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FROM THE EDITOR

When the curtain rises one last time, and the performers advance to the footlights, the audience pays tribute by applause and verbal cheer. Yet not one in the audience is unaware of his own fatigue; he almost feels as if he had been working right along. In fact, he has.

judging dogs: the willing suppression of sentiment

There is a term for it: *the willing suspension of disbelief*. For the spectator to accept the plot, or the lyric, or the illusion, he must disregard his cynicism for the running time of the production. He must believe that the actor is an ogre, a sinner, a saint; he must trust that the singer expresses truth and he must willingly follow down the road he is led. It is the magic of the performing arts, and the ability to be charmed by it is possessed by all but the most insensitive.

It has a parallel in the sport of purebred dogs. In order to accurately assess the quality of an animal, within the confines of the event, one must ignore the very quality which endears dog to owner and for which the companion animal exists: the judge cannot be swayed by sentiment, nor by imagination. It is difficult, for the dog-lover is by nature attuned to the outpouring of love from the canine heart and head, and our judging process makes no allowance for its measure. We are strictly to weigh the exhibit against its written, static standard. And yet it is our nature to reward loyalty, and friendliness, and spirit.

This was never so apparent to me than during a judging assignment in England, during which I found the easiest class to judge in the history of dogdom to be one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make.

The art of judging dogs is not the simple exercise that some would perceive it to be. One must accept the confines of the active criteria, using it as a guideline by which decisions are made; one cannot predict the exhibit's future quality nor impact on the breed for the judging call must only cite qualities in evidence *on the day*. And one's own particular preferences must only be called into play when all other areas of concern are equal. This is, then,

the willing suppression of sentiment. By the same token, one's own emotions must be ignored when arriving at a responsible decision as a dog show judge.

There is nothing quite so exciting as a class of lovely, quality dogs; placing them in order of adherence to the Standard is an exciting and pleasurable task. By the same token, there is nothing quite so difficult as evaluating inferior specimens, for one simply chooses the lesser of many evils to illustrate his point. On the day in question I had been called upon to evaluate many classes, comprised of both types of collections, and felt that I was adequately fulfilling the role I was asked to play. This feeling of contentment was about to be dashed.

At first sight the Veteran's Class appeared to pose no problem; at a glance I saw there were but three contenders and only two of any visual interest whatsoever. Upon closer examination I found the two males to be in great shape, given their ages, and they fulfilled all aspects of the Standard in admirable fashion. To most any eye their placement was a tossup: each possessed sufficient quality to advance to further competition. By the merest suggestion of superior head properties the second-in-line, lighter-colored dog moved forward in my estimation; I placed him at the head of the line. And then I approached the examination table upon which my old lady awaited.

One could quickly dismiss her from consideration on coat quality alone; her hair was thin and in places it was patchy. The manner in which she moved her head led me to believe that if she had vision at all it was far from acute, and joints that may have once proudly carried her about now showed the ravages of aging. Her hindquarters seemed too delicate to resist



PHOTO BY DUANE DOLL

even the slightest pressure, and her dentition was such that her tongue could not help but protrude. Yet she welcomed my stranger's hands, and her tail slapped back and forth without relent. With grave misgivings I asked to see her gait.

She hit the floor and suddenly she was once again a star; she took off like a trooper, full of pride, full of love. I felt she would have walked for miles in concert with her owner and for that alone deserved a large and shining prize. My heart swelled with love for the aged princess and from my eyes the tears freely flowed. I immediately decided that by virtue of her spirit she was far and away my winner that day.

But of course that is not the way things work, and when viewed alongside the others it was apparent that her place in my heart had no bearing on her place in the line; I had no choice but to distribute the awards in order of adherence to the Standard *on that day*. And that day, she was third.

As I handed out the ribbons I felt like hell. *Why have we subjected her to this, I raged, in mental disagreement with myself. Hasn't she given enough? How can I possibly give her anything but the world's most wondrous reward?*

Well, in a way, I guess I did. For right there in England, in front of everyone, I picked her up. And I gave her a kiss. And I wished her many more days of love and health.

And I vowed never again to judge those past their shining hours by those a little closer to their prime.

John G.

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Alden's Great Zen Galli (D) by Ch. Alden's Hero of Hercules x Ch. Alden's Spring Daisy Dancer. Breeder/Owner: Alden & Janet Domrase.

Apolloette Strike The Gold (D) by Ch. Apolloette Ever Ready Rocky x Apolloette My Foolish Heart. Breeder/Owner: Marlene & Marlin Presser.

Chas-T Dee Born To Show (D) by Ch. Rockn Tradition of Oakridge x Mac's Lady Courtney Royale. Breeder/Owner: Rheadene McNeice.

Conjer's Baron Von Batman (D) by Elegants Baron Von Ruff Ruff x Tori's Elegant Orange Blossom. Breeder: Connie & Jerry Brown. Owner: Bonnie McIntosh-Taylor.

Elan's Inclination (B) by Ch. Elan's Inferno x Ida's Little Gracie. Breeder: Melissa Dahlenburg. Owner: Betty Bohrer.

Fame Ihs Spirit (B) by Ch. Fame King Linus x Ch. Fry's Magic Jeanne. Breeder/Owner: Mrs. Brenda K. Segelken.

Itoba Darling Clementine (B) by Ch. TJ's Primetime x Itoba Coulda Woulda Shoulda. Breeder/Owner: Joyce B. Winkels.

Jan Shars Mr. Nice Guy (D) by Ch. Absolutes Magic Mountain x Unicorn's Sweet Pea of Jan Shar. Breeder/Owner: Sharon Hanson.

Jeribeth Prince Playboy (D) by Ch. Great Elms Prince Charming II x Jeribeth's Miss Marana. Breeder/Owner: Olga Baker.

Kneisler's Nicki's Tradition (B) by Ch. Rockn Tradition of Oakridge x Kneisler's Top Notch Megan. Breeder: Claudette Confer. Owner: Catherine Breaux & Maria Kneisler.

Lee's Golden Rule (D) by Mason's Poetic Justice x Mason's Star Bryte. Breeder/Owner: Lee Jacques.

Millamor's Brandi Maker (B) by Ch. Jan Le's Willie Makit x Bev-Nor's Brandi of Millamor. Breeder: Eleanor Miller & Beverly Norris. Owner: Eleanor Miller.

Queenaire Classy Darlin' (B) by Queenaire Ramboling Sun-Dot x Queenaire Blaze of Glory. Breeder: Dudley & Wanda Roach. Owner: S. Hirahara.

S'Wood Bricor Regina's Plan (D) by Starfire's Altar Boy x Silverwood's Strutting Ashley. Breeder: Bess Roberts. Owner: Regina & Robert Nunn.

Sandtowns Lovin Teaspoon (B) by Ruby's Pink Panther By Angel x Sandtown's Cute Jasmine O'Ruby. Breeder: Lois Abjornson. Owner: Clarice & Yvette Oganeku.

Sun-Dot Pominique Starchaser (D) by Ch. Sun-Dot's Chewbaka x Sun-Dot's Taffy Twirl. Breeder: Ruth Dotson. Owner: Cande Freeman.

Woodrose's Short Circuit (D) by Ch Woodrose's Mochi Bear x Woodrose's Orange Sherbet. Breeder/Owner: Clarice & Yvette Oganeku.

NEW CHAMPIONS are taken from AKC records and published on a monthly basis as space permits

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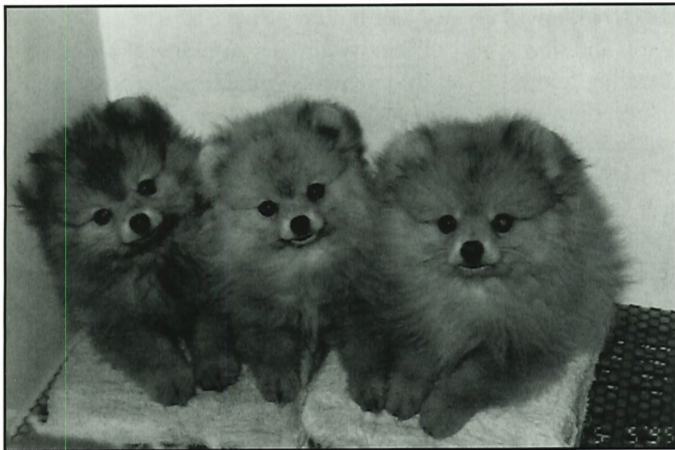
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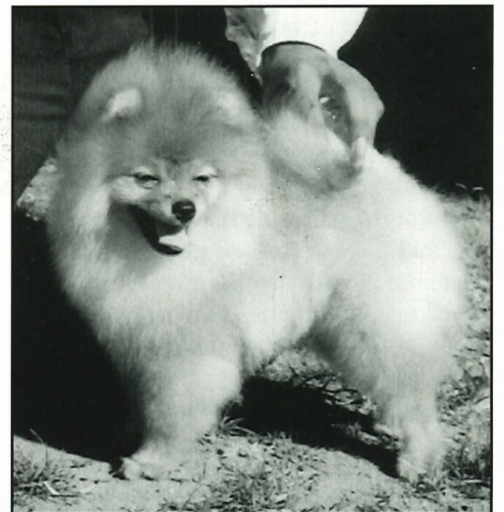


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DID YOU KNOW.....
When dealing with people it is always a two-way street and sometimes the seller should BEWARE and sometimes the buyer should BEWARE. Sometimes honesty is lost along the way and people get angry, but most of all, the breed we love so well suffers.

From Gail Rodgers, I received the following information and am happy to pass it along. Many thanks to Gail for sharing this information with us.

Buyer Beware...

Just thought I would drop a line to try and help some future purchasers of Pomeranians (or dogs purchased for breeding in general). I recently purchased a Pom bitch from a breeder in my area (for a decent amount of money, as she was proven) and at the time of purchase I was told "she was a good free-whelping white brood bitch that has already produced two litters with surviving puppies." I took this breeder's word for it and that was a big mistake on my part. I guess I know now why she was selling the bitch.

After never getting a litter from her,

and at the advice of a friend, I later called the AKC to see when the two litters were born and how many puppies they contained (you just need the female's AKC registration number). They said there is no record of this bitch ever producing any litters! Not only should you check the AKC records, but you should also get the statement from the breeder, in writing, that the Pom is proven with living offspring. When this breeder was confronted with her statement at the time of sale, she said yes, the bitch had litters, but none of the puppies survived. I guess she does not realize how ridiculous this sounds. Yes, I agreed to purchase this bitch even when I was told at purchase time all her puppies had died in all her litters... I don't think so!!

This bitch will be spayed and placed in a loving pet home. Yes, I am out a lot of money, but somehow I feel better knowing that I have learned a lesson and this bitch will have a wonderful caring home for the rest of her life. I just can't understand why some breeders will continue to pass off their "problem breeders" to other breeders. Why can't they just be placed in loving pet homes? Is it the money they may stand to lose? Unfortunately, breeders like this know that a lot of people have compassion and would rather get the dog a good home than have it returned to the "breeder." It is a shame that when you

are looking for some of the exotic colors in Poms there are many breeders who feel they can take advantage of the situation. Buyer beware...

Not too long ago I had also sent a deposit to a breeder in Canada for a Pomeranian puppy. Well, needless to say, I have no puppy and I don't have my deposit money back. It is difficult to proceed with action when this person is not in the United States. It may be best for purchasers in the United States to receive a dog C.O.D. instead of forwarding any funds up front. You also have the option of contacting the Canadian Kennel Club. I have not been able to get hold of this breeder for months and she does not respond to any letters. I've been told that she has done this to many people and that she does go for people out of her area. I guess she feels and knows she can get away with more. Buyer beware...

When you make any kind of purchase or arrangement with a breeder you are most protected when you get everything stated in writing. I hope that this will help someone that has the intentions of purchasing some breeding dogs in the near future.

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

I am very pleased to report that I have received input regarding the article on

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DID YOU KNOW...

open fontanelles.

Did You Know.....

From Rosemary Regoni comes the following helpful information...

Dear Sharon,

After reading your latest column in *The Pom Reader* concerning the "problem" of open fontanel, I just had to respond. This condition, called a molera, is extremely common in the Chihuahua breed also. In fact, it is only the large coarse Chihuahuas, of poor quality, that will not have an open fontanel. The size of the molera is directly related to the size of the dog; the smaller dog having the larger molera. Having bred Long Coat

Chihuahuas for many years prior to Poms, I can assure your readers that I have never seen a dog develop any problem related to the open spot on its head. Not only are these little Chihuahuas healthy, but they are extremely intelligent as well, ranking highest in numbers of obedience titles obtained by any Toy breed, and for surpassing most large breeds as well!

One of the tiniest we have bred had a large molera and lived in excellent health until she died at age 15 years. This little champion weighed less than 3 pounds and was bred once a year, producing 12 beautiful pups in six years, which were also tiny and had the open fontanel. We, too, have had buyers take their new pups to the veterinarian for a health check, only to be told to return the dog because it had an open fontanel. The day that anyone can

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all dog breeds, has not been downsized through selective breeding. They have always been tiny and, in spite of open spots, they are a tough little breed of dog. Perhaps some of our colleges need to do a better job of educating prospective doctors of veterinary medicine in this regard.

*Rosemary E. Regoni
Dar's Foxridge Pomeranians*

Dear Sharon,

Just read your article in *The Pom Reader* about fontanel problems in Poms. I have never had this problem in my breeding of Poms, but have been breeding Chihuahuas for twice as many years and the condition is an accepted part of our breed. We do have the same results with the veterinarians giving us a hard time about this condition.

The Chihuahua Club has come up with

these two articles, of which I made copies, to give to anyone who gets one of our puppies and is going to their vet for a clean bill of health. Hope this idea will be of some help to you.

*Bob Bohrer, Bohrer
Kennels
Zionsville, PA*

The following comes from Robert and Betty Bohrer.

The Chihuahua's Molera

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Historically, the Chihuahua developed in Mexico and the United States has displayed a "soft spot" on the top of the head. In the Chihuahua, this spot (or fontanel) is known as a MOLERA; and is the same as that found in human babies. In the past, this molera

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It is important to note that while many Chihuahua puppies are born without the molera, there are probably just as many born with one, and its presence is nothing to become alarmed over. The molera in a Chihuahua will occur on the top of the head and may vary in shape and size when present.

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AM/CAN CHAMPION

Reginapoms Luva Gator



Thanks to John Wickline and Ce Harrison - Wickline for all your EXPERT handling and tender loving care of Reginapoms! Thanks to all judges who saw the great quality in MIKEY. His soundness and movement. Thanks to Donna Lynn Wright for your expert care and handling of Rhea-Na's Watta Lil' Socrates (needs one single to finish).

* Look for Rhea-Na's Michael Angelo in the ring this fall - sired by Mikey.

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dence to support this statement.

- In "Diseases of the Brain" 1989, Green & Braund stated that many clinically normal Toy breeds may have open fontanelles without associated hydrocephalus.

- Drs. Walters and Rivers, veterinarians at the University of Minnesota, con-

cluded that there did not appear to be any relationship between the presence of a fontanelle and the condition of hydrocephalus.

the medical documentation in this paper, these few included here are perfectly clear: the presence of a molera does not mean the dog has a medical problem.

The Chihuahua is a little dog! They belong in the house, at their owner's side, returning all the love they deserve to receive. With or without a molera, the healthy Chihuahua that is loved and given proper veterinary care will live well into its teens as an irresistible member of the family.

Baby mammals require skull bones that can contract in the birth process. Chihuahuas (and some other breeds of small dogs) retain a vestige of the incomplete joining of the bones in the head as they mature. Located on top of many a Chihuahua's head is a depression known as a molera. It is analogous to a fontanel in other young mammals. The outline of the molera may vary both in size and shape. Some can be circular; some are shaped like diamonds; some feel like a long seam. Over half of the moleras eventually close entirely, though it may take three years or more to do so.

During the development of this breed in Mexico and the United States, this "hole in the head" was accepted as a mark of pure breeding in the Chihuahua. Thus many early breeders would not consider breeding Chihuahuas unless they displayed the molera! Most of the Chihuahua standards of perfection all over the world recognize the historical insistence on moleras by including reference to them. With

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- Dr. Alexander de Lahunta of Cornell University in New York, one of the top neurologists in this country, stated that it would be wrong to conclude that any opening is abnormal.

by Sharon Masnick

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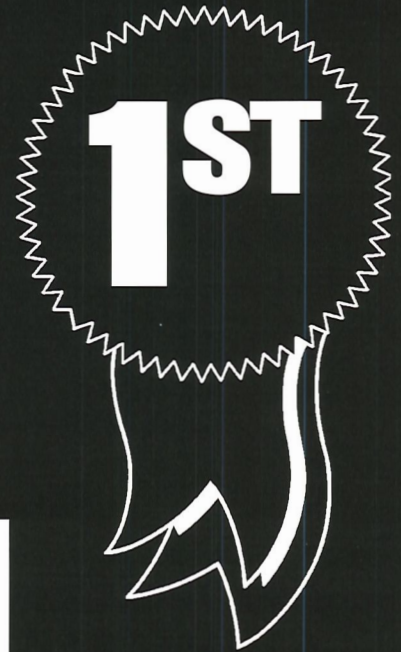
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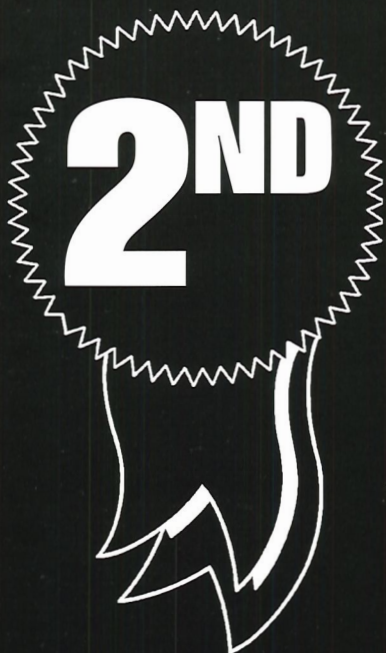
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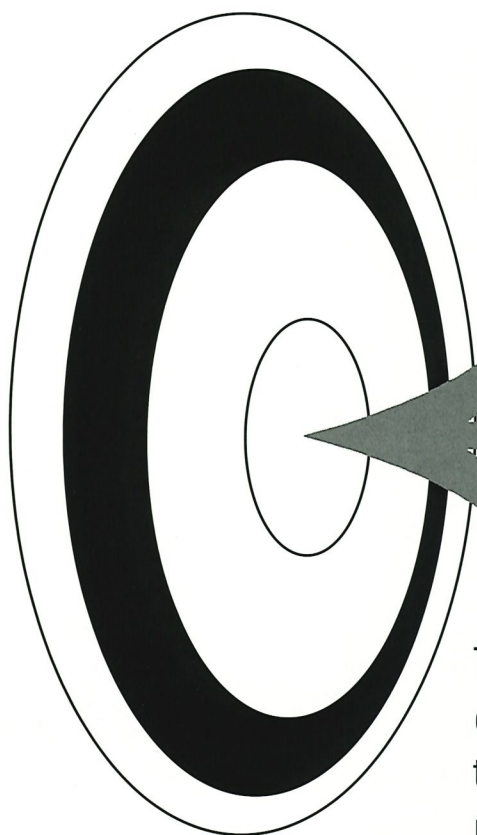


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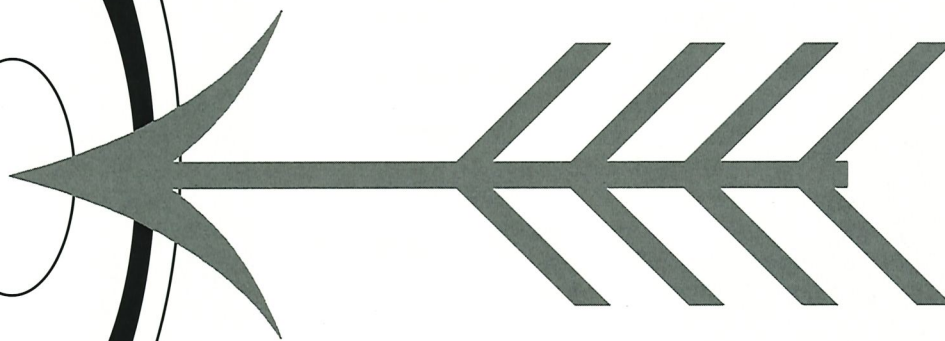
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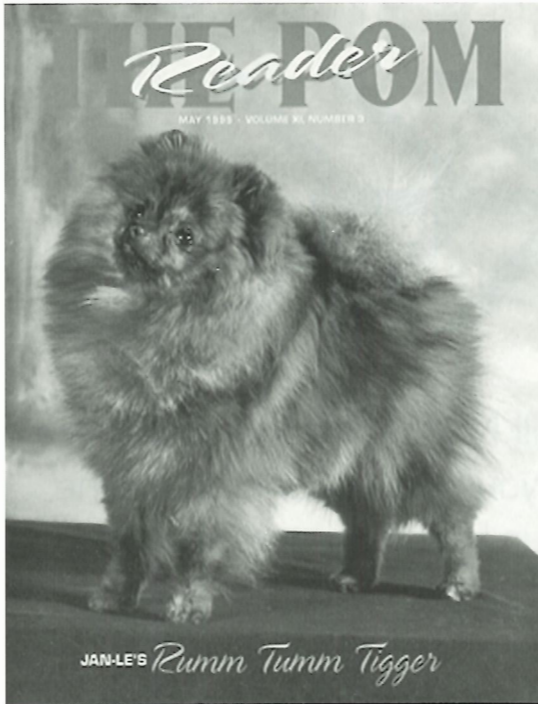
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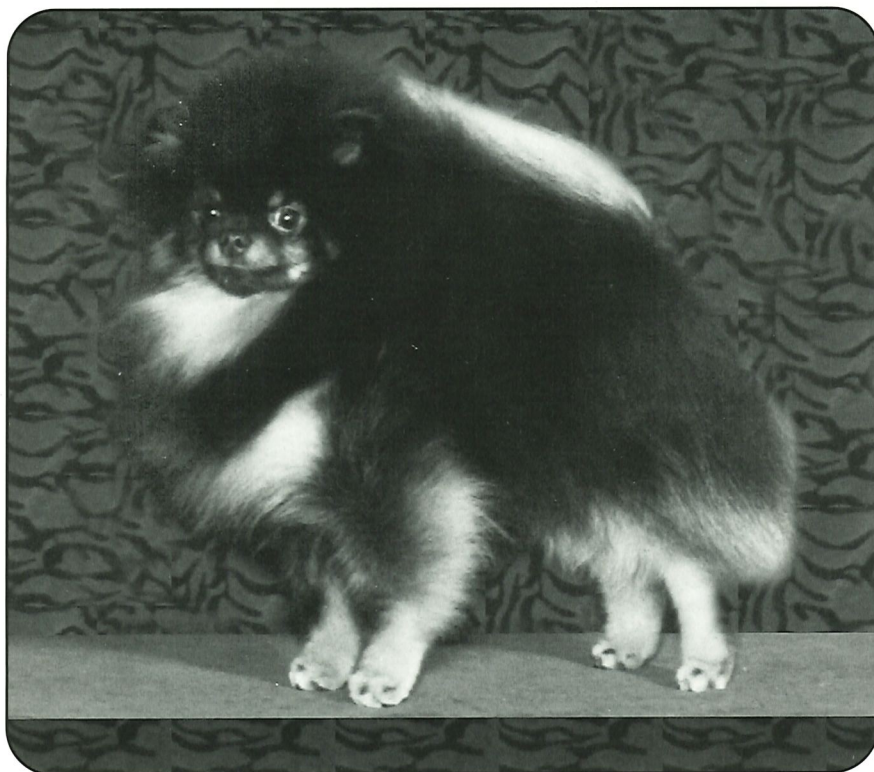


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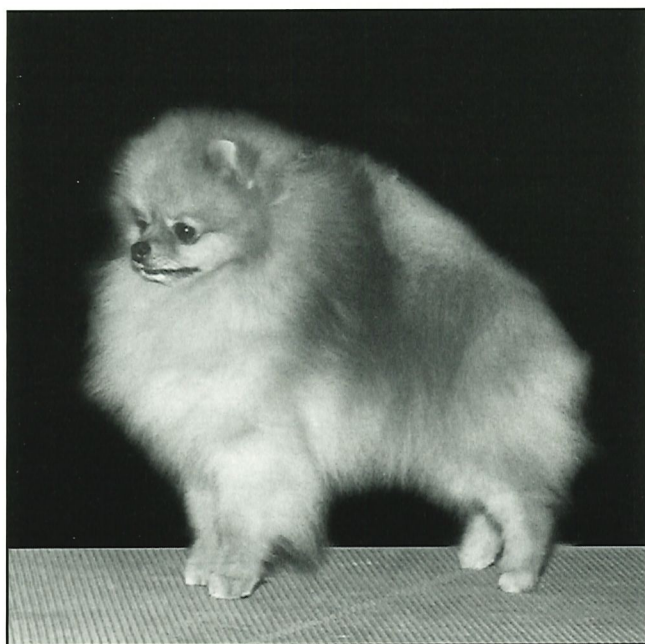
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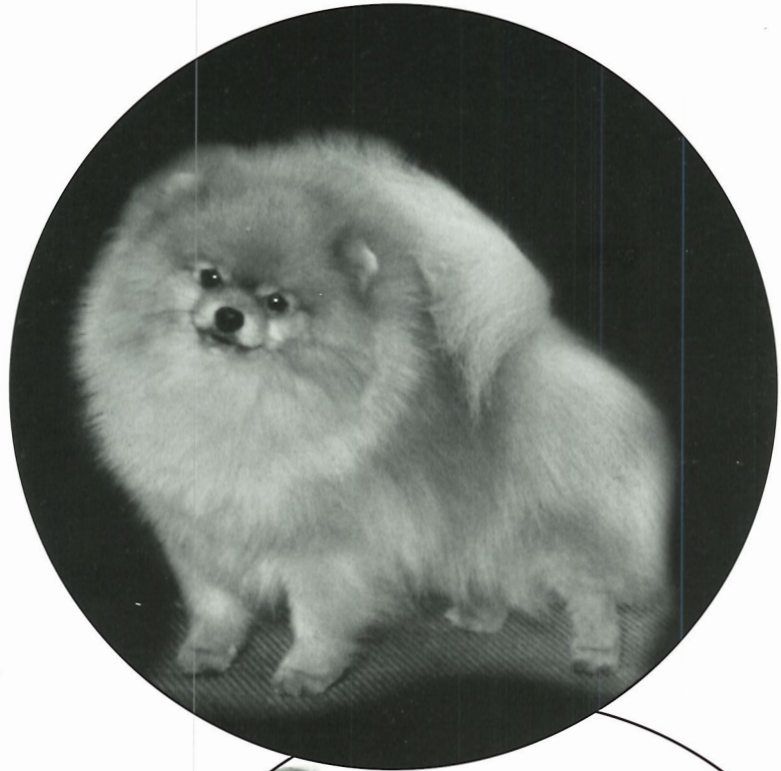
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Thanks also to my life-long partner, Frank, for staying home tending to business and caring for the kids and encouraging me to go the extra mile. I quote "Miss Charlotte"...Obtaining the Best of the Best from the Best! You see... we believe in the Family... do you?

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*We have 3 handsome boys all coming of age... We are not sure who to let go -

1. Bow Boys N Southlands Show Biz (12/14/93) by Ch. Southlands Showstopper (Breed-Group Winner) x Bow Boys Wake Up Lil Susie (Toasty granddaughter). 4 1/2 lbs., bright orange beautiful head, neck & coat - ring ready.
2. Bow Boys High N Mighty (5/31/94) by Multi BIS/BISS Ch. Southlands Mighty Impressive x Bow Boys N Bev-Nor Swee Secret (last Toasty daughter) 3 1/2 lbs., red b/m, foxy baby, no back, 2 Major Res.-just started.
3. Bow Boys Jus' Wild 'Bout Harry (5/26/94) by Ch. Southlands Sir Impressive x Bow Boys Bev-Nor's Ain't She Sweet. In-bred on Fudge, Toasty, Lil Toasty & Statesman. Red, foxy, no back.

These 3 puppies have been beautifully show-trained by our friends, Beverly Ferguson, Pasadena, MD & Debby Wheeler, Branchburg, NJ. Thank you, gals!

Only those that appreciate the Family inquire, please!

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ARE 10 AND 4!



Pomeranians have shown up on the AKC charts as number 10 in individual registration and number 4 in litter registration. I don't find this cause for breaking out the champagne bottle. In fact, it is downright deplorable.

Think about it. We registered 39,947 Poms last year and 26,991 litters! In litter registration, we only got outranked by all 3 varieties of Poodles, the mighty Rottweilers and the ever popular Labrador Retrievers. Now, I ask you, can the tiny Pomeranian, who is noted for its poor whelping dams and Fading Puppy Syndrome, among countless other reproduction problems, have climbed to these heights? And why?

For a breed to be popular it has to have something attractive to the public. Being overly fond of Poms, I can see how this breed can achieve that, but I can't see how breeders achieved it! My 28 years of Pom breeding experience taught me that the heartaches far outnumbered the joyous occasions. Have I missed something lately? Is there a magic formula? Are puppy mills and backyard breeders responsible? If they are, how come it

is that we are always getting calls from breeders (or hope-to-be's) who complain that in purchasing from other breeders they got suckered in?

My last column, which touched on the buyer beware syndrome, promptly brought in a horde of calls about breeders who have been caught in the "I didn't get what I thought I would" machinery. *The Pom Reader* has a large companion dog following and I hardly ever hear from them about complaints on buying. But, my goodness, the breeders out there are sure outdoing one another in buying and selling and yelling lawsuits! Which reason leads to a lot of selling - because the Pom, being so popular, has a tremendous horde of breeders who wish to produce better Poms for future breeding and showing, or merely because of the breed's popularity and this fact's insular value appeal?

I think you know the answer to that question. But where will it end?

Hopefully, in the words of AKC's John Mandeville in the AKC April 1995 Gazette: "The American public almost always has a

fad breed. Invariably, such breeds have unique and appealing qualities. They also have attributes that do not really make them candidates for mass popularity. The result is a sharp increase in popularity and an equally sharp decline."

Poms, indeed, have unique and appealing qualities, yet, they have attributes that should prevent them from being so highly popular. Small Poms and small children often make for disastrous results. Small Poms jumping off and on furniture can result in serious injury, even death. If not the latter, their stifles go and a frantic owner calls me to say that her vet is charging her \$450.00 to pin "Tootsie's" back leg, or legs. How did this happen? I take a deep breath and we go through the facts of life.

Another problem I often encounter is Pom males being allowed loose in the yard and, with typical Pom tenacity, trying to protect its territory from neighborhood dogs and usually wind up being killed.

The above problems are more related to environment and accidents, but then consider all the inherent genetic problems such as

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pictured above right at 7 weeks of age, is now a champion. Congratulations to Ruby Poole on her kennel visit. May you have many more years of continued success.

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for
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Ruby's Precious Cassi.

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open fontanelles, subluxated stifles, inadequate tracheas which collapse under stress, black skin disease, uterine inertia, etc., etc. The list could go on and on. Long-tenure Pom breeders who have followed up with their sales could curl your hair with the problems that crop up, whether a dog is placed in a breeder home or a companion home.

If John Mandeville is right, and in his article he was using hindsight based on accurate breed figures, then our breed will, and should, decline in mass popularity. (Thanks to Gail Rodgers for the AKC information.)

Another problem... recently brought to my attention by several exhibitors... are Pom teeth in relation to the show ring. Our breed, like many small breeds, is notorious for tooth tartar build-up and even though the teeth are cleaned constantly in some Poms, by the age of three they often loosen and fall out. I have had Poms whose teeth were constantly tartaring by age 2!

Most of the teeth which loosen are in the front upper and lower rows, but not generally in the canines, which, after all, determine the bite. Since our standard does not demand a count for full dentition, and providing the canines are in place to determine the correctness of bite, why should judges make a big deal of examining for missing, unnecessary teeth and many times not awarding a win because of one or two minor missing front teeth?

Many Poms do not mature in weight and coat until age 2-3, and in many by then the teeth are going. We had a case some years back where the female we obtained was severely matted and after coat conditioning it took a year to get her ring-ready. By then she was a modest three year old. Her teeth had received bad care prior to purchase and, though we had the teeth cleaned twice during that year, two front lower teeth fell out. This girl was very deserving of finishing and four judges thought so, too. She was awarded a 4-point major in hot competition and three 2-point shows, then we ran into judges who disliked the missing teeth. One even said, "You shouldn't enter little old ladies in beauty contests!"

Our little old lady - at age 3 - c'mon! She never finished and today I recall it well when

I get calls about this minor missing teeth situation. Is this a subject that should be broached in our new standard, or am I all wet... again?!

On our last month's front cover and in our February/March Issue's centerfold and on our August 1994 front cover appeared brindle-colored Pomeranians. Of course, this is paid advertisement and you could say I was prejudiced in bringing up the subject. You would be wrong, but I'd rather be thought prejudiced in this matter than prejudiced to hate the Pom "wearing" this color just because of its color.

To be frank, it is not my color, but then neither are some other colors I have seen. But if I were judging the breed and a color is disliked came in, I would consider it as evenly

color, but until and unless our standard or AKC disallows the color, then it seems to me that judges should judge the dog under the color on an equal basis.

On a good note regarding this controversial subject, I am also hearing that many non-breeder judges are making inquiries about the color and only hope that they come to the decision that, providing a color is acceptable, then judge it just like any other color.

Revolutionary New Flea Control: Available only through your vet (if he/she doesn't have it yet, tell about it!). This new product is called Program (Lufenuron) and was developed and researched CIBA Animal Health of Greensboro, NC, who makes the following claims: Program is a once a month tablet that controls infestations, has no contraindications, no warnings and no side effects. It can be administered to pregnant and nursing mothers, breeding males and to puppies as young as six weeks old. It was also found safe to use in conjunction with other medications, such as vaccines, antibiotics and heartworm preventatives, and for a severe pre-existing infestation, in conjunction with temporary conventional insecticides!

In the research, Program was demonstrated in dogs of various breeds, sizes and weights, and the research showed that one tab monthly proved effective for one full month and prevented nearly 100% of treated flea eggs from developing. Treatment may begin at any time of year.

Within 6-12 hours, any fleas that bite a treated dog will be unable to reproduce.

If you or your vet want further information, contact Karen Pineman or Earle Palmer Brown at (212) 463-6972 or Suzanne Losquadro at (212) 463-6957. (This information was taken from a recent Pet Business Magazine.)

I am hearing, once more, breeders concerned about giving full dosage of vaccine to puppies and small Poms. Years back I contacted Dr. Carmichael of Cornell Veterinary Institute and he said that vaccines are not made to consider weight or size, but rather to correctly provide the amount of anti-virus necessary for protection against same. He said whether it be a Chihuahua, a Pom, or a



as any other color in the ring. It is an allowable color according to AKC. The American Pomeranian Club has not specifically "downed" the color, either. It is not listed specifically in our "old" standard, but neither are a lot of other colors now being accepted for registration.

I am hearing lately a lot of controversy on the color, mainly because a breeder of the color is showing the color frequently, and secondly because of the advertisements in our magazine. There seem to be some discussions among judges as to what to do with the color and I have heard through the grapevine that some breeder-judges are active in downing the color.

Everyone has a perfect right to hate a



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NAUGHTY BY NATURE

"Nubbin" is shown going BOS over a Special from the puppy class. Allayn's Precious Lil Hotshot (bred by Ruby and myself) took BOB over 2 Specials from the Bred-By class (4 pt. Major) the same day. A big "Thank You" to judge Ruth Winston. Thanks also to judge Alexander Schwartz for Hotshot's second 4 pt. Major.

Breeder/Owner/Handler:

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"Mouse"



JACAR'S

MIGHTY MOUSE

We would like to thank all the judges that have recognized our boy's quality. Special thanks to judge Mrs. Betty Moore (pictured) for awarding him BOW for a major at Palouse Hills. Also, congratulations to Blazin Sunmark Gold-N-Token, owned by Aija Poms, for his major on the same circuit 4 days later under judge Robert Caviness.

*Congratulations to Ruby Poole
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Great Dane, the full dose must be administered to be effective, period. Young puppies should not be given vaccines intended for older pups or adults, and there are so many opinions about vaccine schedules that I leave that to your vet or Cornell.

My vets have advised me in the past that reactions to vaccines are extremely rare, only surfacing in about 1% of canine population, and that those they used to see had the Lepto in it. They also inferred that often, when breeders think they see a vaccine reaction, or a resultant death, it is usually because the dog was inadequately nutritioned, or suffered hidden health problems or worm or parasite infestations.

In breeding Poms since 1967, we have never had a vaccine reaction, and I have only had reported to me one death of a Pom after a vaccination and that case never was able to confirm exactly what killed the dog, which was a two-year-old of 8 pounds.

I am also against hooking Poms on products like Nutri-Cal. Just as we get hooked on caffeine and demand its effect on our system, so can a Pom begin to wait for its "fix" on these products. We do keep Nutri-Cal around for stress times or for fasting periods and do administer about 20 minutes prior to a vac-

cine, but we do not routinely administer it. I think we sometimes tend to develop our own "sugar babies."

A note on Parvo vaccine: In a recent study conducted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ft. Dodge Duramune vaccine protected 100% of all vaccinated puppies against the deadly Parvo virus and displayed the best clinical assessment scores of all vaccines tested. The vaccine contains 7 times the number of virus particles per dose than any other vaccine. (This has been the only Parvo vaccine we have used for years. Olympia.)

Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Betty Jo Mason** (Pom Heaven) on the most tragic loss of her youngest daughter and 3 year old grandson, Sunday, June 11th. A gas leak in the home they were moving into caused their accidental death. Betty Jo and husband, Perry, are devastated and need your prayers. Betty Jo delivered this grandson herself in her own home, when his birth happened so fast there wasn't time to get to a hospital.

It is with great sadness that we learn of the illness of **Patricia Foley** of Dover-Holihouse Pomeranians. Pat is currently on chemotherapy, battling cancer and, I hear from **Kathy**

Hartz, that Pat is bearing up well, but needs our prayers.

Also, **Erika Moureau** tragically lost both her mother and sister in an auto accident. Our hearts and sincere sympathy go out to Erika.

Dolly Trauner is making a comeback from a recent illness and we wish her all the best. She is one grand lady whose sincere interest in Pomeranians and the **American Pomeranian Club** goes without saying!

In ending this column this month, once more, Bernie and I wish to thank all of you who sent cards or flowers or who phoned after the death of our daughter, Debbie. We were not prepared for the avalanche and are still dazed, but very, very grateful to know how many people care and that they took the time to let us know it! We also wish to thank the Reader publisher, editor and staff, who surprised us with such a lovely and unforgettable tribute to Debbie. When I saw it, it choked me up for hours, but now I keep it as a very sentimental remembrance!

Until the dog howls again...

Olympia aka Lois Ciliberto

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LARRON POMERANIANS

Wishes to express their deepest sympathy to

TIM & SUE GODDARD

on the recent loss of

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"City Lights" lit up our life with his superior offspring and we know there are many Pom fanciers who share our sentiments in that regard! No words can convey comfort for the loss of such a beloved Pom and great sire, but, Sue & Tim, we are with you at this time in our hearts.

*Your good friends and admirers of all the "Lights" that "City Lights" lit up!
Larry Rookstool & Ron Feyh*

STEPPER IS STEPPN UP!



BISS CH. MAJESTIC'S WILLIE B STEPPN UP

CONGRATULATIONS ANNETTE ROGERS-RISTER on Stepper's championship, achieved April 22, 1995! We have never seen Stepper in person, but have greatly admired him from afar ever since his first puppy photos came into the Pom Reader and Top Notch Toys, where he was splendidly displayed on the back cover (10/94). We wish you continued success as you pursue his Specials career. Give him a hug for us!

Bernie & Lois Ciliberto
CRESCENDO POMERANIANS

PRISM POMS of FLORIDA

Sends congratulations to Ruby Poole on her well-deserved kennel visit. Ruby, you are truly one very nice lady and I'm glad I met you!

We also wish to congratulate Tony & Fabian on the fabulous wins with their "super" puppy, Ch. Starfire's Superman... BISS at the Texas Specialty from the classes, numerous BOB and Group placements and now, Back-To-Back Group Ones!!

Veronica Boudreau

Knock, Knock!

Who's There???

T H E P O M R E A D E R V I S I T S

Ruby's Poms

RUBY POOLE

CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA

WELCOME TO RUBY'S POMS...

Let me introduce the three main men in my life.

The largest and most handsome is John William Poole II – a.k.a. Bill. Not only is he the best carpenter in the world, he loves all animals, especially dogs. He is my husband, staunchest supporter, greatest comforter and my best friend. Lucky me.

The medium-sized one is Drum, who takes his job of protecting his Poms and his people seriously.

The little fellow is Boo, a cranky old man that rules us all with an iron paw by day and gets more than his share of our king-sized bed every night.

We are also owned by a pet Brahma bull, named Shah-Moo and his 10 wives and their babies.

We moved our menagerie here 6 years ago to be closer to Bill's work. Everyone thought that we were crazy to leave behind a beautiful home and kennel to move to a 50-plus-year-old house that was literally falling down. We knew that we were a little crazy. Hey,

we raise Poms and it helps to be a bit crazy. It keeps us from going totally insane, and a good sense of humor, a positive outlook and a good mate can get a person through some very difficult times.

We are surrounded by 42 acres, which gives us lots of space and privacy and protects our neighbors' ears from all the "yappy kids" here.

The first thing that Bill did was to turn



Ruby with "Sassy"

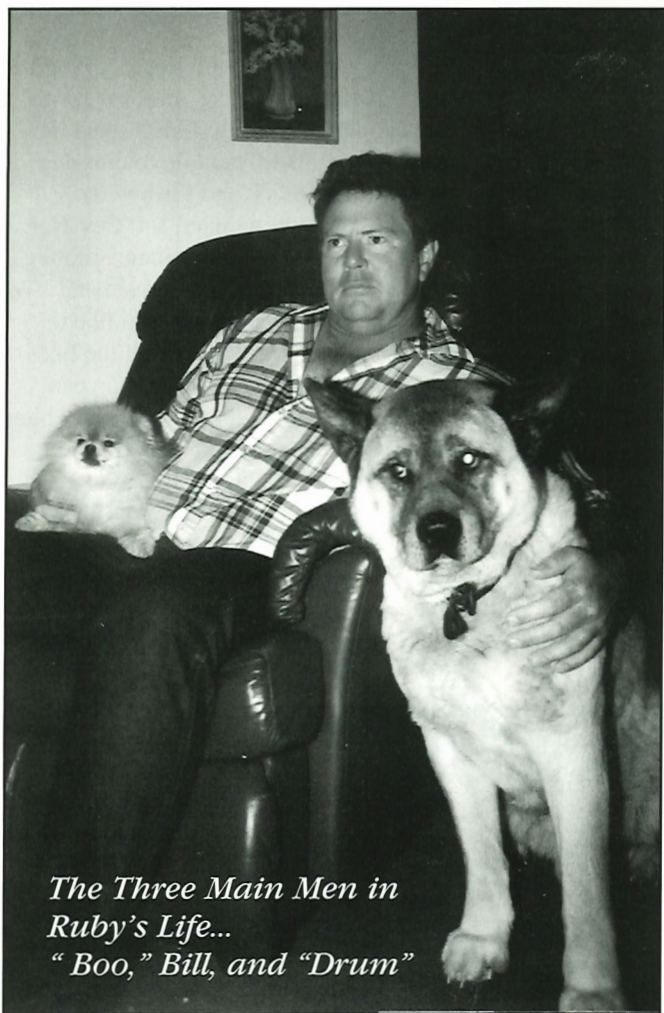
the old detached garage into a Pom house with individual compartments and divide the yard into sections for males, females and teenagers. The Poms had air conditioning before we did, so that first summer, while Bill was turning 1,200 square feet of rubble into 2,100 square feet of comfort, I hid out with the Poms. Smart, huh? It took him 5 years to completely remodel the old house and add on a new

kitchen, den and puppy room with an outside door to an exercise area for the moms and toddlers.

Our mamas come in from the Pom house a week before their first due date, into my office/delivery room. I keep a constant eye on them and their newborn babies for a few days and when I'm sure that all is well, they move to the puppy room where they remain until they are old enough to be gradually introduced to the Pom house and yard. Usually about 12 weeks.

I don't work outside our home, so I fill my life with the pleasures of being wife, mother of two grown children and "Nana" to four grand-critters, ranging in age from 10 to 19 years. My other titles are: Domestic Technician, Collector of Recycled Dog Food, Chief Breeder-Feeder, Head Whelper, Sgt. in Charge of Basic Training, Guru of Grooming and Resident Vet. I also enjoy visiting with friends and family and going to as many dog shows as time off from my many "positions" will allow.

How did I get so many impressive titles? I grew up in the hills of Arkansas, in a family of animal lovers. My father and three brothers raised fine hunting hounds and the puppies were my favorite playthings. One day, at a family picnic, I met a beautiful fuzzy little Pom that was visiting from California. I fell in love with it and never forgot it, and since there weren't any resident Poms in Arkansas, at that time, I didn't see another one for many years.



*The Three Main Men in
Ruby's Life...
"Boo," Bill, and "Drum"*

In 1976, my daughter Carol wanted a Pom puppy as a graduation present. I was more than happy to buy one, so at the end of our search we found her. Where? Back in the hills of Arkansas.

We never intended to breed Dandy, she was just our "toy" to play with. Two years later, when Carol was about to be married, she found me crying. When I told her I was crying only because she was taking Dandy away from me, she signed her over to me with the stipulation that I have her bred and give her a puppy. After I recovered from that first messy, traumatic experience of delivering a tiny female puppy and watched her grow, I was hooked. So, I bless Carol when things are good...and blame her when things are not so good.

In 1982 I went to my first dog show and got "bit by the bug" badly. I talked to the exhibitors, made a total nuisance of myself, but did learn where to buy a book on Poms

with you." Olga Baker, as I told you when we met in person a few years ago, I don't know whether to bless you or blame you, but I do thank you for that enlightening article.



*The first win remains a thrill...Ruby with
"Pagan" winning under Mrs. Mildred K. Bryant*

and I also subscribed to the AKC Gazette.

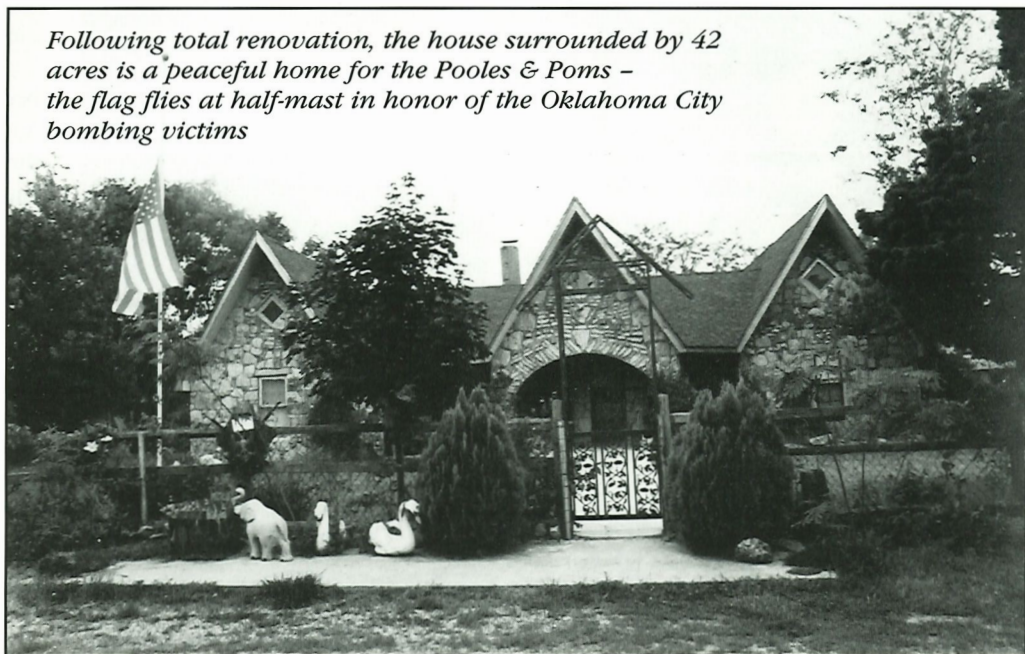
I was totally confused by the different types of Poms that I saw in the ring until I read an article that basically said, "...pick the type of Pom that you like, breed to the standard and there will be judges that will agree

I was like most novices. I made many mistakes, paid many dues and learned a lot of valuable-but-expensive lessons. While I was struggling along I made a vow that if I ever got into a position to help anyone, I would do so with honesty and to the best of my ability.

The person that I bless, or blame, the most is Lois Abjomson, breeder and exhibitor of Sand Town Poms.

For some reason she liked and trusted me enough to let me have Sand Town's City Slicker. He was heavy line bred on the Sand Town and Creider lines. He was my foundation stud and the sire of my first two champions.

Following total renovation, the house surrounded by 42 acres is a peaceful home for the Pooles & Poms - the flag flies at half-mast in honor of the Oklahoma City bombing victims





Lois took me under her wing, gave me constructive criticism, encouraged me and comforted me. She taught me that there is no such thing as a perfect Pom, to take a good one and try to make a better one, to have faith in myself and my Pom and don't throw the baby out with the bath water. The only way that I can repay my dear friend of many years is to pass all of those things along to the people that I have been fortunate enough to help.

Slicker, bred to Savage's Star Dust Dee-Nay, produced Pagan. On 11/11/85, with Lois looking over me and Pagan, we took our first Purple. Thank you Mrs. Mildred K. Bryant for the 5 points and also for the most memorable day in my show career.

I have bred several champions since then, but it is the only time that I have ever cried like a child in the ring. (By the way, Lois, I still owe you for a collect call from Ft. Smith, Arkansas on 6/687 to

tell you that my home bred was now Ch. Rockwood's Pagan of Dee-Nay.)

From Edna Girardot I acquired Scotia Command Chantilly Lady. She and Slicker gave me Ch. Rockwood's Bill's Best Buddy. Those were my basic foundation stock and can be found in most of my pedigrees today.

A few years ago, I chose to stay at home with Bill and the babies. Since then I have had some wonderful handlers. Thank you Hiram Stewart and Kathy Bucher-Sawyer. Thank you Maria Kneisler for finishing Cougar and Tammy Sharp for Winners Bitch on Ruby's Cherry

Bombette - both on May 28th, 1995 under Judge Peggy Hogg.

When I met and fell in love with Ch. Precious Petite's Gabriel and was fortunate enough to breed to him, I liked the cross so well that I went on to crossing my basic lines back and forth with Precious Petite, Southland and Bev-Nor.

All of our Poms - champions, brood, seniors and pets alike - are loved and cared for the same, but I would like to talk about one composite of all the lines that I have worked with over the years.

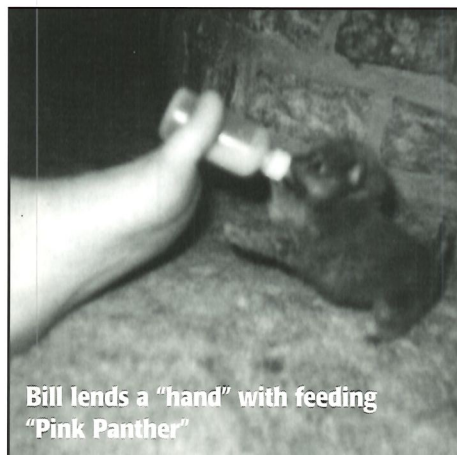
Ruby's Sassy Wee Tart Lady was born during the pandemonium of moving, remodeling and financial stress, so even though she was very deserving of her championship, she was relegated to the whelping box for the betterment of the breed. She has done a great job of that and, in my mind, is a winner through and through. Line bred to Ch. Shadomountain

One Man Show, she produced Ch. Ruby's One Man Show Encore "Cory" and Ruby's One Man Bond. Line bred to Ch. Allayn's Sinner Man Toast (thank you, Mary Allan, for being such a good friend), she produced Ch. Kontiki Wee Saint from Ruby, Ruby's Wee Toasted Bon-Bon (a

pointed girl owned by Maria) and Ruby's Wee Butter Cup Sharp, who is producing nicely for Tammy Sharp.

When I was fortunate enough to become close friends and co-owner with Victoria Lovely and Blake Jones, I was thrilled at the prospect of breeding to a fine male that I admired so much, but scared to death of the responsibility. After Vic promised that she wouldn't "break my knees" if anything happened, BISS BISA Ch. Lovely Jessie Sais So came for a visit. One of the fine results of our outcross is Jessie and Sassy's daughter, Ruby's Wee Jezebel Sais So.

Ch. Cory and Ch. Lovely Lady Shauna Debutante produced Ch. Lovely Debonaire Encore and Ch. Lovely Debutante Finale. Ch. Cory and Ch. Lovely Gabrielle Debutante gave us Ch. Lovely Gabriel of Chaos. These outcross-



Bill lends a "hand" with feeding "Pink Panther"



In the whelping room, an expectant mom draws inspiration from winners' photos on the walls

es have done well in Group, but better yet, they are producing offspring that we are proud of.

Ch. "Sainty" and Ch. Lovely Cassandra of K&L are the proud parents of another outcross, Ruloch Homeostasis. Stacy is disrobing now, but will be back in the ring soon. We are very proud of her. Ruloch is a contraction of Ruby's, Lovely and Chaos. Finding that our lines have crossed so well is a wonderful and rewarding experience.

I tell "wanna be" breeders that a pedigree is only worth what you know about the genotype and phenotype of the dogs in it. Every breeding must be planned carefully, whether it is line breeding or outcrossing. My worst turn-off is when someone "just wants to breed a few pet litters to get their investment back." Wrong!!! No matter how hard a breeder tries, there are going to be some pets, but to not work for the betterment of the breed is, to me, unconscionable, so my show and broods must all have this potential.

I am happy to help newcomers if they are still interested after they hear my horror stories about miles of travel in all kinds of weather, getting beat by an inferior dog because of a political or ignorant judge (yes folks, there are some), spending a lot of

money in a weekend and coming home with nothing but a \$3.00 catalog to show for it, spending hours leaning over a whelping box to finally deliver a stillborn puppy or watch them "fade" in a few days, spending hours and weeks training a gorgeous young male that could be a BISA but finally having to admit his anatomy is going to remain incomplete. Sorry, but if this was easy or profitable, everyone would be doing it.

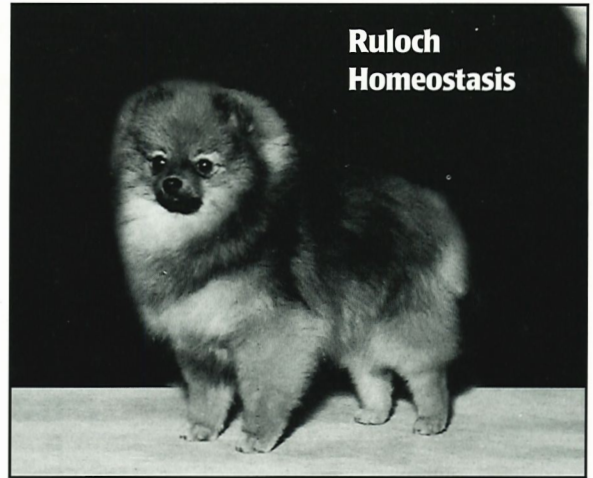
On the positive side: If you love the breed and enjoy the camaraderie of friends and exhibitors, it can be one of the most rewarding hobbies that a person can

be involved in.

My future hope for the breed is that all judges will become color blind when it comes to a good Pom being a good Pom. The quality of partis and other colored Poms has improved greatly in the last few years. Vic, Blake and I have a 6-week-old parti girl with 3 sisters who have the parti factor. We aren't going to throw the babies out with the bath water and we shall see what we shall see.

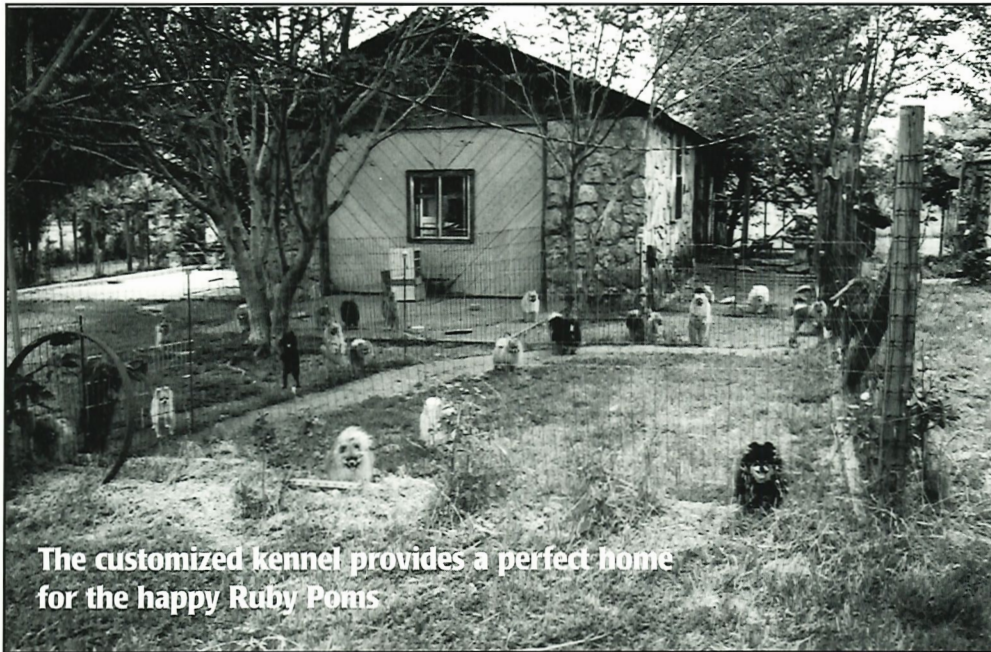
Genetic problems in our breed are very real. I believe that there are so many informed and dedicated people addressing these problems that we will see great improvement in the future.

Trimming in moderation for neatness and leaving the double coat in evidence



**Ruloch
Homeostasis**

the years, but I do want to congratulate Norma Creider on the championship of her beautiful young male, Creider's Time for a Tiger. Congratulations also on their wedding anniversary. (Jim said it seemed like 89 years, but Norma said it was only 49.)



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is, to me, the key word. Personally, I get nervous when I see a fuzz ball with little or no guard hair showing unless it is in the puppy class.

I'm not involved in obedience, but I do admire those that are. Especially Jo Ellen Corley and Mid Knight Shogun U.D.. He was one of my first Pom babies and Jo Ellen's first Pom. "Happy" is 13 now and retired. We were both greener than the grass in Oklahoma back then, but have learned a lot and had lots of fun in our friendship over these many years.

It would take me hours to mention all the fine Poms that I have admired over

bank account just keep on shrinking. I have had my hands on, around and inside a Pom, have been urinated, regurgitated and defecated on, my hair is a mess, I seldom wear a dress, and it's all due to being owned by a Pom. When I put away my heels for old tennis shoes, my skirts and dresses for faded old blue jeans, I went a bit crazy. But I have lots of fun. Only a Pom person knows of being loved and owned by a Pom.

May all of your efforts be Purple!

Ruby F. Poole

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I'm sure that I haven't dropped any great pearls of wisdom in your ears, but I hope that you all have enjoyed our visit half as much as we have. Let me leave you with this last thought with which I'm sure many of you will identify:

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Love from all of us...

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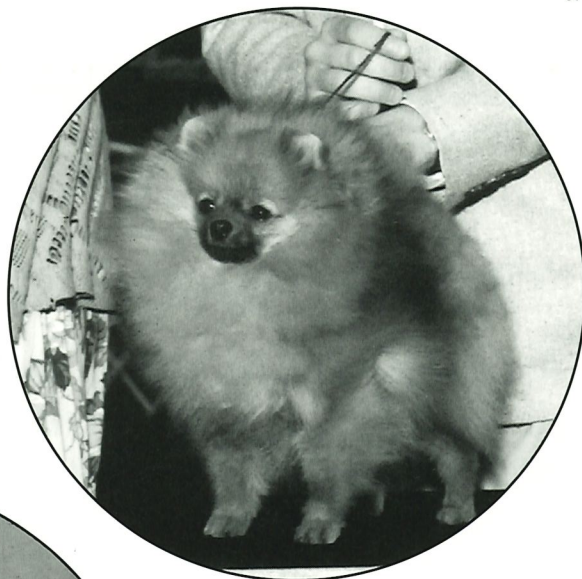
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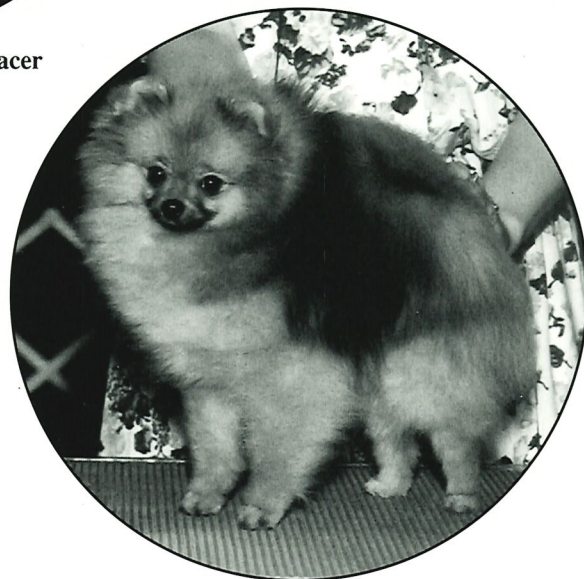
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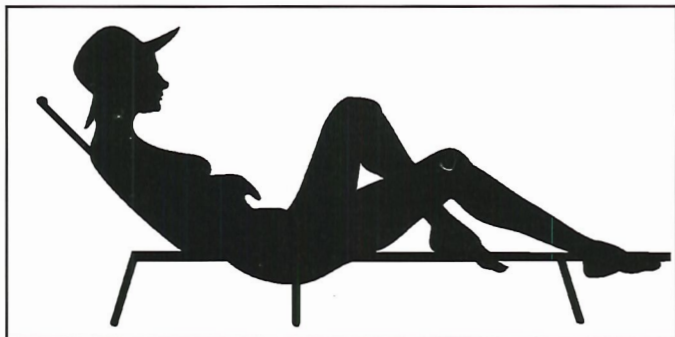
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Relax, Ruby - it's over!



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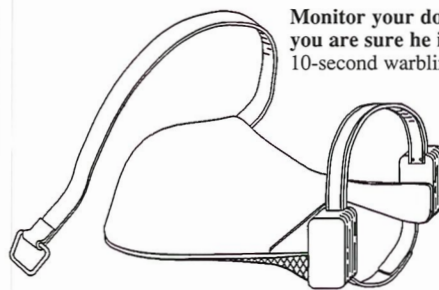
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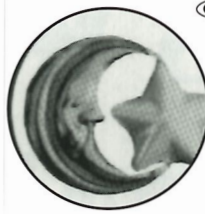
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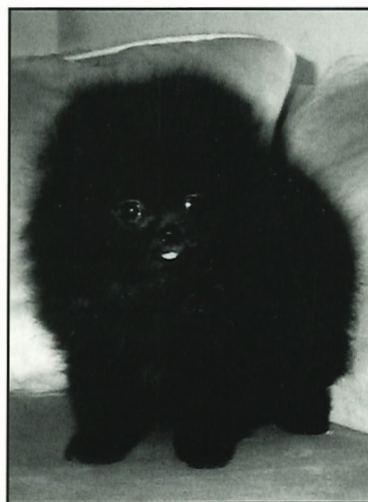
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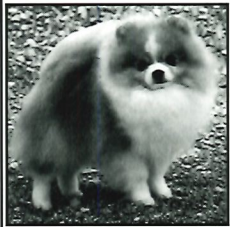
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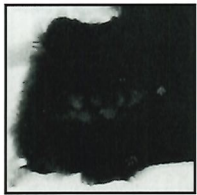
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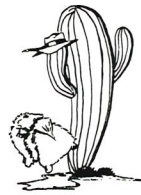


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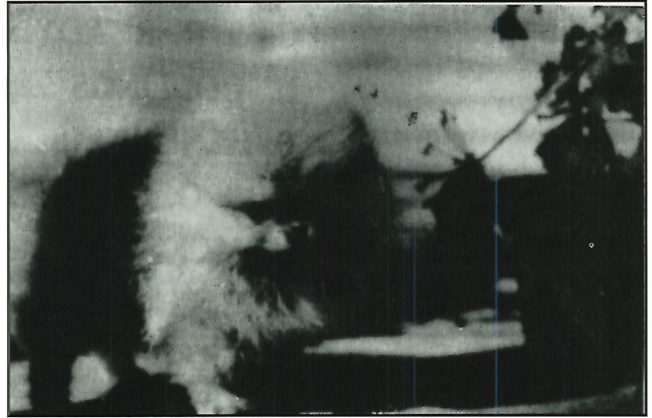
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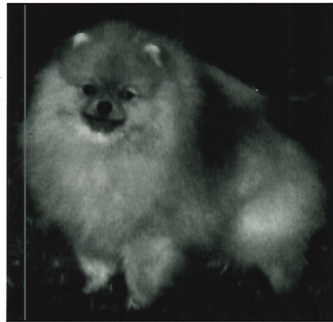
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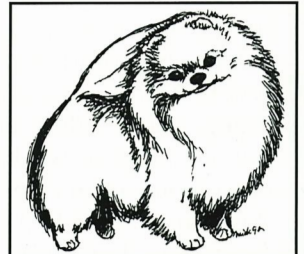
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Dear Pom Reader:

I am writing regarding the letter from Jeanette Malle in the April issue.

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What happened to the sportsmanship we instill in our Junior Handlers or do we send them the message it's "kill or be killed?" What a sad message from sad people.

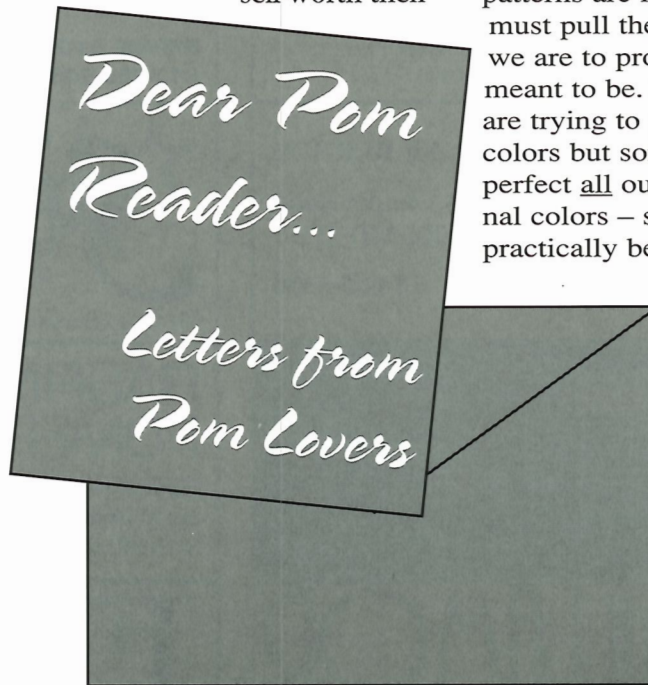
Although I do not know Tony and Fabian personally, I have seen their dogs and their ability is obvious. To them I would like to say... it's lonely at the top, or so they say, but guys, smile and be kind to those who throw stones, for they are of a mean nature and would resent ANYONE who could breed a dog, whelp a dog, train a dog, groom a dog, show a dog, and win with a dog like you two have. They envy your ability and your dogs. And guys... SO DO I!. The difference is that I will tell you to your face what I think, unlike others who would seek to discredit you and diminish your accomplishments while trying to feather their own nests. Thank you for representing my breed so wonderfully.

*Laureen Ivey
Teakwood*

Laureen - I've said it before, and I'll (undoubtedly) say it again...within the framework of competition, energy levels are high and on occasion tempers will flare; that's a given in any arena. The true sportsman learns to use that adrenalin rush to aid his performance, not to the detriment of his physical or mental health - not

to mention that of his fellow competitors.

Certainly we all want to win - that's why we're there. The secret is in how you let it affect your day, your dog, and your life. If you measure your own merit by one judge's opinion of your dog, then you're truly barking up the wrong tree. And if this misguided idea of self-worth then



translates into envy, or anger toward a winner...well, that's where all the trouble starts. Like it or not, show wins - or seeking to attain them - provide the impetus to strive harder, breed better, and aim closer to the Standard of perfection. And the sport of purebred dogs is provides the vehicle for the protection of this companion-animal breed we love so much.

JMcG

Dear Joe,

Some very disturbing news was given to me last week. I learned that there are breeders that do not feel brindle should be "any other allowed color" in our breed. Actually, brindle is not a "color" - it is a color pattern as is parti (must have a blaze and pattern), and a color & tan.

Whether it is a black & tan, chocolate & tan, blue & tan, etcetera, these are color patterns - not colors. The markings must be correct and if they are, they are a definite credit to our Pomeranian breed. This is one of the exciting things about our breed. There is a variety of colors and patterns. These colors & patterns are in the genes and we must pull them out to get this if we are to produce what was meant to be. Most Pom breeders are trying to perfect our regular colors but some of us want to perfect all our wonderful original colors - some of which have practically been lost.

Conformation and quality are first on all our lists but if you get both of these in an exotic color or color pattern, this is an extra special credit toward a breeding program. As most of us remember, the first chocolate &

tan - which is a pattern - shocked all of us with her quality and color.

*Terry Morrow
Terimar Poms*

Winchester, Virginia

Terry - Until such time as there is a disqualification in the Standard, dogs must be judged according to merit and color should count little. And Pom breeders agree that at this point in time (at all points in time in *my* book) soundness is far more important than color.

Thanks for writing! *JMcG*

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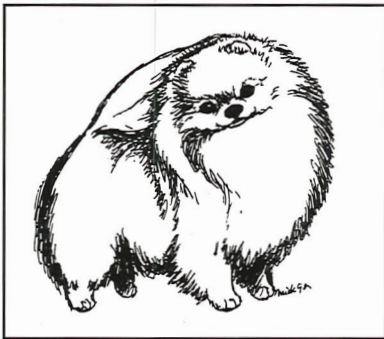
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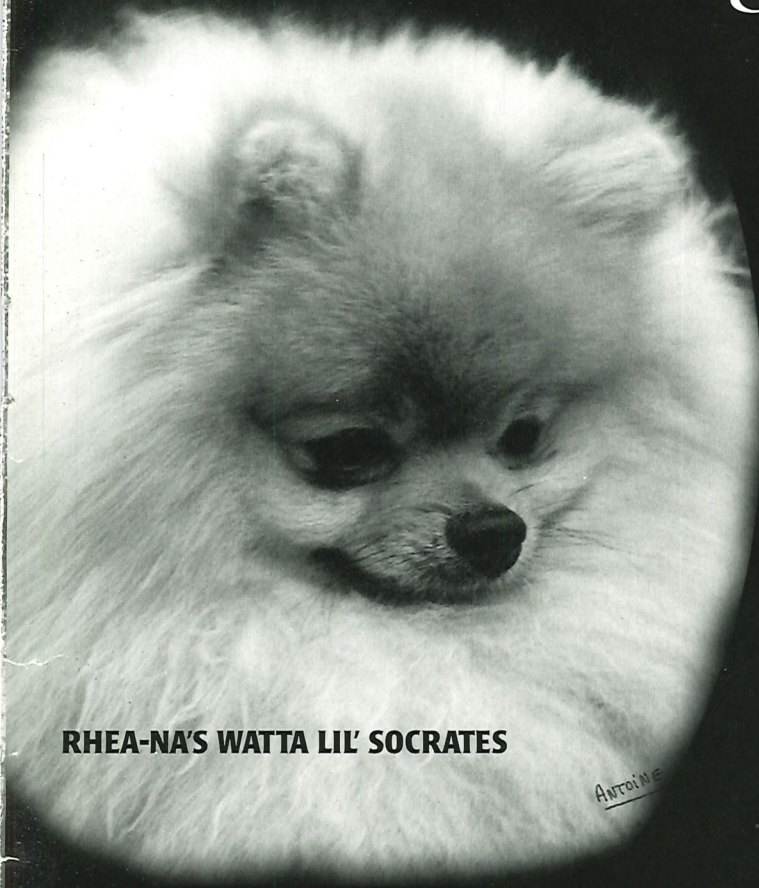
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