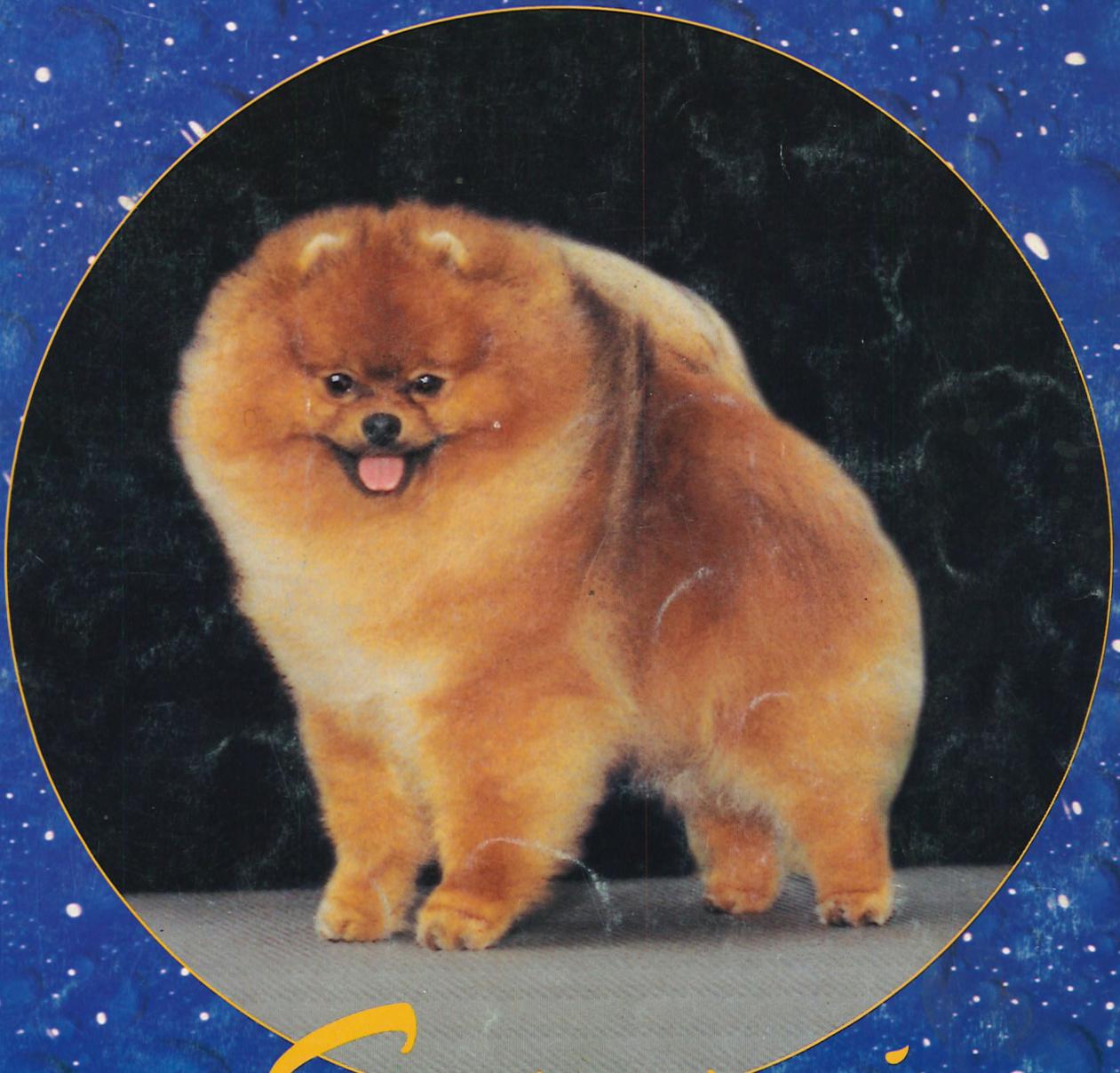


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Sammi

ON THE COVER:

*If a picture
is worth
1,000
words...then
this one
says it all!*

Sammi



CH. SWOODBRICOR STARLITE MOONMAN

SAMMI is a wonderful little dog who is alert and proud with a foxy expression. In limited showing in '95 he was a multiple Group winner with multiple Group placements. We wish to thank all the judges that appreciated his fine qualities of type, soundness and great movement. He is seen in the ring with his good friends Beth and Ernesto who do a superb job. SAMMI is back out in '96 to continue his career.



Sammi

Pictured at left with judge Mr. Joseph E. Gregory, handled by Beth, and on right with judge Mrs. Paula Bradley, handled by Ernesto



We mourn the passing of Terry Childs, longtime friend & mentor, without whose help "Sammi" would not be ours today

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SUPERMAN

MULTI GROUP WINNING, BISS CH. STARFIRE'S SUPERMAN



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KLARK wishes to thank Phillip Lanard III for the Group I in Lake City, Florida

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The Pom World was on Inhale...

Now it can Exhale.

GUILLY'S WAITING TO EXHALE



Thank you Mr. Ken McDermott!

"LOLITA," shown above at 7 months of age, now has 3 BOB's over Specials from Puppy Class!
Lolita is walking in the proud paw prints of her famed sire, BISS CH. STARFIRE'S SUPERMAN.

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Did You Know...



D ID YOU KNOW...
It is important to watch how puppies play together!

We recently had a litter of two females and one male that we put in a large puppy play pen after weaning. They seemed to be playing together fine. One evening I came home to find the male growling and crying. I checked him and his stomach seemed full and he had a normal bowel movement. His symptoms indicated low blood sugar so I gave him some Nutri-Cal. I watched them closely and felt he was okay that evening. For several evenings I watched them as he seemed to be fussy every night when I got home. Finally I discovered that one of the females was jumping on him and was trying to nurse his genitals. We removed her and placed her in her own pen. She began to entertain herself with toys and seemed to be content. I watched the male and female that we had left together closely and soon discovered the male was starting to get bossy with the other female. He pushed her down and tried to play rough. So, we removed her and put her in a pen of

her own also. All three puppies soon settled down and played with toys and were not so fussy. They began to develop their own personalities and were much quieter. We have started to lead train and table train them. We realize they were much better off being solo than they were together. We feel they needed each other to a point and then they were ready to be alone and bond with people and play with toys. If they had been left together much longer we might have experienced personality problems and would have had a problem with shyness and with training. After this experience, I will always watch how puppies react with each other!

D ID YOU KNOW...
That a dog's hearing is one of his best developed senses.

Most dogs seldom need to have their ears cleaned. A certain amount of wax is normal and necessary to maintain the health of the tissues. To clean a dirty ear, moisten a cloth with an ear cleaner and wrap it around your finger and insert your finger into the ear canal as far as it

will go and gently wipe the surfaces to remove dirt, excess wax and debris. You may also squirt the ear cleaner into the canal and gently rub the ear to loosen any debris. Some ear medications come in tubes with long nozzles which are inserted into the vertical canal while holding the nozzle parallel to the dog's head. You must be careful that the dog doesn't jump or twist his head and cause the tube to lacerate the thin skin of the ear canal.

Many infections will involve the horizontal ear canal and it is important that the medicine reach this area. With your fingers, you must rub the cartilage at the base of the ears to disperse the medicine. You will usually hear a squishy sound.

A common problem we all can experience with Poms is ear mites. They are tiny bugs that live in the ear canals and feed on skin debris. The characteristic sign is itching, head shaking and crying in a very young puppy. The discharge from the ear is reddish-brown, or black, and waxy. At times, the ear mites may leave the ear canal and travel to other parts of the body. They are highly contagious. It takes about three full weeks to eliminate this problem. You may use (Canex) or some other ear mite med-

by Sharon Masnick

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Did You Know...

ication in the ears and flea powder on the surface of the body or a flea shampoo.

D ID YOU KNOW...
That most disorders in your dog's mouth can be identified by a careful inspection.

A careful inspection of the lips, teeth, palate, throat, gums, and the soft tissue of the chin and neck will help identify any disorders to the mouth.

Lymph nodes are small, movable, non-tender nodules beneath the chin, at the angle of the jawbones, and below the ear. When they are swollen and tender, this indicates a mouth or throat infection.

To examine your dog's bite, close his mouth and raise his upper lip while drawing down on the lower lips with your thumb. This will give you the chance to examine his gums and teeth. Healthy gums are firm and pink. Bluish-gray gums are a sign of shock and dehydration. White or pale gums indicate that blood loss, iron deficiency, or parasites are present. If your dog has bad breath, it may be due to a mouth infection or poor dental hygiene. This condition can lead to a poor coat, loss of weight, and in general, poor health. The infection could spread through the dog's system.

A dog with a sore mouth drools, shakes his head, paws at his face, and refuses to eat, and will attempt to shy away if you try to look in his mouth. The membranes inside the mouth are reddened, swollen, and very tender. The breath has a bad odor.

There are several causes for a sore mouth. They include retained baby teeth, tartar build up, trauma, vitamin

deficiency, diabetes, chemical irritants, and distemper.

Recurrent stomatitis (sore mouth) causes traumatic ulcers of the mouth where jagged or diseased teeth make repeated contact with the mucus lining of the lips and cheeks. The treatment is to have the teeth cleaned and diseased teeth removed.

D ID YOU KNOW...
That if your dog has matter in his eye, squints, his eye waters, and he paws at his eyes, you are probably faced with an eye problem.

In order to examine the eye, you will need a good light. To examine the eyeball, place one thumb against the skin of the cheek below the eye and the other thumb against the ridge of bone above. Gently draw down on the lower thumb and apply counter-traction with the other. Reverse this procedure to view the eye behind the lid.

Dust, grass seed, hair, and dirt are common foreign substances in the eye. If the foreign body can be seen, it can carefully be removed with a blunt-nosed tweezers. Also, a moistened cotton swab can be used to gently swab the eye. Many times the object will adhere to the cotton swab. If there is quite a bit of dirt in the eye, the eye should be irrigated with saline solution. If the foreign substance is removed, finish the task by applying an antibiotic ophthalmic ointment to the eye.

To successfully apply eye medication you will need to pull the eyelid down and apply the ointment to the inner surface of the eyelid. Eyedrops may be applied directly to the eyeball. Rub the eyelid gently over the eyeball

to disperse the medicine.

Eye problems should not be neglected in the hope that they will clear up. If there is any doubt and improvement hasn't been obvious in twenty-four hours call your veterinarian immediately.

D ID YOU KNOW...
It helps to train together.

I recently started to train a male by letting him walk around the kitchen with the lead on. Everytime I removed the lead he would fight and scream. I always moved slowly and was careful when taking the lead off and talked to him to calm him. When I started to put pressure on the lead he would become very upset. One morning we put his lead on and my friend held the lead and I got on the floor with Nutri-Cal in my hand. My friend would apply pressure to the lead and I would give Nutri-Cal to the puppy. I kept moving backwards and slowly he would move forward for the Nutri-Cal. We did this exercise several times and finally he found out the lead and pressure would not hurt him because something good happened. He has started walking on the lead fine and struts out ahead of me and has fun.

I feel training sessions need to be short and end on a good note. It takes longer for some than it does others. We have to be in tune with the situation and we need to be calm and patient.

*Sharon Masnick
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by Sharon Masnick

Hideko-

The United States is fortunate you now make your home here.
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Forever This Magic Moment

(male pictured at 4 months of age)



*"Yay - time for treats!"
"Brandy" at 5 years of age
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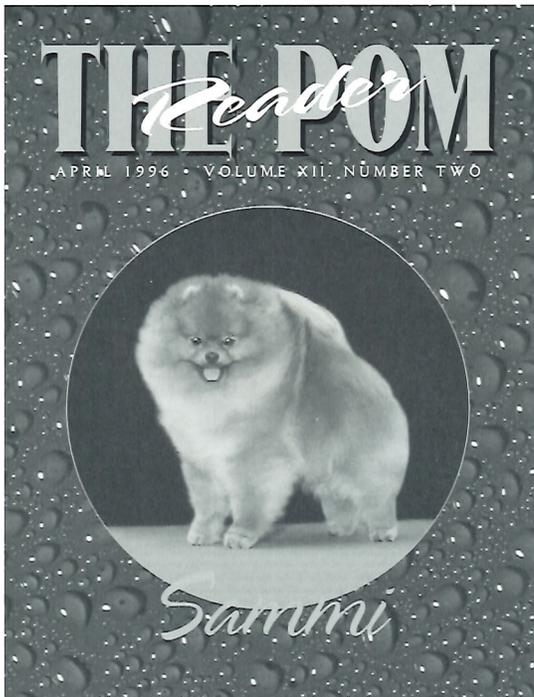
"Dreamer" has a gorgeous daughter, Ch. Pixie's Sweet Dreams (now being specialied) who at 8 months of age, took an award of merit at the APC Specialty in N.Y.

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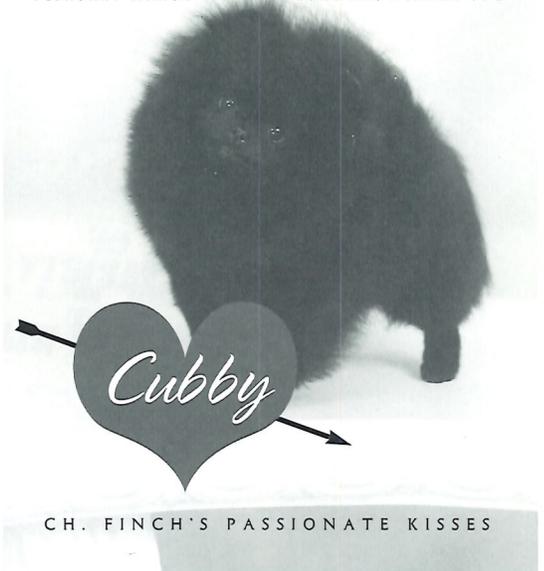
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Alden's Celebration In Kelly (D) by Ch D-Nee's D'Bonaire Diplomat x Alden's Last Celebration Breeder/Owner: Alden A Domrase & Janet R. Domrase

Annon's Temperature Rising (D) by Ch Annon's Dandie Kit Kat x Golden Oaks Scarlet Fever Breeder: Ann Cannon & Carolyn C. Lewis Owner: Ann Cannon

Babe N Woods Marianete Copy (D) by Pom Grove's Masterpiece Copy x Chesal Soft N Sweet Breeder: Lee Nut Owner: Anne Wylie

Bel-Mel N' Sandon Spark Plug (D) by CH Windjammers Touch Of Petite x Bel Mel's Golden Eclipse Breeder/Owner: Patricia M. Melton & Sandra F. Miles

Ben-Ji I'ma Little Sally Dog (D) by Carousels Bronco Billy x Ben-Ji Midnite Star Dance Breeder: Judy Sams Owner: M. Deane Reinhart & Judy Sams

Chestara's Fantasia (B) by CH Glen Iris Luckdragon x Chestara's Summer Mistfire Breeder/Owner: Bill Henry & Beverly M. Henry

Dainti Charming Legacy (D) by CH Danti Bev-Nor's Ebony x Pramada's Fuzzy Phenomenon Breeder: Doreen Fernandez & Margaret Peat Owner: Nancy Jo Rieke & Doreen Fernandez

Dana's Adonis Of Mai-T-Toi (D) by Mai-T-Toi's Arizona Tumbleweed x Silver Meadows Sweetpea Breeder: Dana C. Kelly Owner: Angela Nisbet & Carol Renon

Elan's Palm Beach Polo (D) by Elan's Double Entendre x Elan's Inclined To Devilry Breeder/Owner: Melissa & David Dahlenburg

Emcee's Gran Dorito Chips (D) by CH Emcee's A Chip Of Diamond x Wee Heart's Golden Emcee Breeder: Morris E. Carson & Betty F. Carson Owner: Morris & Betty Carson

Foxfire's Milliondollar Baby (B) by Puf-Pride Golden Sandollar x Ch Dupre's Wake Up Little Suzy Breeder/Owner: Janine G. Pannell

Gayel Arnette Coming Up Rosa (B) by CH Valcopy Wakhan Valentino x Gayel Winter Wishes Breeder: Gale A. Rivers Owner: Geri & William Arnold

Guilty's Elvira Of Starfire (B) by CH Starfire's Nicolas El Grande x Grafenhort's Lil Miss Dolly Breeder: Guillermina B. Coto Owner: Jose A. Cabrera & Fabian Arienti

Janesa's Maxx-Factor (D) by CH Weeheart's Glen Iris Tailsman x Janesa's Hi-Struttin Mary Breeder: Jerrie Freia Owner: Gerald Miller & Jerrie Freia

Kitsan Justifanci Star (B) by Kitsan's Kandi Man Rogueland x Kitsan Bell Star O Moonlight Breeder/Owner: Trilvie V. Haynes

Mi Babe Rain Beau's Glamour (B) by Rain Beau's Just For Kixs x Rain Beau's Bubble Up Breeder/Owner: Babe McCombs & Jean E. Cook

Moreno's Believe It Or Not (D) by Moreno's I Lan Warrior Of Hy Jan Le x Moreno's Phyner Golden Jubile Breeder: Julie Moreno Owner: Linda S. Brogoitti & Julie Moreno

Ozark's Spirit Of Oakridge (D) by CH Rock N Tradition Of Oakridge x Merry Rock Music Of Oakridge Breeder: Nina K. Epps Owner: Karen Crouch & Nina K. Epps

Peannete's Dawn Breeze (B) by Lu Neals Kasha Of Great Elms x Peannete's Morning Image Breeder/Owner: Anne Hendler

Pixie's Sweet Dreams (B) by CH Heartlands Just A Dream x CH Blakes Made To Order Breeder: Bonnie Stetson Owner: Carol Galavich & Bonnie Stetson

NEW CHAMPIONS CONFIRMED MARCH 1996

Rocket Comet Of Oakridge (D) by Ch. Rock N Tradition Of Oakridge x Fancy Gold Kandee Of Oakridge
Breeder: Nina K. Epps Owner: Sharon Hicks & Brenda Turner

Southland's I Be Mighty Good (B) by CH Southlands Mighty Impressive x Southlands Dipped In Fudge
Breeder: Charlotte Creed Owner: Carmen Blankenship

Southlands Simple Elegant (B) by CH Southland's Toasted Fudge x Ida's Princes Of Bev-Nor
Breeder/Owner: Charlotte Creed

Starfire's Sophia (B) by CH Starfire's Nicolas El Grande x Starfire's Infinity Breeder: Jose A Cabrera Owner: Jose A. Cabrera & Fabian Arienti

Stol'N Gntimn Strt Yur Engins (B) by CH Stolanne's Classique Comet x Dia's Ballerina Bear Breeder/Owner: Frances J. Stoll

Strutting Red Lepton (B) by CH Tomho Strutting Baby Cakes x Silverwood's Amazing Star Breeder/Owner: Howard Skiar

Sun-Dot's Galactic Dream (B) by Ch Sunpdot's Chewbaka x Sun-Dots Taffy Twirl Breeder: Ruth Dotson Owner: Cande L. Freeman

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Theidun's Small Wonder (D) by Cupaluv's Tomdandee O'Theidun x Theidun's Designer Jeanne Breeder/Owner: Thelma M. Dunn

Tiffany's Prince Andy O Erin (D) by CH Bev-Nors Special Edition x Bev-Nor's Mindy Breeder: Beverly B. Ferguson & Catherine A. Sheridan Owner: Maureen Healy

Tim Sue's Lightning Strikes (D) by Ch Chriscendo City Lights x Tim Sue's Country Girl Breeder: Sue Goddard & Tim Goddard Owner: Alice R. Carlson

Treasured Deans High Loansum (D) by CH Tim Sue's High Lights x Treasured Lil Bit Of Misty Breeder: Claudia Wallace Owner: Dean Hebert

V I P's Luvalot (B) by Bev-Nors Patriot x Sun-Dot's Miss Congeniality Breeder: Donald C. Clark III & Song S. Oh-

Clark Owner: Fran Smith

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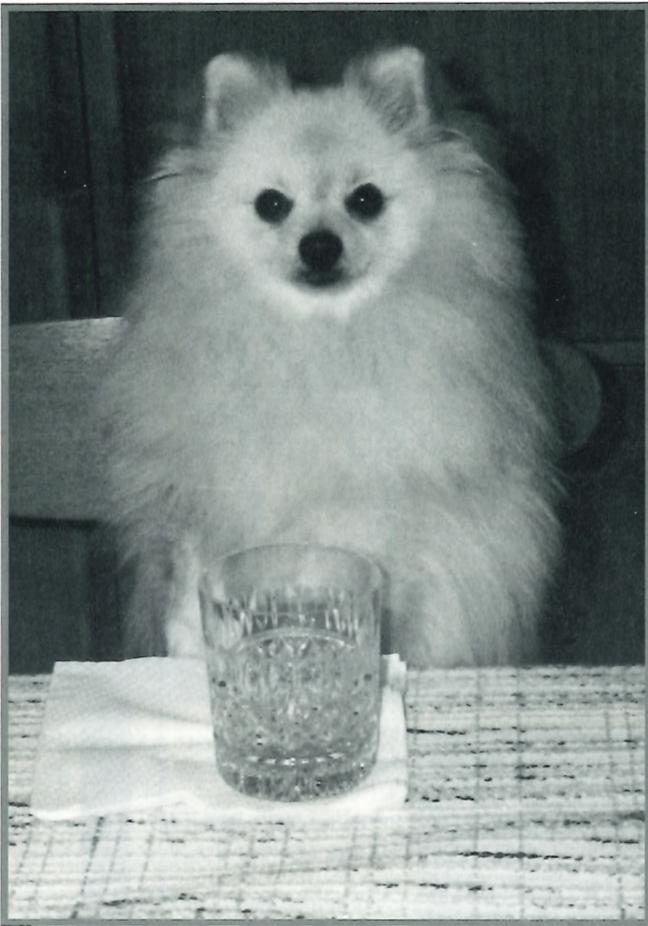
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Sire: Ch. Mixon's Rossi of Fripp (son of Ch. Millamor's Mark Tradition) x Great Elms dam

Janet McWhorter, 301 Roberts Drive, Greenwood, SC 29649.
Tel: 803-229-5972 eves/weekends.

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"Well, all right - one for the road."

"Button"

courtesy

Barbara Mona Gates, Clarksburg, Maryland

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PLAYMATES!

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

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"Wake me when it's over."

"See More"

*courtesy
Teresa Greedy,
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JAPAN

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Candyfloss Pomeranians

HIDEKO STRASBAUGH, CALIFORNIA

From Japan with dreams...

I was pleasantly surprised and honestly flattered to be honored with a visit so early in my American experience. I want to begin by thanking the many of you who are my friends for your kind guidance and friendship over the past years.

Although I am a relative newcomer to the American dog show world, I have been breeding and showing dogs for over 30 years. Most of that time was in Japan, so most Americans don't know much about me. Forgive me if I tell you more about myself than you are interested, but I hope I can use this opportunity to tell you some things about my life, my dogs, and my dreams.

My mother bought me my first show puppy, a Rough Collie, when I was 11. My first attempts at showing my dog were based upon lessons I had learned from reading books. In our first show together, we received the blue ribbon over 12 other dogs in the ring, all handled by adults! This gave me confidence and from that moment on, I have felt the draw of the show ring.

Many more show puppies came to our house during those first few years including other Rough Collies, Doberman Pinscher, Japanese Chin, Toy Poodle, Miniature Dachshund, and others. I thoroughly enjoyed showing dogs, and though my mother was supportive, other members of my family showed little interest in my hobby. My mother was supportive mostly because we had an agreement -- I could show dogs as long as I remained in the top of my class at school.

My first real success showing dogs came with my Toy Poodle. I bought him when he was four months old. I trained, groomed and handled him myself. Our first show together was at the biggest show in Japan. He won Best Puppy In Show! When he was 10 months old, he went BOS over many specials at a Tokyo area Poodle Specialty. The next year, again at the biggest show in Japan, he won the Variety and we showed in the Group ring together. Both of us were still young and even though we didn't win anything in the Group, it was a very special experience. We had a lot of fun together.

I fell in love with horses when I was young and when I was 17, I began attending a riding academy. Fortunately, the academy had many very good and experienced horses and riders, including some who were training to represent Japan in the Olympic equestrian events. By watching these excellent horses, I learned the basics of structure, correct gait, soundness and training, but the most important lesson I learned is the relationship between bone structure, movement and temperament, all of which combine to produce a spectacular, showy animal. Though I wasn't thinking of dogs at that time, this later became a fundamental precept of my philosophy about breeding and training my showdogs.

Not long after I turned 18, my father's health failed and he died. I lost my mother when I was 12. I was alone, and lost everything and had nowhere

to live. I didn't know it at the time, but my life was about to make a major change in direction.

During my early years showing my Toy Poodle, unbeknownst to me, someone was watching me carefully. He apparently saw something in me that showed promise and he wanted me to have an opportunity to show specials in Japanese dog shows. He had been looking for me for quite some time and as fortune would have it, we found each other at this very difficult time in my life.

Mr. Yoshio Ikeuchi took me under his wing and helped me find the opportunities I needed to expand my knowledge about conditioning, training, grooming, handling, and breeding. With the help of his exceptional veterinarian, I was even able to learn some of the basics of veterinarian care. Mr. Ikeuchi also arranged for me to attend seminars and dog shows abroad.

When he felt I was ready, Mr. Ikeuchi introduced me to clients who owned very excellent, but as yet unknown dogs, that they wished shown to prominence. I was responsible for their care, conditioning, training and handling -- quite a responsibility for one so young. With these dogs I was able to experience the excitement of showing them to BIS and BISS and in the process learned a great deal.

It sounds like we won all the time, but of course that wasn't the case. The Japanese dog world is not much different than the American dog world in most respects. The same types of

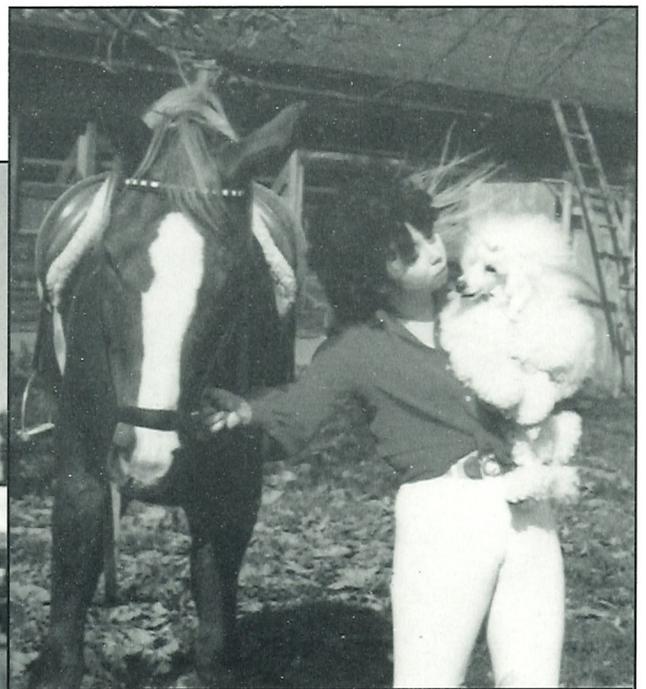
Photos:

Top left: Judge Maxwell Riddle at the 1982 FCI Tokyo World Dog Show, awarding Hideko's 10 year old Champion Maltese bitch a Group 2.

Center left and right: Hideko teaching her students.

Bottom left: Hideko's first Pom, Ch. Moreno's Dandi Lion.

Bottom right: "Hurricane" and BIS Winner "Brady."



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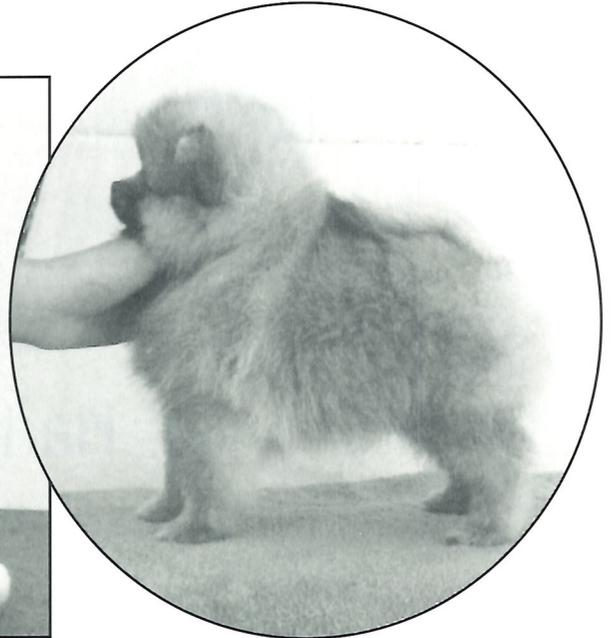
Ch. Hadleigh Superman

at 11 months of age

Bred and Owned by:

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Tokyo JAPAN



Photos:

Top left: "Hotsy" and "Betty Boop" celebrating "Girl's Day," a Japanese celebration.

Top right: Judge Mrs. George Wanner with new Champion "Hotsy" and Daddy Dana.

Bottom left: Littermates by "Mac;" Japanese CACIB Ch. "Joice" with his breeder/owner/handler, Eriko (Hideko's student) and BIS Winner Japanese Supreme Ch. "Max" with Hideko.

Bottom right: Eight week old puppy out of Ch. Hadleigh Superman and Tatiana.

results occur and for the same reasons. Sometimes it was discouraging, but Mr. Ikeuchi taught me to never give up and that to be successful, I had to continue to always do my best, congratulate the winners when we lost, and learn a lesson from the experience.

Due to my busy show schedule, I was limited in the number of puppies I could raise, so I only bred very few litters at that time. The results however attest to the quality of those breedings as I bred two BIS Toy Poodles out of my champion boy.

When I was 26, I bought two foundation bitches from Mrs. Virginia Milroy's Wavir Kennel and began breeding white Miniature Poodles. Those breedings were just for myself for showing and enjoying dog shows. Some have asked where my kennel name Candyfloss came from. One day while I was at a Japanese festival, someone tapped me on the shoulder and asked me where I had purchased the cotton candy. Of course it was my toy poodle boy in full show coat. I bred 16 JKC Champions, one AKC Champion, two Supreme Champions, three CACIB Champions, four BIS winners, two BISS winners and many group winners. In 1985, Candyfloss was awarded Top Miniature Poodle breeder honors. My all-time favorite Miniature Poodle is JKC, CACIB, Supreme Champion Candyfloss Windsong, BIS/BISS winner, and 1985's top-winning Miniature Poodle in Japan. She was awarded Best Bitch in Show in 1985, at the FCI Asian International Dog Show, the largest dog show in Asia. In 1985, she won Reserve Best Bitch In Show CACIB Champions competition at the FCI Asian International Dog Show. She was also selected to appear in commercials for Science Diet in Japan.

She was a truly spectacular show dog, capturing the attention and hearts of nearly everyone who saw her in the ring. Her movement and showmanship were like a dream come true for me. These were traits that she fortunately passed along to her children. She produced three BIS winners included the #2 Miniature Poodle bitch in Japan.

Before I came to America, I had my own dog grooming school. I taught my students five days a week and on weekends we showed our dogs. I also authored a monthly grooming article for Japanese dog magazines, I was very busy but I enjoyed a fulfilling life.

In America, my life has been very different. When I came here to marry

Jim, I had to give up my grooming school and a very successful career breeding and showing my dogs. At first it was difficult because I loved what I was doing in Japan so much. Also, it was difficult to get started again in America because I had to learn many new things and did not know very many people in the American dog world.

I continued showing my Miniature Poodles in America, but all the while, I was thinking about showing other breeds also. I have always liked Pomeranians so I began a search for one I felt had the qualities I wanted. It took me quite a long time (two years) before I finally found a beautiful light orange puppy being shown in our area. It was Julie Moreno's Dandi Lion. I didn't know much about him at the time, but I was very attracted to him even before I learned he was a multiple group place. I purchased him, finished him quickly and specialed him throughout the remainder of the year.

My search for nice Pomeranians didn't end with Dandi, I was still looking for an outstanding bitch on which to found my breeding program. At about that time, I saw a picture of Ch. Finch's He Walks On Water and I was intrigued. From the picture, I was able to imagine how he moved and I liked him very much. Shortly after that, I heard from Virginia Milroy that Dana Plonkey had a litter of Pomeranians. Which I called Dana and found that it was a litter sired by Travis, I was dancing in Virginia's kitchen. Dana told me one girl was available and that was the beginning of a truly special dream for me.

I visited Dana and saw the puppies. He patiently explained to me about the puppies and what he knew about them to that point. He was very kind and honest with me. After listening to him, I asked him to pick a girl for me. He agreed to send me one of the bitch puppies when they were more mature and could travel easily. The little girl was Hotsy.

When Hotsy came to me, I took her from the crate and checked her out. She was very sound and beautiful with a very cute expression, but the feature that brought chills to me was when our eyes met and she seemed to be saying to me, "I am the one." We fell in love with each other at that moment and the love affair has been wonderful.

With such nice dogs to show now, it was important for me to learn the

American dog scene and especially how to present my Poms to the judges. I spent a lot of time watching and learning and trying my best. In Japan, Pomeranians compete with other Nordic breeds such as Huskies and Malamutes in the group ring. For that reason, movement and endurance is very important. This is just one example of the apparent difference in preferred qualities between American Poms and Japanese Poms. I have spent much of my time with my antennae out trying to learn what American judges find most appealing in Poms.

So while I have been working hard and have felt lots of stress when showing, Hotsy has been having too much fun. She loves to show.

Hotsy finished her championship with a BISS at the Columbia Pom Club Specialty in 1994. At that time, we decided to continue showing her as a special. Her first year as a special wasn't easy. We had some success in the breed ring against heavy competition, but finished the year with only two group seconds. In our area, we have many well known professional handlers with well known toy specials.

Despite our paucity of success, I kept showing Hotsy because I believed in her quality. And also, because I wanted to show my gratitude to Dana and Randy for letting me have her. An most importantly, something inside me wants to believe there is room for someone pursuing their dreams in the dog world.

Our second year specializing Hotsy felt like coming out of a long dark tunnel and emerging into the sunshine. Hotsy started winning in the group more often, still facing some of the best known Toy specials in the country. The highlight of the year was winning BOS and Award Of Merit at the APC National Specialty in New York. We had multiple BISS wins and multiple group wins that year and she finished 1995, as the number six Pomeranian and the top winning bitch. This year, we had a nice start in January, with a BISS at the Columbia Pom Club Specialty, her third win there in as many years. We had a nice February in New York too, with a BOB at the Toy Progressive, BOS at both the APC National and Westminster. We hope this year will be another successful one.

In case you're thinking Hotsy is the only love of my life, I have to tell you about the other girls who came to me

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Top right: Ch. Valcopy-Wakhan Tatiana with son Masumi.



Below left: Judge Michele Billings awarding Ch. Valcopy-Wakhan Qiana her class at the 1995 National.

Bottom left: Hideko with Valcopy-Wakhan Betty Boop.

Bottom right: Judge Frank Oberstar giving "Hotsy" BOB at Progressive Dog Club in February.



from Dana and Randy. Together with Hotsy, I call them the dream girls. The second girl from Dana and Randy was Valcopy-Wakhan Tatiana. She finished her championship when she was one year old. Next came a beautiful orange girl, Valcopy-Wakhan Qiana. Her first time out was at the 1995 APC National Specialty in New York, when she was just six months old. She was awarded RWB and Best Puppy in Show. Three months later, she was a champion!!! Our latest acquisition from Dana and Randy is Valcopy-Wakhan Betty Boop, an exciting orange sable girl who, at seven months old, was awarded RWB and BOS Puppy at the APC National this year, and WB at the Toy Progressive. We have high hopes for Betty, possibly as a special after Hotsy retires.

As a mother and wife, I have many other activities to keep me busy. I try to limit myself to five or six dogs at our house at any given time so that I have enough time to play with, exercise and groom them. I try to raise my dogs to sparkle in the show ring. I also want to keep my bitches in shape so their whelping and raising puppies will go more smoothly. I want them to be healthy, with lots of stamina and a playful happy character.

I haven't bred many litters of Pomeranian yet, but I have a clear vision of what I want. Soundness, good bone structure, proud carriage and stunning movement. A dog like that makes me feel that even in a large group ring, there isn't enough room to contain us. Attitude is very important. Beautiful eyes are also important to me and a pretty face is a plus.

One of the things I believe about breeding is that the bitch's quality is very important. I learned long ago that I can send my bitches to any excellent stud dog to get the traits I am looking for, but the bitches quality is essential. I feel that bitches have a very big influence on their puppies quality. I find it interesting that there are so few Pom bitch specials out there. Perhaps it is because their owners find it difficult to compete against the boys, but consideration for Best of Breed, despite any coat shortcomings related to their season, etc. I have seen good quality bitches receive Best Opposite to rather mediocre boys. I am grateful to the many judges who have found Hotsy worthy even among some nice boy specials.

When I visited Mr. Igarashi's

Hadleigh kennel in Japan in early 1995, I saw his top producing stud dog JKC Ch. Hadleigh Super Man. I was impressed by his beautiful orange color with harsh textured coat, beautiful headpiece with elegant and sweet expression. He was very short-backed with excellent lay-back of shoulders and high tail-set. At nine years old, his condition was still excellent -he stacked up with a beautiful silhouette and his movement was superb. I was allowed to hold him and evaluate his structure. His stifles were solid as a rock. I was very excited to be able to see and touch him.

Later that year, we were able to send our girl Tatiana to Super Man for breeding. She free-whelped two beautiful girls and one handsome boy. In the litter, one girl received most to the Super Man influence and she is with Dana now. He named her Valcopy-Wakhan To Die For. I kept the other girl and the boy and we just started showing them in our area. In the future, I think this outcross will bring something exciting to our breeding program.

Last February, we sent Tatiana to Florida for breeding to Jean Hurley's Ch. Homestead's Spit N' Polish, ROM. We are awaiting the outcome of that breeding at this time.

We are nearing the time when we want to send Qiana to be bred and Dana is helping me to arrange a breeding with a Canadian stud dog.

My Pomeranian breeding program is just getting started. I am grateful to Dana and Randy and to Mr. Igarashi for their help and advice in this area.

I am rather new to Pomeranians and I can't presume to offer advice to anyone, but I would like to offer some simple suggestions that can be used or not as you think may help.

When purchasing puppies, I always try to have a clear understanding of what I am looking for and will look a long time until I find it. I don't get impatient and compromise. This is a long-term endeavor. I don't need to be in a hurry.

Building trusting relationships with other breeders is essential. As an example, my relationship with Dana and Randy is founded on complete trust of one another. And I respect very much the principles on which Mr. Igarashi bases his breeding program and try to respect his wishes when it comes to integrating his dog's influence into my own line.

Play with your dogs. By that, I mean give them a life outside the show ring and they will be alive inside the show ring. I feel it is a very crucial part of their training and it makes a difference in the way they respond to my direction and training.

Give them plenty of exercise, too.

Try to watch as many good dogs as possible to gain an understanding of what makes good dogs good. The standard is only a starting point-it's not the last word on quality. There is a lot of variety even among the best dogs, and it's difficult to appreciate that unless you actually go out and watch them. It will also help you learn about future directions for your line's breeding program.

When you are evaluating your own dog, you better be more strict than you would be of another's dog.

To close, I would like to thank the many kind Pomeranian people who have helped me through these early years with guidance and friendship.

During our most difficult times, total strangers offered kind words of encouragement to keep trying. Their faith in our eventual success helped buoy my spirits.

Thanks also to the many kind professional handlers. They have treated us fairly and with respect.

Thanks also to the many judges who have found us in the show ring and had the courage to pick up a no-name owner handler over many nice specials. Those wins mean a lot to me. I don't want to mention names for fear of leaving someone out, but you know who you are.

I know I have already thanked Dana and Randy, but since I can never thank them enough, I'll just say it again. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

To Mr. Igarashi, who allowed me to use his exclusive, non-public stud dog Super Man, and who understands the dream I am trying to reach for, I owe you a debt I can never repay, except with my promise to respect your principles and trust, and do my best to reach for the "stars".

To Mr. Ikeuchi, thank you for the years of believing in me.

Thanks to my family for the support and patience to put up with me while I chase my dreams.

Hideko Strasbaugh

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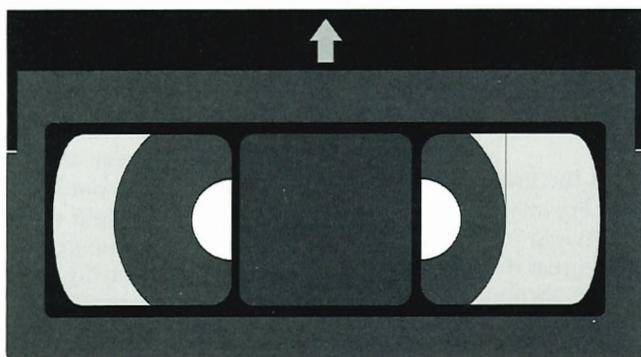
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We certainly had some "hairy" times getting this well-deserved Pom Reader "visit" together, but now that it's all said and done, it's beautiful and a grand tribute to a lovely lady, Hideko – and the beautiful Poms with which she has won so fabulously. It was a particular pleasure meeting Hideko and "Hotsy" in person in New York!

Here's to the future success of the Candyfloss Pomeranians!

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Dogs Howl And... THE APC 1996 NATIONAL



The American Pomeranian Club, Inc. 76th Annual Specialty Show, 5th Obedience Trial was held Saturday, February 10, and Sunday, February 11, 1996, at the La Guardia Marriott Hotel in New York City.

There were 195 Pomeranians entered in this specialty, with a total entry of 280. Tim Goddard served as show chairperson, Lois Morkassel as Obedience chairperson, with assistance by Mary Vickers and Margaret McKee. Beverly Henry served as show secretary.

The show committee consisted of: Tony Tellez, Sharon Masnick, Nancy Wharton, Jackie Rayner, Jim Shearer, Olga Baker, Sarah Lisebeth, Dick and Bronya Johnston, Mary Vickers, Wilma Diehl and Audrey Blake.

All the above, **plus the many others** who were very active in sharing in the tremendous work to make this a very memorable and successful specialty, are to be applauded for their efforts!

I could not attend Saturday's Sweepstakes, because of other commitments in New York City proper, and therefore am lacking in Sweepstakes photos. On Sunday, I arrived very early, thanks to Tony Cabrera and Fabian Arienti sharing their cab with me from Manhattan to the Marriott at the airport,

a nice feat which was repeated as they escorted me back to my "in-city-hotel" very, very late in the evening. This return ride was made most enjoyable by the presence of Sam Zaneoff, whom I had not seen since 1973. We shared some very old memories, and between the four of us we managed to forget our exhausted bodies by sharing quite a bit of laughter.

Believe me, anyone who attends any specialty event and stays all day and into the banquet evening, is exhausted and needs some levity! This goes double for all the worker-bees who make the 2-day event run smoothly!

Not being in attendance at the Friday and Saturday evening hospitality affair, co-chaired by Olga Baker & Sarah Lisebeth, I have to admit to a great deal of envy after hearing about the absolutely sensational event these 2 evenings turned out to be!

On Sunday, everyone told me that this particular hospitality event should and will go down in APC history as something almost unbelievable! Having attended many specialty and all-breed hospitality affairs (in various breeds) over the years, I have never heard the likes of this one!

I am informed that a gracious lady,

who prefers remaining anonymous, spared no expense to ensure that both evening events would be a true class "A" act, with the most exquisite cuisine! The motif was an enormous ice sculpture, surrounded by a 3-foot-high bowl of caviar, cheese and meat trays, sandwich trays, hot beef and pork dishes, veggie platters, delicious, mouth-drooling pastries and not just **one** of everything, **but two** of everything and for the **entire evenings...and** a free bar.

Good thing I wasn't there...I have a capacity for prawns and caviar that is astounding and I probably would have embarrassed myself! In the light of levity (again) I was told that some gentleman (was he really one?) staying at the Marriott kept grabbing quantities of prawns and eventually made off with a thousand dollar bowl of caviar, before anyone realized he was not with the Pom group! Speaking of that, bear in mind that my sources tell me this 2-evening affair cost a minimum of six thousand dollars per, and many estimated much more!

Astounding!

Especially so to the time-honored APC treasurer, Al Williamson, who was



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AMERICAN POMERANIANS CLUB NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGING RESULTS

SWEEPSTAKES

Saturday, Feb. 10, 1996

Judge: Mrs. Suzanne L. Goddard

JUNIOR DOGS - 6 - 9 MOS

1. Heartland's Top Notch Tradition, Owner: Dianne Kieffer
2. Foxworth Fighting Edge, Owner: Pamela R. Dodsworth
3. Suber's Batman Forever, Owner: Suzanne G. Berney
4. Silver Meadows J.C. Perriwinks, Owner: Jacquelyn Klein

9 MOS & UNDER 12 MOS

1. Elan's Never Say Die, Owners: M.&D. Dahlenburg
2. Tanglewood Wise Guy, Owner: Howard Sklar
3. Majestic's Sir Godfrey, Owner: Annette Rogers-Rister
4. Fame Encore Encore, Owner: Brenda Segelken

SENIOR DOGS - 12 - 18 MOS

1. Teakwood's Two Thumbs Up, Owner: Lauren Ivey
2. Southland's Jack In The Box, Owner: Jerry Gray
3. Tomho Rebel Lee, Owners: Tommi & Sandi Hooban
4. Shyacre's Sweet Lovin Man, Owners: Jo Ann & Russell Kern

JUNIOR BITCHES - 6 - 9 MOS

1. Valcopy-Wakhan Betty Boop, Owners: Dana Plonkey & Randy Gemmill
2. Starfire's Morgan, Owners: Jose Cabrera & Fabian Arienti
3. Elan's Eclipse, Owners: M & D Dahlenburg
4. Heartland's Misty Heather, Owner: Dianne Kieffer

9 MOS & UNDER 12 MOS

1. Valcopy-Wakhan Scarlet Letter, Owner: Dennis Litonjua
2. Fan-C's Julie Ann, Owner: Florence Scott
3. Elan's Eclipse, Owners: M & D Dahlenburg
4. Idlewyld Diamond Diadem, Owner: Margaret R. McKee

SENIOR BITCHES - 12 MOS & UNDER 18 MOS

1. Ragland Ginger Snaps, Owners: Joan & Melv Beech

BEST JR IN SWEEPS

Heartland's Top Notch Tradition

BOS TO BEST JR IN SWEEPS

Valcopy-Wakhan Betty Boop

BEST SR IN SWEEPS

Ragland Ginger Snaps

BOS TO BEST SR IN SWEEPS

Teakwood's Two Thumbs Up

GRAND SWEEPS WINNER

Heartland's Top Notch Tradition

VETERAN DOGS - 9 YRS & OLDER

1. TNT's Puttin' On The Ritz, Owners: Karen Shaver & Marcia Doane

BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPS

Ch. Lil' Shaver's Devastatin'

BOS TO BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPS

TNT's Puttin' On The Ritz

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REGULAR CLASSES

Sunday, Feb. 11, 1996

Judge: Mrs. James Edward Clark

PUPPY DOG - 6 MOS & UNDER 9 MOS

1. Heartland's Top Notch Tradition, Owner: Dianne Kieffer
2. Chriscendo Crowd Pleaser, Owner: Christine D. Heartz
3. Jan-Shar's Bond James Bond, Owner: Sharon Hanson
4. Whispering Lane Academy Award, Owner: Carol J. Baldwin

9 MOS & UNDER 12 MOS

1. Tanglewood Wise Guy, Owner: Howard Sklar
2. Elan's Never Say Die, Owners: M.&D. Dahlenburg
3. Tru-Kep's Cocoa Royale, Owners: Irvin & Trudy Keplinger
4. Allayn's Sweet Li'l Gamblin' Man, Owner: Mary Allan

12 TO 18 MOS DOGS

1. Blake's Pride And Joy, Owner: Evelyn Blake
2. Shyacre's Sweet Lovin Man, Owners: Jo Ann & Russell Kern
3. Jessica's Jessie James, Owner: Jessica Smith
4. Jeribeth Lance-Son Legacy, Owner: Olga M. Baker

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS

1. Tomho Rebel Lee, Owners: Tommi & Sandi Hooban
2. Dimonde's Satin Satan, Owner: Diana M. Downey
3. Teakwood's Two Thumbs Up, Owner: Lauren Ivey
4. Fame Encore Encore, Owner: Brenda Segelken

OPEN DOGS - BLACK, BROWN, & BLUE

1. D-N-H's Walk-N After Midnight, Owners: Kathryn Hartz & Patricia Foley
2. Tresstique Black Magic, Owner: Marie E. Carlough

OPEN DOGS - RED, ORANGE, CREAM & SABLE

1. Absolute's Sizzlin Magician, Owners: Cail Durnoik & Gale Sharland
2. Tomho Arizona, Owner: Tommi Hooban
3. Dugas' High Endeavor, Owner: Sharon Dugas
4. Ppp Amber's Threza Lucky Charm, Owner: Lael Ellis

OPEN DOGS - ANY OTHER ALLOWED COLOR

1. Homestead's Damfino, Owner: Jean M. Hurly
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RESERVE WINNER'S DOG

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1. Valcopy-Wakhan Betty Boop, Owners: Dana Plonkey & Randy Gemmill
2. Jan-Shar's Oops-A-Daisy, Owner: Sharon Hanson
3. Pinehaven's Abstract Illusion, Owner: Gale Sharland
4. Puf Pride Ms Cloud Knigene, Owners: Warren & Virginia Dimick

9 MOS & UNDER 12 MOS

1. Fan-C's Julie Ann, Owner: Florence Scott
2. Janesa's Catch Me If You Can, Owner: Jerrie Freia
3. Elan's Eclipse, Owners: M.&D. Dahlenburg
4. Valcopy-Wakhan Scarlet Letter, Owner: Dennis Litonjua

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1. Raglan Ginger Snaps, Owners: Joan & Melv Beech
2. Ben-Cher's Cherry Muffin, Owners: Cheryl A. & Beni M. Loy

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES

1. Fame Mon Sheree Amore, Owner: Brenda Segelken
2. Rhynstone The Siren, Owner: Joyce Urban
3. Watt's Little Peaches & Cream, Owner: Dolores A. Watts
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1. Just Shadows Of Tinker Bell, Owners: Susan Holdeman & Kathryn Hartz
2. Gailellen's Diamond In-The-Ruff, Owners: G. Rodgers & T. Rebovich
3. Philbrook's Desdamona Deluna, Owner: Susann Philbrook

OPEN BITCHES - BLACK, BROWN, & BLUE

1. (Award Withheld, Lack Of Merit)
2. Tomho Struttin Shanana, Owners: Brian Incorvaia & Tommi Hooban
3. Golden Aire's Black Magic, Owners: Sharon Masnick & Benson Ray

OPEN BITCHES - RED, ORANGE, CREAM & SABLE

1. Idlewyld Koh-I-Noor Diamond, Owner: Margaret R. Mckee
2. Tomho Chasing Rabbits, Owner: Tommi Hooban
3. Canton's When Stars Collide, Owners: Basillio Yap & Sharon Hanson
4. Whid-Don's Treasured Anise, Owner: Dean Hebert

OPEN BITCHES - ANY OTHER ALLOWED COLOR

1. Chriscendo Colour Picture, Owner: Christine D. Heartz

WINNER'S BITCH

Chriscendo Colour Picture

RESERVE WINNER'S BITCH

Valcopy-Wakhan Betty Boop

VETERAN DOGS

1. Ch. Might Dainti Lord Peter Pan, Owners: P. Langevin & Gloria Setmayer
2. TNT's Puttin' On The Ritz, Owners: Karen L. Shaver & Marcia Doane

VETERAN BITCHES

1. Emcee's Simplemente Miel, Owners: Diana M. Downey & Morris E. Carson
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STUD DOG

1. Starfire's Alterboy, Owner: Brian Incorvaia

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IN REGULAR CLASSES

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Dimonde's Gem Fire Score 187

Owner: Diana M. Downey

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Megan's Magic Man Score 183

Owner: Marti Halifko

Inkling The Big Bad Wolf Score 143
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Finch's Little Sister Megan, C.D.X.
Score 150 & 1/2 Owner: Marti Jalofkp

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Princess Lacey II

HIGHEST SCORING DOG BRED BY EXHIBITOR CLASSES

Dimonde's Gem Fire

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judging department, gave each and every one ample consideration and after the final cuts, the ringside became reverently hushed as Mrs. Clark had to make the last decision.

Knowing some of the owners and handlers of the champions left in the final cut, I went back and forth to them and they were all as nervous as one would expect them to be. One owner compared it to awaiting the birth of a baby, with floor pacing and all, and another chewed fingernails to the nub. At this point I had no envy for Mrs. Clark, as any in her final cuts could have been chosen as Best In Show anywhere in dogdom and if anyone knows the hotly contested competition between the top specials in the nation, it is the judge in command that day!

I myself got so nervous, I left the room for a moment and at that precise timing a great roar went up and I knew the Best In Show had been selected. Following this came the Awards of Merit, all very well deserved.

[Accompanying this article is a complete officially marked catalog listing of all winners and placing from sweepstakes, regular classes, and obedience.]

I cannot end this write-up without remarking that it was a great pleasure to meet Dolly Trauner and Julie Moreno, after nearly 22 years since we originally met. However, I was very saddened to learn later that many people viciously gossiped that Dolly, our current APC President, had "imbibed" too much!

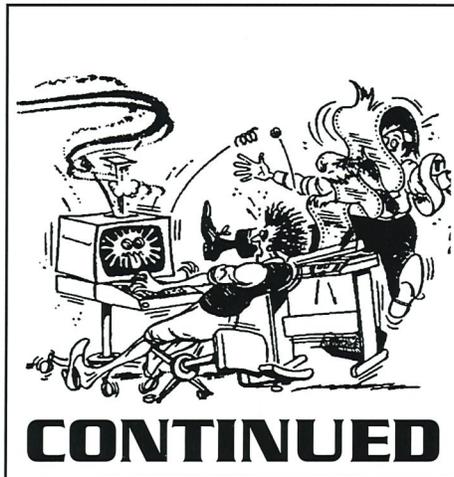
Ridiculous! Dolly suffered 2 strokes from which she has recovered via intense optimism and much therapy and Dolly, who has devoted herself selflessly for sooooo many years to the Pom breed itself, and has proved to be an innovative President of APC for two terms now, is, as one wag put it, so intellectually capable, that if she is only functioning at 85%, she can still outdo all of us who are functioning at 100% capacity!

So lay those "imbibing" rumors to rest, please. Now, had you caught moi at the wine and cheese party.....you might have been half right.....

The banquet on Sunday evening was

a packed event, and Tim Goddard did an excellent job of commanding the podium for the giving out of awards and thanking the worker-bees who made such a huge specialty event run so smoothly. Tim then got his unsuspecting wife, Sue, to stand and give a speech, which she did with much good humor, remarking on her judging of the Saturday Sweepstakes.

Rumors had persisted prior to, during



and after my visit to the APC Specialty that people were disgruntled at paying the price of \$28.50 for the banquet, whose menu they did not seem to like. I am informed that last year the banquet cost was \$38.00 with an all you can eat (and choose) buffet and there was disgruntlement over that price. So this year the price was lowered to \$28.50 and a dinner planned with no choices or "all you can eat."

I believe that "hindsight" now will make people understand that it is better to pay a little more for a great buffet, or at least a selection of what you prefer as an entree, than to groan about prices, where the differential is only about ten bucks. Those who planned the banquet tried to keep the cost down, and in New York City, that is not easy! However, the hospitality events, including the free coffee and various doughnuts and Danish during the show hours, more than made up for this disgruntlement!

All in all, it was the first APC special-

ty event I have attended since 1973 and I found it to be a wonderful event that no one should miss for so long! As for the long-enduring debate as to whether the APC should move its National event from New York to another area - well, in my mind, not even being an APC member, it's none of my business, but I think in honesty, it should be up to the majority of exhibitors who come year after year.

Perhaps, a poll for the officers and board to the membership?

Sometimes the membership of a club, any club, think they have no "voice." i.e., vote, and that should be seriously considered.

In ending, since so many have asked, it is true that the 1997 National APC Specialty Regular class judging will not be Mr. Edd Bivin, as it seems he had other commitments. Word is not at all official on the regular class judge for '97, but some sources say it very possibly will be Mrs. Julie Moreno, which everyone is applauding, if this is so. The Sweepstakes judge will be Charlotte Creed, another very popular choice! Soooo, get those Pommies ready for New York in 1997!

****At the 1996 Specialty at the Marriott in the show, grooming or Ladies' room area a small bracelet was lost by Kathryn Hartz of Dover-Holihouse Pomeranians. This bracelet has little monetary value to anyone, yet is of immense personal value to Kathy, as it was the last gift from her husband in 1979 before he passed away.

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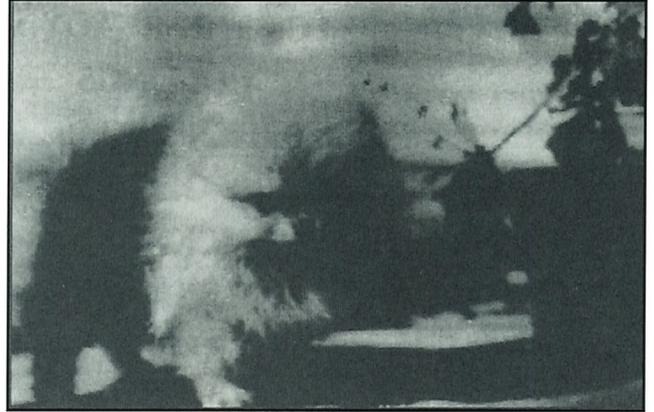
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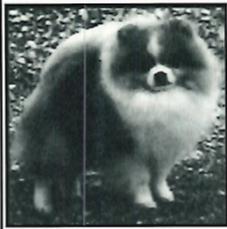
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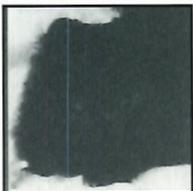
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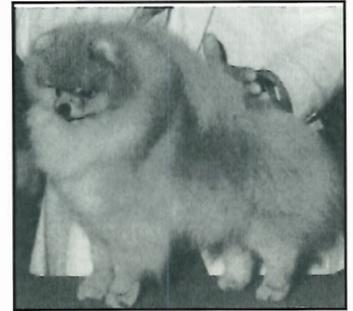
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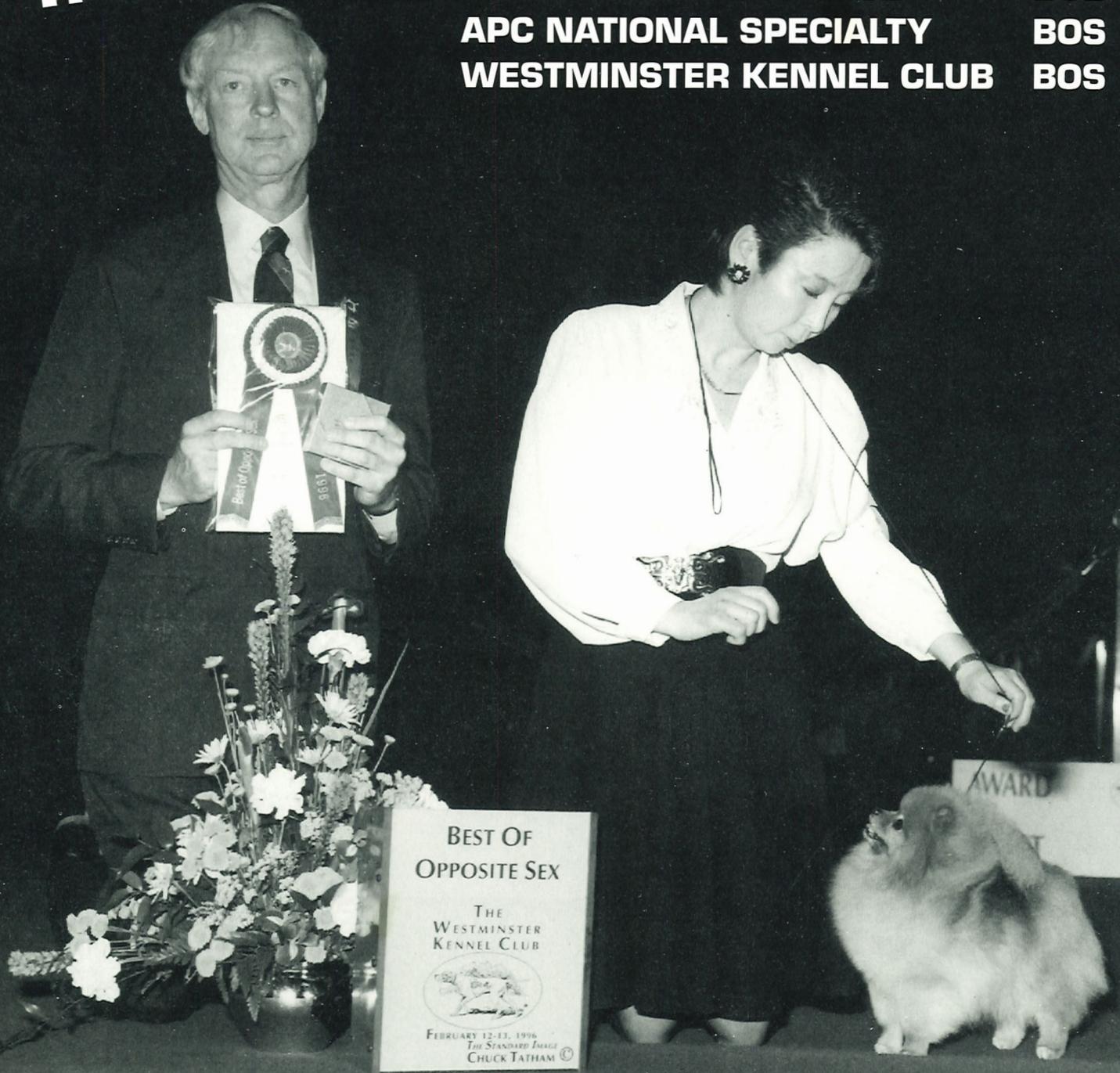
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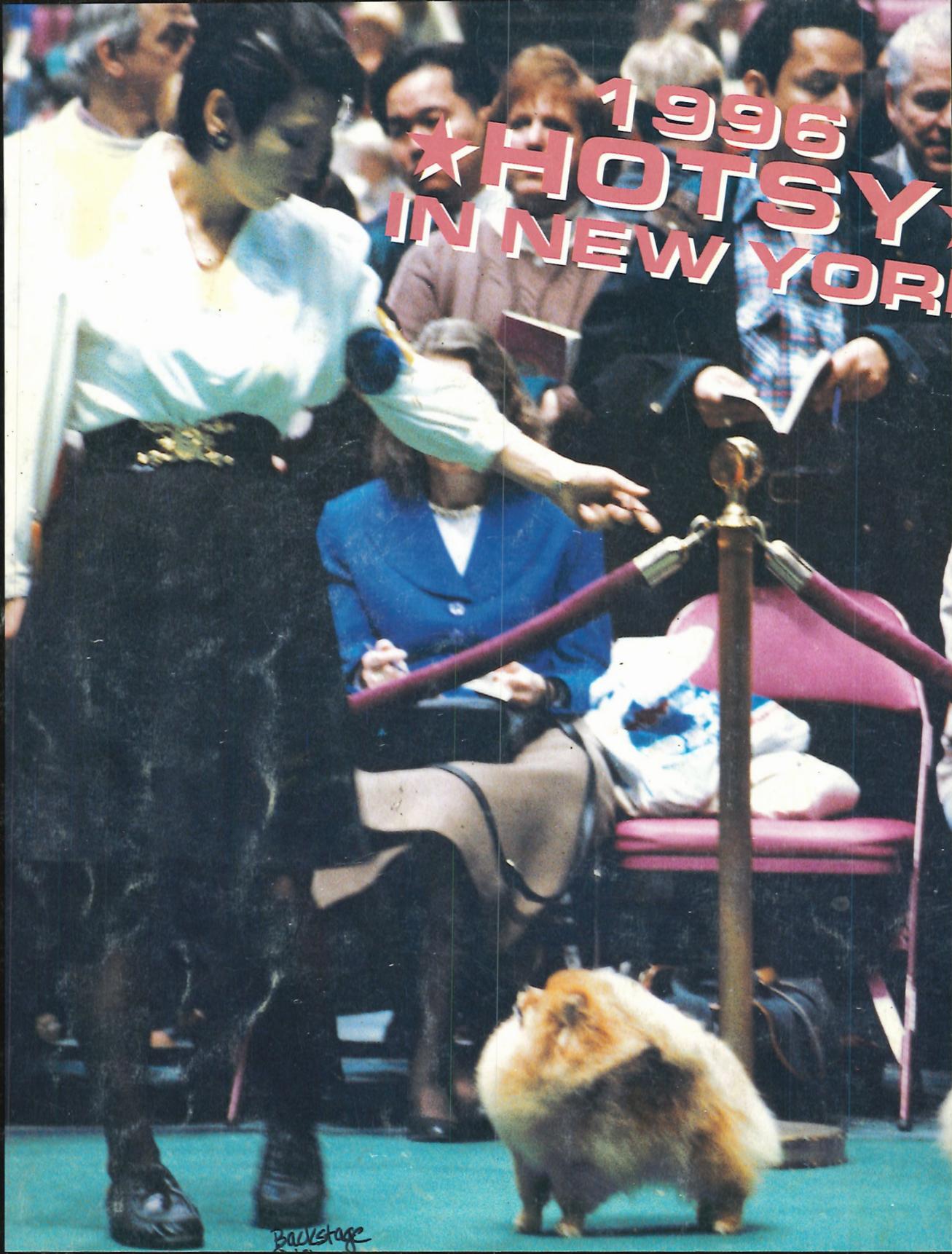


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