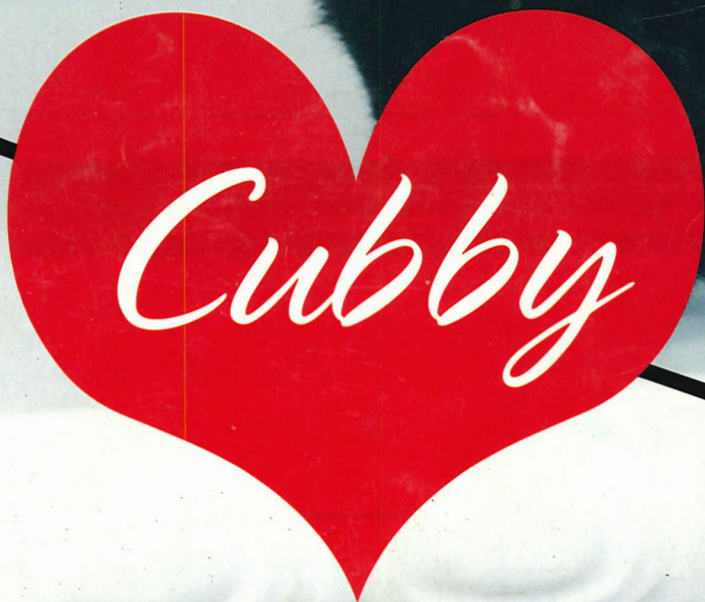
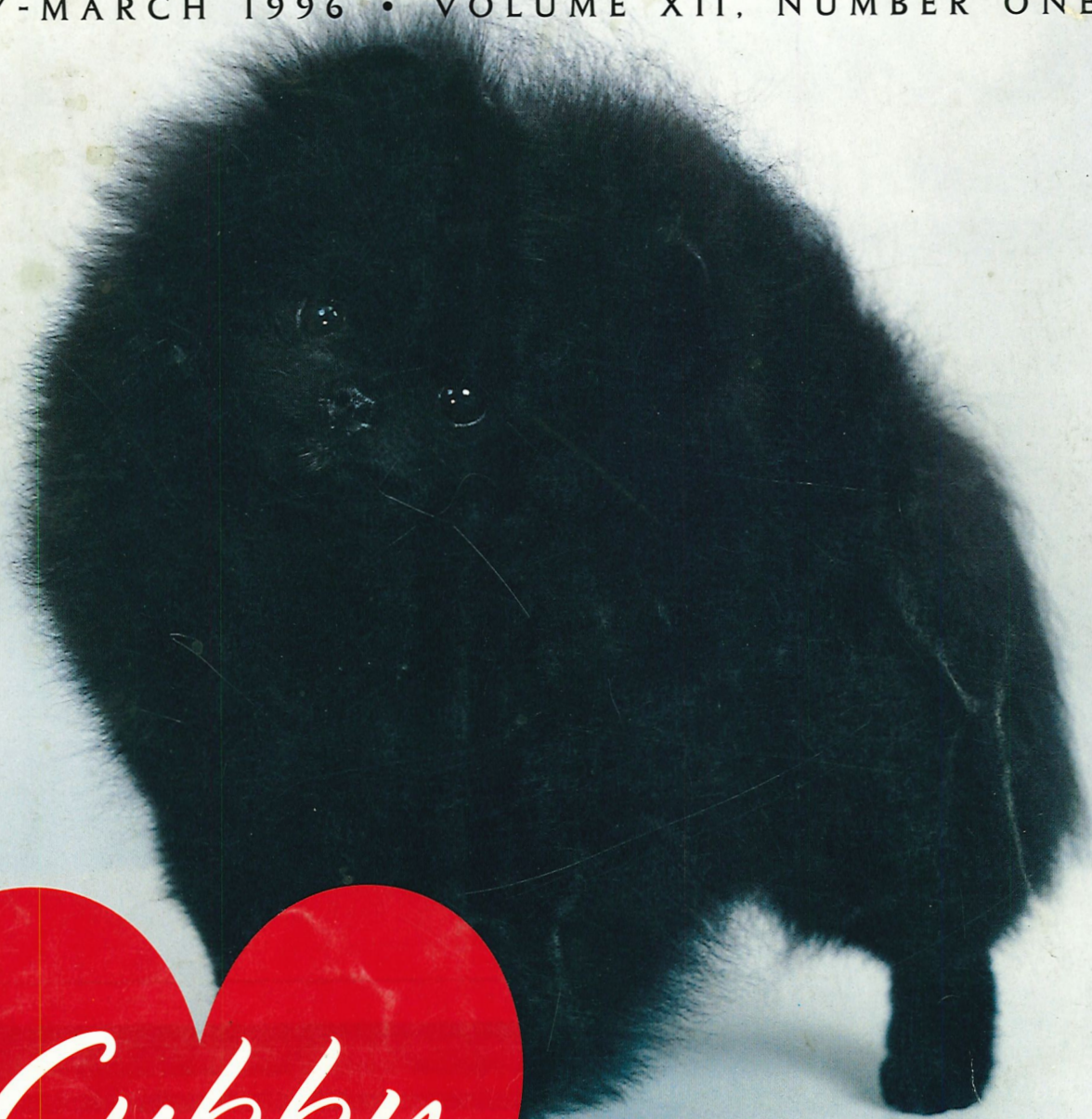


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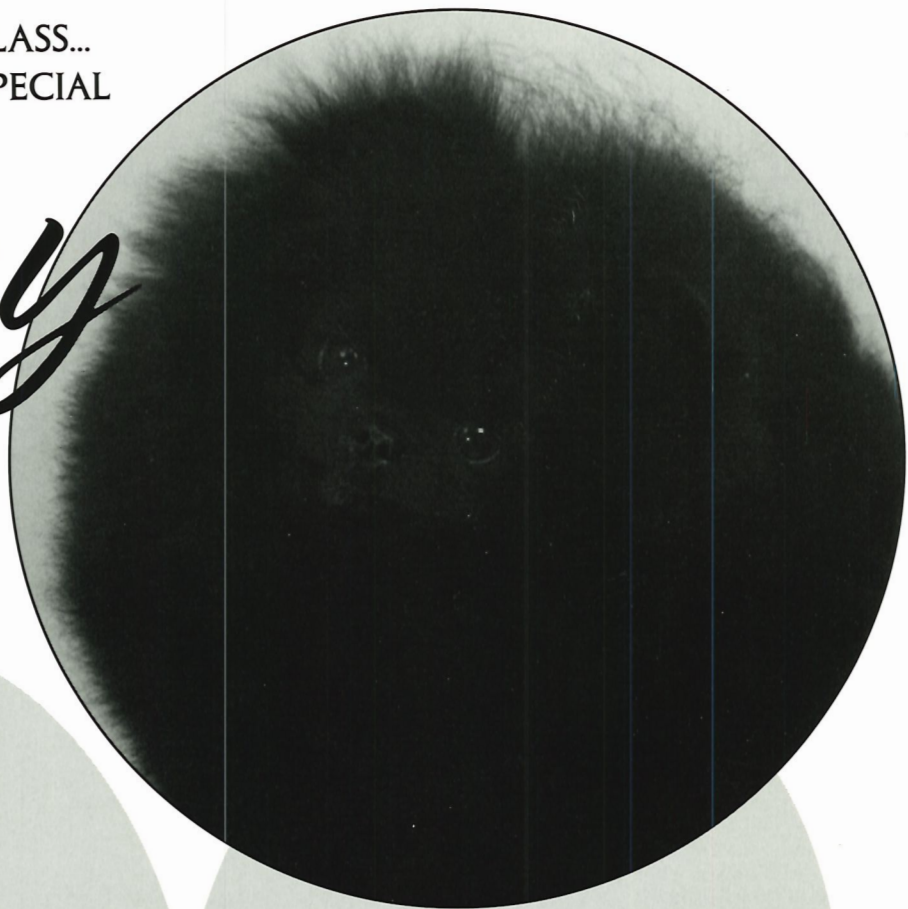
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Did You Know...

by Sharon Masnick



DID YOU KNOW...

WE AS OWNERS MAY CARRY SOME OF THE BLAME WHEN A PET ACTS UNDISCIPLINED If you come home from work to find your dog has piddled on the carpet again, should you yell and punish the animal?

Unfortunately, some people use a lot of hitting and yelling — and that kind of behavior only teaches a dog to be afraid of you. It doesn't solve the problem, it only adds to the problem.

Think about it! Most of the time a dog comes to greet you when you come home from work with his tail wagging. If you start yelling, the dog thinks he shouldn't greet you. To a dog, our reaction is confusing and anxiety-producing.

Training should begin at a very early age and it should be consistent. Training should be done with firmness, consistency, and with lots of love and praise.

Early training prevents bad habits from developing. We need to show the animal what we want him to do using the same commands and we need to remember to praise him when he *does* do what we expect. Too many times we gear ourselves to do more correcting than we do teaching.

Just remember our dogs should not think that their name is "NO."

DID YOU KNOW...THAT YOUR DOG MAY BE AT RISK FROM LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease or Borreliosis is a tick-borne bacterial disease which can affect humans as well as animals. It was first discovered in the United States in 1975 and was reported in dogs in 1984. It has rapidly spread across our country affecting many victims every year.

The carriers of this disease are ticks. Ticks are blood suckers and they draw their life from other creatures. When an infected tick bites, the bacteria is transferred to the blood of the host.

Lyme disease has the potential to exist in

any area where infected ticks are present.

Secluded wooded areas where people live and spend leisure time are the natural environments for ticks and lyme disease bacteria.

The symptoms of Lyme disease in an animal is arthritis, sudden onset of pain and lameness, lethargy, loss of appetite, depression, and a high fever. This disease will affect the heart, brain, and kidneys.

In the early stages, lyme disease can be treated with several broad-spectrum antibiotics. However, treatment is not always successful.

To prevent Lyme disease, it is important to routinely check your pets after they have been outdoors; brush your pet after each outing. If a tick is found, remove it carefully with tweezers and wash the bite area and your hands.

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My thanks to Dr. Tom Hentges DVM for his input for this article.

DID YOU KNOW...YOU NEED TO PUPPYPROOF YOUR HOME

There are several things you can do to make your home safer for your pet.

1. You need to provide a bed for your puppy to sleep in. It can be a warm rug or an old towel. It should be made so it can be removed easily and washed. If you have to leave the pet overnight, he will be able to have the security of sleeping in the same bed.
2. Dogs need to have access to water at all times so a 24-hour water bowl is a must. It should not be made of plastic as that can be chewed. A ceramic or pottery bowl is a good choice.
3. You need to have plenty of newspapers on hand to keep the floor of the puppy's living quarters covered until he is housebroken.
4. All windows of your home should have screens to prevent mosquitoes from

entering. They carry heartworm disease.

5. Many household items can be dangerous to a puppy so they need to be kept in a safe place. Chemicals, mouse traps, electrical cords, rat poison, and small objects need to have a place and be kept there.

Puppies are curious and in a few minutes they can find something that could be harmful to them.

DID YOU KNOW...WORMS CAN BE A BIG THREAT TO YOUR DOGS

There are two important species of roundworms and hookworms that commonly infect all dogs. These intestinal parasites can cause poor growth and even death. Dogs of all ages are at risk but puppies are the most vulnerable. A fecal sample will determine if these parasites are present.

Many puppies are born with roundworms, which they contract from their mothers before birth. These worms can also be passed in egg form through a dog's feces. Roundworms live and grow in the dog's intestines, and can reach lengths up to seven inches. Signs of this disease are a dull coat and some dogs may experience vomiting and diarrhea. Lung damage, pneumonia, and liver damage may also occur.

Hookworms are also common in puppies. If left untreated, heavy infestations can cause a puppy's death within weeks. Hookworms can be passed through the mother's milk, or in egg form via the feces. Infection can also occur as the result of larvae penetrating the skin (causing a local rash), after which they migrate via the bloodstream to the intestines. Hookworms can cause diarrhea, severe anemia, and weakness. Dogs may also lose weight.

It is best to have a fecal check done on your puppies to be sure.

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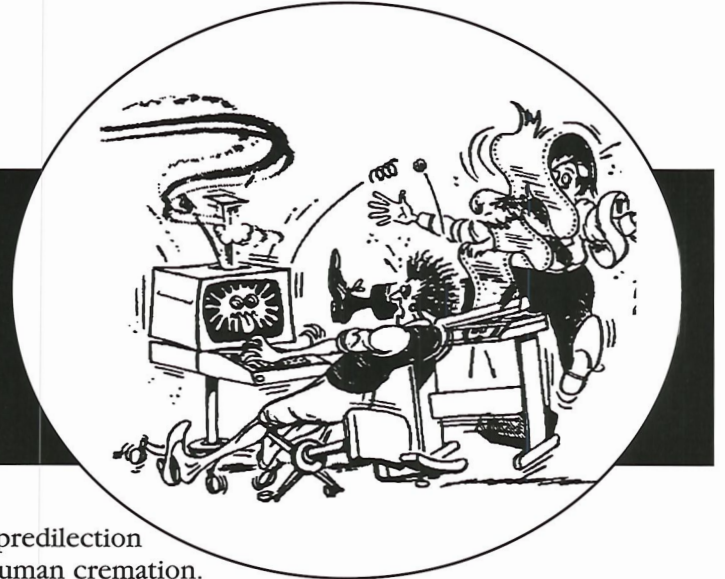
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O LYMPIA!

Dogs Howl And UP, UP, UP AND AWAY...



Things are looking up for a Crystal River, Florida, resident, whose new "Funeral" service consists of scattering cremated remains of pets via balloon!

Does this idea ruin your lunch? At first glance I thought how ludicrous...and then, I got to thinking and read the article thoroughly. (The article appeared in the St. Petersburg, Florida Times & was written by Mary Ann Koslasky.)

In my family, cremation has been practiced for generations and so I am quite accustomed to the practice and, in fact, consider it quite a clean way to "go." Sometimes, however, when the subject comes up in conversations – amazingly it does – whether it be human or pet burial or cremation, I find many people who absolutely abhor the thought of cremation, and yet I read many stories in the paper about burial plots being dug up to make room for "building progress" and that in time to come there will be very little space left for cemeteries.

However that may be, we will not

dwell on personal predilection or abhorrence of human cremation. Pet cremation is another matter. In 1978 we purchased a large piece of rural property and the former owners had been in the dog fancy. On touring the grounds before purchasing I kept noticing a mound that was bordered by bricks, but its location and bareness gave no clue of what in the world its purpose was. A former rose garden, I wondered?

The real estate salesperson shook her head and said she had no idea. Anyway, after the purchase we spent some years doing many renovations, inside and out. Finally, Bernie got around to the mysterious mound. Its location near the house was inconvenient and we needed the dirt to place in another area that was lower and filled with water after every rain. When the bulldozer began on the mound, I happened to be nearby and was astonished to see all sorts of bones coming to the surface.

On inspection, these proved to be dog bones and they had originally

been "fondly" buried in tiny caskets, which, of course, had deteriorated to the point of being almost unrecognizable. After a consultation with the nearest neighbor, I discovered that the original occupant of the property had Yorkies and Poodles, which she bred and exhibited and adored.

Upon the death of each, she held elaborate "services" for burial in the mound, and atop each grave was a cross with the appropriate names and dates. The real estate salesperson had arranged to remove the crosses, fearing it would turn off a potential buyer. (So she did know the purpose of the mound!).

As the bulldozer worked, Bernie and I discussed the situation and came to the conclusion that it was only right to arrange for re-burial of the remains, and a large hole was dug on a particularly scenic area near the pond where the remains were duly deposited and the grass allowed to grow over. Naturally, a

OLYMPIA!

lot of sifting had to be done to remove the bones from the dirt and as this went on, I thought, again, of how all Egyptian mummies, eventually do disgustingly rot and do become, literally, the dust from which the Bible says we came and to which we will return.

However, dust is dust and ashes of the cremated are dust as well.

Back to Crystal River: A dreary Thursday dawned cloudy and fog-shrouded, as if to emphasize the gravity of putting a special "friend" to rest. For Rose Burgin, caretaker of many special "friends," it was not the first time she had faced saying good-bye to one of them. But it was the first time she had ever commended one to the Heavens.

Through a special service called the Eternal Ascent Society, the cremated remains of "Midnight," a beloved cat, were placed in a specially designed blue balloon. Burgin stood in front of her home

and planted a kiss on the balloon, saying a tearful, "Good-bye Midnight. I love you, baby." The balloon was released and ascended to the Heavens.

The balloon, silhouetted against the sun-washed white of the clouds, rose higher and higher until the tiny dot became cloaked by the distant mists. "Midnight" the cat now had his final freedom – he would not be buried. For Burgin, it was "giving Midnight a Highway to Heaven. We

got him this far, God will have to take him the rest of the way." Burgin holds a strong belief that God created all creatures with a soul. (I concur in that belief!)

Burgin's "Midnight" was the first client of the Eternal Ascent Society, which is the brainchild of Crystal River resident, Joan West. Her process is simple. West places the cremated remains into a latex balloon and inflates it with helium. The balloon rises to a height of five

loons, not allowing strings or ribbons.

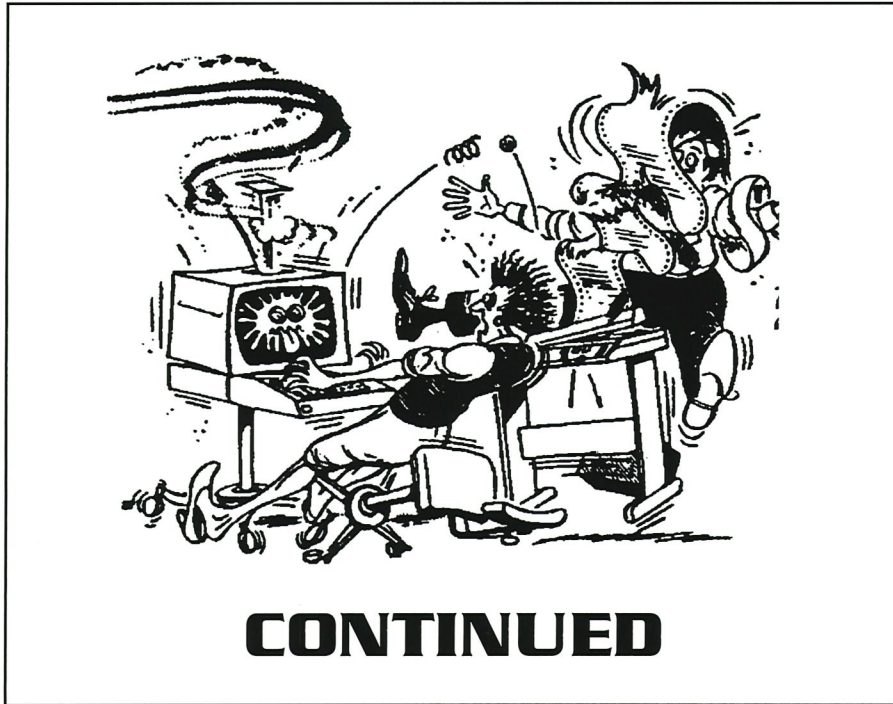
West, who now holds a worldwide patent on this unique service, uses a completely biodegradable 100-percent-latex balloon, which is produced from the sap of the rubber tree, the same material used to make rubber surgical gloves. She has constructed a special Plexiglas box for carrying the balloon from the crematory. So if the balloon breaks before delivery, the ashes can be easily

swept into another balloon. If the ashes scattered on the ground, there would be a major problem.

The usual cost of cremation alone, for ground burial, with granite urn with brass nameplate is \$80.00-\$90.00, depending on the weight of the animal. Some pet crematories go much higher if you wish single cremation and burial space, rather than a group cremation of many animals, whose ashes would mingle and you would have no control over the

final remains. West's service runs an average of \$150.00, which includes cremation.

This unique, cleanly, and to me, spiritual way of dedicating a beloved pet to the Heavenly winds has been written up in various magazines and has been widely publicized in Britain. Also, a vet student at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, has chosen the Eternal Ascent Society as the subject of a term paper.



miles, where it freezes at a temperature of minus 40-degrees. As pressure causes the balloon to expand and undergo what is called "brittle fracture," the balloon breaks into tiny spaghetti-like strips that scatter as they fall earthward.

The fine, powdery ashes are blown with the winds, and, if they return to earth, they pose no health or environmental problems. To further ensure the safety of birds and animals, West ties a knot in the bal-

a/k/a/ Lois Ciliberto

OLYMPIA!

I am given to understand that a funeral home in the Crystal River area is working on plans for cremated human remains to ascend in similar, but larger, balloons. Considering that my own will directs my remains to be scattered over the Gulf of Mexico, our local harbor and beach area, at a cost of \$375.00 for scattering alone, I am sitting down to make new instructions.

And from now on, I see no reason why all our beloved pets cannot follow or proceed in similar fashion. It's a heck of a lot better than a box in a hole in the ground, which will someday be bulldozed and no one will give a fig for the bones...

To end this column on a lighter note, I can't resist the recent article in our St. Petersburg Times about the lady who, as a manicurist, paints finger and toenails for a living

and indulges only in the simple life, like most of us God-, IRS- and AKC-fearing hard-working folk. Laura Hammond of Tampa, Florida, hardly considered herself a wanted criminal until a Sheriff's deputy walked, quite serious-faced, into her salon last month, read her the Miranda Rights and arrested her. The charge? she had failed to obtain a rabies tag for her dog, "Buddy," in 1985. "Buddy," the 65 pound mutt Laura rescued from the Humane Society has been dead for 8 years.

In the county in which Laura lives, the fine for not having a rabies tag ranges from \$25.00-\$82.00,

depending on whether the dog has been vaccinated.

Laura was degraded and humiliated to be thusly approached and arrested in her salon, in front of her clientele, and at first felt horror on seeing the deputy, as she figured someone in her family had died.

A Sheriff's office spokesperson remarked that a warrant was a war-

a grudge can do!!!

The deputy who arrested Laura turned out to be very kind; he did not handcuff her, which is common routine, and permitted her to drive with her sister to the police station, where she was booked and a court date set. A retired county judge heard of this ridiculous situation and offered Laura his services at her side

in court. At this writing I don't know how Laura fared, but I found this original article very interesting in light of the cold, hard fact of the tremendous overload of violent crimes being perpetrated every second in our communities that require more and more deputies and more and more Sheriff's office budget increases from our taxes. Not to mention the fact that Humane Societies today have far more to concern



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rant, however old its age and there are literally thousands of minor-offense warrants at large, but when an anonymous caller phones in (like in Laura's case), and they get an address they follow up. It's the law and their duty.

Laura said she had no idea that her "Buddy's" rabies tag had expired, never received a notice on it and speculated that in 1986 someone with a grudge must have reported her dog's lack of current tags. Then, 10 years later, another "someone" called the Sheriff's office and told them about the old warrant and where Laura worked. Ye Gads! What

themselves with than who has or does not have a current rabies tag. In "Buddy's" case, he was rescued from almost certain death from a Humane Society, lived a good life and I believe his soul must have howled when his spirit witnessed this bizarre and senseless situation.

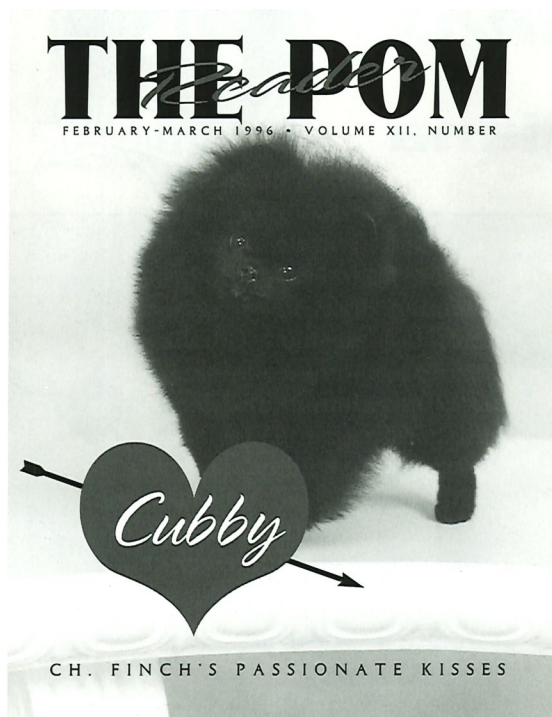
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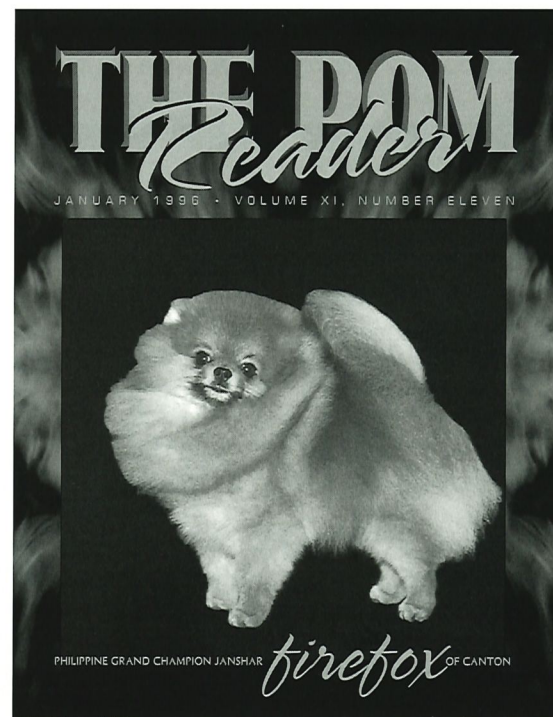
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Dianne Kieffer, Milan, Indiana



I am married and my husband's name is Bob and we have 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. My husband is a Mechanical Technician and I work part-time as a nurse. Our oldest son, Tim, is married and they're expecting our first grandchild in May. Another son, Chris, will graduate from BYU in April and had previously served a mission in Amsterdam for two years. Our family is Mormon and in keeping with our faith, our last son Matt, will be serving a mission in Portugal this summer. Our oldest daughter, Vicky, is living in Oregon and our youngest Missy, will graduate from high school in May, then attend college.

I believe the knowledge I learned when I was breeding and showing horses has helped me greatly in breeding and showing my dogs. I

learned to recognize type, soundness, movement and balance in horses and it was pretty simple to figure it out with dogs, as these things are the same in any animal. I have been unable to show my dogs as much as I would like due to my working every other weekend as a nurse and to my commitment to attend church with my family. However, I do squeeze a dog show in here and there. I have always primarily enjoyed the breeding aspect more than the showing.

I have always had animals in my life. I believe I turned to them for the love I felt I lacked in my family life as a child and my early adult years. I think at some time I owned every animal there was, but eventually settled on dogs. My first Pom was a little black bitch I purchased from

a breeder. She was my labor of love. Due to lack of funds because my husband and I had just recently married, I arranged with the breeder to do her ironing and wash her walls until the balance was paid. Back in 1964, I believe, it was \$50, but it might as well been \$500. However, we lived in an apartment and soon found we couldn't keep her. Years went by and I dabbled in Poms here and there only having 2 or 3 as pets and raising them just for the pure enjoyment of having some little puppies. I eventually ended up with several bitches which were of decent quality by my standards at that time, but they were the only kind of Pom I had ever seen. Through a friend, I got the number of a Delores Hughes, who she said had some very nice Poms. I contacted her and went



Photos –

Top Left: Ch. Heartland's Classic Treasure

Top Center: Heartland's Amazing Blue

Top right: Daughter, Vicki Kieffer, and HL Squeak

Above, left: Matt, Timmy & Missy with Pom friends

Above, center: Heartland's In The Nicka Time

Above, right: Heartland's Top Notch Tradidion

Right: Heartland's Taylor Made



up to see for myself. How lovely her dogs were. I had never seen such beautiful dogs! That was when the bug first bit. I knew I had to have some of those dogs. I purchased an orange 2 year old male from her named Dee's Villa Dandy Boy, and proceeded to go home and find homes for all my other Poms. Unfortunately, she had not kept up with the little dogs vaccinations, and before I could catch him up to date he got sick and died. So it was back to square one. I contacted Mrs. Hughs again to purchase something else from her, but she had nothing. While I was there though, I noticed a Pom Review on her table. I looked through it to find some other breeder in my area and found an ad by David Hogg of Kia's, so I contacted him. Though he had nothing, I did find others to contact, but it didn't seem anyone had anything for sale. I called David again and he gave me Fran Stolls number of Stolanne and Sue White's number of White Haven's. Though Fran had nothing, on contacting Sue she did have some white bitches available. I eventually decided to purchase the 2 white bitches, though white was not what I really wanted. David assured me Sue was an honest, reputable breeder who had nice stock, and that was very important to me at that time. I knew little as far as good bloodlines and knew very few people. Sue bred both bitches for me. She bred White Havens Macy White to her Ch. Shirwoods Golden Nuggett. I kept an orange bitch from this breeding named Bunny. I made a trip to Cassandra Ready Evans in Georgia to purchase some breeding stock. I acquired a black/tan male named, Heartland's Little Bit O'Ritz, Scooter, and a black/tan bitch named, Wee Heart's Witching Ours, Chloe. Chloe was bred to Scooter resulting in a black/tan bitch named, Heartland's Take A Chance, who died one day after whelping puppies, lacking one point of being finished. A breeding to Ch. Tia-Lings Dream Maker owned by Paula McBay, would produce the Champion litter of, Heartland's Just A Dream, and Heartland's Witchey Woman. One of Bunny's daughters by Scooter would also be bred to Ch.

Tia-Lings Dream Maker. My return puppy would be an orange bitch named Heartland's Almost An Angel, who is currently one of my best brood bitches. Macy was then bred to an orange Millamor male I purchased from Geneva Long, DeArta's Foxy Man. This breeding was to produce HL Squeak, a black male whom I still have. On another trip to Sue's, I spotted a lovely orange sable bitch named Wee Heart's High Society, Sophie. She was not for sale at that time, but I asked Sue to please contact me first should she become available. Due to a change in circumstances, Sue contacted me and let me know Sophie was for sale and arrangements were made for me to purchase her. I had seen some black/tans and had a great desire to breed some myself. The unusual has always been interesting to me. I contacted my friend David and he told me of a very nice breeder in Maryland, Sue Beaney, with a black/tan Ch. male, Silva Lae Littlest Outlaw. I contacted Sue and arrangements were made for Sophie to be bred. This resulted in a litter of 3 puppies, two of which I lost to parvo. A repeat breeding resulted in a pretty little orange sable bitch named Heartland's Fancy Free, Tess. Little did I know that my simple dog operation was in for a big change. On Spophie's next heat I wanted to breed her for orange so I again contacted David. He told me of a wonderful Ch. orange male owned by Fran Stoll called Stolanne Thunderbolt, Thor. I made the trip to Fran's and decided that her Thor had to be the most beautiful dog I had ever seen. The breeding was done and when I went to pick Sophie up I took her daughter Tess for Fran to see what one of Sophies puppies looked like. Until this time Tess had been in my kennel almost untouched by human hands. Fran was quite impressed with her. She said she was lovely and should and should be shown. I knew nothing of showing and at that time had no desire to learn. All I really wanted to do then, was to improve the quality of my dogs, not show them. An agreement was reached and Fran said she would show her for me. It

was decided that Fran would take her to the Oklahoma Specialty, which was connected with some all breed shows for fun and the much needed experience for Tess. Well, while in Oklahoma, Tess got back-to-back 5 point majors going BOW and WB. Fran has reminded me of those early days when she called, full of excitement over her wins. All I said was "Oh, a 5 point major, is that good?" I guess that sure took the wind out of her sails. At that time I had no idea of what she had accomplished. Tess went the next weekend to DuQuoin, IL, where she took a 4 point major. Then to Edwardsville, IL, where she finished with a 3 point major. She finished in 3 weekends under Fran's expert handling. That was the beginning of the show bug. Tess was later bred to a son of Angel's, Heartland's He's Got The Look. The result of this breeding was an orange bitch named Heartland's Misty Heather, who will make her show debut at the New York Specialty.

The breeding of Thor and Sophie resulted in a lovely orange male who I named Heartland's Special Treasure. He was my first venture into showing my dogs myself. My friend Connie, who has Golden's, and I decided to enter our first show at Marion, Ohio. Talk about the blind leading the blind! We had neither one shown before and really had no idea what we were doing, but the desire was there. We were both so nervous we hadn't slept all night. To make matters worse, we showed at the same time at opposite ends of the building. We weren't going to be able to support each other. We knew few people there, so we were on our own. I can't say we found most people there to be too friendly. However, I did recognize 2 faces there, Ron Feyh and Larry Rookstool, whom I had met at the OVPC Mega Match. I never would have made it that day without them. I don't believe I did anything right. I went into the wrong class, forgot my bait, and put my dog on the table when I wasn't suppose to. The judge was kind enough to go on and award my dog the points. I knew I never wanted to be embarrassed like that again,

so I went right back to Ron and Larry to try and learn what I had done wrong, and how I could improve. There were more than willing to help me. I owe much to them.

Two weeks later through a turn of events, I found myself and my puppy Skipper on our way to New York. Why I wasn't sure, but we were going anyway. We might even get to have some fun. After the show two weeks before, I knew there was no way I was going to show this puppy in front of all those people and risk embarrassing myself and making my dog look bad. It was decided that Fran would handle him. I wonder what I was doing there with my little puppy. Me a total unknown amongst all these others who I felt were so much more qualified to be there than me. I could not believe it when on Saturday at the Puppy Sweeps, from all those lovely puppies, my little puppy was chosen. I didn't think it could get any better. Then on Sunday in the regular classes, my puppy was again chosen for BOW and an Award of Merit. I shall always be grateful to those judges who appreciated his quality. I shall never forget winning the specialty. I still get tears in my eyes when I view the tape. It gets more special each year.

Well, as high as that high was, Louisville was that low and worse. I figured my puppy and I had it sown up. He would probably finish his championship in Louisville, If not, at least take the points one day, WRONG! Not only did he not win or finish, he couldn't even win his class, I just couldn't believe it. How could this happen? What was wrong? Well, welcome to the world of dog shows. On top one day, at the bottom the next. To make matters worse, it was also my introduction to some of the negatives in showing. The backbiting and gossiping that goes on. I was sure unprepared for this. This was probably as close as I have ever come to getting out of showing and anything of like nature. However, after rethinking things for a few days, I knew I loved my dogs, I had things I wanted to accomplish, and I wasn't going to let these few incidents change my

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plans. There are going to be problems of some sort with anything you do. You just have to rise above them and go on with things. There are a lot of wonderful people out there and in a few who try and complicate it for everyone else. Its very important to form your own opinions. Try not to be too judgmental and try not to listen or believe everything you hear. I have been enjoying my dogs ever since.

I finished Skipper form the puppy classes. I t was great to have my first Champion I finished myself. A repeat breeding of Skipper produced a lovely orange bitch named Heartland's Classic Treasure, whom I finished in 7 shows. Also, in Skip's litter, there was an orange sable bitch named Heartland's Lucky Charm. I kept her and decided to breed her to HL Squeak. I knew they both had the potential to produce exotic colors behind them. This breeding resulted in an orange, a white and surprise, a chocolate. The chocolate was named Heartland's In The Nica Time, Nicky, due to almost losing him at birth. This little dog is most special to me because he's a very nice exotic, and I guess because he loves me as much as I love him. Every step I make, he makes. Nicky currently has 9 points. I plan to finish him, though any of you who have shown exotics know how tough it is. I have definitely found good exotic colors to be hare to breed and show, but that is part of the excitement and challenge. Nicky, bred sparingly, has several very nice show potential puppies in black, black/tan, chocolate and chocolate/tan. One of his daughters, a black bitch named Heartland's Bewitched, will make her debut the weekend of the specialty at the Indianapolis show.

One event I have enjoyed attending for the last four years is the Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club Mega Match. It is always fun and a change from the stresses of point shows. I don't think anyone comes away empty in one form or another. There is something for everyone. It's a treat time to get together with fellow Pom lovers, look at each others puppies, visit, and just have a good time.

At regular shows everyone is too busy going about their own business to do any of this. I was fortunate enough to have my little black bitch, Heartland's Midnight Dancer, go BIM in 1994. Her father, Elan's Ingrigue, had gone BIM Adult the previous year. In 1995 my chocolate went BIM Adult to my delight. If ever you have a chance to attend, by all means do so.

I have bred Skipper several times, but for one reason or another have lost a lot of his puppies. I finished one bitch, Ch. Heartland's Claim To Fame, who was out of an orange bitch on loan from Brenda Segelken of Fame. I currently have a show quality daughter of his who is the result of a father daughter breeding. I have done several related breedings lately and have had very good results. I recently bred Nicky to his mother and have a top show potential black male as a result, which I will be using in my chocolate breeding program.

In my ongoing efforts to always be improving my puppies, I notice an ad by Nina Epps of Oakridge Poms for their dog, Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge. The dog had everything that appealed to me and as a sire he seemed to be producing most of the things I felt I lacked in my breeding program. Not only that, but he appeared to be siring a lot of puppies carrying the traits I admired most about him. Arrangements were made with Nina to breed my bitch, Heartland's Almost An Angel, who is a Millamor Great Elms cross. Angel is my best brood bitch when it comes to being a mother and to the size of her litters. How excited I was! You're always hoping for that perfect puppy. This breeding resulted in four orange boys, two of which I kept, and two of which were placed in show homes. Heartland's Top Notch Tradition will make his debut at the New York Specialty, handled by Fran Stoll. A repeat breeding of Angel and Jake and Angel's daughter Penny, has produced nine puppies. I lost two of them at birth, but still have three girls and four boys remaining. Two black girls, an orange girl, and four orange boys.

One questioner asked in this ken-

nel visit was differences your dog responsibilities have made in everyday life. I should say, What life? Where do I start! You know those little poems and stories you read about how you know when you're hooked on dogs and showing, I fit all of them. My husband and I can never go anywhere together. I'm up all day and all hours of the night for puppies. I miss work, take dogs to work and hide them somewhere on our floor. I spend all day grooming puppies, show dogs, trimming nails, putting dogs on the lead, cleaning kennels, breeding dogs, sending out correspondence to prospective buyers, talking on the phone, and the list could go on and on. There are not enough words or pages to thank my husband for all he puts up with and all he does for me with my dogs. Without his help and support I would be unable to do anything. He is my Pomsitter while I am away at dog shows or out of town visiting our children. I am very particular who takes care of my puppies for I find them to be very fragile. You definitely need someone familiar with the breed and he has sure put in his time. I am also a member of the Pomeranian Club of Central Indiana, where I am serving as secretary and breeder referral person.

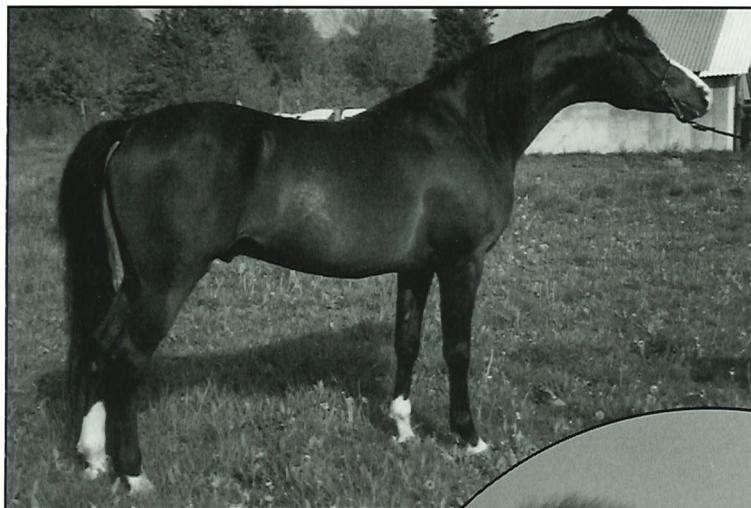
I don't think it can be stressed enough how important the time you spend with you puppies is. I handle puppies everyday from birth and most of the time several times a day, especially as they get older. I brush, groom, talk to and love them. At about five weeks of age I start letting them run around on the floor and I sit there and play with them. This makes confident, happy, well-behaved dispositions and a well-rounded dog.

I have been told by Fran Stoll and Donna Riehm that I have an eye for a good dog. I guess I really hadn't thought about it like that, but I do know what is pleasing to me. The first thing I look for is overall balance and proportion. If the overall picture at first glance is to my liking, then I would do a hands on for structure, good substance and bone, then check movement and soundness. I like good layback of shoulder and a

nice length of neck and leg. A pretty head is desirable, but I wouldn't rule a nice dog out just because it didn't have a pretty face. I breed type to type and if there is a nice pedigree to go along, that's an extra added bonus. As a breeder I think each person has to decide what faulty they can and can not live with. There is no perfect dog and each person will make different choices, always with the goal in mind of breeding the perfect dog, or at least improving what you have.

As for newcomers to the breed, I would say to try and find someone you trust to help and guide you. Be patient, it takes time to achieve your goals. Go to shows and to different breeders and look at what is available to Poms so you have an idea of what you want. There are many different types and colors to choose from. Everything will not always go well. Learn to roll with the punches. It does get easier. Attend some shows and watch and listen to other show people. Everyone has something to offer that will work for you or that you didn't already know. Experience is the best teacher. Don't be afraid to ask some questions. If you are going to breed Poms, remember they're called the "heart-break breed" and it seems we all have our share. We all lose that special puppy or litter, but there will be another. Keep heart and just try again. It might be better next time. Be sure and have a good vet that you have confidence in and who is willing to work with you. If you don't have any, try and find a breeder near you and see who their vet is, or who they might recommend.

In closing, I would like to thank the Pom Reader for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I have read and admired the kennel visits for years, never dreaming it might happen to them. Thanks Lois, for the dog talk we have shared and to Duane Doll and Joe McGinnis and other members of the staff for the wonderful job they always do on the magazine. Much appreciation to all those fellow Pom lovers who have guided, encouraged and supported me over the years and helped me show my dogs.



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SARA needs one major to finish. My "Doll" and your "Nicky" were a terrific match. Watch for their little girl in the ring.

Dianne, I am grateful for our friendship and hope it continues for many years.

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sends congratulations to fellow chocolate lover, Dianne, on your well-deserved kennel visit! Thanks for letting me buy Holly (litter sister to your chocolate, Nikki). Amy and Hazel send hugs to future husband, Nikki...and are dreaming of *chocolate babies!*

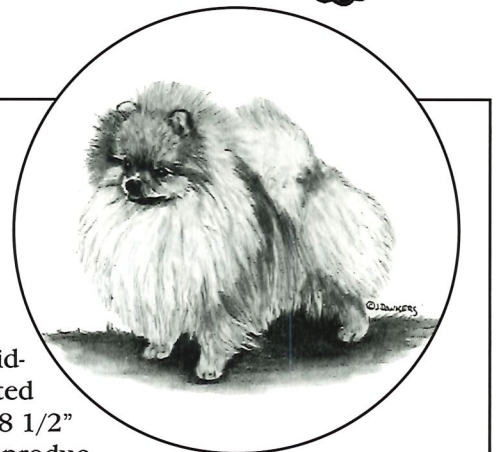


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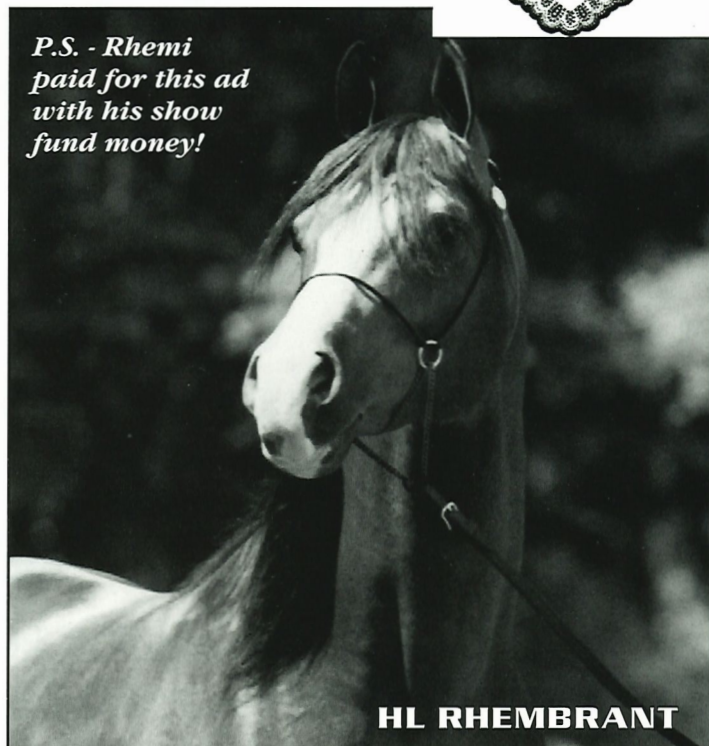


We grandkids (and mom, too) wanted to say congratulations on your kennel visit this month. No one deserves it more than you. Congratulations to Topper, too, on his New York Specialty Win! We love you.



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Congratulations to Dianne Kieffer on your well-deserved kennel visit - and receiving Best of Winners at the Pom Specialty with "Topper."



HEARTLAND'S PHANTOM OF WYNMOR

(photo courtesy of Linda Herrmann)

Sire: Heartland's In The Nicka Time (chocolate)

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Thank you, Dianne, for Phantom. He should be out showing his summer to make you proud!

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Dianne, we have enjoyed your graciousness when we have met at shows and consider your diligence in caring for your Poms and your natural eye in evaluating good conformation, as well as your eagerness to seek and use advice, also "something really special"!

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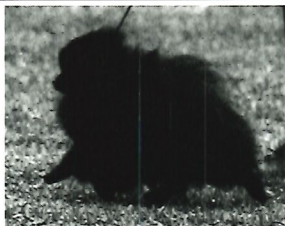
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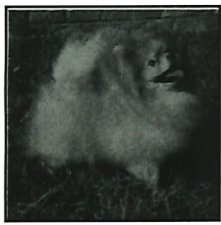
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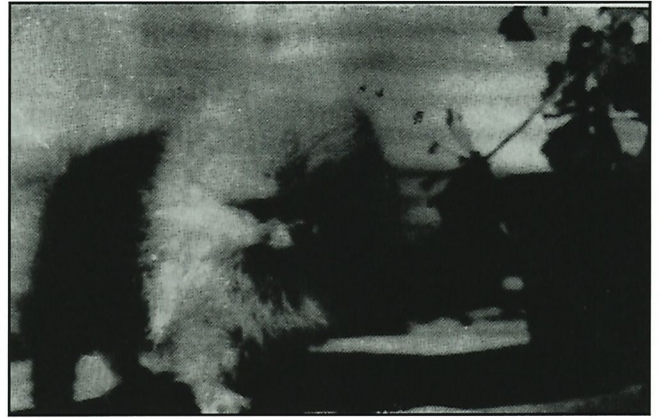
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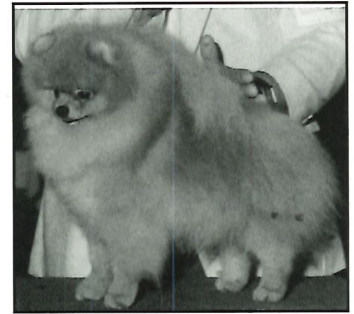
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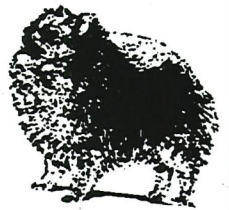
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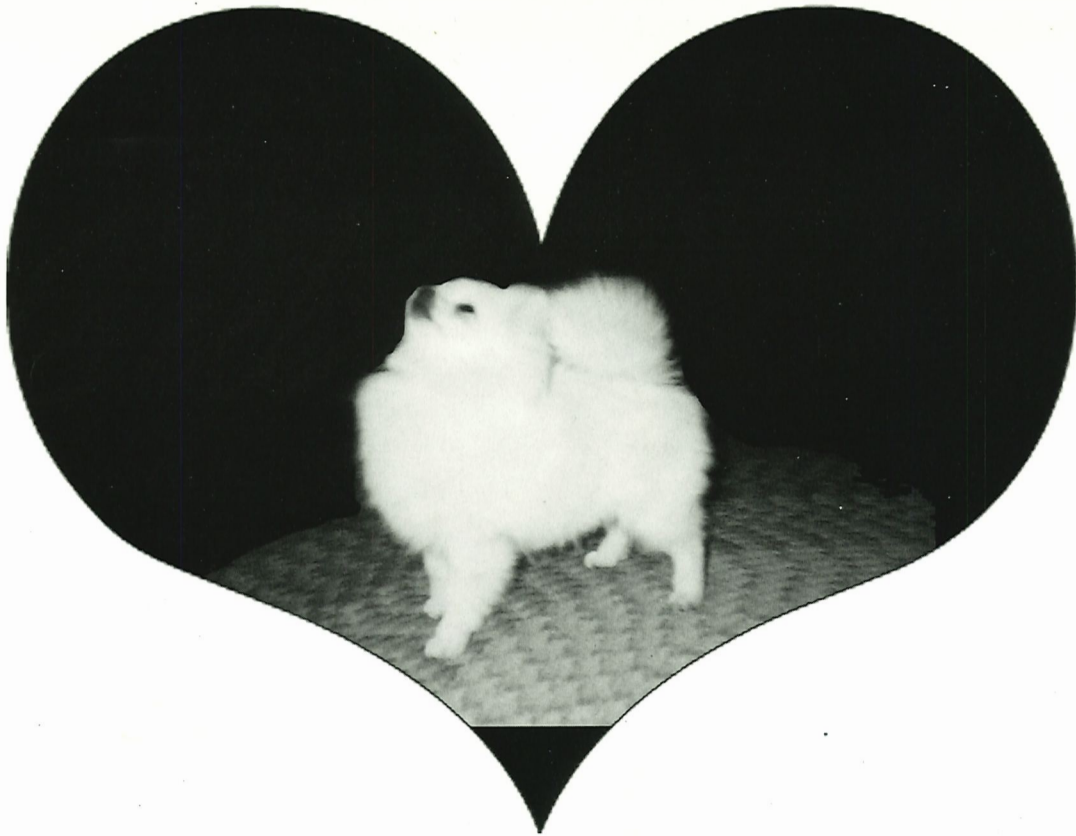
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