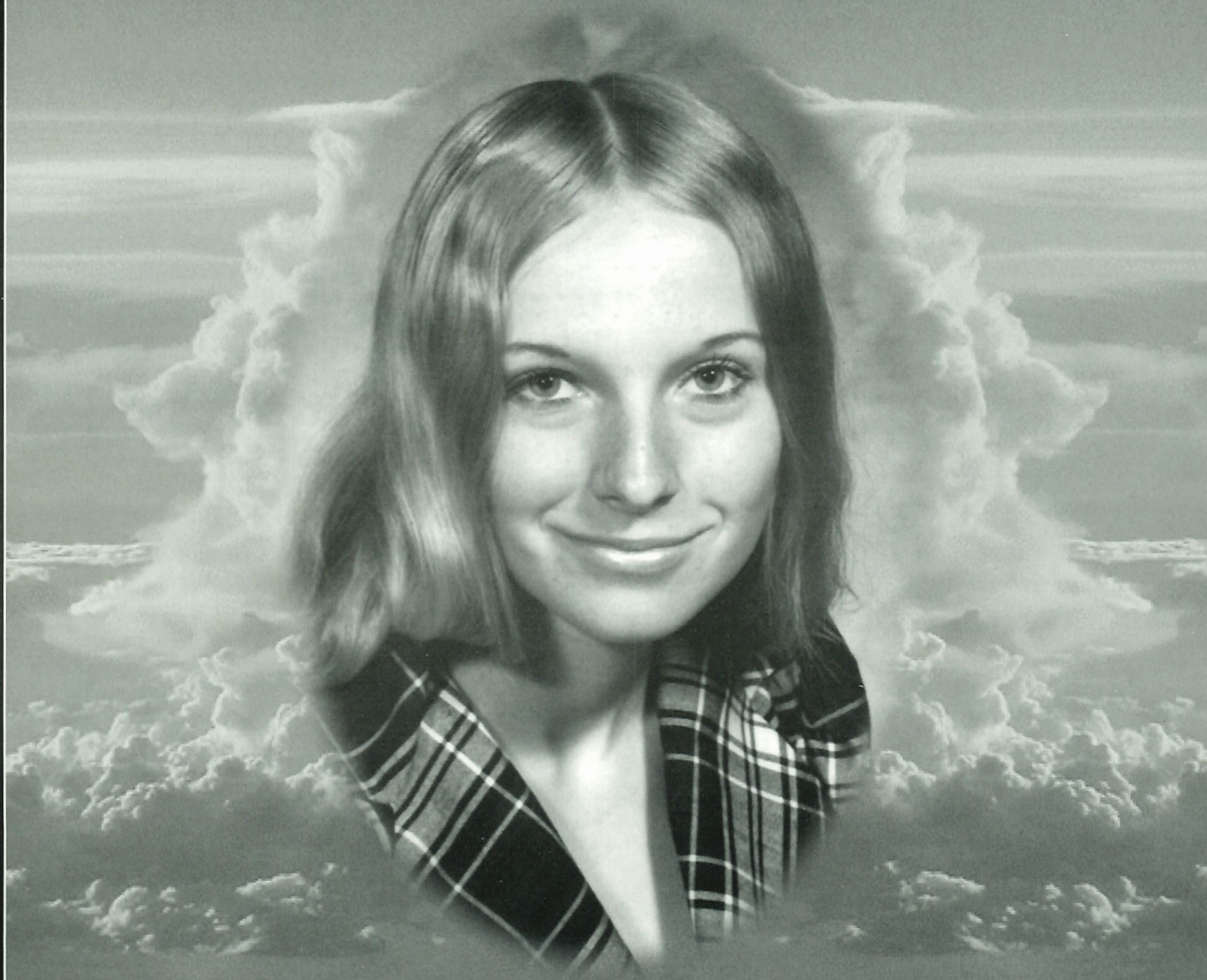
Princess was a lovely white girl whose picture appeared in "Playmates" of the December '94 issue of the Reader.

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My own "Snow Princess"... my daughter Debbie passed away on Thursday, March 9th, 5 days short of her 39th birthday. As many know, Debbie suffered from melanoma cancer, which eventually invaded every organ of her body and also

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THE POM READER VISITS

## *Philbrook's Fancy*

SUSANN PHILBROOK · MOUNT HOLLY, NEW JERSEY

*When the Pom Reader asked me to do this Kennel Visit, I was quite excited (and extremely nervous). What should I say? How much should I babble? Am I really worthy since I have not had any major Specialty wins or Bests in Show to proudly present?*

*Well I guess I can safely say there isn't a person out there who loves their dogs more than I do. They are my children. No matter whether they are pet or show, each is special in his own way in my heart. So I hope on this point alone the Pom Fancy will accept my humble article.*

I was born and raised in New Jersey, in fact, I still live in the same home, a rather unique occurrence in today's world. For the past eleven years I have been a lead editor/analyst for Datapro, a division of McGraw-Hill, which produces computer-related publications. I have since left my position to pursue freelance opportunities with other publications that, I hope, will allow me to telecommute from my home. Since childhood I have always enjoyed all forms of art and won several contests as a child. However, it became very clear to me in high school that art would not work out as a career for me because I was unwilling to part with any of my pieces. (I was offered money for my paintings in high school.) After high school, I held managerial positions in retail and wholesale businesses, but found that I had a keen interest in computers and decided to attend college for a programming degree. My main area of interest these days is in multimedia technology.

I was also horse-crazy as a child and still find horses to be an obsession that I just can not afford (after having two more horses as an adult). So I decided to turn my love of dogs into a more full-blown hobby by breeding, showing in both breed and obedience, and doing television work with them. In general, my goal is to pursue every possible, enjoyable experience that I can share with my dogs.

Since I was two years old, my animals were my siblings, especially the canine variety. I had almost every conceivable kind of pet, including dogs (of course), cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, rabbits, fish, goats, a pony, and eventually a horse. All were raised on our little half acre of heaven here in the woods of southern New Jersey. It was much more of a rural area back then and I had an abundance of stray dogs to add to my little zoo, much to my parents' dismay. I guess you could say I am a frustrated farmer type. It was always my dream as a little girl to own a farm, but I have had to learn to settle for my little ranch in the woods.

My first dog was a very sweet Cocker Spaniel named Taffy, who met an untimely demise due to internal bleeding as a result of being fed chicken bones by our dog-sitting neighbors when we were away on vacation. Although we have had many other dogs, the one I was most fond of was a stray I called Flower who, now that I look back, was proba-

bly an oversized Pom mix. She was my constant companion until one fateful day when my father accidentally ran over her as she lay asleep under the car in the garage on a hot summer day. I was eight years old and watched my Flower die a painful death. It was a hard lesson to learn at such a young age and I was never really able to forgive my father for taking my best friend away from me.

A couple of years later, I was invited over to a friend's house for a party. Her mother owned a Pomeranian which I was immediately drawn to, but we were not allowed to touch the dog because the children were told the dog would bite. Even so, I never forgot that dog and begged my parents for a Pomeranian. Instead, they bought me a Chihuahua (oh well, at least I was getting a toy breed). I did not

## *Pomeranians*



*Susann with Regis Philbin of the Regis & Kathie Lee show, after appearing in the TV segment, "Selecting a Puppy."*



I learned more about the local all-breed kennel club and became a member, where I met my second mother and breeder-mentor, Rosa Hartman. I owe all that I know about the fundamentals of breeding Pomeranians to Rosa, and I cannot tell you how much her knowledge and willingness to help me has meant to me. Thank you, Rosa, I can never repay you for everything you have done for me! Many of you may not know Rosa, but she has been a Pomeranian breeder for

purchase my first Pom until I was twenty-one years old, after losing my Chihuahua to breast cancer.

I was, to say the least, an uninformed puppy buyer and a complete rank amateur. Poppy was purchased from a middle-man passing himself off as a "kennel." In reality, he was shipping in dogs from puppy mills just as most pet stores do. Since I had no knowledge of kennel operations, I assumed this was an actual kennel. Anyway Poppy turned out to be infested with worms and ear mites, but otherwise in good health so I suppose this was pretty lucky considering I could have obtained a dog with parvo or distemper from a place such as this.

*Right: Susann and her father with "Flower," her favorite childhood dog*

*Below left: Susann and friend, 1958*

*Below right: "Poppy," her first purebred Pom*



Years passed and I decided to purchase a dog to keep her company and possibly breed. I bought a dog from a backyard breeder. He was actually a pretty good specimen. When I finally bred them together, I experienced my first C-section. Two puppies were produced that seemed to be perfect to my untrained eye. I had great hopes that these two puppies would grow up to be excellent Pomeranian specimens... Not! I learned that there was a local kennel club show. This was great! I thought I would now be able to show my Pomeranians...Not! I attended the show and

met two of the nicest people - Irv Keplinger and Thelma Dunn.

Everyone else totally ignored me. But these two people were so gracious and patient with my questions that if it had not been for them, I probably would have walked away completely disappointed. To this day, I will never forget their kindness to me.



many years and eventually retired from showing her dogs. Her lines go back mainly to Aristic.

Anyway, the result of my first litter produced a female and a male. I set out to train the male to be shown in breed. After four months of handling classes, I attended my first match show. Following the judging, I asked the judge what he thought of my dog. The judge replied, "He would make a fine obedience dog," and reached underneath my dog and said, "I think he only has one testicle down." Well, this was one of the most embarrassing moments in my life. My pride and joy did not have two testicles! This shattered my dreams, at least for the moment. I later took him to obedience classes and finished him to a "CD" [Companion Dog title] in 3 out of 4 trials.

After another attempt at breeding the female from this litter, it was starting to dawn on me that I was getting nowhere with breeding from these lines. Even when bred to champion studs I would get pet quality puppies. It was at that point that I started getting serious and researched different lines to try and decide whom to approach about buying my foundation bitches.

There are so many excellent dogs to choose from, but BIS Ch. D-Nee's Darin' Duffie was the dog I was most attracted to and I contracted Jackie Liddle Stacy to arrange a breeding with Duffie. Instead, Jackie knew of a litter available that was bred by Doreen Fernandez. I would like to thank Jackie for helping me start with such an excellent bitch. This was my first foundation bitch, A/C Ch. Dainti D-Nee's Desirae, who was owner-handled. Dee was a dream to show. She loves it! Even now, at eight years of age, she heads for the door every time I am ready to go out as if to say, "Take me to a show!" Perhaps I will enter her in the Veterans class of the APC specialties since she is still in very good condition.

Dee produced my major-pointed bitch,

Philbrook's GE Jersey Tomatoe, call name Binky, who has been producing nice puppies. Binky did not finish her championship due to the loss of several teeth after her first litter. Among Binky's get are Philbrook's Ferocious Freddy, Philbrook's This Buds For Me, and Philbrook's Magic Pixie Dust, all of which I hope to show this year. Pixie went Reserve her first show and her second time out took fourth in Bred-By at this year's APC winter specialty. She is a small but extremely sound bitch that has the kind of show attitude "to die for."

Another foundation bitch, Ch. Bi-Mar Saucy Sadie, was handled to her title by Debra Wheeler. Sadie is the sweetest schmooze I have ever owned. She is a favorite whenever we have company. Her first litter out of A/C Ch. Mi-Dee Mikie of the Pines produced two group-winning puppies: Ch. Philbrook's Mama's Lil Jewel (co-owned by Debra Wheeler and myself) and Ch. Philbrook's Home James (co-owned by Kathy Hartz, Patricia Foley

and myself). One of the happiest moments in showing was when Jamie finished with a Group I and was a serious contender for BIS that day. Unfortunately, he was retired at that show because he really hated the show ring. Although it still eludes me, I have dreams of one day winning a Best In Show. Sadie also produced Philbrook's Devilish Dudley, out of Elegant's Ruff Tuff Cream Puff, who is pointed but was also retired due to the loss of some teeth. Sadie's last litter produced Philbrook's Virginia Plain, a small but very nice bitch that I would also like to show.

Another foundation bitch, Watts' Little Ophelia, was later purchased from Dolores Watts. Oppie is a beautiful heavy sable orange bitch. I hope to get her out in the ring soon, but for now she is in whelp with her second litter. Oppie's first litter produced Philbrook's Zippy Zach, a show-quality heavy orange sable, and Philbrook's Eazy Ezmerelda, who has produced Philbrook's Dezdemonia deLuna, a very heavy-coated wolf sable. I hope to show both Zach and Mona in the future.

After researching the pedigrees on many

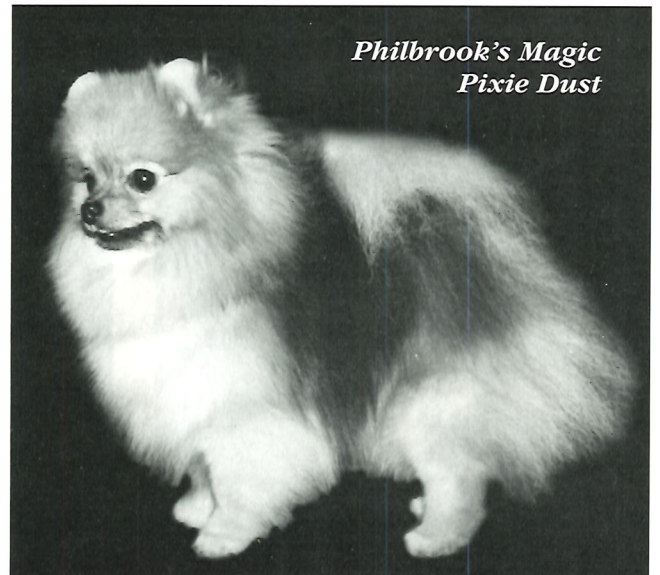


lines having dogs with traits I admired, I found a common factor: every pedigree was line-bred on Great Elms and Bonner lines. I have used these lines to weave together my lines. Many of my Pomeranians are line bred on Ch. Great Elms Firestarter, Ch. Watts' Little Dakota, and many other Great Elms

dogs. My lines also go back to Bonner through Ch. Chriscendo's Calvin Klein, BIS Ch. Bi-Mar's Sundance Kid, among other Bonner dogs. Other lines that are intertwined in my pedigrees include Scotia, Cedarwood, and Creider. My latest acquisition, that I co-own with my good friend Gail Rodgers, has been Watts' Little Sultan, who is out of Ch. Watts' Little Socrates. Sultan is a gorgeous little orange Pom which we will have out in the ring by this summer.

My latest litter brings a new introduction into my line, going back to BIS Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasted Fudge as their grandsire, who produced Ch. Wynmor's Reginald Fairdog, which is the sire of my litter. Although this litter is fairly young, the pups look very promising. And if all goes well, they will be heading for the show ring.

Somewhere along the way, I became interested in color breeding, mainly black and white partis. I started with a locally-bred cream-colored bitch that I knew had parti behind her. From there, I bred her to several Pombreden dogs, including Ch. Pombreden's Heavenly Toy Boy. This produced two black and white bitches which I have been breeding to Sungold's Lil Sir George, a cream and white parti. George has greatly improved the quality of my partis. However, I feel I need one more generation to obtain what I would consider to be a show quality parti. Color breeding is definitely more involved than orange breeding. But quality Poms of all colors have been surfacing over the past few years which should help those of us interested in the pursuit of the show-quality parti Pom.



*Philbrook's Magic  
Pixie Dust*



All of my parti Poms are line-bred on mainly Pombreden, Burgundy, and Sungold lines.

Also, I have been very active in dog-related activities. My club participation includes serving in the past as a board member, program chairperson, obedience chairperson, and alternate delegate to the New Jersey Dog Federation for the Burlington County Kennel Club, as well as Secretary, current President, temporary Treasurer and charter member of the Delaware Valley Pomeranian Club, Inc. I am also a member of the American Pomeranian Club and the American Chinese Crested Club. (Did I mention I that have two other Toy breeds? A token Chinese Crested hairless bitch and two Maltese bitches.) Although I have "toyed" around with the idea



of a second breed, they would never be able to take the place of my Poms.

One of my most intriguing experiences with Poms was when Warren Eckstein, host of a New York radio station pet show, invited me to bring some Poms up to NYC to be shown on a segment of the Regis and Kathy Lee show. This was very exciting and a very interesting experience to boot. It was fascinating to watch the behind-the-scenes production of a television show. The first segment that my Poms were featured in concerned "Choosing A Puppy." It was a real circus, with so many other breeds being portrayed in this segment,

but the Poms stood their ground side by side with the Golden Retriever pups that towered over them. Warren later invited me back to be included on another segment discussing "Pet Massage." Oppie got a professional massage by the famous Tony Danza. It was an hilarious segment. I hope to be involved with more television/publicity work in the future. It is a whole new world to be explored!

What I look for most in a Pom for breeding would have to be an overall structural soundness, but I do admit to be something of a head freak. The head must be reminiscent of a Toy breed, but I feel we must maintain a look that also shows the Pom's relationship to the northern breeds. I prefer a foxy expression with a muzzle that is neither too long nor too short. The eyes must be fiery black buttons with the unmistakable alert,

that is a bit shorter in back, both having a high tail set. I prefer heavy leg furnishings, but it is not as important to me as the overall quality of the dog. I like a profuse coat, but prefer a sound dog with adequate coat to an unsound dog dripping in coat. Size is irrelevant to me for the most part. If the dog is sound and very good in every other way, my belief is that we should not be as concerned with larger or smaller examples of the breed. In fact, I would very much like to see the breed offer classes based on size. It is a shame to think that with all of the genetic problems that exist today, a dog that is eight or even ten pounds is passed over due to size, even though it may be a beautiful Pom! On the other hand, I have walked out of the ring with very small (three pound) Poms only to hear people mutter under their breathe, "Oh, that's too small for me." Just because it is a small Pom does not make it any less sound.

Another characteristic that seems to be taken for granted is the temperament of the Pom (probably due to do so few Poms having aggressive temperaments). I like to see a dog that is very "happy." This is a word that I mainly use to describe the Pom to people inquiring about what a Pom is like. The exuberance of the Pom was one of the prime attractions for me.

The Pom Fancy still has a way to go in convincing all judges that color should be judged equally. The dog that best matches the standard is the one that should be put up by the judge. Unfortunately, all too often Poms of different colors are passed by. I feel the standard should allow all colors to be shown without exception (excluding mismarks and as long as the pigmentation is correct for the color, of course). When judges attend educational events to learn about the Pom, equality of Poms,

regardless of color, should be strongly emphasized.

Speaking of emphasis, I was very disappointed at the amount of sculpting that was



*Clockwise from top left: "The Brat Pack" on the prowl! Philbrook's This Bud's For Me, Philbrook's Zaney Zach, and Philbrook's Furocious Freddy; Susann with judge Dr. Sam Draper and Philbrook's Devilish Dudley; handler Debra Wheeler with Philbrook's Home James; "Peanut" competes in obedience*



intelligent expression of the Pom. The ears do not have to be incredibly small, but must be placed high on the Pom's head. As far as body type, I like a bitch that is square and a dog



*Top row: Ch. Philbrook's  
Mama's Lil Jewel; Ch. Bi-Mar  
Saucy Sadie  
Middle row: Watts' Little  
Ophelia, anxiously awaiting an  
impending litter; Philbrook's GE  
Jersey Tomatoe  
Left: A/C Ch. Dainti D-Nee's  
Desirae*

evident at this year's winter APC specialty. Not only were the "scissors-happy" exhibiting, but the amount of hair spray was ridiculous. I do believe in light trimming, even light sculpturing, but I still prefer a Pom to look like a Pom and not a cotton ball. I like to see a coat that shines in the sun because it is well conditioned, and to see the coat lightly sway in the breeze (the way a natural coat should).

Recently I heard a comment by fellow Pom fanciers that greatly disturbs me. "If the dog isn't finished, then there is something wrong with it." This comment usually refers to dogs in pedigrees being researched that have not obtained their championships. For myself, I can say that this is not true. I have many show quality Poms here, but I happen to be in the "financially challenged" category. My dogs have only been shown sporadically over the past years due to my full-time job and my second full-time job of caring for my mother. After my mother's death, my job required that I take on additional tasks that absorbed most of my free time as well. Finally, when I am faced with making a decision over whether to devote my finances to campaigning a dog or giving my dogs the proper care they deserve, I guess you can understand which has always

been my choice.

The advice that I would give a newcomer is this. Find a very knowledgeable breeder who is willing to show you the ropes. Be prepared for a lot of heartaches as you watch puppies being

stillborn, or newborns that die for no apparent reason. Know what to expect and accept the responsibilities involved in raising litters. Can you tube-feed a puppy around the clock to keep it alive? Are you prepared for the cost of C-sections and the fact that most litters are born at unearthly hours such as 3:00, 4:00, or 5:00 a.m.? Are you squeamish about aiding a bitch in whelp

when it means pulling on or rotating a puppy to help it be born? If you are still reading then you pass the test. Don't forget that you should also accept the responsibility of taking back a dog that you have bred if the owner can no longer care for it and find a new suitable home, no matter what age the Pom is. I have been involved in Pomeranian rescue for quite a few years and can not believe when I hear, for example, he/she will have to euthanize the dog. This is simply unacceptable, irresponsible behavior on the part of the breeder.

We as breeders must do right by our dogs and not turn our backs on them in a time of crisis.

Also, due to my experiences with breed rescue, it is very difficult to obtain a dog from me for breeding or show. I actually prefer keeping the best progeny to replenish my stock and to sell most of my Poms as spayed and neutered pets to the creme de la creme

*Susann's best friend, Art Dubin, who happily assists with puppy-rearing. Susann warns, "Eat your hearts out, folks. He's all mine!"*

of pet homes where my babies will be pampered and loved for the rest of their lives. Many times these are actually show-quality Poms, but I admit that for the most part I am very skeptical to the intentions of a caller that I do not know, who is inquiring about a show or breeding-quality Pom.

It is particularly important for me to see potential puppy buyers express a genuine interest in the dog rather than treating it as though it is some sort of object to possess. If a buyer begins to express concerns that really do not directly relate to the interests of the dog, I usually terminate the sale. I like to approach these situations the same way as King Solomon and the true nature of the potential puppy buyer will usually surface.

Although I tend to be a bit of a recluse, I am always willing to help a novice, but only if he/she asks for my advice. Due to my own experiences, I know how easy it is to become manipulated and would strongly advise novices against believing everything they hear. Only time can help you sort out what is true. In no way will I ever consider myself an expert when it comes to breeding. Each litter always offers a new set of circumstances and each breeding is always a gamble as to what will be produced - from any lines. I am not a proponent of in-breeding, but I find line-breeding most acceptable with an out-cross every three to four generations. Type-to-type is just as important. If you like a certain look, then make every attempt to breed the same type stud to the same type bitch. I also prefer to limit the number of litters produced by my bitches. The usual number is three, and at that point my bitches are offered to pet homes. I feel strongly that no animal should have to live its entire life as a kennel dog. After they have produced litters for me, they deserve to live out the rest of their lives as the joy of



someone's life in a good loving home.

We recently finished our two-car garage into a kennel. Since the number of Poms have grown, we could no longer keep them in our family room (which is attached to the garage). The Poms have individual cages at night and during the day they get free rein in the back yard which is enclosed by a chain link fence. Our puppies are raised in the kitchen in special whelping pens. I usually have at least six Poms who also roam the rest of the house.

I welcome anyone who would like to call and discuss Poms, and I actually spend a lot of time on the phone these days in talking to people about Poms and whether or not it is the right breed for them. Over the past ten years of breeding and showing, I have made many friends and, sadly enough, probably a few enemies, too. Animosity is something that I find difficult to deal with, but I guess it is a sad truth in life. It is a shame when members of the Pom Fancy have a certain amount of "bad blood" between them. Instead, we should rise above our differences and focus on what really matters...the betterment of our breed.

Before ending my article I have a few people I would very much like to thank. First of all, I would like to thank the Pom Reader for inviting me to write this Kennel Visit. It was a wonderful experience. I would like to thank Doreen Fernandez, Mary Rosenbaum, and Dolores Watts for helping establish my foundation bitches. Thanks to Ruth Beam (great Elms) and Dorothy Bonner (Bonner) for breeding the dogs that have become the backbone of my lines. I would also like to thank Gail Rodgers, Debbie Hall, Roberta Shields Armetta, and Stella Lizambri for being true Pom friends. I would like to thank Debra Wheeler for the fine job she did handling Sadie, Jewel and Jamie to their titles. Thanks to the many judges who have put me in the ribbons, even though I may not personally appear in the win photo. But, most of all, I would like to thank Art, my significant other, who not only helps with the daily maintenance of the dogs, he also takes temperatures, helps with the around-the-clock tube feedings, and assists me in delivering the puppies in the middle of the night. (Eat your hearts out, folks. He is all mine!) As they say... "to love me you must love my dogs!"

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It can be done, so it gives us all the incentive to go-for-it, and not give up the dream. These two fellas are just so nice, thoughtful, and honest. I hate to see them hurt.

I know their dogs are trimmed a lot, but so are plenty of other Poms. That is the owners' preference. It is still a "hot" subject, but I feel anyone who studies a breed enough to acquire a judge's license should be able to see and feel a dog's structure, regardless of how little, or how much, it is trimmed.

Hair has nothing to do with how a dog is put together, how it moves, or how it shows. I feel we are losing sight of what is important in breeding top Poms. We want a correct coat, regardless of the trim, but the most important things, such as open fontanelles, poor stifles, bad bites, bad fronts and rears, and loss of movement are getting lost in the trimming controversy. If everyone got upset about these values, half the Poms in the ring would be pulled.

Let's make a change, and forget the fuss about trimming and concentrate on structure. Give the judges the benefit of the doubt, that they can see and feel what is proper under that hair - trimmed or not. And I say, Congratulations, Tony & Fabian - no one deserves it more!

**Barbara Nagy, Rhea-Na Poms**  
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Dear Lois,

Just to say I love the Reader that just arrived! I love the ads - it's beautiful. The Reader is definitely the most exciting of the Pom Magazines.

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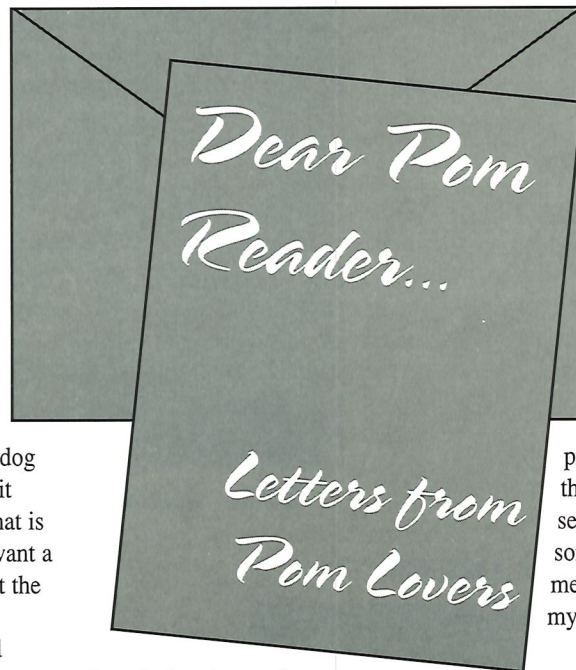
for the Pom Reader magazine. I have an 8-pound male Pom named "Boomer." I have never been able to find a magazine about Poms until I saw your ad in Dog Fancy.

Thank you in advance,

**Cheryl Kelsay**  
Irvine, California

Dear Pom Reader,

As a novice breeder/exhibitor of Pomeranians, there were a few things I



thought I understood about breeding and showing, but apparently I thought wrong.

My assumption was the purpose of breeding was to try to improve the breed; to breed the soundest dog with the best structure, movement, temperament and coat we could. It was also my assumption the purpose of showing was to show the dogs we have bred, our pictures of perfection, and if the dog was special enough, to show him to the top.

I must have assumed wrongly. What I have learned in the past few weeks has shown me the reality of what I have heard and read in the past few years. What I have learned is this: When finally all your hard work has paid off, and you have that dog and finally make it to the top, you are slandered by just about every other person trying to do the very same thing you just accomplished.

When finally your dog has abundant coat, as our standard says he must, people whisper, "He's got the condition."

When finally all your campaigning has paid off and you get to the big time and win, people are whispering, "He paid off the judge."

When finally all the hard work at grooming has worked for you, and you've shown your dog to the best of your ability, people are whispering, "It's not the dog, it's the handler."

I have heard from many breeders that novices don't usually stay in Poms for more than five years. It's not very hard to see why. When your hard work and effort finally pay off you are treated like you have committed the biggest tabu known. For what? For achieving what we are all striving for?

I am very upset and disappointed by the behavior of people I thought were in this for the same reason as I. We should be patting the winner on the back for achieving this, not stabbing him in the back.

Regardless of what the so-called professionals think, I, for one, was thrilled at seeing our breed so well represented at the Garden. I can only hope someday I can do the same. But, believe me, if I ever do, I'll surely be looking over my shoulder.

**Jeanette Malle**  
Jacksonville, Florida

*Jeanette - Having spent the better part of twenty years in and around the show ring, and having been fortunate enough to garner some truly great wins, I understand the frustration you describe. Always remember the old adage, one which has served me well: **When you throw a tomato, it's easier to hit the one standing in the spotlight than one sitting in the audience.***

*That is, if you're inclined to throw tomatoes. Unfortunately, some people are. Thanks for writing - JMcG*

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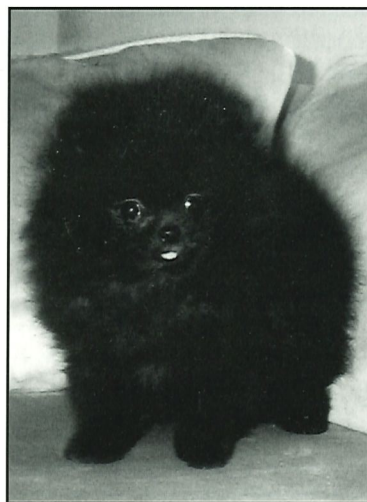
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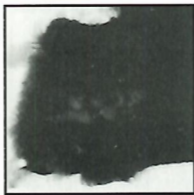
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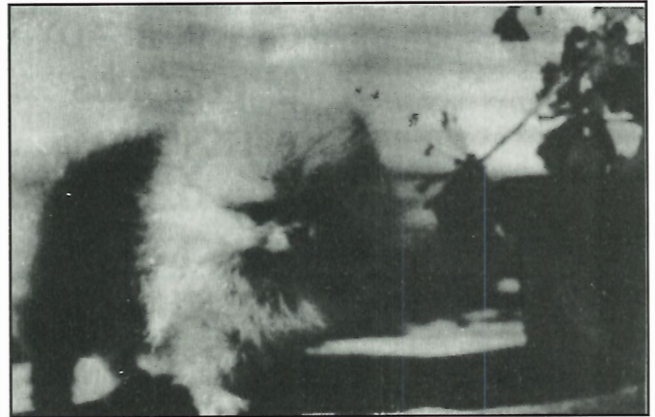
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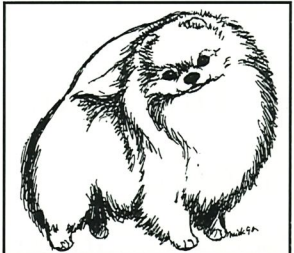
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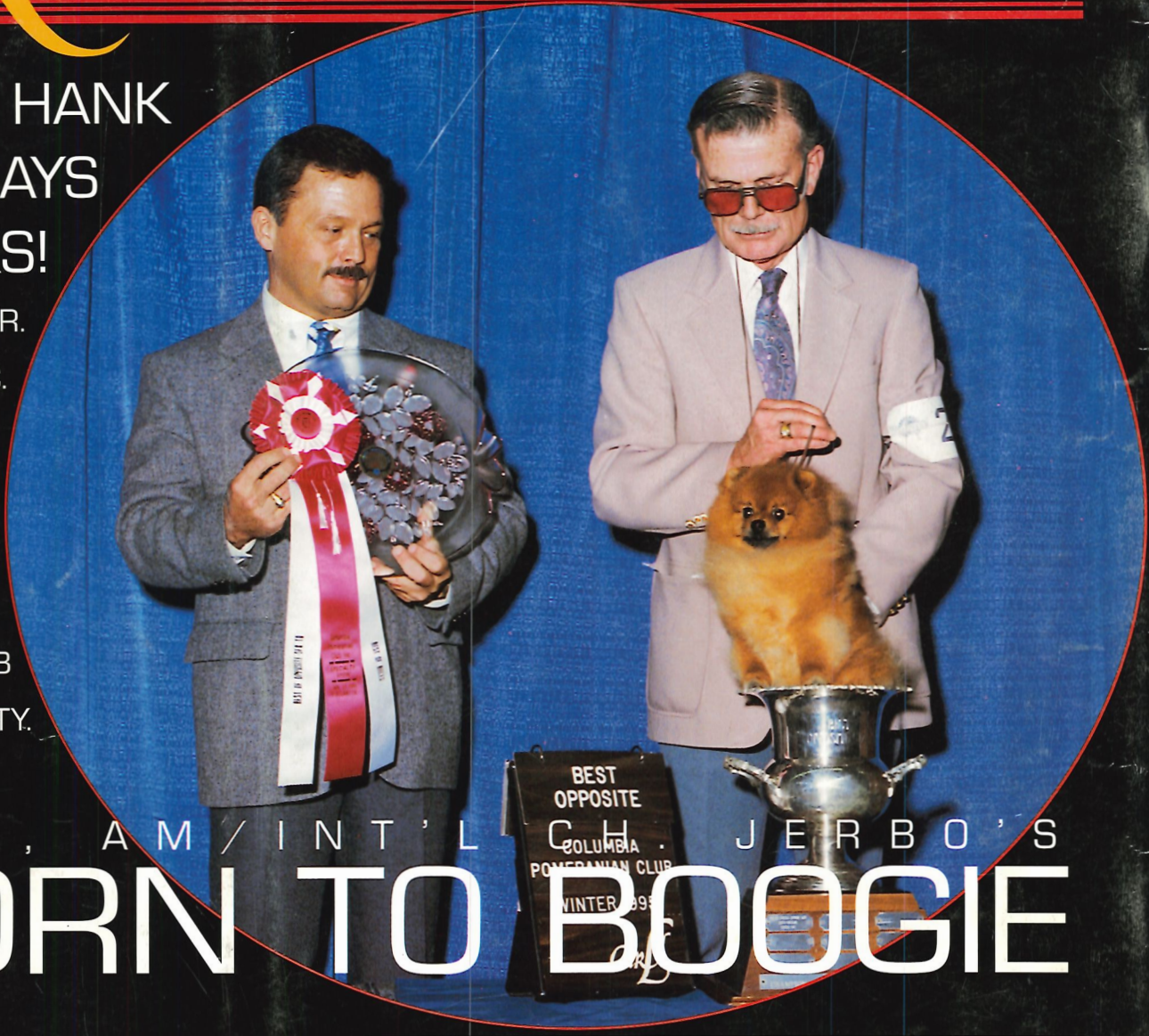
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