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"TANNER"

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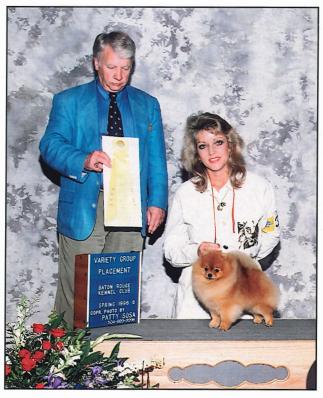
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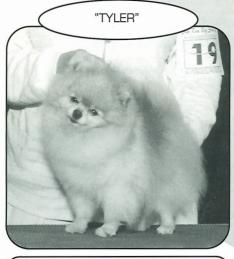


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Carbohydrates are the primary source for short-term energy such as running. Carbohydrates also help to provide fiber which is necessary is a

by Sharon Masnick

bowel regulator and also influences the absorption of nutrients.

Proteins serve as the building blocks for muscle, bone, blood, and also they help the immune system prevent disease. Source of protein are found in meat, fish chicken, egg and soya or wheat. Proteins found in eggs and chicken help to keep the stools firm and small.

Vitamins and minerals help our dogs develop his bones, teeth, and coat. A balanced food should contain all the required vitamins, minerals and trace elements, balanced to the energy content of the food. Excess vitamins may lead to diseases.

Water is a very important nutrient to our dogs. Dogs should have fresh water available at all times.

Remember that need for variety is a human trait so feed your dogs a complete and balanced diet that he enjoys and remains healthy on. ID YOU KNOW...
If dogs come in we usually rearrange the decorating.

The following article deals with living with dogs. Permission to print this article was given by Mike Walsh.

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As we often say in the canine community, let's cut to the chase. Some of you humans are making us and yourselves-crazy. Your behavior is downright schizophrenic, and it's making nervous wrecks out of both of our species.

On the one paw, you want our unconditional love and loyalty, tailwagging adoration and constant companionship - all those fuzzywuzzy feelings you have come to expect from those of us with cold noses and warm hearts. On the other, you pant for picture-perfect rooms, stylishly decorated, fashionably appointed - hopelessly impractical.

Well, chew on this: You can't have both. And the sooner you face up to that simple fact, the better for both of us.

DID YOU KNOW

When you let a dog in the back door you can throw your dreamhouse aspirations out the window. Yes, it may seem like a sacrifice now, but you'll thank us later. You'll save tons of money by not having to buy expensive fabrics, furnishings and floor coverings. You won't have to obsess over housekeeping. That's the truth, and as a member of your species said, "the truth shall make you free."

Not that we mean to be, well, dogmatic. We're more than willing to compromise. After all, at bottom, we both want the same thing, right? A place that provides protection from the elements and cozy comfort. Period. Everything else is icing.

But honestly, when you decide to live with a dog, you need to make a reality check. Scrap those old notions about decorating. Buttery damask, creamy chenille and oatmeal Berber? Forget it. Ditto for pale pastels, black velvet, shiny satins and delicate silks.

Listen, it's for your own good. You can spend the rest of your life barking "DOWN!" and "NO!" or you can give in and get real and make the most of our time together. Sooner or later, you're going to relent anyway. One day you're going to let a sleeping dog lie – on the couch, in your easy chair, on the foot of the bed – because you've found him there for the millionth time and because you no longer have the resolve to resist the inevitable.

So, why wait for defeat by your four-footed friend? Why fight a battle you can't — and in your heart really don't want to — win? You can't beat us, so do yourself a favor and join us. We'll scooch over.

We're not just decorative acces-

We're not just decorative accessories, you know. We're not living knickknacks, either. No, we're – and how many times have we heard this? — MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. How many times have you flung a newspaper at your kinfolk to keep THEM off the recliner?

sories, you know. We're not living knickknacks, either. No, we're — and how many times have we heard this? — MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. How many times have you flung a newspaper at your kin-folk to keep THEM off the recliner?

We're even willing to let you take it a step at a time, it it bothers you that much: rug, chair, sofa, bed — in that order. See, in terms of comfort, our priorities are not really so different from yours. We prefer incrementally softer surfaces to hard ones. Is that so hard to understand?

Look, for a change, follow OUR lead. Best color scheme? Earth tones win paws down. From where we sit — on the sofa, by rights — dirt colors are tops. That way we don't get blamed. Anticipating your reluctance, however, we also suggest pine-needle green, gravel gray, tobacco-brown, deep-sea blue, spice colors, autumn-leaf shades ... you get the idea. These are the hues most species on the Earth live with quite happily. Get with the program.

Pattern? Again, a sensible camouflage print of the sort found in Army fatigues makes the most sense to us. You can compromise, though, with any dense print from paisley to plaid, as long as it has a dark background. Save the light colors, subtle patterns and delicate fabrics for the draperies. We just don't care about window treatments one way or the other, so knock yourself out.

Of course, it could make sense just to decorate around your dog. Black dog? Black sofa. Brown dog? Brown carpeting. White dog? Well, a white dog is not any more capable of wiping its feet on the mat or its muzzle on a napkin than a dog of another color, so we're back to dirt-tolerant earth tones again.

by Sharon Masnick

Did You Know...

Which brings us to shedding. Hey, it's what we do, all right? Judging from the sales of Minoxidil and sundry other hair-replacement products, it's what you do too. And you don't hear us whining, do you? "Eeeew, Spike, there's a human hair in my Alpo. Eeeech!"

Common sense says that if you have a navy bedspread and a black mohair sofa, then you shouldn't let yourself fall in love with a white or blond dog. Choose a dog that fits your color scheme, or a color scheme that suits your dog. Just don't come yapping to us because we have fur coats. It's the way we're made.

Ditto for upholstery fabrics. In a contest between our nails and your loose weaves, knits, nubby textures and anything quilted, the upholstery will lose every time. For the benefit of both of us, stick to lightly woven, snag-resistant yard goods for cushions, and avoid corduroys and any fuzzy fabric that tends to mat and shine after we've licked our, uh, paws too.

Oh, and slipcovers. Slipcovers are so smart that, if they didn't already exist, a dog would have to invent them just to keep peace in the household. Of course, an old Army blanket thrown over a sofa works just as well as far as we're concerned.

If you haven't noticed, dogs have claws, and claws will scratch wood floors. Shoes will scratch wood floors too. So will furniture. If you have wood floors and a dog, you'll have scratch marks, no matter if you have polyurethane an inch thick. Get used to it, get over it or call the carpet installer.

Mike Walsh

ID YOU KNOW... Brewer's Yeast -It's a food! It's a food supplement! Who cares? It's so rich in so many basic nutrients that lots of experts have stopped trying to describe brewer's yeast and have simply taken to recommending it. But it's still a little ironic that nutrient-rich brewer's yeast comes out of the same vats as nutrient-poor sugar. Brewers use yeast to ferment barley and hops into beer, but you should use it as a concentrated source of B vitamins, minerals and high-quality protein. This wonder yeast contains thiamine, riboflavin, B₁₂ and folate. Plus, it's 40 to 50 percent protein by weight, contains very little fat and is a rich source of several important minerals - iron, potassium, calcium and, perhaps most important, chromium.

Besides adding this all-purpose nutrition to our lives, brewer's yeast also works directly to fight two major health problems: diabetes (especially the type that strikes older people) and cholesterol-induced heart disease.

Diabetes represents a failure of the body's system of carbohydrate metabolism. People with the disease have trouble regulating the use of the glucose (blood sugar) produced from the carbohydrates they eat, and they may require injections of insulin to do the job. But scientists are finding that the dependence of some patients those with adult-onset diabetes) on insulin can be decreased, even eliminated, through the manipulation of their diet. These researchers have found that rats with problems of sugar metabolism were helped when Brewer's yeast

was added to their diets and they determined that it was the trace mineral chromium doing the trick. Chromium is chemically linked to a combination of Niacin and amino acids in a way that helps it increase the effectiveness of the body's own insulin in regulating blood sugar levels.

Chromium's benefits apply to humans as well as to rats. In one demonstration of that fact, scientists at Columbia University worked with elderly people, some of them diabetic and some of them not. The volunteers were fed either chromium-rich brewer's yeast or chromium-poor torula yeast as a supplement to their diet. The brewer's yeast improved sugar metabolism, not just in the diabetic patients, but in all the people tested.

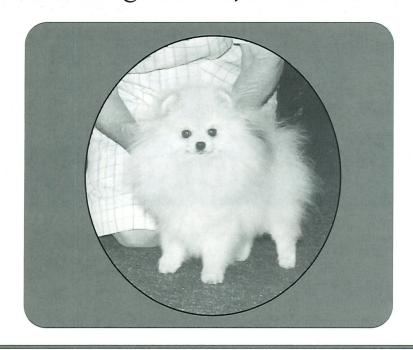
On a second front, brewer's yeast also looks like a strong weapon in the fight against cholesterol and heart disease. J. Clint Elwood, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry, and his colleagues at the State University of New York, Upstate Medical Center at Syracuse, studied the effect of brewer's yeast on serum cholesterol.

In the first trial, volunteers were instructed to take 20 grams (about 2 tablespoons) of brewer's yeast each day for a total of eight weeks. After the eight weeks, blood tests revealed that the cholesterol levels of the group had decreased significantly, says Dr. Elwood. The average decrease for all subjects was 10 percent, but a few of the volunteers had truly dramatic reductions in their total cholesterol levels. One dropped by approximately 110 points, while another decreased by 100, placing them both within a normal range.

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In Loving Memory of Ch. Nabob's Talk Of The Town



ALL THE GOOD DOGS

What purpose did they serve, all the good dogs that once ran through the world and wait now in the shadowy quiet of the past?

They lightened our burdens and drove away our enemies and stayed when others left us. They gave aid and comfort, protection and security. They held a mirror wherein we might see ourselves as we long to be. They gave us a glimpse of the world beyond the narrow confines of our own species.

Although we make dull students, slowly they help us learn how to command and to protect with wisdom and justice and imagination.

They taught us and still teach us the joy of giving generosity and kindness and love – without thought of gainful return.

And now – all the fleet hounds, the staunch mastiffs, the loyal shepherds, the dancing toys, the fumbling puppies, pets on silk pillows, workers plodding at their tasks, the special ones you loved best, those of ours we still miss – all the good dogs, goodbye, until on some brighter day, in some fairer place you run out again to greet us.

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Dogs Howl And...

This is *Thumbelina's* Story...

In the recent September issue of The Reader, my column dealt with heros and villains, and at the finale I mentioned that this column would be devoted to a canine heroine. "Thumbelina" is a Pom miracle, if not actually a heroine in the sense of having performed some heroic deed in order to save a life. etc. But she did become a "Poster Child" for the Animal Medical Center of New York City and her story is one which I simply can't deny sharing with our readers. Here is Thumbelina's story in the words of her Breeder/Owner, and in the words of the Animal Medical Center that saved her life:

For love of Thumbelina

BY LINDA HERRMANN

Daybreak...I'd been driving for hours when the sun rose over Manhattan. The New York City skyline looked like an oasis to me through my tears. The finest Animal Medical Center on the east coast lies on the other side of the George Washington Bridge from where I sat snarled in traffic...time ticking away rapidly...Thumbelina barely alive snuggled in sherpa in my mother's lap...a far cry from that joyous moment I had first set eyes on her only 3-1/2 weeks earlier. Not much bigger than my thumb, she arrived in this world and stole my heart...

Her birth had been a very difficult one that after an entire night of counting contractions and calling my vet at home to try to convince him to meet us at his clinic...resulted in a C-Section on my beautiful wolf sable gal, Gidget. I was as exhausted as poor Gidget that morning...disappointed in the lack of immediate response of my vet and questioning why men don't think birth is such a big deal to worry about its expediency.

Thumbie was the runt of the litter. She was always getting pushed aside so I started supplementing her with a bottle from the start...around the clock. She knew my body when I would enter the room even with her eyes yet unopened. Her tongue would come



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out and she'd start smacking her lips anticipating her "bobby." She had me wrapped around her thumb so to speak and I was totally in love with her...she was my innocent angel.

On Thanksgiving Day I had let three hours lapse between bottles due to having company. I arrived in my bedroom to find Thumbie in the middle of the floor on her back screaming her heart out. Her mom decided to move the litter under my bed for fear the company would come upstairs and take her babies I

guess. I scooped up Thumbie and ran for the phone to call the vet, and her head had an enormous lump on it.

A young vet was on call that day and I was worried about his competency but I had no choice. He refused to x-ray her, would not give me an antibiotic, and insisted she have a shot of Dexamethasone to relieve the swelling. I was very upset about the lack of concern on the vet's behalf, but even more concerned about the effects on Thumbie's little immune system that the drug would have since I knew that it would shut off her immuno response temporarily. Home I went with my wounded angel.

Within 4 days her head was so engorged that her eyes were sealed shut and pushed grotesquely from their sockets...she was dying. I rushed back to the vet and insisted on an elder vet examining her. He decided she had an abcess on her head and took her to another room to lance it. He returned with her in his hand, screaming her head off...incision dripping blood down her face...and announced to me that she needed to be euthanized immediately...that she was hydrocephalic and that there was no fixing this problem. Her

screams were all I really heard after that. I became furious at this horrible sight of my baby suffering and lying in the palm of the hand of someone who was insisting on killing her. I said she is not hydrocephalic, she was fine until her mom moved her the other day and she got hurt...stitch her head up I'll find somebody to help her. After trying to convince me to let him kill her again he finally gave in and closed the incision, and stormed off. Now what, where, who...FAST...the drive home



was hell. All that blood...all those screams...now I had to play "beat the clock" to save her life.

Exhausting every vet's office within a 50 mile radius of my house with phone calls I became despondent...even Cornell University's small animal clinic's neurologist turned me down after he spoke to my vet on the phone...I was crushed.

Finally at 10pm that night I was able to catch the heartstrings of the

appointment desk operator at the Animal Medical Center in New York City, She gave me an appointment with the chief of their neurology department for the first thing in the morning - a light at the end of the tunnel...someone was willing to at least see my baby and form their own diagnosis without speaking to my vet.

But there we sat snarled in traffic...Thumbie clinging to life...and our appointment already an hour past its scheduled time. Choking on

> my tears, I held her in my hand...felt her tiny heartbeat...listened to those tender baby sounds...she didn't have long to live and I was dying inside.

I skidded into the parking garage...frantically valeted the car and ran inside. I was crying hysterically at that point...yelling "my puppy is dying"...they wisked us away into an exam room where we were immediately seen by a doctor while they paged Dr. Richard Joseph, Chief of Neurology. They wasted no time in tending to her.

Dr. Joseph took a look at her and I could see through my tears that his face was definitely concerned. He wanted to know who diagnosed her, where are the x-rays, who cut her head open, and what

antibiotic she was given. Well, when I told him the story he was pretty upset. He then proceeded to tell me that if she were a true hydrocephalic he could indeed help her as he has many patients with such a condition; if shunted, live normal lives. However, he did not think this was the case but needed to x-ray her to give me an accurate diagnosis. Off they went.

He returned with a fleet of doctors. Showing me on the films that

a/k/a/ Lois Ciliberto

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her brain was infected from frontal sinus all the way back to the cerebral cortex...I stood there in horror as he explained that this is commonly seen when a mama dog or cat moves her babies, very often a tooth will accidently puncture the skin and since there is enough bacteria on a tooth to cause an immediate infection which was the lump I saw on her head Thanksgiving Day that Thumbelina now had her entire brain infected because she was not

given an antibiotic right after she got hurt. At this point her life was nearing its end. She had a one in one hundred chance at survival if they operated on her.

The Dexamethasone shut off her immune system, as all steroids do, and here we stood at the crossroads of life and death. My heart broke...the one in one hundred odds he kept stressing...I was crying so hysterically at that point that the only thing I heard next out of all the conversation was "WE ARE WILLING TO TRY TO SAVE HER BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT **EVERYTHING IS STACKED** AGAINST HER AT THIS

POINT...WE HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO OPERATE BUT SHE IS WEAK...IT'S YOUR DECISION" Well, to a mom, one in one hundred is better than zero in one hundred...so there was no question about it. We were going all the way!!!

I kissed her goodby and off they all ran.

She was whisked to ICU and there the neurological team went to work on her.

Neurosurgeon Dr. Heidi Hottinger performed the delicate task of opening the skull of this tiny angel. She then proceeded to remove whatever infection she could from the brain orbit. Two tiny drain holes with hoses were placed into her skull so that they could flush and drain the brain orbit every few hours thereafter. A catheter was placed into her bone marrow to get a direct antibiotic drip into her blood stream. She also needed a blood transfusion from the loss of all her blood from the initial incision that my vet made. All this on a 3-1/2 week Pom puppy the size of a hamster!



Her doctors fell in love with her and 24 hours a day she was tended in ICU by a neurologist. I drove the switchboard crazy every few hours checking on her. When I heard they were tube feeding her because she would not nurse the bottle, I got in the car and flew to NYC with a bottle and her formula. This was post surgery day 3; when Dr. Joseph rounded the corner with her in his hand and a big smile on his face I was thrilled. Hoses out of her head, one eye barely slit open, the minute he handed her to me she started smacking for her "bob." we all

laughed as she sucked away like a little piggy. The doctor was amazed and asked what was in her bottle since she refused to eat the Esbilac they were giving her. When I explained about how we add yogurt, milk, evaporated milk, egg yolk, and sugar or honey to sweeten it and hide the taste of the Esbilac he said that it was the healthiest formula he had ever heard of, and they wrote it down...

She remained in ICU for an entire

week before I got the call that I had been anxiously awaiting. Thumbelina could come home provided I would follow their intensive care instructions to a "T," but she was far from being out of the woods and I was not to get my hopes up yet...and that she may also may not be normal if she did survive.

I made her a heavy sherpa-lined bedsack with a hot water bottle pocket so she would not get a chill coming home. Bless her bald little head, she slept all the way home in the car!! I know this for a fact because I stopped 20 times to check on her!!!

Her around the clock care was exhausting, but the joy of seeing a new sign of improvement each day was so rewarding that the energy to carry on was always there.

A month after surgery she was having abnormal eye movement and her perception was way off...still, she fought on. Her eyeballs looked like they were quivering in their sockets! It was bad...not a good sign her doctor said, but far too early to know how she would end up. She was kept on Amoxicillin since it is the only antibiotic that crosses the brain barrier and we all prayed for the best.

a/k/a/ Lois Ciliberto

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We had another set-back when she was 6 months old and had a reaction to an innoculation and just curled up in a ball, refused to eat or walk. A CAT scan at that time proved that when my vet lanced into her head he had indeed cut a wedge out of her brain. He has since admitted to that and that was the reason he wanted to euthanize her in the beginning. The truth always comes out and the old saying of doctors burying their mistakes can indeed hold true.

At this writing, Thumbie is a 1-1/2 years old. She is a fat little six pound angel with a heart of gold. She is handicapped in that she is missing the wedge out of her motor function portion of her brain so she walks crooked and when she runs she hops like a bunny which makes her all the more endearing. She is a living testimony to the old saying of my dad's, and continues to echo on long after his passing. He always said,

"Where there is life there is hope. You must always give life a chance."

As my little miracle hops through life in true THUMBIE BUNNY style, I look on in awe of her courageous struggle for life. She is a mighty Viking warrior in a little orange fur suit. Through all her pain and suffering she never once has shown any nasty trait...only sweet, loving trust.

From the moment she arrived in this world I was amazed that something so tiny could be so PERFECTLY formed...she stole my heart for a reason. You see love can make you do things that in retrospect may surprise you, but the at moment that you are going through the crisis, you just do whatever you have to do to get the one you love the help they need...no matter what it takes. Love knows no boundary between flesh or fur, we are all God's children walking life's path side by side and must reach out when another entity needs help.

With sleepy little eyes and the innocence of an angel...I get the joy of waking every morning to the love of Thumbelina.

Linda Hermann

Thumbelina will turn 2 years old on November 4th, and the last I heard, she was "bunny-hopping" to a Polish Polka with her fond owner. Thank heaven for miracles in the canine world and for people who go beyond the premise that dogs are as disposable as paper plates and plastic glasses and that dogs are here only to be used for breeding or selling, and for caring owners who take a chance on second, or even third medical opinions before opting for quick euthanasia.

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"I never met a meal I didn't like." "ANGEL"

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"Clean up WHAT room?"

This is a picture of my 5-month-old black/tan, "Tag." He loves to get out all of his toys, but refuses to put them back!

He is my best friend and I waited 6 years to find him. After my first Pom died I wasn't going to get another one – but after a little while I had to have one.

My husband and I searched for years and then we found my boy. Someday we hope to get him a brother or sister.

I love reading **The Pom Reader**. That's where I found the breeder who led me to "Tap."

Judith Parks Brockton, Massachusetts

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At our Specialty Show we will have **Beautiful Trophies**, a 50/50 **Raffle**, a **Boutique Table**, and **Goodie Bags** for all exhibitors! We will also have a **Buffet Lunch** (bring your own chairs). Our Sweepstakes will have prizes, including a 100 Vari-Kennel for Best in Sweepstakes, and a Pet Comforter for B.O.S. to Best in Sweepstakes.

The Specialty Judge will be **David Krogh**, and the Sweepstakes Judge will be **Kitty Burke**. For more information, contact: **BCPC Secretary Don Gill**, 242 Central Street, Manchester, NH 03103, phone: 603-669-6564

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Mac's Step By Step (D) by Ch. Mac's Steppin' Out x Mac's Bold And Gold Breeder: Mrs. B.G. McDonald Owner: Sheila Fields

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"Munchkin"finished on 9/27/96 after only 7 weeks of showing. His sire is Ch. Lynnwrights Dracula, his grand-sire on both-sides is Ch.Bev-Nor's Nuttin-To-It.

"Ch. Lynnwrights Wizard of Oz", pictured winning Best of Breed over specials from the Bred-By class for a 5 point Major, at 9 months of age.

Thanks to all the judges who have loved this puppy!

Ch. LYNNWRIGHTS WIZARD OF OZ

Flash: "Munchkin" takes another B.O.B. at James River K.C. from the Puppy Classes!

CONGRATULATIONS to my close friend, Sue Berney on her kennel visit and HOORAY! For "Suber Presents Atom Ant" sired by my stud Ch. Bev-Nors Nuttin-To-It. Adam is 100% show dog.

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KNOCK, KNOCK!! WHO'S THERE???

Suzanne Berney

Owings Mills, Maryland



Hi, my name is Sue Berney, a REALLY TRUE POM LOVER, a proud member of the "Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore," an avid Pom breeder and kennel owner. I am also a member of the "American Pomeranian Club," "Delaware Valley Toy Dog Club," "Baltimore County Kennel Club," and the "American Boarding Kennel Association." Hello to all our Pom friends and to the large Pom family joined together by the Pom Reader! First and foremost, let me thank Lois at "The Pom Reader" for selecting "SUBER POMS" for a kennel visit. I am truly honored and deeply appreciative for this opportunity to tell my story.

Little did I know, when I acquired my first Pom, some 15 years ago, the extent to which it would change OUR lives.

The "OUR" is our family. My husband Stu shares my love of Pomeranians, my hopes, my dreams, & (at least some of) my many Pom idiosyncrasies. Our three children Debbie, Karen and Rick and our six grandchildren all love Poms (Thank goodness) although NONE OF THEM CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND ME!

Stu and I have been married for 33 wonderful years but my story actually begins before we were married. I have always been an animal, and particularly a dog lover. I brought a dog into our marriage and we have always had pets throughout. As our three children grew, each family member had his/her own dog or cat (5 total), but I was the self-proclaimed nurse, veterinarian and midwife. When one of our dogs was about

to have puppies, I would stay with her through the delivery (even at the expense of my job...I did have a very understanding boss at the time!). In those days, 20-25 years ago, things were different and breeding was more for fun than the real commitment to excellence that I now feel. In those days, my breeds were Poodles and Collies, primarily, and I had bred some wonderful pets.

Then, one amazing day, July 16, 1982, Stu was out taking his daily morning run through our neigborhood with our Poodle, Heide, when a dog ran down a driveway and took a chunk out of Heide's side. I rushed her to the vet and while in the office, I caught a glimpse of a little orange ball of fur, with a bright red cast on her leg, hobbling around the





Above left:
"Tootsie," Suzanne's foundation bitch.
Above right:
"Foxie," Suzanne's first Pom, now 15 years



Top:
Pom yard.
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Center right: Pom grooming room.

Bottom:

Aerial view of the house and kennel.





Top left: Suber's I'll Impressyou "Charm."

Top right: Ch. Pomspring's Pink Cadillac

Center right: Am/Can/Ber. Ch. Suber's Blaze of Glory "Bon Jovi."

Bottom left: Dinah is Dynamite.

Bottom right: My sled pulling or pushing dogs!







office. I came to find out that it was a 6month old "Pomeranian" (a foreign word to me at that time) puppy whose leg had been broken when she jumped off her owner's lap. The owner wanted her "put down," but the vet decided to set the leg and find a home for her. I told Stu about her and forgot her. Stu, without telling me, went to the vet's office and brought her home four days later. I was the BEST MOVE WE HAVE EVER MADE, unquestionably, and has totally changed our lives for the better. "Foxie" became our beloved household pet and is still going strong today. Even though she has aged considerably she still has her same wonderful, peppy personality and loving atti-

During the next year, we heard through the grapevine about a Pomeranian organization and joined the "Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore." Being pet lovers we joined mainly out of curiosity. We were amazed, immediately, at the depth of knowledge and love and friendship that we saw there. The members took us in and our True Love for Poms was cultivated into what we are today: Stu, a "Pet" Pom lover and me, a Pom "DEVOTEE" in the truest sense of the word! From the beginning, we learned more and more about Pomeranian health, grooming, showing, breeding, appreciation, and most of all, LOVE! We watched, in awe, as Diane Johnson, Delores Watts, Rose Keller, Judy Green, Bess Roberts, Toni Dickerson and all of the other members showed us the ropes. From the beginning, I couldn't believe that I would someday be showing Poms. It seemed so above us at that time. We loved the members and have been members in good standing ever since. I have been President of the club and, currently, Stu is the President. We are still very active and have put on many great national shows in the Baltimore area.

These experiences convinced Stu that my true calling was animals, and one day in June of 1983, just by chance, he saw an ad in the Baltimore paper for a "Large Dog Kennel" for sale. We went to look at it and our minds started to race. It was very run down and in need of many major changes. After a month of intense learning, investigating, financial dealings and scary moments, we took over as owners on August 1, 1983. I hadn't even

told my employers because right up to August 1st we weren't at all sure we would make the deal fly. Fortunately, it did and after two weeks when poor Stu had to take care of it for me, I became the Owner/Operator of DEER PARK KENNELS. It had 78 indoor/outdoor runs which were heated (the air-conditioning didn't work). The lights, drains, and water, also needed work as did the outdoor runs; which had grass and weeds growing up 7 feet tall. We weeded, scrubbed, painted, fixed and fixed until it became a respectable boarding facility. We also added grooming, training, and general dog supplies. Three years later, in July 1986, Baltimore Magazine named us "Best Kennel in Baltimore." We were genuinely shocked but proud as peacocks. Today we have a total of 137 spaces available for boarding, up to 21 employees, 4 groomers, 3 trainers, a wonderful reputation and the kennel is full all Summer and Holidays! DEER PARK KENNELS has also become the "unofficial" home of the Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore. We host many of the club's matches, picnics, meetings and working sessions. In addition to our 25 Poms, there are often upwards of 100 Poms at these gatherings and people from all over the country bring their motorhomes and fill the area. To us, the more the merrier!

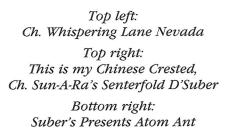
During the last fourteen years I became much more interested and knowledgeable about Poms. Over the years, I went from "Foxie" to "Ernie Berney," our second Pom, a pet male, to a Pom addition on the house. Our Poms now have their own wing, complete with two rooms, doggie doors built into the walls, 15' runs, their own deck with ramps, and a very large "running" yard. In addition, our whole house is a living tribute to Poms. In every room, we have Pom artifacts, statues, light switches, wall hangings, and of course, pictures! Our den and kitchen are Pom "galleries" with many reminders of what Poms mean to us. Over those 14 years, I was quickly learning about what made a "GOOD POM," and I could easily see shortcomings in my "pets." Then, one day at a Pom picnic, I bought "Watts Little Surpriz Package" (Tootsie), from Delores Watts. She was my foundation bitch, my entry into the netherworld which, from up to then, I could only

watch from the sidelines. I followed this purchase with several other major purchases from known breeders. One was a dog named "Silva Lade Littlest Outlaw" (Rowdy) from Dianne Johnson. He was a black & tan and my first Champion. I bought several other show prospect puppies that didn't turn out, we can all relate to that. At this time, my closest friend, Rose Keller, was invaluable in helping me with my Poms. She had been raising Poms for many years and took me under her wing. I couldn't have done it without her! Today, we are closer than ever, share many Poms, and see each other every day. I can't thank you enough, Rose!

One of our most exciting times was Great Elms Prince Charming II winning the Garden. I had been in New York for the Pom Specialty and had watched on Monday, the first day at the Garden, with some of the club's members. We were ecstatic when Prince took the Breed. Skip Piazza was an active member of the Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore and so we all felt a sense of pride at having one of our members do so well. In addition, I had set up an appointment for that Wednesday to breed "Tootsie" to Prince. When he took the Group we couldn't believe it. I had to return to Baltimore on Tuesday, and Stu and I watched with tears streaming down our faces as he took Best in Show. The next day Stu and I both went up to Skip's Kennel in Pennsylvania and enjoyed some Champagne, examination of Prince's trophies, many laughs, good fellowship and an extremely successful breeding to Prince. Stu brought his camera hoping for some hot-shots and Skip asked him to take pictures for Prince's publicity. Skip posed Prince and we began taking pictures. Skip loved them and used them for years thereafter!

We have several hanging in our Pom gallery and currently are giving new members of the Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore a framed picture of Prince. These have been a big hit with our whole club. We all know how important Prince's victory was to our breed and we, personally saw a major increase in calls for Pom puppies directly after his win! That breeding to Prince actually started my line. It produced Ch. Suber's Heza Dream Maker. I took a Prince daughter and bred her to Ch.





Elan's Fireworks which produced Am/Can/Ber. Ch. Suber's Blaze Of Glory. I recently bred Suber's I'll Impressyou to Ch. Bev-Nor's Nuttin-To-It and that breeding produced Suber's Presents Atom Ant, the nine-month old puppy that I am nowshowing, who has gone Best of Breed over Specials 4 times and has made the cut each time in the Group. Thanks to Donna Lynn Wright for letting me use this great dog. Donna & I own a dog together, Ch. Whispering Lane Nevada which she finished in 10 weeks. So far he has produced many show prospect puppies.

I also have two other breeds, Chinese Cresteds which I have finished both dogs and one Miniature Pinscher (red) puppy which I am currently showing, but nothing can take the place of a Pom.

I have truly been blessed with many

good friends, from all around the country and Canada because of my Poms. I have been visited by and also visited two really good friends; Dianne Kieffer from Indiana, and Elizabeth Dupuis from Ontario, Canada; have corresponded regularly with both of them and Sherry Christianson of Alaska. I have bought, been given, traded, bred to, and sent my Poms to each of them and consider them real inspirations to me. Experiences like these have enriched my life greatly and I thank them for their additions to my Pom line!

Two years ago, I bought a 27' motorhome and joined the travelin' group of Pom owners on the show circuit. During that time, I have met many new and wonderful Pom lovers from all over the country. I have traveled to shows in "mini-caravans" or in the same

vehicle with Donna Lynn Wright, Delores Watts, and Bev Ferguson. This diversion from the rigors of the business world is like a paradise to me. It enables me to see many parts of the USA, meet many new friends and, most of all, enjoy Poms 24 hours a day!

When I think of what Poms have done for me, I can best sum it up as follows:

A - I am sure that we own DEER PARK KENNELS because of our love for Poms.

B - My best friends are all Pom people.

C - I have traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Bermuda pursuing my love of Poms.

D - Had about 100 Poms over the years, each with his/her own personality, characteristics, and L-O-V-E!

Suzanne Berney



CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE AND HER SUBER POMS

on this well deserved kennel visit!



Way to so, Bunky!

Pictured is Razzle Dazzle Winter's Song at 7 Months of age. She is now growing coat and will be out in the ring this winter. Her sister, Razzle Dazzle Willow's Song (co-owned with Suzanne Warfield) has been out in the ring since summer and is already pointed. They are by Chriscendo Centre Stage x Razzle Dazzle Summer Music.

Judy Green

Congratulations to





The Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore

also wishes to congratulate all the following members who have been honored with a Breeder Visit in The Pom Reader:

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Congratulations to



Sincere Best Wishes, Sue

from Lois on the Lom Reader Staff.

I understand that I am to look forward to a simply stunning photo of you and a Pom, done in 1959!
I can't wait! Everyone is telling me about "Atom-Ant" & your great success with him! Good luck on his future in the show ring & all "Suber" Pomeranians.



To the dog breeder, the most gratifying side to being a part of this sport is the chance to work with puppies of all ages...and successfully working with puppies calls for a bottomless reservoir of patience.

Developing patience in sufficient degree is far more than pressing a button or flicking a switch. It really can take years to learn to wait and give a budding superstar all the time it needs to live up to its early potential.

How exciting it is for the breeder to see a new litter from a special mating that was so long in the planning. It's even more wonderful when one of these long anticipated babies is of the sex you want, maybe the color you'd hoped for. If the youngster you have your eye on continues to grow into the dog of your dreams, you cup truly runneth over - and you don't even need to wipe it up! Your world is that beautiful. All you need to do is grow the puppy on, train it and condition it right and when the time is most appropriate, bring it out with a bang.

The point I plan to develop here is this: when is the time appropriate? So many young animals are brought into the ring when they are woefully unprepared to make their marks in competition and such premature introduction impacts negatively on these dogs for the rest of their show careers. It's sad, it's wasteful and it doesn't have to happen.

Not all breeds mature at the same rate. Within breeds individuals will mature at different times. Maturity will be dictated as much by hereditary patterns within families as by breed dispositions - maybe more so. In working with a line of dogs, it is vitally important to be able to project when an individual will be grown-up enough to seek after its title, be ready to special, to breed or to be used for whatever purpose owner, breeder or handler determines. Brought out at the right time, a deserving dog will usually justify the faith put into it. Rushed out in a tearing hurry, there is every reason to expect disappointment and it would not be the fault of the dog.

There is no doubt that a seasoned breeder knows enough to allow the puppy to proceed at its own pace and will pick just the right moment to try for the acclaim he feels his new star deserves. But not everyone is resolute enough to sit on such a comer. The inexperienced dog person, whether first-time exhibitor or one who

has been showing for a time, but has never run with a real topper, may make this regrettable mistake and live to suffer its consequences.

I believe a puppy must be allowed its puppyhood. We all take these babies and put them up on a table, arranging their external anatomy in a pattern to please ourselves and patiently communicating to the puppy that it has to stand like this and when that lesson sinks in, we are not only happy, we are on the road to our next great one. We teach them to accept the lead and to gait attractively to make the most of their assets and to minimize their shortcomings as much as possible. We encourage animation on the lead and work for good deportment. If we have done our work well, we hope we will come up with a dog whose attitude matches its conformation. Such an animal has every chance of landing us in the purple on a regular basis.

Compare the prospects of a well-trained, well-timed, well-managed young-ster with those of a flyer of equal merit that has been rushed into the ring too soon by an over-anxious owner. The antsy owner of the promising puppy is not unlike the quintessential stage mother - the unfortunate puppy often reflects the human youngster pushed from pillar to post while mom pursues her own visions of grandeur.

There stand owner and dog, for all intents and purposes, "wired" and the judge recognizes this as surely he/she recognizes the quality of the puppy. But even a beautiful baby is tough to judge if it has to be subdued before it can be evaluated. Let's suppose the puppy has been gone over, perhaps with a bit of difficulty, and it is now time to evaluate the movement of this "prodigy in pickle." If the youngster is all over the ring on the gaiting pattern, its performance moving matches its performance standing. Would you consider such a dog ready for competition? You would not, I would not. Anyone who has been around the dog world long enough would not, either. The tough part is if the particular animal is obviously a superior specimen - it hurts to see it lose because someone could not do their homework or wait for the best moment to bring out a wonderful youngster.

The first-time exhibitor is frequently hard-pressed to wait for the puppy to reach the six-month milestone so the show career may proceed. How devastating it must seem to the newcomer when the judge does not seem to share his or her enthusiasm for the puppy. Actually, the judge could, but in the judge's experience, the puppy must wait and the awards must reflect this.

We can understand a novice showing prematurely out of enthusiasm and inexperience, but when the seasoned dog people push their puppies unreasonable, we must wonder why the finest fruits of a breeding program must be plucked and bruised before they are ripe. We all know people who rush out to handling class at the end of the work day and some of us make more than one handling class a week. Some will try getting in as many as they can grab. Is this to school puppies or to drag the social side of dog show weekends on to weeknights, hummm?

It's very possible to overdo the training of a show-quality puppy and we see jaded animals all the time - animals that are the victims of well intentioned yet insidious burnout. And the worst is - by the time these young dogs are physically up to the competition, and maybe above it, they act like they could not care less. And they act that way because they have long passed the saturation point. And they don't win! The eminent Henry Stoecker once observed to a post-Westminster luncheon audience that a successful show dog must be like a chorus girl: It's got to have it and it's got to flaunt it. Food for thought for us all.

A young puppy with a bright future is for all that a growing baby with the attendant growing pains. At some point, it will be teething, a bitch puppy will go through the bewildering discomfort of her first season and all will cope with the lessons of life, the syndrome of adolescent rebelliousness and a host of other knotty problems to be met and dealt with. In the face of all that overexposure of puppies in the show ring is truly unwise.

Showing at the odd match, doing a reasonable number of handling classes and proudly showing puppies in futurities and sweepstakes is wonderful. Let's just remember that babies are babies and there will be plenty of time for the heavy demands of serious competition at a later date. What that flyer needs now is the loving support of a devoted owner in a safe, happy home. If you are fortunate enough to be watching over a really exciting youngster of this kind, you should be glad to wait now. Wait now and win later - it will be worth it.

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- 4. 1950 CH. JAN-LE'S JUST A DASH OF MILLAMOR Owner: J. Lehtinen
- 5. 1745 CH. GLEN IRIS CASTLE ROCK Owner: Work/Jackson/Taylor
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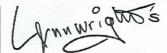
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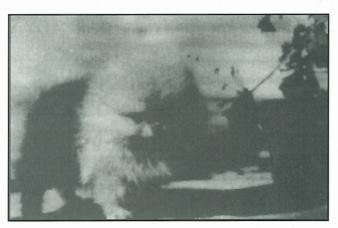


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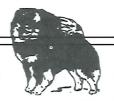
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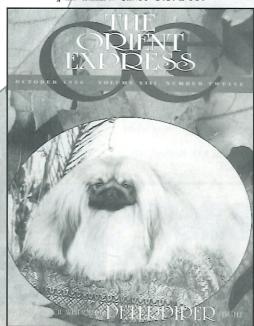
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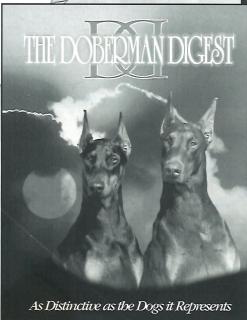
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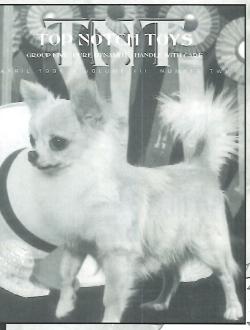
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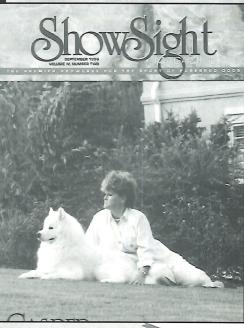
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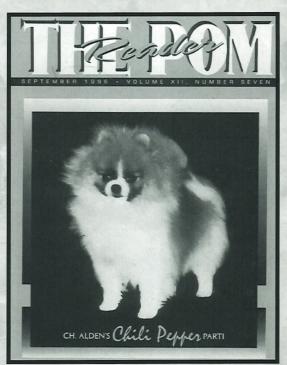
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