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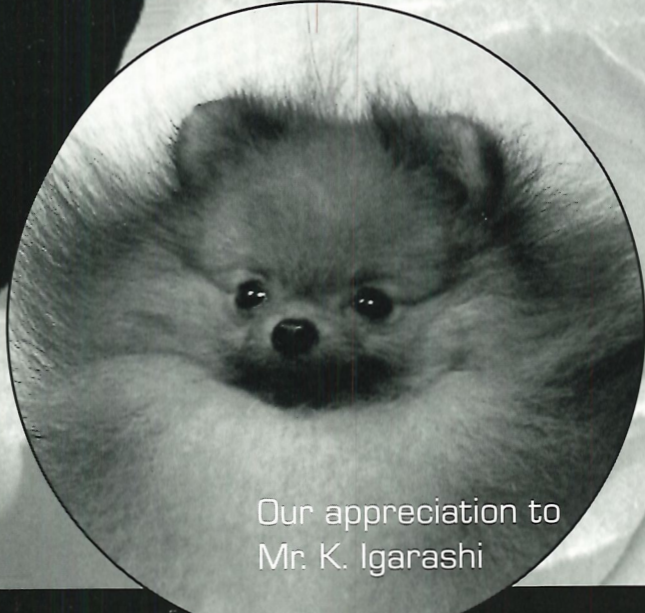
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CH. VALCOPY-WAKHAN HOT GOSSIP

ON THE COVER: MULTI BISS CH. VALCOPY-WAKHAN HOT GOSSIP - "HOTSY"
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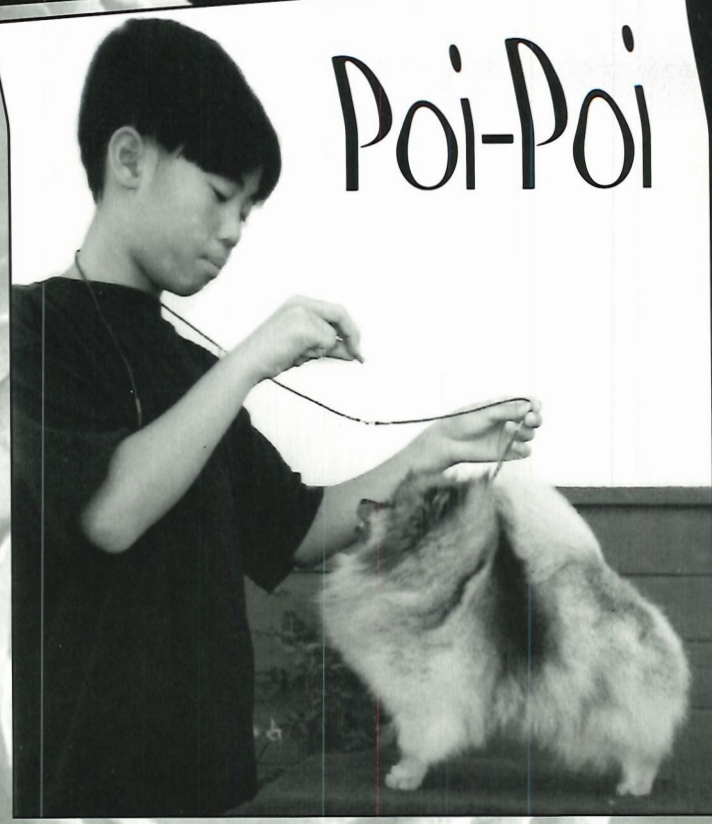


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LOVELY WHITE N YELLOW GOLD

JUDGE PAUL KATZAKIAN was around and encouraging from our start. We first met him when I was still training Ch. Shawna at fun matches. We always enjoyed and appreciated Paul, not just because he gave us many nice wins, but also because he was such a pleasant person to spend time with. I will really miss hanging out with Paul by the Group rings comparing our thoughts on the "ideal babe." We are glad that he is no longer suffering.

—Vic

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AMAZING BUT TRUE... WE HAVE DOGS FOR SALE!

Congratulations to Dana and Randy. As far as we're concerned, you guys RULE in the northwest. (And Randy is such a stud!!)

ShowSight

You've paid your dues, you've done your research. You have painstakingly put together the best genetic package you can envision, and you've taken every precaution to ensure health. Now comes the hard part...

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE PUPS?

Everybody's quick to tell you what you cannot do, and to whom you cannot sell. So you're understandably nervous, and tempted to keep them all. That's the perfect answer. It's also virtually impossible.

The number one cause for people getting "out of dogs" is an overabundance of same. We've seen it time and time again: the starry-eyed newcomer to the sport, enviously watching the established breeders. He decides to give it a go, starting with one Pom, then another, then another, until finally the household becomes unmanageable. Not everyone is blessed with a kennel set-up, and very often housing becomes a major problem. Unless the entire household is also involved, it can become a bone of contention, for multiple dogs necessarily require a lot of attention, time, and money. Before you know it, the dogs consume all the free time one has to give, and the other household projects hit the back burner.

And that's just the dogs we bought, those from whom we hope to build the bloodline of our dreams. In order to be a breeder, you have to *breed*. And unless I misunderstand the laws of procreation, when you breed...pups result.

So if we're lucky we're presented with a bunch of adorable babies. At birth, they all look like champions, and plans are made accordingly. As they grow, however, some will quickly distance themselves from their siblings when it comes to their adherence to our Standard. Those whose natural attributes are truly outstanding will be destined for the show

ring; pups for whom a show career is in the cards are rarely difficult to place. Pups more suited to the living room than the arena must also be carefully and selectively placed. And therein lies the rub.

We who fancy the smaller breeds of dogs are obviously faced with smaller numbers. Finding the perfect home for one or two pups is difficult, of course – try finding responsible owners for six or eight. I do not envy those whose breeds produce large litters; finding suitable situations for those one cannot keep is problematic at best. And the standards by which we judge new owners are not writ' in stone.

There are those who claim to subject prospective puppy owners to exhaustive inspection and require gilt-edged recommendations prior to a sale. How wonderful. The problem is, the average buyer is not going to be thrilled to be subjected to such scrutiny, and may even be offended. There are also, let's face it, people active in the sport who would sell a puppy to anybody who happens to knock on the door or dial the 'phone; we are in competition with less selective purveyors when it comes to finding good homes for young pups. We must treat each inquiry with respect, then use our own judgement.

And even then it's confusing. The standards by which society measures success and stability are not necessarily good clues: a butler in the hall and a Benz in the drive do not ensure responsible pet ownership. Yet many equate a person's ability to pay a large price with a guarantee he can

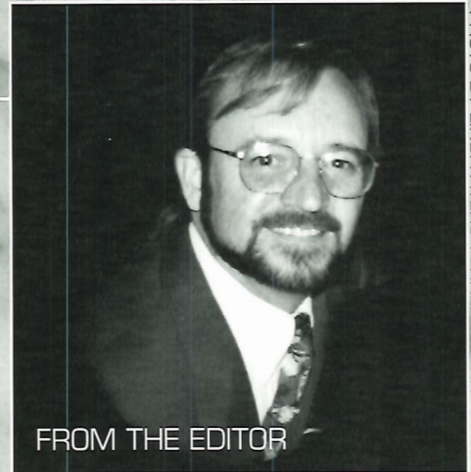


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FROM THE EDITOR

provide a loving, caring home. History has shown this to be so much baloney. It does not take membership in an exclusive club to appreciate the beauty of pet ownership; it takes a special kind of human heart and soul and these are owned by individuals from all walks of life.

So what do we do with the pups? I'll be the first to admit I have no rigid list of requirements for prospective owners other than the obvious, but then again, I haven't sold all that many pups. I have, however, been around this sport for many years and am not without experience. I know what I'd do – I'd like to know what *you* do.

In upcoming issues of **THE POM READER** I'd like to address the subject of placing companion pups – how to, how *not* to. Drop me a note and share your thoughts. Because although the show ring and the sport of purebred dogs is my number one interest, I cannot forget that the real reason behind any of this is the protection and advancement of this breed we love, the Pom. And the Pom is a companion animal, period. We breed to a Standard that applies to the show ring – but that Standard is intended to protect the attributes that make the Pom a happy, healthy, home companion.

I expect interesting response, as always, for Pom lovers are as strong in their opinions as they are in their love for the Pomeranian.

Until next month...*Poms Away!*

Valcopy Wakhan

The Shiek



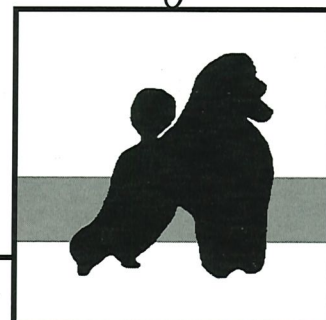
Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Valentino x Valcopy Wakhan Red Riding Hood
"Little Boy" has a total of 5 Points, 1 Major, from the 6-9 puppy class.

CO-OWNED BY DANA PLONKEY & RANDY GEMMILL

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Thank you for allowing me to own this gorgeous boy!*

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New CHAMPIONS

CONFIRMED JULY 1995

Alden's Cajun Spice O'Woodrose (D) by Ch. Alden's Rudy Valentino x Alden's Miss Kissey. Breeder: Alden & Janet Domrase. Owner: Yvette & Clarice Oganeku.

Creiders Time For A Tiger (D) by Ch. Sun-Dots Command Performance x Creiders Sweet Lu Lu. Breeder: Norma Creider. Owner: Norma Creider & Lois Abjornson.

Daystar Zuran Girl's Night Out (B) by Jan-Shar's Ace In The Hole x Daystar Zuran After Midnight. Breeder: Karen Power. Owner: Leslie Bracken & Karen Power.

Gailellen's Dark Knight (D) by Ch. Doo-Shay's Baby Face Nelson x Gailellen's Darkness At Dawn. Breeder/Owner: Gail Rodgers & Ted Rebovich.

Hi-Crest Chrisma Winsome High (B) by Ch. Creiders Prince Dom Perignon x Haiku's Aussie Fox Glow. Breeder: A Hirahara. Owner: S. Hirahara.

Jan-Shars Maybelline (B) by Ch. Absolutes Magic Mountain x Jan-Shar's Something Special. Breeder/Owner: Sharon Hanson.

Karen's Shadow Play In The Dark (B) by Ch. Silver Meadows Danny Love x Pueblo Lil Missy Rapp. Breeder: Cynthia Rapp. Owner: Karen & Michael Crawford.

Majestics Willie B Steppn Up (D) by Ch. Majestics I Be Willie Bad x Ch. Southlands Ms Ruth of G.E. Breeder: Annette Roger-Rister. Owner: Charlotte Creed & Annette Rogers Rister.

Odyssey's Just Do It (D) by Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz x Queenaire Christi. Breeder: Janet Manuszak-Lucido. Owner: Alice Lessard.

Pixie's Steel Magnolia (B) by Pixie's Constant Sir Prize x Pixie's Constant Nuisance. Breeder: Carol Galavich. Owner: Carol Galavich, Evelyn Newyear & Evelyn Conley.

Pom Acres Sable's Regina (B) by Ch. Pom Acres Stuningly Sable x Pom Acres Tilly. Breeder: Juanita & Robert Fiddick. Owner: Eleanor Rada, Jackie Parisek and Juanita Fiddick.

Post Oaks Classy Show (D) by Ch. Ch. Shadomountin One Man Show x Carousels Touch-O-Class. Breeder: Pam Gault. Owner: Patricia & Amy Gross.

Shady Park Trace Tradition (B) by Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakbridge x Ch. Shady Park Cassie Rock. Breeder: Diana Nolan. Owner: Diana & Lucy Nolan.

Swoodbricor Starlite Moonman (D) by Stafire's Altar Boy x Silverwood's Strutting Ashley. Breeder: Bess Roberts. Owner: Alfred & Barbara Boehmer.

Tiffany's First Angel (B) by Donora's Pip of DJ's Piper x Meine Kleine Liebschen. Breeder/Owner: Edith Landinger.

Wee Hearts High Fashion (B) Ch. Wee Hearts Can't Touch This x Ch. Wee Hearts Miss Hannigan. Breeder: Cassandra Ready Evans & Estil Evans. Owner: Ellen Takayama.

Sylvestre... the "CHAMP"



PHILIPPINE & AMERICAN CH. CANTON SYLVESTRE STALLONE*

(Jan-Shars Garth Brook of Canton x Tena Babe of Lenette II)

Thank you, Edna Voyles, for this win!!! Sylvestre finished in grand style with 3 Breeds and 3 Group placements along the way. Thank you judges for recognizing this outstanding dog. Sylvestre is for sale to a show/breeding home. With his pedigree** and showmanship, he will be an asset to any breeding program. **SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY TO AGENT!!!**

Congrats to Dana & Randy on your breeding program!

* pending AKC confirmation **See pedigree and cover photo in Dec. '94 issue.

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JAN-SHAR

Sharon Hanson

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ons without same. Eventually, enough of these specimens fill the ring that the judges begin to say "ho-hum" and begin to look at the heads, and in so doing, must have the ears erect to show the head to best advantage.

In a recent show experience I watched ringside as one judge spent three minutes going up and down the line-up for open dogs asking for "ears." This, when AKC wants no more than 2 minutes per dog maximum for over-all judging of each dog. In this case, the judge picked a dog who had both good rear and front type, but then in bitch and breed classes, put up specimens that had deplorable rears and/or fronts.

This I did not find coincidental. In the end, the final call had to do strictly with ears, and I cannot find it in my show-going or breeding soul to accept this as a standard for judging our breed.

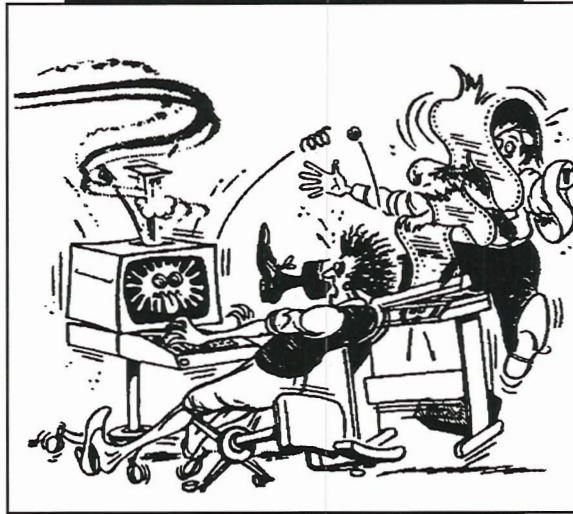
Herewith I may get some angry people who will s-p-e-l-l me out, but this "crossover" thing (giving one sex Best of Winners just because it will give that sex a major already won by the other sex) is often ridiculous. If both specimens are worthy, that is great, then give both a major win. It is hard enough to find majors, we all know. However, when one sex specimen is not worthy of going Best of Winners (which often leads to Best of Opposite Sex or to Best of Breed), then what on earth is the point? What are we teaching here?

Sportsmanship is another point we need to touch on. My husband is a very old-fashioned exhibitor, starting in the mid-fifties, who will congratulate anyone who wins, even when he himself loses, even when he thinks the winner is less than "worthy." Recently, he faced a situation that has nearly changed his mind on being so sporting.

A dog who had won over his entry eventually went on to place in the Toy Group and Bernie heartily congratulated the handler and owner. The owner's friend, standing nearby, leaned over to say that yesterday their entry in the classes had

been beaten by a "bum" and everyone at ringside knew it. Bernie was nonplussed, to say the least. He managed to keep his cool and remark that yesterday's "bum" was his dog, but this seemed not to abash the people. Bernie should have further said that he heard no grumbling at ringside about their dog's loss, but instead, went on his way. In telling me of the situation, he remarked that he guessed plain old fashioned courtesy had gone the way of cama-

OLYMPIA!



a/k/a/ Lois Ciliberto

raderie at ringside, where once exhibitors cheered one another on and then went out to dinner, winner sitting with loser and everybody friends. Today you go ringside, achieve your loss or win and turn around and everybody is stampeding to the nearest door.

When it gets to the point that people cannot accept their congratulations with graciousness, or feel that their dog should never lose, then I guess we must face the fact that the dog show sport is no longer a sport and treat it according to the new rules. Business is business, get there, win or lose, and get the hey out...

and don't bother congratulating anybody!

However, all is not lost. There still are people who care and Bernie and I appreciate the calls regarding our back cover on the July Reader. We have nothing to sell, but it sure is nice to know that people can admire others' dogs and also welcome us back. (For those who liked the beauty of the cover itself, it must be said that our editor, Joe McGinnis, is the artistic genius who does all the artwork in the magazine and I know how thankless that job can be. Thanks you, Joe!)

On this subject, I must add here that any ads I take are not given to me because I work for the magazine.

I had one caller who referred to how nice it must be to get a free back cover! I also heard that it must be nice, now that Duane Doll, our publisher, is a co-owner of a Pom who is advertised in the *Reader*, *TNT* and *ShowSight* that the dog's owner gets freebies! Absolutely false!

Many will remember when Duane & Joe campaigned their Pom "Abe" to #1 status in the breed some years back. We all know they've been Pom lovers for a long, long time. Duane's co-ownership on this new Pom is another example of right being right: to wit, it's high time we get back to the basics of Pom anatomy and worry more about such values as good movement and overall type than absorbing our time in squabbles over colors, trimming and (in my words) "show me ears." To this end, I feel Duane is to be congratulated for making a statement he believes in. Not too many dog magazine publishers would brave such a step. Which shows me, again, that all is not lost. Sportsmanship in the dog fancy still thrives, although sometimes you have to be really brave to show it and sometimes you have to search a while to find it.

Until the dog howls again...

Olympia a.k.a. Lois Ciliberto

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ID YOU KNOW...

That recent break-throughs may help heal itchiness in dogs! Animals with sore, red or itchy skin should be brought promptly to a veterinarian for a diagnosis and treatment. If your vet is not sure of a diagnosis then you should be referred to a veterinary dermatologist. Identifying the cause or the causes of an itch can take time. New advances may make the process of detection and healing easier than ever.

A yeast known as *Malassezia pachydermatis* is a common cause for itching and smelly skin in dogs. This yeast is normally found in the ears and on the skin of all dogs. But under stress, certain conditions such as moisture, inflammation and allergy, this yeast will multiply and cause redness and itching. A diagnosis can be found by doing a skin scraping. Treatment is with the antifungal drug ketoconazole and antifungal shampoos.

Another cause of itchy skin is allergies. A new test is available

to find the cause of the allergen. Vets can now perform a special blood test to identify the problem. This test means one needle instead of many.

Antihistamines are now taking the place of cortisone in the treatment of itchy skin with much safer results. Two of the most common used are Benadryl and Elavil.

Shampooing once or twice weekly is often a helpful source of treatment. Some of the new shampoos and rinses contain specific anti-itch agents such as colloidal oatmeal or a topical antihistamine.

Always be sure to check with your veterinarians.

DID YOU KNOW...

Reader input is always welcomed and replies are published if thought to be of interest to the readers. However, if we print information, we do it with the thought in mind that what we receive is true and factual information.

DID YOU KNOW...

AKC requires us to keep good

by Sharon Masnick

THE OHIO VALLEY POMERANIAN CLUB

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records on all dogs we purchase and breed. If properly completed registration papers are not supplied when you ship or deliver a pup or adult dog to another party, you must be prepared to provide a bill of sale.

For a registered dog, you should provide the following information: The breed, registered name, registration number and date sold or shipped. For a dog that is not registered individually and is still on the blue slip, you must provide the breed, sex and color, date of birth, litter number, names of sire and dam, name of breeder

and date sold or shipped.

In all cases, the information must go with the dog!
DID YOU KNOW...

Older pets need plenty of rest and exercise to stay healthy! Many health problems faced by senior citizens are the same problems that face older pets. These problems are heart and kidney disease, cataracts, obesity and high blood pressure. To detect symptoms at their earliest and most treatable stage, many vets offer comprehensive exams for geriatric pets.

Remember it is hot and your dog gets hot, too. Watch for

signs that your pet is overheating such as lethargy, intense panting, and excessive salivation. To avoid this problem, keep plenty of fresh water available, make sure your pet has shade, restrict exercise until the cooler part of the day, don't overfeed, never leave your pet in a car and be sure to keep your dog brushed and free of fleas.

Sharon Masnick
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by Sharon Masnick

APOLLOETTE SENDS CONGRATULATIONS
TO DANA PLONKEY & RANDY GEMMILL
AND THEIR LOVELY VALCOPY-WAKHAN
POMS!

APOLLOETTE JESSIE JAMES

*(Ch.. Apolloette For Your Eyes Only
x Ch. TJ's Calamity Jane)*

"JESSIE" is shown taking a 4 point major under judge Mrs. Peggy Carr. He now has both his majors.

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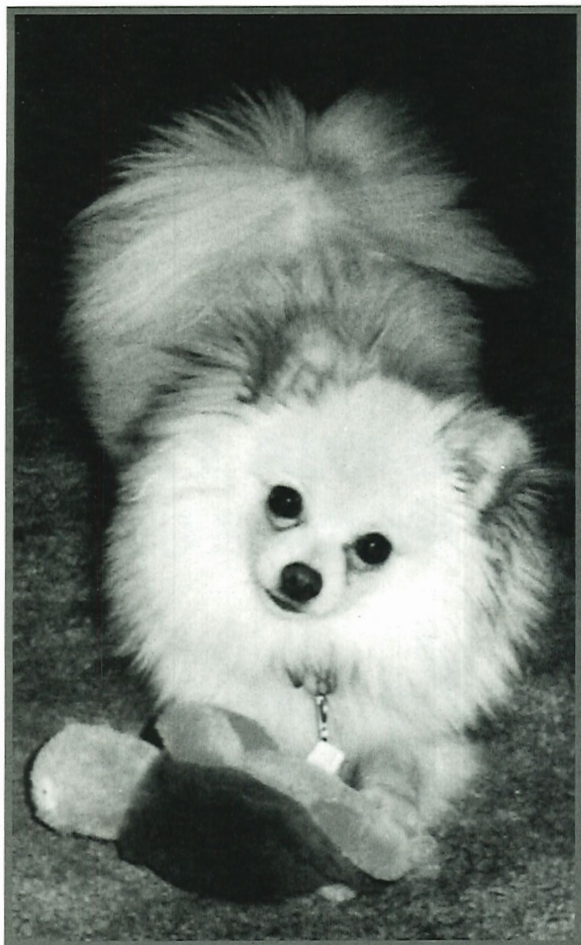


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PLAYMATES!

Submit your cute photo for our popular Playmates! department. Any clear photo will do - black & white, color, Polaroid or regular film.

"Wanna play with me?"

"Sugar" is 11 months old. She is involved in Obedience and will hopefully be ready to show in a few months. Her favorite thing to do is to play with her Pom buddy, "Cocoa," who is 6 months old.

—Courtesy—

*Elizabeth & Kathi Gullace
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Please identify Pom and owner. We also enjoy hearing a little about your Pom - brief descriptions are welcome! Send to:

**PR PLAYMATES
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"I'm getting tired of the O.J. Simpson Trial."

*Cleopatra "D" courtesy
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Dana and I have both been involved in the dog show world for over 30 years, and friends for the last 20 years. Dana was a professional handler for years as well as a breeder-exhibitor of mostly Poodles. He has produced many champions in all three varieties, including several All Breed Best In Show and Best In Specialty Show winners. He is still heavily involved in the breed. Dana has been judging for the last 5 years and is licensed by AKC to judge all three Poodle varieties, as well as most of the Toy group. I have been involved with several different breeds, but my main interest was the Pekingese. I owned an All Breed Best in Show winner, as well as produced several champions, including 2 Best In Show Specialty winners. For the last 9 years I have been handling most of the Toy breeds as a professional handler, although on a limited basis.

About 10 years ago, after taking a hiatus from dog shows, I decided to re-enter the dog show game. I spoke with Dana about a partnership. We checked several Toy breeds and decided on the Pomeranian. Valcopy Wakhan is a combination of both our individual kennel

names. Dana's is Valcopy, mine is Wakhan. Our partnership gives us two different viewpoints and opinions. Sometimes we have disagreements, but life is full of compromises.

For the next year or so, we looked for top quality foundation stock. This posed quite a problem. We found it disheartening that we couldn't buy top quality stock from top breeders. There just never seemed to be any available. From that experience, we vowed to let our top stock go to responsible homes. At this point we had purchased a couple of dogs, but they just weren't what we were looking for. We then purchased our true foundation bitch, Ch. Valcopy Wakhan High Style (Glitter), from a Peke friend of mine, Charles Hunsaker. Glitter grew up to be a lovely dual-purpose 5 1/2 pound combination of show dog and Top Producer. Glitter finished her American and Canadian championships in short order. We decided to breed Glitter to a little Great Elms-bred male we had finished the year before, Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Idolmaker. From this breeding came three bitches: Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Fashion Vogue, Ch.

Valcopy Wakhan Just My Style (foundation bitch for Frank and Janel Reich), and Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Dressed To Kill (co-owned by Dr. Elizebeth Eken and us). Glitter was then bred to Ch. Merrymonts Saturday Night Fever. This breeding yielded two bitches: Ch. Valcopy Wakhan High Fever and Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Scarlett Fever. Glitter's last litter was sired by Ch. Chriscendo Calvin Klein. From this breeding came our lovely Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Lily Dache.

During this time frame there were several other dogs that were purchased or bred by us: Ch. Patricks Mr. Dallas (finished in 3 shows over National Specialty weekend), Ch. Patricks Miss Anneke, Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Cover Girl, Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Foxy Jessica (finished in 4 straight shows in National Specialty competition), Ch. Daystar New Attitude, Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Oh So Snazzy, Ch. Valcopy Wakhan She Bear, Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Holly Go Lightly and Ch. Apples Traveling Andrew. At this point we did some experimental breedings within our own kennel. None of these breedings yielded anything we

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Dana Plonkey, Randy Gemmill and Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Valentino, on the occasion of the All-Breed Best in Show, Whidbey Island KC

**Far right:
Ch. Valcopy Wakhan
Scarlett Fever**

**Right:
The adorable Ch.
Valcopy Wakhan Oh So
Snazzy, a favorite but
due to small size (3 1/2#)
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were thrilled with.

Dana and I always feel that each breeding is important and every dog should be bred to the best possible type match. To accomplish this, we have spared no expense to breed our bitches to dogs from all over the country. We feel this keeps new blood coming into the area. We have found that Pom breeders tend to breed only in their own areas and never seem to go out and try something new and exciting. All of our outside breedings have brought improvements in our line, bringing us closer to our ideal. We feel that type breeding is more important than breeding to a pedigree. To make this breeding successful, you must know the dogs behind each parent to keep improving.

Dana has been doing a lot of judging the last few years. This affords him the opportunity to see many other dogs in other parts of the country. We are always looking for that special dog to add to our breeding program.

Several years ago, I got a call from Dana after he returned from a judging assignment on the east coast. He had just given the Breed to a gorgeous little black dog and we needed to breed to him. The dog was Ch. Finch's He Walks On Water. We sent Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Valentino (Rudy), Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Hot Gossip (Hotsy) and Valcopy Wakhan Kandy Kisses (pointed). Hotsy (owned by Hideko Strasbaugh and us) has won 3 Specialty Bests In Show and is a Group winner. She has numerous Group placements. Rudy and Hotsy are in the Top Ten Poms so far this year (1995). Rudy had just started his Stud career and the results have been phenomenal. In the few breedings we have done, each has produced something wonderful. He has produced 3 champion daughters this year: Ch. Gay El's Devilicious (owned by Gale Rivers), Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Tatiana (owned by Hideko Strasbaugh and us) and Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Qiana (also owned by Hideko and us).

We also have 3 pointed puppies out at the shows, sired by Rudy. They are: Valcopy Wakhan Rose Marie (major pointed), Valcopy Wakhan Liz Taylor, and Valcopy Wakhan The Sheik (co-owned by Gale Rivers and us). The Sheik just made his debut by going WD and BOW at his first show at barely 6 months of age. This little black boy is quite the looker. We also have 2 beautiful baby

girls at home out of Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Scarlett Fever. Mary Rosenbaum (Bi Mar) has a beautiful black puppy girl waiting to make her show debut. We feel very confident that Rudy is destined to be a Top Producer.

Due to limited space and time, Dana and I have always tried to keep our number of dogs to 10 adults. We feel you don't have to have huge numbers of dogs to have success. The key to success is planning each breeding as if it was your last. To continue to move forward in our breeding program, we have always tried to place our dogs after they retire in good pet homes so they can have the best life we can afford them.

PHOTOS LEGEND - OPPOSITE

Top Left: Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Hot Gossip winning her first Specialty BIS from the Open Class, to finish her championship

Top Right: Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Dress To Kill winning BOS at the Columbia Pom Club Specialty under Dr. Harry Smith, Jr. — at 7 1/2 years of age!

Bottom Left: Ch. Patrick's Mr. Dallas pictured winning WD, BOW at Columbia PC (over 50 males) on National Specialty weekend

Bottom right: Ch. Valcopy Wakhan High Style winning as a puppy. With Judge James Moran.

Due to our low number of dogs and litters, we have very few puppies. We have been quite lucky to get the few we have sold into loving show homes. Our relationship with Hideko has been a blessing. She is not only an excellent handler and groomer, but truly loves her dogs. Having known us from the Poodle breed, Hideko came to us looking for a good foundation bitch. At that time we let her have Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Hot Gossip as a puppy. Hideko and Hotsy continue to rack up the wins. Hideko returned to us again, this time going home with Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Tatiana. She was owner-handled to her championship by 13 months of age. Most recently, we let Hideko have Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Qiana (Ki Ki). Hideko decided her first show would be the Pom National in New York. Ki Ki went Best Puppy In Show and Reserve

Winners Bitch at just 6 months of age. Three months later she was a champion!! We felt that Ki Ki was possibly one of our best, and this confirmed our early feelings of her quality. Congrats to Hideko, a most valued friend.

Dana and I both do a lot of traveling. We are always looking at dogs from a breeder's standpoint. We both want a dog that stands on his own, four square, and demands attention. A pretty face is a plus, but we demand a high head carriage and a smashing side picture going around that big ring. Since both of us have been handlers, we know the value of condition and grooming. Dana and I agree on the trimming issue. It should be a personal thing; trim if you are comfortable with it, or don't — who really cares? We want our dogs to be as beautiful as they can be, therefore we trim to emphasize their positive traits. There are more important issues that plague the Pom, unsound legs and the big unmentionable "coat problem." Trimmed hair grows back; bad legs and hereditary problems can threaten the life of your dog and threaten the well-being of the breed. We as breeders have got to be honest and open minded when evaluating our stock. This is THE only way we will continue to keep the Pom the way we love them. We're always appalled when a judge dumps a beautiful specimen of the breed to an inferior one due to trimming. We think it boils down to what is more important: a good dog trimmed, or a bad untrimmed one. You be the judge! We do feel over-trimming does go on in the ring. There is a fine line between over-trimmed and under-trimmed, but again, it's a personal choice.

We have several exciting litters planned for the future and hopefully there will be improvements in each. Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Titiana has just returned from Japan, where she was bred to the wonderful Ch. Hadleigh Superman. That's about as exciting as it gets! Our goal is to be standing next to that Best In Show marker at the Pomeranian Club of America, with a beautiful dog that is BREEDER-OWNER-HANDLED! At this point, our goal is in reach, with perseverance, patience and luck, it will happen.

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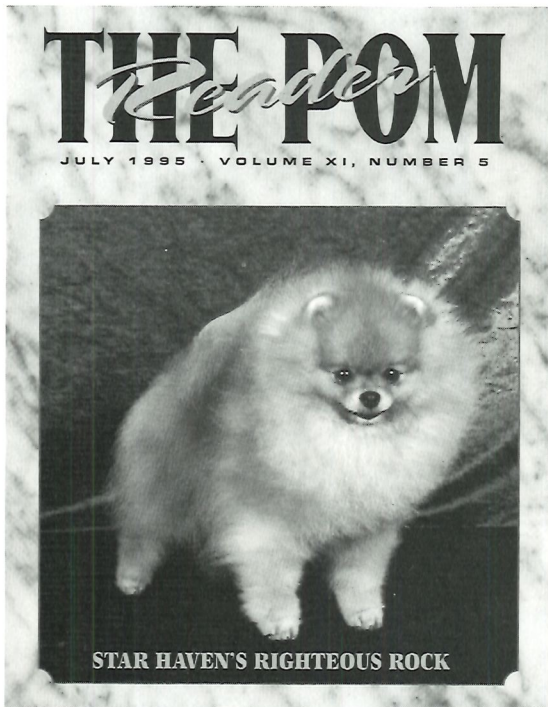
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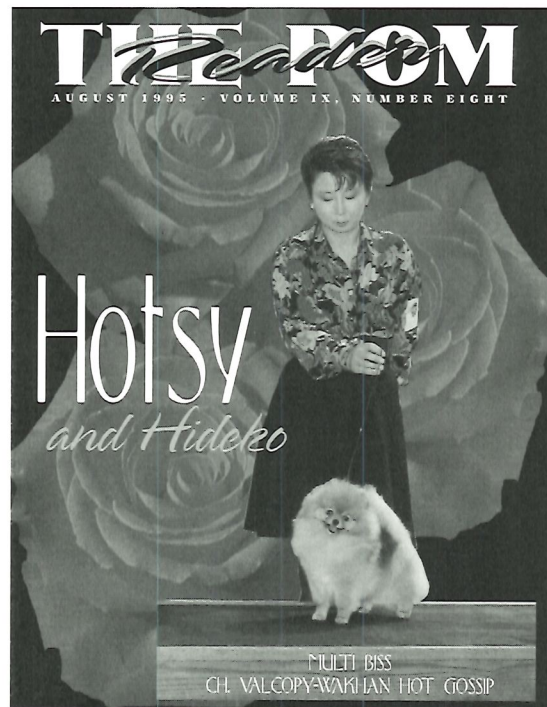
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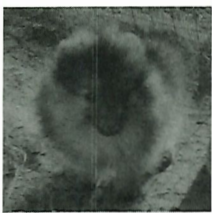
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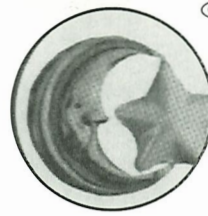
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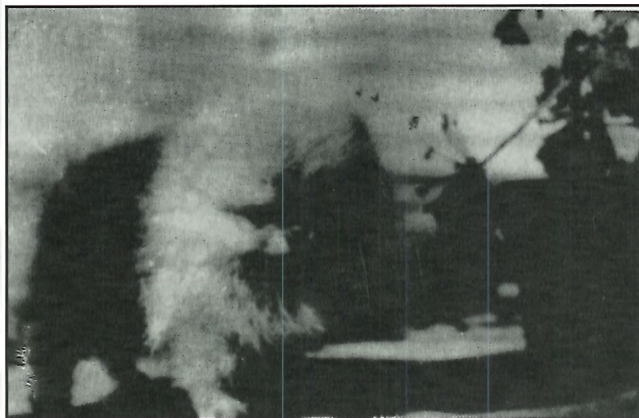
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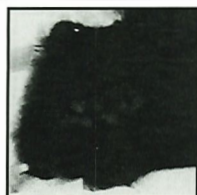
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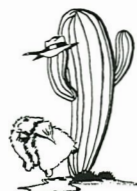
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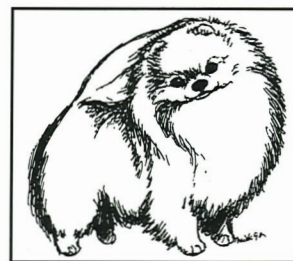
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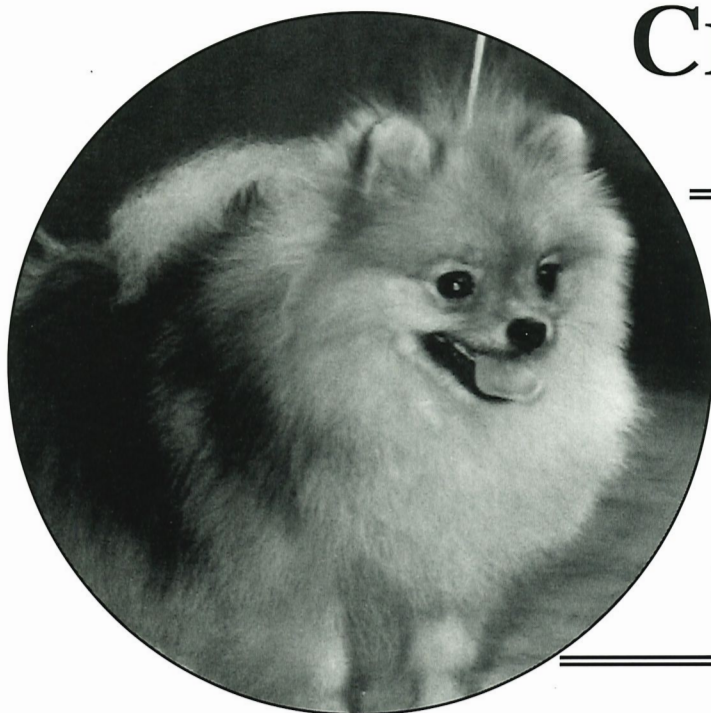
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