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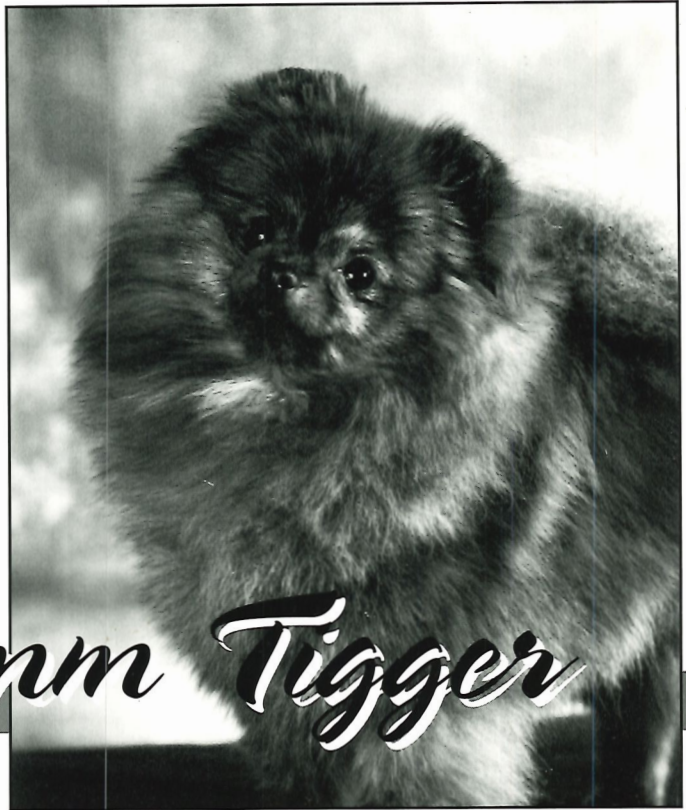
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JAN-LE'S

Rumm Tumm Tigger

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Show Sight

FROM THE EDITOR

In a perfect world the contents of this page would always be uplifting and upbeat. At times, however, I find it necessary to touch upon events not strictly held within the confines of the sport of purebred dogs. And how they affect us. And how we affect *them*. When the events are of a pleasant nature it is interesting to see the correlation. When the events are of a catastrophic nature it is a distasteful task, indeed. This is the position in which I find myself, today.

When the bomb went off in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, April 19, 1995, destroying the Alfred P. Murrah Building and taking the lives of over a hundred, it brought a whole new meaning to the term atrocity. The wholesale murder of innocents is a concept difficult to understand. It is particularly alien to the mind and heart of an American, raised and guaranteed the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That said atrocity could take place within The United States of America seems an impossibility. That this godless act might have been perpetrated *by* Americans is simply incomprehensible.

And so we sit, stunned with disbelief, as the toll adds up and the facts flow in. Our hearts break for our fellow citizens, upon whom this misery was foisted; our prayers flow for the souls of the people so senselessly slaughtered. And our minds rage with anger and a sense of betrayal. We vow to wreak vengeance upon the parties responsible and we mourn the naïveté we've lost. We're shaken out of the magnolias but good, now.

But we'd damn sure better be cognizant of and grateful for the many luxuries that are ours. As we blithely breeze through our everyday



affairs, carrying on our business and pursuing our hobbies, we must be ever aware from whence these freedoms flow, and ever-vigilant in their appreciation, and protection. And we'd better make sure that we give back just a little of the precious gifts we've got.

The people of Oklahoma City did just that, in their immediate and consummate efforts to aid; the population around the country and the world pitched in to help where needed; and the people of the purebred dog fancy, again, as in disasters past, banded together to lend a hand.

In this issue you will find news of the rescue efforts aided by purebred dog fanciers in Oklahoma City. You will find pride in knowing that our own pitched in, in good old American tradition. You will find reassurance, as I did, that we haven't become so desensitized that we are no longer able to empathize. And commiserate.

And you will find further evidence that our work is important and of benefit to man. The rescue dogs, so heartbreakingly loyal and vigilant in their duties, give us undeniable proof of the good that we, as breeders, can do. If our work is good.

But some dogs of the world did not appear in newspapers or on television screens. As companion ani-

mals their role is different - but in my book every bit as important. For I can guarantee you that somewhere, in Oklahoma City, there is a human, harried and heartbroken, deriving comfort and solace from his Pom.

That one Pom, alone, should be sufficient incentive to strive for the advancement and protection of the breed. And for all breeds of dogs. For whatever action's prompted by the purpose of their breed, they stand in valiant service to mankind.

My prayers go out for those whose lives were needlessly, sinfully, snuffed; my sympathy and love go out to all those aching from their loss. And my thanks goes out to all who aided, in their own way, our fellow citizens in their time of need.

And last but not least, my heart goes out to you and me, for this grave injury to our spirit, and to our beloved country, herself now tempest-tossed. May our recovery be swift, and our optimism, in time, renewed. May our gratitude for all we have dictate every decision we make, and every action we take.

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DID YOU KNOW..... that the thyroid is a small gland located under the skin at the center of the neck? It is regulated by a smaller gland at the base of the brain, called the pituitary gland. This gland signals the thyroid to produce thyroid hormone and regulates its blood concentration. The thyroid gland is an intricate part of your dog's endocrine system. It can have an affect on many different phases of your dog's health, from the coat all the way to the cell function.

Hypothyroidism ("hypo" meaning less than normal) is the result of too little circulating thyroid hormone. This is normally caused by the thyroid gland ceasing to function properly. The most common cause of hypothyroidism is "Idiopathic Hypothyroidism" which means there is no biological reason why the gland is not working properly. Another cause of hypothyroidism is thyroid inflammation (thyroiditis) which can be familial (runs in related dogs).

The clinical signs of hypothyroidism can be a loss of hair often on the tail, hindquarters, or flank that is not the result of scratching. Other indications are dry

scaly skin, dull brittle hair, fading of the hair color and possibly a development of oily skin. Sometimes dogs will gain weight and become lethargic.

A blood test can be done to confirm the diagnosis. If your dog has hypothyroidism your veterinarian will probably prescribe Soloxine tablets that will be given in the a.m. and the p.m. A second test may be necessary to check the dosage.

You should see an improvement in the overall health in two to four weeks and your dog's coat may take two to six months to improve.

My thanks to my vet for assisting with this information.

DID YOU KNOW.....

That you can help your dog keep his teeth much longer by following a few simple guidelines...

The following guidelines will help prevent disease and reduce the rate of plaque and tartar build up.

1. The first step is to get your dog accustomed to having your work on his mouth. To accomplish this, use a little behavior modification and start off slow. Do not push things to the point of agitation and always associate having the mouth handled with something rewarding. Give lots of praise and make it fun. Let the dog lick Nutri-Cal off your fingers while rubbing the gums.

2. Start by simply handling the lip area and soon you will be able to rub the teeth and gums with your finger.

3. Use a cloth or gauze to gently scrub the teeth and gums, concentrating primarily on the lip or cheek side of the teeth.

4. I recommend the use of C.E.T. paste which is available through your vet or a supply catalog. Cleaning the cheek side of the teeth is important as the salivary glands are located there and contribute greatly to plaque deposits.

5. Feeding dry food will help somewhat. Also chewing on milk bones and rawhide chewies does slow down the formation of plaque and tartar deposits.

The above tasks are a good preventative program, but will not replace regular oral care at the vet's.

DID YOU KNOW.....

That pets do understand us. I'm sure we all have had pets that become eager when we say "dinnertime" and will disappear when we mention the word "vet." I really think that pets do understand what we are saying and I feel it is a matter of taking a word and pairing it with a behavior on a constant basis. If this behavior is rewarding to the pet, then all the better.

Our dogs know their names and basic commands such as sit, stay, come and walk and they do recognize certain negative words like "NO." Most dogs will respond to the sound of our voice and our

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Rose...

**One grey June day
An Angel came home
With me...
The sun then came out
and stayed.
One misty March morn
The angel went away.**



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I miss you so, my doll.**

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DID YOU KNOW...

body language and respond accordingly.

Even if our dogs don't understand a great deal, at least they are great listeners and there is certainly a reward in the social interaction that we can establish.

Besides, with your pet you will never have an argument and there is a lot to be said for that!

DID YOU KNOW.....

that dogs live longer on a special diet and that allergies are the cause for most itching and scratching?

STARVING CANCER

Dogs Live Longer on Special Diet

"We have shown that dogs with cancer have dramatic changes in their ability to use nutrients for energy," explains Gregory Ogilvie, DVM, Colorado State

University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

According to Dr. Ogilvie, scientists are now using a mask-like device called a calorimetry unit to measure the rate of metabolism in dogs with cancer. In addition, they have developed procedures to understand how cancer changes the way the dog's body functions and how it makes the animal not feel well.

With the new procedure, scientists have discovered that the energy requirements for dogs with cancer are no higher than normal dogs. In fact, cancer actually shuts down the body and prevents it from utilizing food. Even if the cancer goes into remission, the dog's body will continue to use nutrients in an abnormal fashion.

"Cancer changes the body and the

body doesn't recover from it even after the cancer is eliminated from the body," Dr. Ogilvie says. However, he did discover a special diet that tended to prevent the

tate, a waste product that poisons the host. It depletes the dog's energy allowing the cancer to weaken the body. Meanwhile, the tumor gets stronger. This condition is called cancer cachexia.

Dr. Ogilvie determined that a special diet combined with chemotherapy can eliminate all clinical evidence of the cancer and slow the progression of the tumor. He found that dog foods low in sugar and high in fats fortify the body and starve the cancer. Blood samples taken after the dogs ate showed the impact diet had on sugar and insulin.

To confirm that cancer changes the metabolic rate, the scientists also measured the metabolic rate by seeing how fast they use oxygen and pro-

duce carbon dioxide, similar to the way a car mechanic measures a car's exhaust to gauge the efficiency of the engine.

Though treatment won't cure lymphoma, it can improve the quality and quantity of life by nine months to three years.

"Since these findings, we now believe that it is not the amount of fat in the diet, but the type of fat," Dr. Ogilvie speculated, as he continues to study the relationship of diet and cancer treatment and prevention.

DOGS AND ALLERGIES

Does your dog always seem to be itching and scratching? He may be trying to tell you something.

"In the United States, it is estimated that at least 15% of all dogs suffer from itching, dry skin and dull, flaky coat

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metabolic process from shutting down.

Scientists learned that what a dog eats may contribute to the growth of its cancer. For instance, certain types of food can make cancer tumors grow while starving the dog's body of essential nutrients, thus causing severe weight loss which can be more debilitating than the cancer itself.

Dr. Ogilvie conducted a 3-year study that treated cancer patients with diet therapy for 15 weeks. He studied dogs with lymphoma, a type of cancer that invades the lymph nodes and other organs. While lymphoma cancer cells thrive on sugar, they starve the body of fats, proteins, carbohydrates, and amino acids. Cancer cells can use sugars, but not fats and protein for energy sources. When the cancer cells use sugars for energy, they produce lac-

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DID YOU KNOW...

caused by allergies," says Dan Carey, DVM, The Iams Company. "However, recent developments in allergy research promise to provide at least some relief for dogs and their owners."

In pets, as with people, allergy symptoms occur when the body comes in contact with a foreign substance, or allergen, to which it is hypersensitive. The three most common allergic skin conditions in dogs and cats are:

- Flea allergen sensitivity
- Inhaled allergen sensitivity (i.e., hayfever)
- Food allergies

Flea Allergen Sensitivity

The most common allergic reaction encountered by pets is caused by flea bites. Flea Bite Allergic Dermatitis (FBAD) affects both sexes and all breeds. It commonly appears in animals three to five years of age. Often pets that are especially sensitive to inhaled allergens (for example, pollen) are also extra sensitive to flea bites. How can you spot flea allergies in your pet? Dogs with flea allergies often exhibit excessive itching and loss of hair on the lower back, thighs, and neck area.

Fleas are warm weather creatures. In Northern states the flea population booms with the beginning of spring each year. In warmer climates, pets may be exposed constantly to fleas. Ironically, dogs continually exposed to fleas are less likely to experience an allergic reaction than those exposed seasonally. This is because their bodies have a chance to build up an immunity over

time.

Inhaled Allergen Sensitivity

Allergies to inhaled particles such as pollen, dust, or mold are the second most common allergy in pets. Pets are exposed to allergens by inhaling them or by absorbing them through their skin.

Studies show that dogs, especially females, are more likely to suffer from this type of allergy than cats and that some breeds such as the Boxer, Lhasa Apso, Golden Retriever, Labrador

Food allergies make up about ten percent of all pet allergies and are usually caused by reactions to protein sources in the animal's diet. Food allergy symptoms in dogs include recurrent ear inflammation, hives, and itching.

Retriever, and Shar Pei are more sensitive than others.

Dogs usually develop allergy symptoms at one to three years of age. The main symptom is itching. In severe cases, dogs may show signs of dandruff, redness, or swelling in the feet, face, and ears. Inhaled allergen sensitivities often worsen with age if they are not identified

and treated properly.

Food Hypersensitivity

Food allergies make up about ten percent of all pet allergies and are usually caused by reactions to protein sources in the animal's diet. Food allergy symptoms in dogs include recurrent ear inflammation, hives, and itching.

New research in pet allergy management has led to the development of therapeutic pet foods that help reduce allergic symptoms. By incorporating optimal

omega-6 to omega-3 fatty acid ratios and by using only limited highly digestible protein sources, these diets can manage allergic inflammation from the inside out.

For all types of allergies, cool water rinses, shampoos, and moisturizers can help reduce your pet's itching, discomfort, and exposure to allergens. In addition, if your dog had food allergies, it is important to switch to a brand of pet food that does not contain the offending protein source. Your veterinarian can diagnose and pinpoint your dog's allergy.

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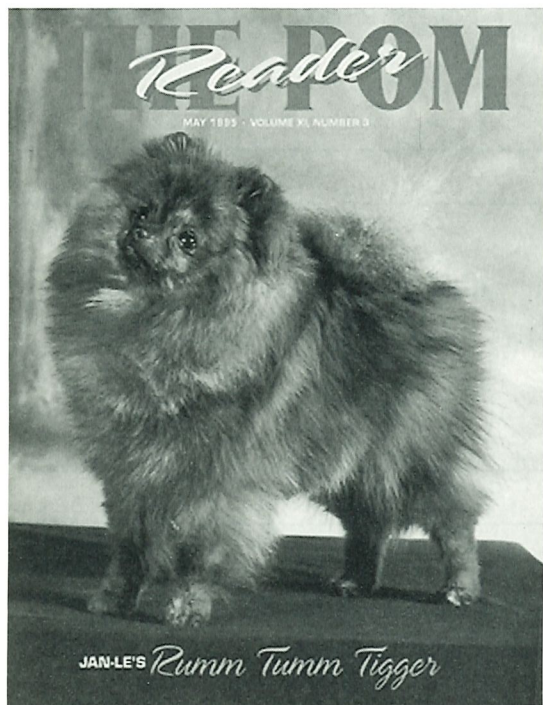
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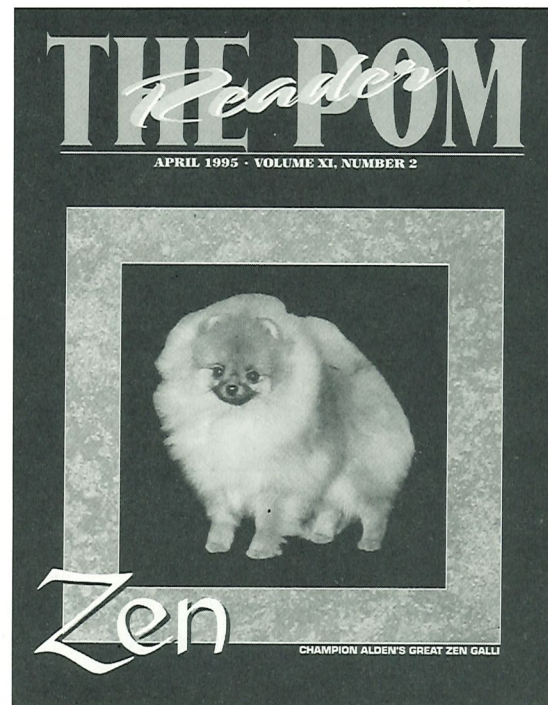
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DOGS	2	5	8	10	13
BITCHES	2	4	7	9	12

DISTRICT 2

Delaware, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania.

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	5	9	11	14
BITCHES	2	5	8	10	14

DISTRICT 3

District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	7	12	15	20
BITCHES	2	6	10	13	18

DISTRICT 4

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina.

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	6	11	14	19
BITCHES	2	6	10	12	16

DISTRICT 5

Michigan, Illinois, Indiana.

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	6	10	11	14
BITCHES	2	5	9	11	14

DISTRICT 6

Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin.

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	6	10	13	18
BITCHES	2	6	10	12	16

DISTRICT 7

Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	7	13	17	25
BITCHES	2	6	10	14	21

DISTRICT 8

Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, N. Dakota, Oregon, S. Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	7	12	15	21
BITCHES	2	6	11	15	22

DISTRICT 9

California

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	5	8	10	15
BITCHES	2	4	7	9	12

DISTRICT 10

Alaska

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	3	4	5	6
BITCHES	2	3	5	6	7

DISTRICT 11

Hawaii

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	4	6	7	8
BITCHES	2	4	6	7	8

DISTRICT 12

Puerto Rico

<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>1 POINT</u>	<u>2 POINTS</u>	<u>3 POINTS</u>	<u>4 POINTS</u>	<u>5 POINTS</u>
DOGS	2	3	4	5	6
BITCHES	2	4	5	6	7

O LYMPIA!

**Dogs Howl
And**

**THE COLD
HARD FACTS ARE...**



That dog magazines are not published by philanthropists. Whether they are published by a national club or by private enterprise, they must make money to exist. This means taking advertising, and I don't know of any publication that polices its advertisers with investigations into their breeding or selling ethics. It would be nigh impossible to do so, even if one wanted to.

It is a cold fact that in the buying/selling part of dogs, the old phrase *caveat emptor* prevails. Meaning, "buyer beware." Lately I have heard too many stories of newcomers to our breed purchasing dogs via long-distance-dealing and getting less than they thought they were. Sick dogs, dogs with external and internal parasites, and sometimes dogs that are just plain misrepresented by the seller, which leaves the buyer with a handful.

There are many ethical sellers out there, but also many who have no conscience. It behooves the buyer to realize that just because a seller advertises regu-

larly in a particular breed publication does not mean that seller won't sucker someone. Before you buy, ask for references of past satisfied buyers and beware of anyone who won't furnish these references. It should be a must that a buyer who is purchasing from someone he doesn't know to ask for the name of the vet the seller uses and call that vet to find out how often the seller brings in his stock and in what health and hygienic condition said stock is usually in.

Take the time to establish a written contract, dot all the I's and cross all the T's. Make sure the dog is being shipped with a vet-certified health certificate and establish who is paying for same. Make it clear how long you have to decide if you wish to keep the dog and under what circumstances you can ship it back for a full refund.

And remember, anyone can pay to advertise and anyone can belong to a dog club. If your seller is a member of one or more dog clubs, that is great, but if he uses his position in the club to make his

reputation a bit better, beware. Dog clubs are not formed so that members and/or officers can use the club name to enhance their dog sales.

The by-word for buyers is to look before you leap. The jump can be high, lengthy and costly in dollars and emotions. It is not always easy getting a refund. And be sure of that health certificate. Recently, cases have turned up where dogs were shipped with bogus certificates and, in fact, many airlines do not actually require one if the seller states they are not a commercial enterprise, just a person shipping one little dog.

I know of three cases just recently in which dogs were shipped that were either not healthy, or were misrepresented and the health certificates were bogus; in other words, forged or made to look as though they were official. One Pom of three and a half months was said to weigh a bit over 2 pounds and came in weighing over 4 pounds. In the matter of a certified health certificate, no vet is going to use false weights or attest to good health

when there is a health problem.

Dear Mrs. Ciliberto,

In reference to your most recent column in the Feb/March Reader, I would like for you to print the following, in its entirety, in your next issue:

You correctly reported that, upon investigation, I was totally cleared of any intent to violate the official code of ethics to which I am a signatory and subscriber. Instead of leaving it at that, you pandered to the vindictive interest of some unnamed person(s) by saying that all the recent dirt-throwing had somehow been helpful "to my business in Poms."

Let me first state that my Poms are my hobby, and like every other true Pom lover, I spend more time and money on them than I could ever possibly make. Secondly, even a moment's thought would tell you that this publicity has caused nothing but harm. I have had people turn and whisper loudly as I enter the ring, and other club members have been pumped for as many juicy morsels as they could tell or invent. I presume the letter you received was the same notice of vindication that was printed in our own club's newsletter, so the person to whom you referred is now not so anonymous. Also, why was Puf-Pride ridiculed when it was one of many very well-known breeders named on the auction list?

Since you are so interested with my case, perhaps a few facts should emerge, although I realize there are those that would rather gossip than be bestowed the "true facts."

Facts: I sold a show prospect puppy to a person who, six years later, was involved in dog auctions. She told me she had a few Poms (as we all do) and that some had the same bloodlines as mine. I, being less experienced than now, assumed that anyone driving extensive miles to a Pom specialty certainly must be dedicated to the fancy.

Also, she had sent a few bitches to some of the top breeders in the country to breed, of which she had just picked some of them up. Realizing respectable breeders had done business with her, surely her intentions were honorable - and who is to say they were not at the time?

The puppy she purchased from me was "finished" and living in a temperature-controlled environment (as requested), thus fulfilling our contract.

It came to my attention some time later

that this person was not what I had thought her to be. With this concern, I checked on the dog in question and found he was not for sale and still lived in her house with her. Although his puppies have been auctioned (a matter abhorrent to me, but out of my control), he is loved and well cared for, for which I am grateful. I had no other course but to accept this situation and tighten up my contracts.

I am a caring, careful breeder. Those that know me consider me to be honest and helpful. Yet, I am being persecuted for something done six years ago. I believe the intent of publishing the auction list (in part) was to merely show what could happen to our precious Poms. If anything of value came out of this, it is to show others that their life and reputation stands to be judged by "vindictive gossipers" when all the facts are not presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Dimick
Puf-Pride Pomeranians

Dear Virginia,

In answer to your last paragraph, I must say that the sole intent of publishing the auction article was to alert us all to the sad and very little known fact that dog auctions are, in some parts of the country, an everyday affair and that breeders need to be aware so their dogs or their offspring won't wind up in such despicable situations.

Olympia

VET ALERT!

A new invention helps to save the lives of pets who stray. A local resident in my area experienced a potentially regrettable situation when his pet Doberman got out of the house and was missing for some hours. Dennis drove around, fearing to find his beloved "Gretchen" lying dead, or severely wounded by the roadside, a victim of being hit by a car.

Later, Dennis realized what might have happened had his dog been injured and someone had humanely stopped to help. Who would know the dog's medical history, or who would sign responsibility for quick emergency treatment?

This brought to mind the medic bracelets people wear. Working in the microfilm industry, Dennis conceived the idea of a vet alert tag that can be attached to any collar. The dog's owner fills out a veterinary-devised medical form, which

includes the owner's information and signature to accept responsibility for emergency care. This form is photographed to microfilm size, easily readable with the aid of a magnifying glass or vet's microscope, and encased in a small plastic tag.

This idea is one of the best I have heard. I once rescued a dog who was accidentally dragged by a car and needed quick medical aid. Having no idea who owned the dog, I took it to my vet and he could not give this aid without a consent of responsibility form, which I signed, shivering in my boots because if the owner wasn't found, I was in for a big bill. The owner was found and was grateful and I was lucky. But how many people want to sign up for a bill they can't pay?

I would also assume this tag would be looked at by Humane Society workers, in the event the dog was merely lost and wound up in a pound.

The medical tag information form, the resultant tag and a mini magnifying glass to read the microfilm for accuracy can be ordered for the inexpensive fee of \$15.95 plus \$2.00 shipping & handling. You can contact Dennis Lamotte for further information at 1-800-275-9899 or write to:

Dennis Lamotte, PO
Box 216
Lutz, FL 33549-0216.

The following information, titled: "The battle has been won, but the war is not over," is one I feel we should all read and take the time to respond. There are many of us who give our own vaccines, but do not need to purchase in lots of 25-50. If the right to purchase vaccines in single doses is taken away, next they will take away the right to buy vaccines at all. In Canada you can only have your dog vaccinated at veterinary costs; no vaccine is available to individuals.

THE BATTLE HAS BEEN WON, BUT THE WAR IS NOT OVER!

On August 24, 1994 a new ruling (9CFR Part 112) was published in the federal register that would dramatically affect dog and cat owners and breeders. This ruling stated that as of February 21, 1995, it would no longer be legal for companies to break apart manufacturers' packaging of vaccines. This "packaging" usually consists of 25 or 50 dose increments. The thought process maintained by the persons responsible for the push for this ruling (some major vaccine compa-

SPECIAL ADDITION

TOP TWENTY POMERANIANS

SHOWS 1/1/94 THROUGH 12/31/94

SPECIAL ADDITION is your monthly rating system of the Top Twenty Pomeranians in the United States. Rules for the rating system are as follows:

BREED POINTS (not to be confused with AKC Championship points) are allotted to dogs according to the highest placement in any given AKC show, as reported in the AKC Show, Obedience and Field Trials Awards book.

Statisticians: **Blake Jones and Victoria Lovely.**

Any questions concerning **SPECIAL ADDITION** may be addressed to the editor.

POINTS	NAME	BIS	GRI	GR2	GR3	GR4	BOB	BISS	BOS
14100	CH. GLEN IRIS CASTLE ROCK (D)	.2	31	22	20	12	25	-	-
10585	CH. FINCH'S HE WALKS ON WATER (D)	.5	23	9	6	7	11	1	-
4900	CH. HHH TEXAS TWO STEP (D)	.2	12	2	7	1	5	-	-
4480	CH. LINCHRIS GENGHIS POM (D)	.1	9	5	4	2	13	2	-
4400	CH. CREIDER'S PRINCE DOM PERIGNON (D)	.5	8	1	-	-	-	1	-
4250	CH. WATTS' LITTLE NICODEMUS (D)	.1	7	6	8	10	25	-	-
2735	CH. STARFIRE'S I'M TOO SEXY (D)	.1	3	7	3	4	11	-	-
2250	CH. TREASURED DEAN'S HI HIERARCHY (D)	.1	2	6	2	4	10	0	-
1990	CH. JAN-LE'S WILLIE MAKIT (D)	.1	2	4	1	1	4	1	-
1830	CH. JAN-SHAR'S DOC HOLIDAY (D)	-	2	5	4	4	18	-	-
1815	CH. WATTS' LITTLE SOCRATES (D)	-	3	3	2	3	14	1	-
1190	CH. NANSHADOWS MARK OF OAKRIDGE (D)	-	2	1	5	3	9	-	-
1110	CH. MCGUIRE'S WISH UP ON A STAR (D)	-	4	-	-	2	8	-	-
1100	CH. RODI'S MR. ROCKY ROAD (D)	-	3	1	1	1	10	-	-
945	CH. VALCOPY-WAKHAN HOT GOSSIP (B)	-	-	2	-	-	17	1	3
920	CH. ODYSSEY'S KENO WIZ (D)	-	-	1	3	1	2	2	-
850	CH. ABSOLUTE'S MAGIC MOUNTAIN (D)	-	-	1	2	-	5	2	-
840	CH. TIM SUE'S LUCK OF TEXICAN (D)	-	1	1	1	1	9	1	-
800	CH. GLEN IRIS LUCKDRAGON (D)	-	-	-	2	2	10	2	-
740	CH. WEE PAW'S PURE GOLD (D)	-	1	1	2	4	9	-	-

*Tie Placements Alphabetical

UPDATE

TOP TEN EXHIBITORS

SHOWS 1/94 THRU 12/94

The procedure for tallying the point scale are as follows: Exhibitors are credited with all AKC Championship points won in the calendar year, as published in the AKC Show, Obedience and Field Trials Awards book of the AKC Gazette. Only this publication will be used for point credits. Many times the actual show dates will vary from the date of publication (i.e., a September show may not be published until November). The Gazette's calendar year runs from about October of the previous year to September of the present calendar year.

Points are allotted to the REGISTERED OWNER OF THE DOG ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION. Statistician: Victoria Lovely and Blake Jones. Any questions concerning UPDATE may be addressed to the editor.

The following is the listing of the TOP TEN EXHIBITORS as of the dates above.

S. HANSON139
C. EVANS95
B. KRZEWICKI74
C. MACK69
M. KNEISLER*63
A. LAFORTUNE*63
D. WATTS60
V. LOVELY56
D. FINCH*55
M. PRESSER*55

*Tie placements alphabetical

New CHAMPIONS

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Britesatar's Mr. Showbiz (D) by Ch. Sun Ray's I'm A Yankee Dandy x Nabob's I'll Take Manhattan. Breeder: Diane Carlson. Owner: Barbara Breden.

Chelsai's Aatuk Cheriwood (B) by Tuffy's Image of Lenette x Great Elms Cynthia of Lenette. Breeder: Joan Reilly. Owner: Todd Woods.

Extane Bravo Duke O'Digdom (D) by Bev-Nor's Fudge Fantasy x Extane Sleeping Beauty. Breeder: Sharon Shipek. Owner: V.J. McEvelly.

Gayel's Devilisous (B) by Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Valentino x Gayel Winter Wishes. Breeder/Owner: Gale A. Rivers.

Golden Aires True Reward (D) by Ch. Golden Aires Moonwalker x Golden Aires Mira O Millamor. Breeder: Sharon Masnick & Eleanor Miller. Owner: Sharon Masnick.

HHH Megan Rose (B) by Ch. Mac's Steppin' Out x HHH Legacy of Roses. Breeder/Owner: Peggy Hendricks.

HHP's Glitter Rock Of Fame (D) by Ch. Fame Piece of the Rock x Ch. Fame Gold And Glitter. Breeder: Geneva Pennock & Mrs. Brenda Segelken. Owner: Therese & John Reeder.

Jan-Shar's Lover Boy (D) by Ch. Absolutes Magic Mountain x Jan-Shars Something Special. Breeder: Sharon Hanson. Owner: Lena Nelson.

Jan-Shar's Elvis Lives (D) by Ch. Doo-Shays Absolute x Jan-Shars Whitney. Breeder: Sharon Hanson. Owner: Sharon Ponte-Corvo, Sharon Hanson & Neil Ponte-Corvo.

Jan-Shars How Sweet It Is (B) by Ch. Annon's Sir Kennor x Jan-Shars Semi-Sweet. Breeder/Owner: Sharon Hanson.

Janesa's Barely A Pup (B) by Ch. Weeheart's Glen Iris Talisman x Ch. Bayou View Pop Tart. Breeder: John Lewis, Jerrie Freia & Adam Verrett. Owner: Jerrie Freia.

Karokels License To Thrill (D) by Ch. Tomho Mud Slinger x Cascade's Kar-O-Kel Princess. Breeder: Karen Schwartz. Owner: Heike Wehrle & Karen Schwartz.

Valcopy Wakhan Tatiana (B) by Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Valentino x Valcopy-Wakhan Schiaparelli. Breeder: Dana Plonkey & Randy Gemmill. Owner: Hideko Strasbaugh, Dana Plonkey & Randy Gemmill.

OKLAHOMA DISASTER RELIEF

DOGS AND DOG PEOPLE BAND TOGETHER TO HELP IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BOMBING

Submitted by Georgia Harris

Oklahoma, in the Heartland of America, a place where Memorial Day weekend is family reunion time and where people know their neighbors, was struck with the most unthinkable terror at 9 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, 1995 - but the Oklahoma people stood strong together to help one another and the hundreds of volunteers, both two legged and four legged, that rushed to help them. By that afternoon FEMA had arrived with their search and rescue dogs to help in the search already underway with the aid of search and rescue dogs from the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas. Those dogs were joined by the FEMA search and rescue dogs coming in from numerous locations throughout the country.

As did the rest of the world, we sat and watched these dogs on our T.V. screens, going through what was left of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building searching for survivors.

By Wednesday afternoon calls were going out on the T.V. for items needed for the rescue teams and every time an item was called for, the Oklahoma people responded. Then, in the wee hours of the morning on Thursday, a different need was called for and immediately answered. The dogs, these relentless searchers needed help. Because of the broken glass, rubble, cement dust, and insulation they had to walk through, their feet were being cut and breathing the dust, etc., they were hurting. A call went out for veterinarians, which was immediately answered. The Veterinarians Association set up a triage at the disaster site and a backup unit a few blocks away. Everything these brave animals needed in the way of medical care was freely given along with medical supplies from the local vets in the area and the local vet wholesalers in the area.

But there were other items that these canine rescuers needed. The first call was for boots. This is

when the dog people of OKC answered the call. Wholesalers in the area were contacted and they in turn contacted manufacturers in Enid, Oklahoma, Ohio, Florida, and Canada. There was no talk of price, they were freely donated and immediately shipped to OKC. In the meantime, the four all-breed kennel clubs sprang into action. Dog food, bottled water, treats, crates, food dishes, and anything they said they needed was supplied. A tent was set up next to the vet tent to store all these items. Instrumental in the early hours of organization was Lynn Bennett of the Mid-Del Tinker Kennel Club. This was after receiving a call from Dottie James apprising her of the situation.

Lynn called Hill-Science Diet and immediately there was a truck load of dog food on its way to OKC. While we were waiting for the boots to arrive, the OKC citizens sprang into action, and by that night there was not a set of leather or rubber boots in any store or wholesaler in the OKC area. They had all been sent to the disaster site, but the dogs were going through them as fast as they could be supplied, so another call went out to any person with hunting dogs that had boots, and once again the call was answered by the people of Oklahoma.

By Friday, several members of the four all-breed clubs had been to the disaster area to help in any way they could with the rescue dogs. They were Lynn Bennett and Wayne Fessunden of Mid-Del Tinker Kennel Club, Pat Clark and Maggie Shirk of OKC Kennel Club, Sherry Mason of Canadian Valley, and Judy McNamara of Town and Country.

Search and Rescue dogs were given treats whenever they found something. Once again, there was a need and it was answered. This is a high stress situation for these dogs and we were told that they get frustrated and sometimes do not rest well because of the stress,

so they also asked for pigs' ears and chews to give them during their time off to help relax them. These seemed like such small items, yet so very important to them.

By Friday there were some sixty search and rescue dogs being rotated out in the disaster area. German Shepherds, Labradors, Belgian Sheepdogs, Rottweilers and others. Then, if these dogs weren't going through enough, the rains came with wind chills in the 20's and 30's creating another problem for the dogs.

Every insulated raincoat in every store in OKC went to the site, but since winter was over, so we thought, there weren't many. So, again, Lynn Bennett knew who to contact. She called Becky of Becky's Pet Fashions in Mid-West City, Oklahoma and Beverly went to work sewing and by Saturday night, 20 coats were delivered and more on the way.

This terrible disaster has made those of us in Oklahoma understand the importance of the search and rescue dogs and the bomb dogs. They lead the way, point the rescuer in the right direction and save valuable time in the search and rescue efforts. Believe me, there are not enough of these wonderful animals in America.

This terrible disaster could have happened anywhere, but it happened here in our hometown. What a terrible way to find out just how important the four-legged friends and workers are.

We did not have a master disaster plan to help care for these animals. But a few people pulled together and organized one quickly. There were lots of us that made phone calls, but the vets and the aforementioned kennel club members are to be commended for their actions and efforts in the disaster area.

But they have just begun: With the monies that the four all-breed clubs have already donated, they have organized the Oklahoma Canine Relief Fund.

There were search and rescue teams in here, besides FEMA, from Arizona, California, and still more to arrive from California and Canada, rotating out some of those early arrivals. These search and rescue teams pay their own expenses to get to a disaster and return home. They give freely of their time and talent and those of their canine partners.

This is just one reason why a relief fund has been set up, to help offset some of the expenses of these wonderful people and their partners. We are hoping that it can be an ongoing relief fund so that we can procure bomb and rescue dogs, get them and the handlers trained, and make it easier for these wonderful teams to get where they are needed, whether it be hurricane, tornado, earthquake or, God forbid, another disaster such as happened in OKC. We are hoping that this can be a national relief fund and not just for Oklahoma. We are asking any person or kennel club who would like to join in this effort, please send donations to:

Oklahoma Canine Relief Fund
c/o Lynn Bennett
1600 N. Service Road
Moore, OK 73160

If you would like further information, please call: Lynn Bennett 405-799-7699; Sherry Mason 405-376-2929; Georgia Harris 405-341-3700 (Days) 405-282-7783 (Evening).

Those of us in OKC would like to thank everyone out there for their prayers and donations. The job here is still not done, we are only five days after the blast and there is still a lot of building to go through. While sitting here typing this this morning, they just announced that they had just found a Marine still sitting at his desk - dead - but with hopes of maybe still finding someone alive.

Do you have a disaster plan in your area? If not - get one now.

Submitted by Georgia Harris

OKLAHOMA CANINE RELIEF FUND

BOMBING OF OKLAHOMA CITY FEDERAL BUILDING

A combined effort of the four local all-breed kennel clubs in the Oklahoma City area has formed a general fund to defray the cost of the search and rescue dog teams. We have teams from the area and from all over the United States - they have come to Oklahoma City at their own expense.

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OKLAHOMA CANINE RELIEF FUND

c/o Lynne Bennett
1600 N. Service Road
Moore, OK 73160

Dear Joe,

I have received some very lovely letters, sympathy cards and some phone calls from around the nation as a result of my Princess' memorial in your Feb.-March issue of the Pom Reader. I am very touched as well as surprised.

Even in death she has touched hearts... those eyes were ethereal... I should've known.

Again, I wanted to thank you for the "class" you used in putting her memorial together... it was elegantly done... the way a true princess' memorial should be.

Linda Herrmann, Lake Ariel, PA

Dear Pom Reader:

Your April '95 issue published one side of the 'excessive trimming winning' point of view. I'd like to express my thoughts, as a Pom judge, on the counterpoint.

Your Pom standard clearly states, "Trimming for neatness is permissible around the feet and up the back of the legs to the first joint; trimming of unruly hairs on the edges of the ears and around the anus is also permitted. Overtrimming (beyond the location and amount described in the breed standard) should be heavily "penalized." Short of a disqualification, the 'heavily penalize' command is the strongest a standard can give a judge to mentally eliminate from consideration an overtrimmed Pom.

What the owners do with their dogs is their preference UNTIL THEY ENTER THE RING. At that point the standard and the dog's adherence to the standard take over and there are just NO two ways about it: the Pom standard - the blueprint of the breed according to its national breed club - states overtrimming should be heavily penalized.

Please don't IGNORE the standard that is trying to protect the outline and essence of this marvelous little breed.

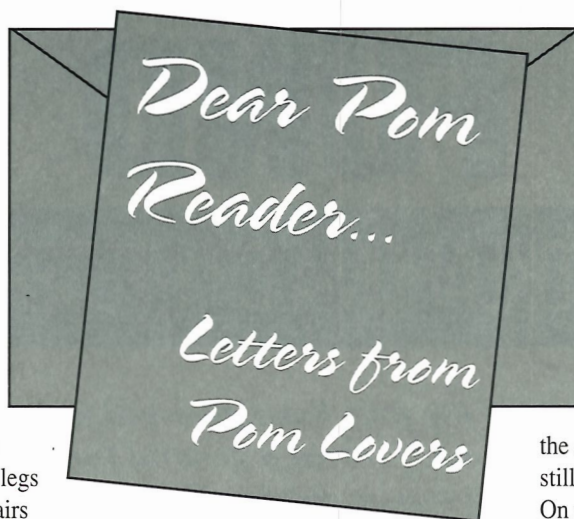
Joan C. Scholz, Boynton Beach, FL

Dear Joe & Duane,

I collect all dog books. No matter where I go I look for different books, magazines, etc. My husband and I were at a swap meet and were walking around, went down a couple of rows looking at many different books, etc.

This one guy just did not care about his books. He had different magazines, not the ones that I would buy.

God told me to keep on looking so I did and came across 3 magazines that I liked a lot, a Maltese magazine and 2 wonderful Pom Readers. I was so very glad to get them, I thanked God, paid the guy for the 3 magazines and went on my way. I couldn't keep up with my husband. I was snail-



walking and had my nose buried in the Pom Reader. It's a joy to have your magazines.

On page 28 ("Letters"), I had read that letter from Renee' Fountain from Barstow California. I know just how she feels. On every one of the other breeds of dogs that I like and wanted to talk about with different people, if you did not get your puppy from them, they are very rude, don't have time for you.

Tell Renee' that I have had the very same thing happened to me that has happened to her. At first, I bought a Bulldog puppy from a breeder out here. He died within 3 days after I had paid \$1,000.00 for him. Then I thought I should buy another one from someone else. It has a cracked rib. The breeder did not care.

So I went and bought another one from another breeder. She told me there was no stipulation on her. So I handed her \$1,000.00 cash. Then she told me there were stipulations and I could not get my money back. So I gave her away for \$300.00.

Three years later I still wanted a Bulldog puppy, so I looked around and found a breeder in South Carolina. I paid her the money that she wanted and I still don't

have my puppy as of yet.

It has been 2 years and no puppy, so I ended up with a lady in Mississippi. She has very good prices on her pups, they are extremely healthy and no stipulations. So I started showing my male English Bulldog pup and you can feel just how much people give you the cold shoulder and talk behind your back. I don't like their ways.

Why are people so snotty? That's the same way with a lot of Pom breeders, also. I had bought a pair of Poms from a lady out of state. I just wanted to call around and get some info about Poms. They would give me some info, and they did tell me if I ever wanted a pup just come to them and they can make sure that I get a nice pup.

But when I tell them that I had already bought a pair, then they acted like they just don't have time for a newcomer. I had bought a pair of Poms. They had taken my check for

the amount they wanted, but to this day I still don't have my Poms.

On the Pom Reader it says that I can get it for a year, but I would only get it for 11 months. Why's that? How much is a yearly sub?

Thanks a lot for taking your time out to read and answer my letter. Keep up the fantastic job on Pom Reader.

Sincerely Yours,

Jackie Marsh, Chula Vista, California

Jackie - First, the easy part. You get eleven issues per year because we publish eleven times per year. A subscription form is in the mail to you. Now, for the hard part. Not everyone's been to charm school, nor has the ethics we would like. However, in the Pom world, I've found far more saints than sinners. Next time ask around a little bit; do some research before you entrust anyone with your money or your emotions. And if in doubt...don't buy.

Wishing you much luck, I thank you for writing. JMCG

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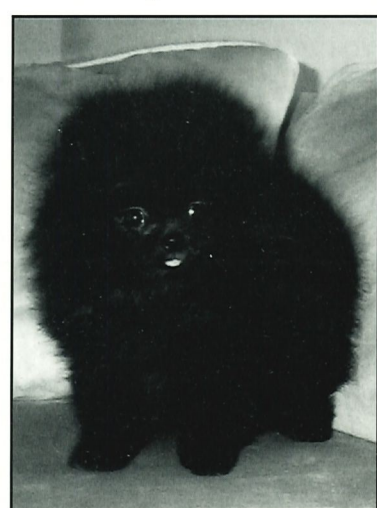
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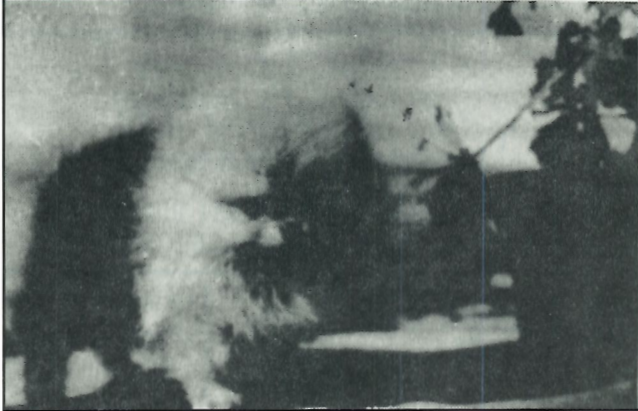


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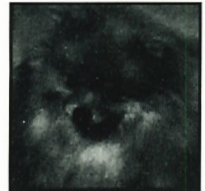
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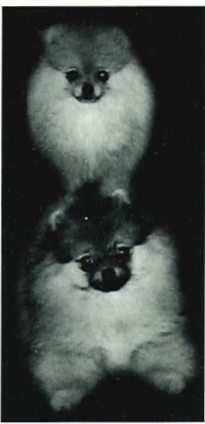


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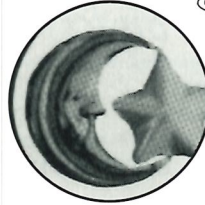


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