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BIS. CH. Finch's Dream of Jacinda  
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# LACUEVA KENNEL

is proud to introduce our new BIS-BBE International Champion

## LACUEVA-DHCREW PRIDE-N-PREJUDICE

(CH DHCREW RUFF-N-READY X LACUEVA-DHCREW PATTI'S LEGACY)



Jude

This sound, handsome, clear orange boy has been a pleasure to show. He has one of the most correct coats I have ever felt. He needs only 3 singles (or a 4th major) to finish his AKC Championship, having picked up 3 majors in two weeks, and he only needs 30 of the required 100 Pts for his UKC Title. I showed him at Nationals last year where he took 2nd place in the large 9-12 month Puppy Class in Sweeps, and then took the large BBE class at the All Breed shows on Thursday and Friday. I put him away to mature after showing him a couple times to help build majors. I just brought him back out this past Summer. We went to St. Louis in November for the International shows and came home with a Best In Show on Saturday and his Int'l Title. I look for him to be my next BBE Champion. My sincere thanks to all the judges who have appreciated his soundness, movement and type.

## AND OUR NEW RBIS-BBE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION: LACUEVA'S BRIDGETTE DOES BELGIUM

(CH LACUEVA'S ONE TOUCH COOKIE X CH LACUEVA JENUWANE DEBUTANTE)

This little girl is just cute-cute-cute, and she loves to show. She took 2nd place in the large 9-12 mos. Puppy class at Nationals this year, then went into her one year blow after taking BOW/BOS for 2 pts. I just brought her back out this fall and she has picked up another 2 pts. and a couple of RWB to majors. She also went to St. Louis for the Int'l Shows and came home with her Int'l Title and a Reserve Best In Show on Sunday. She needs only 5 of the required 100 pts for her UKC Title, having beat her Daddy, Ch LaCueva's One Tough Cookie, for BOB one day. She has been sold on a co-ownership to Handler Rui Jorge daSilva in Belgium, and will be going there to get her FCI Titles as soon as she finishes her AKC and UKC Titles. Thanks to all the judges who have appreciated this fun little girl.

Congratulations Geno on your well-deserved Kennel Visit... and your selection to the APC Board. I just love my little red Ch. Castile's Southern Comfort daughter, LaCueva's GI Braveheart Revival (a/k/a "Revi"), and look forward to finishing her soon.



Bridgette

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# Ch. Mtn. Views I'll B Starting A Fire



Ch. Marbil's Games of Chance x Mtn. Views Winter Hope (Pictured with Judge David Doane.)

Flint finished with 4 majors

Thank you to Judges:  
Norman Patton 4 point major  
Robert Stein 3 point major  
William Taylor 3 point major  
David Doane 4 point major

We want to thank David Fitzpatrick for his care and handling of Flint as well as Mari Iffland of Marbil Pomeranians for allowing us to use "Fire", giving us this wonderful, loving little fella.

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CH RobCary's Softly Upon My Heart finished from the BBE classes at only 10 months old.

RobCary's Gabriella won 13 points with a major from the BBE classes. Gabby has been bred to Parker and hopefully will be on "maternity leave" until next year.

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 CD CGN RN**

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 the same weekend  
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 at the Pomeranian  
 Club of Ontario  
 Specialty in July 2008

**CH PONDSIDE  
 WINGS OF AN  
 ANGEL CD CGN RN**

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 weekend  
 in April 2008,  
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 later in 2008

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Best wishes to Geno Sisneros on your kennel visit.

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Happy New Year...

*Tidbit*



# TIDBIT OF LENETTE

(Ch. Barbaro of Lenette x Jorja of Lenette)

"Tidbit" wins WD at the Pomeranian Club of Hawaii Specialty under Mr. Steven Arnold. He is shown at 8 months old and needs majors to finish.

Mahalo goes to Ken Griffith for this lovely boy and to his supporters.

Congratulations to Geno Sisneros, Castile Poms, on your kennel visit.

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### CH. FINCH'S DREAM OF JACINDA



Sire: Am. Thai. BIS, BISS. Ch. Pufpride Sweet Dreams  
Dam: Am. Ch. Finch's Angel In My Eyes

Trevor wins in Mexico include:  
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INTERNATIONAL DOG SHOW; GROUP WINNER  
And he won GROUP FIRST IN  
LAS AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW  
in Colombia 2006.

Our thanks to Diane Finch, Trevor's Breeder, for giving us the opportunity to own such a delightful little boy.

Special thank you to all the judges who have recognized the quality of our special boy.

Thank you Jose Antonio for doing such a wonderful job handling Trevor. You make an awesome team and have made us very proud.

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*Edith Anne*

Brogan



## Her Majesty's O No You Didunt

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CH Damascusroad Dream Buster X Her Majesty's Princess Victoria

Landin



Thank you Geno for your friendship and congratulations on all of your success.

Thanks to Bronya Johnston for your wonderful handling of Edith Anne and Victoria! You birthed some beautiful babies for us!

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Thank you Carlene Gilstrap for helping us show Landin!

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*Our family would like to thank all the wonderful Pom people who expressed concern, sent well-wishes, and many prayers for our son Scott during his 3 month battle with cancer. Scott passed away Nov. 11 in our home.*

*Roger and Pat Dague  
and Family*



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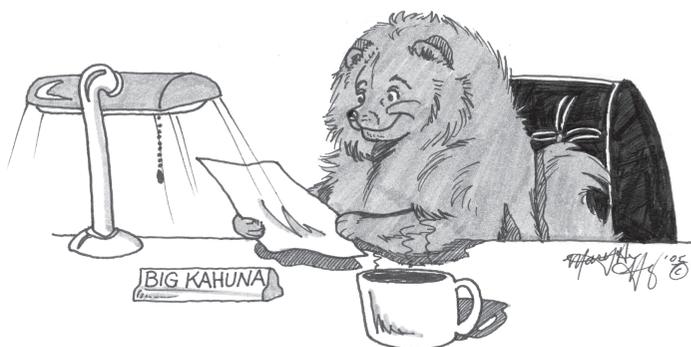
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Jane Lehtinen  
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## From The Desk Of The PREZ



The elections are over and we now have a new board. I would like to welcome the following to the board, Kelly Reimschiessel, Betsy Owens, Linda Pelz, Celeste Solano, Pat Barnett, Geno Sisneros, and Vikki Oelerich and returning members, David Gilstrap, Judy Green, Erika Moureau, and Carol Leemhuis. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have a question or want to help or donate time. I wish to thank the past members of this board for donating the time and effort to make this club work as a team. Thank you so much for electing us!

Now the hard work begins. As promised we will be opening up communication between the Board and the members. This includes putting up as much information as we can to the members' only website so each of you can check on us and see what we're up to. We want to start the process for getting recognized by CHIC and get a committee to look into starting us on the road to rescue. With so much going on, don't be surprised if you get a phone call from someone asking for your help or asking you to be on a committee! The surveys we sent out and had returned will be such a help with this.

There is lots to do and now is your chance to get a hold of one of the new Board members and let them know what you want to do and how you want to help the club.

Our flyer has been sent out and from what you can see we are planning a lot of fun things at our next National. It takes money to put on this show and we do need your donations again if we are to succeed so please help out any way you can. For those of you who did not get the flyer, here is what we are offering. A MENTOR SEMINAR if you wish to become a mentor, contact Fred Bassett and sign up. Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care Seminar by Myra Savant Harris RN, a must see, as I hear she is awesome. JUDGES SEMINAR for those who aspire to be a judge. TOP TWENTY EVENT, which showcases our top, dogs in our breed. Please contact Christine Creasey for this event. KARAOKE NIGHT, maybe we will discover a new star for the next TV show and last is the APC AWARDS BANQUET & AUCTION where we dine and whine and buy all the goodies that our wonderful members donate. We are always sure to have some wonderful times. And we cannot forget the National Specialty itself where we have Ms. Sandra Goose Allen for the breed and for Sweeps Betsy Owens. Please make your reservations early.

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Again, thank you all for your vote of confidence and we all hope to see some (most?) of you in Kentucky in March.



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## Board Summary

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### October Board Summary

Linda Lewis was appointed Rescue Coordinator for APC.

Motion made, seconded and passed to have the revised standard reviewed by the general membership in an informal poll before it is sent to AKC. It was suggested each section could receive a 'yes or no' on approval.

Motion made, seconded and passed that APC hire an independent firm to tabulate the votes received for the APC elections. We can afford it and no one can accuse anyone else of voter fraud.

The board decided to hire the firm United States Notary Association, part of the Pennsylvania Association of notaries to count the ballots and report the findings. Motion made, seconded and passed.

The requirements for becoming a certified Mentor are to be the introduction paragraph to "Judge's Education" in the member's only section. This motion made, seconded and passed.

There was discussion on the email waiver. One change to include a space to not receive information by email was added. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the waiver and send out with the dues notices.

Motion made, seconded and passed to have Kelly R look into an interactive list/forum for board and members to interact. Some on the board expressed this should be in proposal form to the board.

A question was brought up about APC joining CHIC. Discussion arose on thyroid, patella, heart, and hips. It is felt by some, testing is still subjective at this time.

### November Board Summary

Motion passed to have a link on the APC Website to the website of the Genome Barks Podcast for possible Pom health information.

Motion made and passed that APC order the new bar jump to accommodate the new AKC regulation regarding the 4 inch jump heights. Approximate total cost \$185.00.

Updates from the following committees were given:

Standard Revision, By Law and Show Chair. Also an update on the membership application.

If an APC member has concerns regarding the aspects of an APC Committee, the member is to contact the Committee Chair with those concerns. Those concerns will be communicated by the Committee Chair within two weeks after receipt if possible, to the Board's APC Corresponding Secretary so that the Board is aware of those concerns.





Annette Davis, CN

# Ask Us Anything

**The question for this issue is: “What is eclampsia and how can it be prevented?”**

Eclampsia (puerperal tetany) is the result of low serum calcium (hypocalcemia). It can be caused by a faulty diet, kidney disease, parathyroid malfunction, or excessive milk production. It is a very serious condition that all toy breeders should be familiar with as it can lead to the death of your bitch and her litter.

Symptoms: The nursing bitch may have rapid breathing, restlessness, nervousness and some whining. She may stagger and develop stiff legs and elevated body temperature. She may be unable to rise and lie with extended legs, salivating and sounding congested. If untreated, it can lead to convulsions and death. It is most common during the first few weeks of lactation, but can occur up to six weeks after delivery.

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**Our question for the next issue is: I have a brood bitch that seems to skip heat cycles. Is there anything I can do to help increase her fertility?**

You may direct new questions or answers to these questions to:

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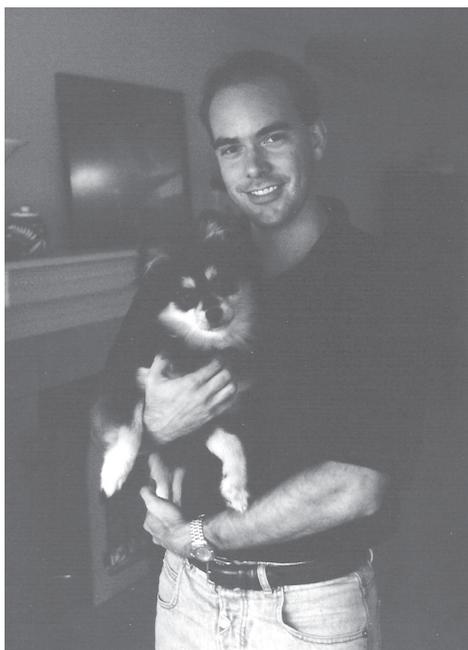




My name is Geno Sisneros. I would like to start by thanking The Pom Review for asking me to share the story of Castile Pomeranians. I was born and raised in the Florida panhandle, in a small town called Niceville. My father was in the Air Force, and my mother was a banker. Most of the pets I had were kept at my grandparents' home in Alabama. When I was 14, I began playing tennis, and that became my passion. Over the years I worked in several top tennis clubs, played two years of NCAA Division I tennis at Troy State University, and eventually became a teaching professional, which I have tried to mix in, though not enough, with school, work, and dogs.

At Troy State I completed degrees in biology and physical science, graduating summa cum laude. My interests were diverse, and while in college I participated in a variety of things: Greek life, Collegiate and Madrigal singers, theatre and musical theatre, public speaking, student government, and many others, and I made the most of every opportunity. My many interests made it difficult to decide on a career, though. While on a trip to Mexico, I realized how lucky I was to be able to see the many beautiful things I experienced...and I realized that there are many people who cannot even see the things we take for granted every day - family, friends, etc. It was then that I decided that I wanted to help people to see, so I registered for the OAT (Optometry Admissions Test), scored well, and was accepted to the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry into a dual O.D. and Masters' program. After UAB, I moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota for two years and then returned to Montgomery, Alabama in 2004, where I currently reside in a 91-year-old home in Montgomery's historical "Garden District" and practice full-scope optometry.

My life in Pomeranians began in June of 1998. I finished at Troy State and within a week moved to Birmingham, Alabama to start my Master's work in vision science. At the time, I knew nothing of the world of show dogs and found a local breeder, Sarah Walker, of Zanara Pomeranians. I went to her house and fell in love with "Wally", BIS Ch. Zanara Glen Iris Braveheart. He had recently won breed at Westminster and had been the #1 ranked Pom, but I did not understand why she was unwilling to sell him. Finally, after searching the local newspapers, I found a puppy, a cute little black and silver boy who came to me as soon as I walked in the door. He went home with me that day. I named him "Bandit" because of the mask on his face. Over the years, the little boy grew into a big boy of about 20 pounds. As I finished optometry school and began breeding and became limited by the number of dogs I could keep, Bandit went to live with my parents, who treat him like



Geno with his first Pom "Bandit."

their baby. He is now ten and a half, and it is hard to believe that time has passed so quickly!

During my second year at UAB, I was working in the computer lab and overheard a woman discussing Pomeranian puppies that she had for sale. I spoke to her, and she invited me to her home to see her dogs. This woman was Cheryl Jackson, of Glen Iris, who also did research in the vision science department at UAB. When I arrived at her home I was welcomed by the most beautiful dogs I had ever seen - BIS BISS Ch. Glen Iris Castle Rock ROM HOF GC "Evan," and two of his children, Glen Iris Castle Knight "O'Riley," the prettiest black Pom I have ever seen and my favorite Pomeranian to this day, and Glen Iris Castle in the Sky "Fiona." However, the girl that I was there to look at did not pay me the slightest attention. She was spunky and full of attitude and did not seem to like me at all, but after long discussions and going through old magazines and show photos and pedigrees, Cheryl let me take

"Duchess," a Wally daughter, home as a show prospect. I named her Glen Iris Duchess of Castile (Castile was a play on "castle" in "Castle Rock" and on the region in Spain, as my family originally came from Spain, and Castile was to become my kennel name).

Cheryl taught me how to groom and handle, and three months later, we began showing in Valdosta, Georgia, where Duchess got a puppy group 3 but did not win in the regular show. Afterwards, the president of the kennel club came up and offered me some tips on gaiting her, and I thanked her and headed to Tallahassee for the next stop in the circuit. The next day, while I was waiting to go in the ring, an older man in a wheelchair came over and commented on how pretty Duchess was and wished us luck. That man was Jack Onofrio, and his words meant a lot to me. We went in, and Duchess won her first point. That afternoon, though, she became sick and had to have sub-q fluids and antibiotics. I cared for her in the hotel room for a few days, and I realized how special she was. As sick as she was, she would get down off the bed and go to the tiled bathroom to use the bathroom. As she recovered we bonded. From

then on she was my best friend, and she never let me out of her sight.

Showing Duchess was not easy. She was headstrong and stubborn. Cheryl recommended breeding her to see if she would calm down and mature, so it would be a couple of years before she would be shown again. In the meantime, during my third and fourth years of optometry school, I fell into deep depression. Life became unbearable. Nothing made me happy, and I felt like a weight was on my chest all of the time. Often, I could not go to class or clinic, and when I did go, my mind would race with horrible thoughts. It was as if 10 different radio stations were blaring at the same time. I could not listen or even study, but I managed to get by in my classes and clinic. At one point, I was walking across the pedestrian overpass and looked down in the traffic below and wondered what would happen if I just fell over into the cars. Then, I realized that Duchess was at home waiting for me, with her loving eyes and sweet smile, and I knew that I had to do something because I could not leave her. With all of the infinite sadness I felt, she alone understood and did not judge. She would make me get out of bed and take care of her. She made life go on. I believe that I would not be here today had she not been in my life at that time. She literally saved me.

My nickname for Duchess was "momma", and what an amazing mother she was. A couple of her kids finished before she did, but she completed her championship with two four-point majors and a breed win over specials. Many thanks to Nina Fetter for this accomplishment. She has 10 champions to her credit: Ch. Castile's Silhouette, Ch. Castile's



Duchess winning her first point.



Hermione of Glen Iris, Ch. Castile's Picasso, Ch. Castile's Southern Comfort, Ch. Castile's Song of Springwood, Ch. Castile Legend of Mtn. Crest, Ch. Castile's Corrine, Ch. Castile's Everlasting Love, Ch. Castile's Endless Love, and Ch. Castile's Eternal Flame.

Sadly, Duchess died on October 2, 2006, after whelping three puppies, two boys and a girl. I was devastated. Thankfully, Cheryl began tube feeding the puppies and had a bitch who took care of them. We tube fed them the next day, and then my roommate Corey and my mother drove them up to Nina in Ohio, who had a bitch who had just had one puppy a few days before. The bitch took the new babies, and a few weeks later, they came back home, alive and healthy. I named them Castile's Everlasting Love "Zeus", Castile's Endless Love "Apollo", and Castile's Eternal Flame "Addison". Jane Lehtinen co-owned Zeus with me and



Duchess' last litter, Apollo, Zeus, and Addison, on their first Christmas.

finished him quickly. He has produced some beautiful puppies so far and is currently co-owned and starting his specials career with Joseph Threadcraft. Addison, co-owned and finished by Becky Jackson, is currently expecting her first litter. Apollo earned third place

in the "bred-by" class at the National this year and, like his father, finished out of the "bred-by" class. It took a little longer, but it meant more to me to finish him this way. Apollo recently picked up a couple nice breed wins and will also be specialed in 2009. I have high hopes for these two boys.

With Duchess gone, I



Apollo winning 3rd place in the Bred By Exhibitor class at the 2008 National Specialty.

thought I was done with Pomeranians. I had always said that I would have Poms only as long as Duchess was around, but when she died so soon, I did not want all of her efforts to go to waste, so I became even more devoted to finishing her get so she will be remembered. Last year she attained her ROMX and was APC's "Dam of the Year." This year she earned her ROMS and still has another pointed daughter here at home (Riley) that I may try to show more. My goals in Poms remain centered around Duchess. I hope that she can be the dam of two best in show winners, so hopefully Zeus, Apollo, or Ledger will make this dream come true. Duchess gave me a great start in the breed, and I owe my success in Poms and in life to her. She will



Ch. Glen Iris Duchess of Castile, ROMS and APC Dam of the Year 2007.

never be forgotten.

During Duchess' break from showing, I co-owned two special dogs with Cheryl. I showed O'Riley, the little black Evan son, and finished his sister, Fiona. For a beginner, I did pretty well, but that was because of the quality of the dogs and Cheryl's support. My first time in the ring with O'Riley, we took a Group 4, and my first time out with Fiona we took a major. Fiona has proven herself to be a good producer as well, and Cheryl graciously kept me on as co-owner



Geno in the ring with Glen Iris Castle Knight, O'Riley.

*Kennel Visit Continued*

so that I could be a part of her breeding. In just two litters, she has five champions. Ch. Castile Eveylnne d’Glen Iris was a gorgeous girl and free-whelped a litter of four before she was stolen from my yard in 2006. Ch. Glen Iris Ellesse d’Castile “Elle” was BOS at the Pomeranian Club of Greater Des Moines. Both were handled by Jane Lehtinen and Greg Larson.

In 2006, Betsy Owens finished “Micro” Ch. Glen Iris Essence of Cuilean, GC. Micro was specialed briefly by Bronya Johnston, who won several group placements, including back-to-back Group 1s, and an Award of Merit at



Ch. Glen Iris Castle in the Sky, ROM, Fiona.

Westminster, and by David Stout, who added several more group placements. He is currently back in the ring with Bronya. His littermate sister, “Leica” Ch. Glen Iris Evonne d’Istar finished last year with Corey Gatewood on the lead. His littermate brother, Ch. Glen Iris Evian d’Castile or “Laser”, was the first dog I finished from the bred-by exhibitor class, winning three bred-by Best in Shows. Laser spent a little over a year in Estonia with

Linda Jurgens (Heidelind’s), where he won two Best in Show titles and completed championships in Estonia, Russia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, a Baltic championship and an FCI Int. Championship. Laser was named Estonia’s all-breed “Dog of the Year” for 2007 and in his first month back in the states



Micro with Bronya Johnston, winning Award of Merit at Westminster 2006

won the Toy Group in Jordan, MN with me on the lead - the first time I have competed for BIS and hopefully not the last.

Pomeranians have definitely



Leica completing her championship with Corey Gatewood.

changed my life. Although I am limited in where I can live and what I can do, they offer unconditional love and acceptance and a way to



Laser winning Group 1.

get away from the stress of life. Showing Poms has opened many doors for me and allowed me to travel and meet wonderful people. They made me realize that I need to think about something other than myself and become less selfish. I am very lucky to have had good support in this undertaking. My parents have always helped with the dogs, and since they moved to Montgomery last year (about 10 minutes from my house), they take care of the dogs



Geno’s parents, Joan and Gene Sisneros.



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when I am out of town for work or shows, which is quite a chore! Also, my friend Corey Gatewood has been an integral part of the past two years. He loves Pomeranians, perhaps even more than I, and has learned to take care of them, as well as groom and show them. He has it in him to become a great Pom handler. Cheryl Jackson has been a devoted friend and mentor. Jane Lehtinen welcomed me into the world of Poms the first time I ventured from the south to show and has freely shared her knowledge and friendship and has shown many

of my dogs. David and Carlene Gilstrap, Carol Lehmuis, Laurie Otis, Jerrie Freia, and countless others have offered their friendship and years of experience to foster my growth in the breed. I owe a lot to the people in Poms and others in the sport of dogs who have taught and given advice and friendship and made me feel welcome. I owe a lot to the dogs who have given me life and love. I owe it to them to work for a better future for our breed.

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The dog yard during a rare winter snow.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**PRE-ORDER YOUR SHOW  
CATALOG**

To ensure no one goes home  
disappointed, we are offering pre-  
ordered show catalogs. The price will  
be \$10.00 per catalog. The pre-order  
form can be found on enclosed pages.  
There will be a limited number of  
catalogs available at the show for  
\$12.00 each. The Show Catalogs will  
also be available for purchase on the  
APC website:

[www.americanpomeranianclub.org](http://www.americanpomeranianclub.org)

**TROPHIES-** Sponsors Needed  
Trophies for the 2009 National  
Specialty will be practical items for all  
Pom lovers, including grooming and  
showing equipment. You may mail  
your donation to Margaret McKee  
using the enclosed form. Donations  
received by January 21 will have the  
donor's name printed in the Show  
Catalog. Donations may also be made  
on the website at  
[www.americanpomeranianclub.org](http://www.americanpomeranianclub.org)



**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

3:00 PM- 6:00 PM -  
GROUNDS SET UP

Would you like to be first to set up your equipment in the APC grooming room? Meet Gregg Waters in the Ballroom, help lay plastic, erect ring gates, place chairs, etc. in the Show/ Grooming Rooms and you will be able to set up your grooming equipment ahead of everyone else. See you there!

**6:30 PM VENDOR & EXHIBITOR SET UP**

All vendors and exhibitors will be allowed to set up their booths and grooming equipment. Contact Gregg Waters for a vendor booth at 801-597-3869 or email: [shimmerepoms@gmail.com](mailto:shimmerepoms@gmail.com)

**7:00 PM-10PM**

**HOSPITALITY**

Everyone is invited to help us kick off the Specialty with good food and fun conversation. Please share your favorite dish. Send us an email to let us know what you are bringing, [hospitality@americanpomerianclub.org](mailto:hospitality@americanpomerianclub.org)

Hospitality will be held in the Preakness Room at the top of the stairs off the atrium. See you there!

**HOSPITALITY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to help during our Meet and Greet for 15 minutes each shift, 1/2 hour prior to the Meet and Greet and Awards Banquet.

**MONDAY, MARCH 9**

Grand Ball Room

8:00 AM (starting time may change depending on total entries)

**OBEDIENCE TRIAL**

**POMERANIAN CHARITABLE TRUST DONATION FORM**

Donations of \$30 or more will receive an invitation to the 'Myra Savant Harris R.N.' Seminar Tuesday March 10, 2009 3 - 6 PM

I am donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Pomeranian Charitable Trust

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check, made payable to the Pomeranian Charitable Trust, to: Marge Kranzfelder, P. O. Box 801, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045 or donations may be made via PayPal by going to the PCT website: [www.pomeraniancharitabletrust.org](http://www.pomeraniancharitabletrust.org)

Invitations will not be mailed, but confirmation can be emailed if you include your email address. Deadline for reservations is March 1, 2009.

**RING SIDE RESERVED SEATING**

Number of seats \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Send your check no later than March 1, 2009, made payable to the American Pomeranian Club in the amount of \$50.00 per seat to: Erika Moureau, APC Treasurer, 32110 Patty's Landing, Magnolia, TX 77354

**APC TROPHY DONATIONS**

Donor name(s) and kennel name (as you would like it to appear in the Show Catalog)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

I am donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the general trophy fund.

I am donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used to purchase a trophy for the (classes requested) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the American Pomeranian Club and mail to: Margaret McKee, 2426 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA 23063. Donations must be received by January 21, 2009 for printing in the Show Catalog.

**TOP 20 EVENT**

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Catalogs \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets \$10.00 each. Catalog (includes vote) \$10.00 each. Send your check no later than March 1, 2009, made payable to the American Pomeranian Club, to: Erika Moureau, APC Treasurer, 32110 Patty's Landing, Magnolia, TX 77354

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### SWEEPSTAKES

10:00 AM (starting time may change depending on total entries)

### PUPPY & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

3:00 PM – JUDGES SEMINAR - Derby Room

**POMERANIAN JUDGES EDUCATION SEMINAR:** The American Pomeranian Club will hold a Sanctioned Judges Education Seminar in conjunction with the National Specialty. Ringside tutoring will also be available Tuesday & Wednesday, March 10 & 11. There is no charge. To make your reservations contact Judges Education Coordinator Fred Bassett by March 1. Phone: (918) 355-1188

6:30 PM TOP 20 EVENT: This is a Semi-formal event showcasing the Top Conformation Pomeranians of 2008.

Everyone, including the audience will participate. Ladies' dress will be semi-fancy to semi-formal. Gentlemen' ties are optional, although jackets are requested. Please no jeans, tank tops or shorts. The judging panel will consist of one AKC licensed judge, one Pomeranian breeder, and one Pomeranian handler. Each judge will score the individual dogs using a "Scale of Points". The Top Twenty winner will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Each spectator purchasing a catalog will have the opportunity to vote for the 'People's Choice Award'. The winner of this award will be announced by the Top Twenty Committee at the end of the event. Cash bar and a light hors d'oeuvre will be provided for your enjoyment. You may pre-order your Top 20 Tickets and/or Catalogs using the enclosed form or the website. Ticket and Catalog price is \$10.00 each. Pre Order deadline March 1.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 AM (starting time may change depending on entries)

### RALLY TRIAL

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Derby Room

**MENTOR SEMINAR** The Pomeranian Seminar presented to Judges will be offered to anyone interested in attending. This is being offered for General Education purposes. The second hour will be for Mentor candidates to discuss details of the AKC Mentor and Ringside Observation program. Approved mentors are an essential part of APC's Judges Education program. APC Standing Rules require that anyone desiring to become an Approved Mentor must be an active Pomeranian Breeder/Exhibitor for 12 years with 5 Pomeranian Champions and have attended the APC Sanctioned Seminar.

10:00 AM (starting time may change depending on entries)

### JR. SHOWMANSHIP, ALL NON-REGULAR CONFORMATION, ALL REGULAR DOG CONFORMATION CLASSES.

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Carriage Room

The presentation of "Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care Seminar" by Myra Savant Harris RN. Your invitation will be assured for a \$30.00 donation to the Pomeranian Charitable Trust. Please complete and mail the enclosed reservation form. Donations can also be made via PayPal by going to the PCT website:

[www.pomeraniancharitabletrust.org](http://www.pomeraniancharitabletrust.org)

7:30 PM – Carriage Room

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### KARAOKE NIGHT - Carriage Room following meeting

Want to have fun and clown around? Join Bob Kennedy and Audrey Roberts following the Annual Meeting for a Karaoke night. Cash Bar available. Let your hair down and join in. Plan now to attend.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM (starting time may change depending on entries)

### REGULAR BITCH CONFORMATION

### PARADE OF TITLEHOLDERS

### BEST OF BREED COMPETITION.

7:00 PM (Cash Bar Opens) - 7:30 PM (Dinner is Served) Ballroom

**APC AWARDS BANQUET & AUCTION:** Reservations for the banquet must be made no later than March 1, 2009. Banquet will include meal, beverage and dessert; ticket price is \$38.00 per person advance sale, and \$43.00 if purchased at the show. You may make your reservations using the enclosed form or online at [www.americanpomeranianclub.org](http://www.americanpomeranianclub.org)

**AUCTION:** APC needs your auction items. This event helps to defray some of the large expenses incurred to host the National. Please bring items to Donna Riehm at the Ways & Means tables in the ballroom. Our resident auctioneer Bob Fiddick looks forward to seeing you at the auction.

### SPONSORS NEEDED

The APC Show Committee is looking for Sponsors to help with a number of events such as: Morning & Evening Hospitality, Judges Baskets, Exhibitors Bags, etc. The following Sponsorship Levels and Donation Benefits are offered to all individuals and Regional Pomeranian Clubs.

\* At the Post \$25.00 Listing in the premium and catalog, on signage at sponsored event.

\* At the Gate \$50.00 Listing in the premium and catalog, on signage at sponsored event. Small ad in the catalog.

\* On the Backstretch \$75.00 Listing in the premium and catalog, on signage at sponsored event. 1/4 page ad in the catalog.

\* At the Wire \$100.00 Listing in the premium and catalog, on signage at sponsored event. 1/2 page ad in the catalog.

\* Winners Circle \$200.00 Listing in the premium and catalog, on signage at sponsored event. Full page ad in the catalog.

Judges Baskets. \$30.00 - are available for clubs only. Your club's name will be attached to the basket.



# CANINE CUSHING'S DISEASE

Your Pomeranian seems tired and irritable, excessively thirsty, has a ravenous appetite, and he is losing his coat. Your veterinarian tells you that many different problems could cause these symptoms, including thyroid disease, diabetes, or Cushing's disease. You've heard of thyroid disease and diabetes. But, what is Cushing's disease?

Cushing's disease is a set of symptoms that occur when excess cortisol is circulating in the body. Cortisol is a steroid hormone produced in the adrenal glands, the small glands located next to the kidneys.

Your endocrine system consists of several glands that produce hormones, which regulate processes throughout your body. Endocrine glands include the adrenals, pituitary, thyroid, parathyroid, pancreas, ovaries (in females) and testes (in males). These glands interact with each other in a biofeedback manner to maintain proper hormone levels necessary for health.

The adrenal glands have various effects on metabolism, including regulating water and electrolyte balance, blood pressure control, producing sex hormones such as testosterone and DHEA, (a precursor of estrogen). Another layer of the adrenal gland produces the nervous system regulators epinephrine and norepinephrine.

Cortisol (along with epinephrine and norepinephrine) is produced in response to stress, stimulated by the "fight or flight" response. Think of how you feel when you just narrowly avoid a car accident or witness a crime. Your body reacts instinctively in a primal survival response to deal quickly with this threat. Your sympathetic nervous system automatically kicks into overdrive. Your heart pounds, you breathe rapidly. Your hair stands on end. Your stomach is tied up in knots. Your sphincters may relax (OH NO!!) causing incontinence. Your body shunts blood to the extremities so you can RUN away from the dangerous situation or so you can fight off an aggressor. Cortisol is released from the adrenal gland, and this cortisol in turn stimulates the release of glucose from the liver and other cells of the body, so that you will have energy to deal with your stressful situation. Cortisol has potent anti-inflammatory properties and anti-allergy effects. When the immune system is suppressed. However, you then become more susceptible to infection.

Cortisol is necessary for survival, as a mechanism to deal with stress. Normally the body compensates for this stress response with a relaxation phase produced by the parasympathetic nervous system. However, if your body is continually producing excess cortisol, you may develop the same symptoms as someone under chronic stress: high blood pressure, elevated blood sugar levels, hunger, thirst, fatigue, irritability, redistribution of fat to the abdomen, thinning of skin and loss of hair, loss of bone mass and muscle mass, and increased susceptibility to infection. Disruption of the calcium-phosphorus balance can result in joint pain and weakening of cartilage.

There are several ways that the adrenal glands are stimulated to produce excess cortisol. If the master gland in the brain (pituitary) is overactive, as with a pituitary tumor, it can stimulate the adrenals to produce too much cortisol. Dr. Harvey Cushing first described a woman with signs and symptoms of this disease in 1912, and in 1932 he was able to link the adrenal overproduction of cortisol to an abnormality in the pituitary. Occasionally tumors of the thyroid, lung or pancreas can produce similar hormones that overstimulate the adrenal glands. Even rarer is a tumor of the adrenal gland itself.

Due to their potent anti-inflammatory effects, synthetic corticosteroid medications such as prednisone or decadron are used to treat allergies or arthritis. Prolonged use of these corticosteroids can also produce the



By Geneva Coats, R.N.



symptoms of Cushing's disease, such as elevated blood sugar levels and impaired immunity which can lead to infection. When taking steroids, your adrenal glands turn off production of cortisol due to high levels already detected in your body. For this reason, abrupt withdrawal of steroid medications is never advisable, and dosages are tapered down over several days. Your body needs some time to gradually resume its own production of cortisol. A gradual withdrawal of these medications will allow the natural hormonal balance of the body to become re-established.

## DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

If your dog presents with Cushing's symptoms such as excessive thirst, hunger, or thinning coat, your vet will want to rule out other more common conditions with similar symptoms, such as diabetes, thyroid disease, or use of veterinary steroids, before he decides to test for Cushing's disease. Bottom line, most of the tests for Cushing's disease are time-consuming, expensive and not reliably diagnostic. Ultrasound of adrenals and kidneys may (rarely) show a tumor. CT or MRI are less commonly used for dogs.

Diagnostic lab tests can be done. These tests work by either stimulating the adrenal glands with synthetic Adrenocorticotropic Hormone (ACTH stimulation test), or by suppressing the release of ACTH from the pituitary gland (low dose dexamethasone suppression test or LDDS). Using the stimulation test, one is looking for excessive release of cortisol from the adrenal glands; and using the suppression test, one is looking at whether or not cortisol levels can be completely suppressed for a prolonged period of time.

The ACTH stimulation test measures serum cortisol levels before and after injection of the pituitary stimulator hormone. Very high levels can indicate Cushing's, although a large percent of affected dogs will have normal findings.

The LDDS test can distinguish between pituitary-stimulated Cushing's disease and adrenal-dependent Cushing's disease. The dog is injected with the steroid hormone dexamethasone, and levels of cortisol and ACTH are then measured as they decline over an extended period of time. In dogs with Cushing's disease, the cortisol levels remain high. False positives occur in roughly half the subjects, most likely due to the stress involved in the testing process. A high dose test can also be attempted.

Upon diagnosis, treatment might be surgical to remove a tumor, occasionally radiation therapy is recommended, or various medications can be used. These medications aim to control the release of cortisol from the adrenal glands. None of these medications is without serious side effects.

## MEDICATIONS

Anipryl (Selegiline), a drug used to treat canine senility, works in some cases of pituitary over-activity. Anipryl decreases pituitary production of ACTH. It is expensive and only works in about half the patients.

Nizoral (Ketoconazole) is an antifungal medication which also blocks the production of cortisol and other steroid hormones.

Lysodren (mitotane) is commonly used. It causes erosion of the adrenal cortex. Careful monitoring is necessary as too much erosion of the adrenal cortex can permanently damage the adrenal gland, resulting in severe deficiency of cortisol. This is the reverse of Cushing's disease, and is known as Addison's disease. An Addisonian crisis can be fatal.

Vetoryl (Trilostane) suppresses cortisol levels by inhibiting production, not by destroying the gland. It is not currently available in the US but can be obtained with a prescription from two distributors, [www.mastersmarketing.com](http://www.mastersmarketing.com) or Arnolds Veterinary Products [www.arnolds.co.uk](http://www.arnolds.co.uk). Trilostane is currently being prescribed by veterinary schools at the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, and the University of California Davis Veterinary School. Trilostane is costly and does not remain in the system for an extended period of time, so it is important not to miss a dose. Also, Trilostane is not effective for atypical cases caused by high levels of sex hormones. (See atypical Cushing's disease, next page.)

## ATYPICAL CUSHING'S DISEASE

Some dogs show many of the signs and symptoms of Cushing's disease, yet have normal circulating cortisol levels on standard Cushing's tests. This is called "atypical" Cushing's disease, meaning the disease presents in a manner which is not typical. This is also known as adrenal hyperplasia-like syndrome or hyperrestrinism. Some researchers believe that Alopecia X may, at least in some cases, be due to atypical Cushing's disease.

Cushing's disease symptoms may sometimes be due to excessive levels of cortisol precursors, in particular the sex hormones estradiol (the most potent form of estrogen) and hydroxyprogesterone, a form of progesterone from which cortisol is produced in the body. In addition to cortisol, both estradiol and hydroxyprogesterone are produced by the adrenal glands. Dogs commonly have elevation of progesterone. Increased estradiol occurs frequently, but less so than for progesterone. Testosterone is increased only rarely. Several patterns of hormone increase can occur, so a complete adrenal panel will provide your vet with the most useful information.

The University of Tennessee veterinary school is on the forefront of research into Alopecia X, Cushing's and atypical Cushing's disease. An "adrenal panel" blood test can be sent there for analysis. In a study published earlier this year, UT's Dr. Linda Frank determined that estrogen receptors in hair follicles did not have any affect on hair follicle cycles in dogs. Dr. Frank does not believe that Alopecia X in Pomeranians is related to atypical Cushing's disease. Further, she states that a diagnosis of "atypical" may just mean that testing was inconclusive, although the dog may actually have Cushing's disease.

A retained testicle or ovarian remnant may cause Cushing's symptoms. Early spay-neuter has also been suspected of playing a role in adrenal imbalance, due to the interplay between the ovaries/testes and the adrenal gland production of sex hormones. Genetic predisposition may play a role in the development of Cushing's disease.

Antiestrogen drugs like Arimidex are now being used with some success to treat atypical Cushing's cases. Arimidex prevents the conversion of certain male hormones into estradiol. Lupron, a hormone which suppresses estrogen, and Nolvadex (tamoxifen), an estrogen blocker, have been suggested as possible treatments but are not recommended by the University at this time.

Melatonin has been used with some success. Melatonin is a hormone from the pineal gland in the brain. Melatonin controls the timing and release of the female reproductive hormones. Human breast cancer patients often have estrogen-dependent tumors, and high levels of circulating estradiols, along with low levels of melatonin. These breast cancer patients are often prescribed estrogen-blocking drugs such as Lupron, Arimidex and Nolvadex.

Dr. Jack Oliver, endocrine specialist at the University of Tennessee, has developed a diagnostic testing and treatment protocol for atypical Cushing's, which includes the following suggestions (revised 11-13-2008):

Where positive test results of increased adrenal activity are present, consider the need for:

1. Ultrasound to rule out a primary adrenal tumor
2. Melatonin. Often used as a first treatment, especially if alopecia is present, since it is inexpensive, has few side effects, and is available in health food stores. Typically, a total dose of 3 mg is given every 12 hours for dogs less than 30 lbs; a total dose of 6 mg is given every 12 hours for dogs over 30 lbs. Use regular, not extended release products. Melatonin inhibits estradiol production and effectively lowers cortisol levels.
3. Melatonin implants. ([www.melatek.net](http://www.melatek.net)) Dose dependent on weight of dog. Effects last 3-4 months. NOTE: Melatonin and flaxseed oil with lignans are used together when estradiol is increased.
4. Flaxseed oil (FSO) with lignans. The lignans in FSO have phytoestrogenic activity and may compete with estradiol for tissue estrogen receptors with less biological effect. Lignans lower both estradiol and cortisol. Sources include health food stores and internet sites: [www.barleans.com](http://www.barleans.com) or [www.vitacoast.com/nsiflaxseedlignans](http://www.vitacoast.com/nsiflaxseedlignans); suggested dose 40 mg every other day for dogs weighing less than 30 lbs, or once daily for dogs weighing over 30 lbs.
5. Lysodren: may be useful in combination with melatonin and lignans to help lower sex steroid levels other than estradiol. Also useful by itself as the traditional treatment and is very effective in lowering cortisol, progesterone and other sex steroids. Estradiol is not always suppressed by Lysodren.

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6. Trilostane: Available in UK and Europe . Trilostane will INCREASE some sex steroids, Lysodren may be preferable for atypical Cushing's cases. Care should be used when switching from trilostane to lysodren.
7. Ketoconazole (Nizoral) May be effective as an alternative treatment for hyperestrinism in dogs, and may also be used in combination with melatonin and lignans.
8. Anipryl (Selegiline) Alternative treatment which decreases ACTH stimulation from the pituitary.
9. Specific hyperestrinism treatment such as Arimidex and Aromasin. Kinetic studies are lacking.
10. Ovarian remnant detection
11. Retained testicle detection

For further information refer to website: [www.vet.utk.edu/diagnostic/endocrinology](http://www.vet.utk.edu/diagnostic/endocrinology)

## COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

Phosphatidylserine (PS) is a natural fat produced by the body which maintains proper nervous system function. PS is available as a dietary supplement. Clinical studies have shown that PS raises circulating levels of such hormones as dopamine and melatonin, and reduces levels of ACTH and cortisol. It may have some usefulness in treating Cushing's disease as well as senility.

Some holistic veterinarians prescribe PS for borderline Cushing's cases or use PS in addition to other therapies. Other complementary therapies include use of various herbs: Ginkgo biloba, milk thistle, dandelion, rehmannia, turmeric, astragalus, boswellia and ashwagandha. Holistic veterinarians may also recommend purified drinking water, and dietary modifications such as adding antioxidant vitamins E and C, essential fatty acids, probiotics, glucosamine, and CoEnzyme Q10.

Always seek the advice of your veterinarian for diagnosis and for forming a treatment plan for your dog.

## XENOESTROGENS

Hormone disruption is believed to play a major role in many dogs who display Cushing's symptoms. One newer theory involves synthetic environmental estrogenic compounds called "xenoestrogens." These compounds are found in petroleum products, plastics, pesticides and fertilizers, even in some skin creams. Xenoestrogens are believed to mimic the effects of estrogen in the body, including suppression of melatonin and promotion of estrogen-dependent disorders such as breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and endometriosis. Xenoestrogens may also be responsible for decreased sperm count in males and a host of other problems. Because they derive from oil, most of these synthetic products are, like steroid hormones, fat-soluble. This means that, rather than leaving the body (as they would if they were water-soluble), these synthetic products accumulate in the fat tissues of the body. Xenoestrogens are everywhere in the modern environment. The effects may be with us for generations to come.

There are many different factors involved in a disease such as Cushing's, which is characterized by disruption of hormonal pathways. Since the disease is often caused by tumors, it often occurs in old age. Arriving at the correct diagnosis and treatment is often a process of trial and error. Always consult with your veterinarian for advice regarding your dog's unique situation.

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American Kennel Club and AKC Canine Health Foundation Release Podcast about Canine Skin Allergies

**RALEIGH, NC** – The American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation are pleased to debut the next podcast in the Genome Barks series.

In this week's Genome Barks podcast, CHF Director Lee Arnold welcomes Bruce Hammerberg, DVM, PhD, a professor of immunology and parasitology at the College of Veterinary Medicine North Carolina State University. Funded in part by the AKC Canine Health Foundation, Dr. Hammerberg has spent the last decade studying the function of mast cells and IgE in allergic diseases.

The essential cause of the itching skin that starts atopic dermatitis reactions has been well known for decades, yet we do not know why there is an alarming increase in the number of dogs afflicted with this disease and we do not know why some dogs suffer much more than others living in the same environment. The cause of the itching skin is histamine and other mast cell products that are released when mast cells coated with the immunoglobulin IgE binds allergens such as house dust mite or pollen proteins. All dogs have mast cells in their skin and many without the disease have IgE that specifically bind allergens. The ever increasing numbers and complexity of genetic factors being discovered that predispose humans to allergic diseases are likely to be found as similarly daunting obstacles to fully understanding the genetic basis for canine atopic dermatitis.

Working with breeds as diverse as the West Highland White Terrier and the Rhodesian Ridgeback, Dr. Hammerberg has focused his attention on atopy (allergies) in genetically susceptible dogs, working to develop markers to predict disease development in puppies.

New podcasts are released every two weeks and can be accessed from either the American Kennel Club website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) or the AKC Canine Health Foundation website at [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org) – click on "Podcasts". They will also be available on Apple's iTunes® and at [www.genomebarks.com](http://www.genomebarks.com).



## 2009 APC TENTATIVE NATIONAL SCHEDULE SUMMARY

### March 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

(Schedule and all times are tentative)

#### Sunday, March 8

3pm

Showroom and Grooming Room Setup

6pm

Vendor and Exhibitor Setup

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Hospitality

#### Monday, Mar 9 - Grande Belle Hall

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Obedience

9:00 am - 11:00 pm - Jefferson Room

Judges Education Seminar

10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sweepstakes

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Top Twenty - Grande Belle Hall

#### Tuesday, Mar 10 - Grande Belle Hall

7:30 am - 10:00 am

Rally Trial

9:00 am - 11:00 pm

Judges Education Seminar

10:15 am - 4:45 pm

Junior Showmanship

Regular Dog Classes, Non-Regular Classes

3PM – Pomeranian Charitable Trust Seminar

Julia Bell Ballroom

7:30 pm - Julia Bell Ballroom

Annual Membership Meeting

9pm Karoke Night - cash bar Julia Bell Ballroom

#### Wednesday, Mar 11

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Grande Belle Hall

Regular Bitch Classes

Parade of titleholders

BOB Competition

7:30 pm - Julia Belle Ballroom

Awards Dinner and Auction - cash bar 7:00

I easily completed the CGC requirements, and while at the annual Heart Walk in our community one of the other walkers asked my mom if I was a therapy dog because she'd like to have me visit her unit. My mom said no, but that got her mind spinning again. She looked into the requirements for a therapy dog with the organization called Therapy Dogs Inc. and contacted the evaluator in our area. The evaluation process with Therapy Dogs Inc. was very interesting. First we met the evaluator at her home and she tested me on several things to see how I would react to different scenarios. Then we went to a park and she watched me walk in different patterns with my mom. I don't have to heel, but I do need to walk politely on the leash and not pull. Then we went over and met some really nice

certificates. We were off to class. picked up on things since I had no real training. That got my mom thinking... I should obtain my CGC, Canine Good Citizen really cool photo shoot with a great photographer from New York. They told my mom they were amazed how quickly I learned and Planet for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships. I co-started in the scene with my favorite Sheltie, Chorus. I also got to do a happen. The big coat was cool while it lasted. In 2006 I did a TV commercial that appeared in a few movie theaters and on Animal Shortly after I was neutered I recrated a HUGE BIG COAT, that often happens. I think our hormones get all stirred up and weird things

the right job for me. After going through the initial thyroid and Cushing's tests, a variety of different lotions, potions and every other suggestion people had, to make my coat come back, my mom woke up one morning and sat me on her lap and said we were done trying, my show career was over. I was off to the vet to be neutered and get on with my life. She promised me there was life after Alopecia. We just needed to find showing and he achieved a championship title, but that title was not going to come to me.

I was blessed with not only a cute face, but nice bone, coat, and movement. I had it all. My show career started with a bang. I got a major my second weekend out, I quickly got my second major with limited showing right after my first birthday, and then it all started to fall apart; my coat started thinning. My mom knew what was happening. Sadly I was pulled from the show ring. My brother continued I caused a bit of a stir upon my arrival, "He's black and tan," my mom said, "He's probably a heavy sable," said everyone else. A lot of people thought I was special because I was black and tan, but my mom knew I was special because of my soul.

My brother and I had a great puppyhood. We quickly earned the title of "The Beastie Boys". We got into everything. Mom and Dad had no idea puppies could get into SO MUCH STUFF! Thankfully we were given faces that you couldn't stay mad at and personalities you couldn't help but love.

BY SKEETER  
AKA SUNGLO'S HAVIN A BLACK N TAN-TRUM, RN

# ANGELS COME IN ALL SHAPES & SIZES. SOME EVEN HAVE FOUR PAWNS



children to see how I reacted to strangers. After all of that was done, they set up an appointment for me to go to my first facility training. Boy, was that fun! The staff loves the therapy dogs. I felt like a movie star, all that was missing was the paparazzi! After my evaluation was done, I had to go to the vet for my annual exam to make sure I was current with my rabies and other immunizations and a fecal exam-yuck! Then all the paperwork was submitted and I got my ID card. I was registered and ready to work!

My human mom/dad both work for a large health care organization in San Diego, so they contacted one of their facilities to see if they would like therapy dog visits. I was quickly snatched up by the Oncology department. If I have time after I visit the oncology patients, I scoot across to the other side of the floor and visit the surgical patients. One day while walking into the building, someone came running out of a door and wanted to meet me. They asked if I could visit their patients, also. So, now I visit the outpatient oncology area, also. Those are patients that are having outpatient chemo treatments. I visit three different units on Thursdays. I also still visit the pediatric unit at Kaiser. That is the hospital where I initially had my training. I don't have a set schedule with them. They let me come whenever I can. I really like visiting with patients.

Every visit with each patient is different, some people just want to see me, and some want to pet me. My favorites are the patients that will let me sit and hang out with them. I like to snuggle up and go to sleep. Sometimes they will exchange stories with my mom, and sometimes they just want a quiet moment with me. I'm a very good listener! I keep all the secrets I am told.

One of my favorite visits was when I was at the pediatric unit, the little boy in the first bed didn't want to see me, and so I visited the boy in the second bed. As we were leaving the first little boy asked if he could maybe see me. My mom said of course. She asked if I could sit with him and he said yes. He proceeded to tell my mom that he was afraid of dogs because he had been bitten when he was little. I don't think he's going to go out and get himself a dog, but I think I made an impact and a difference in his life. Now he knows all dogs aren't mean. But we reminded him to always be careful, and it's best to ask the owner before going up to a strange dog that you do not know.

Another favorite visit was with a patient who the nurse told me had a Rottweiler at home. My mom teased her that she should remember to never put her rottweiler in the dryer because it could end up like me-she laughed! During one of our visits with her, she told me her stomach had been hurting all day, but when I got there, her pain went away.

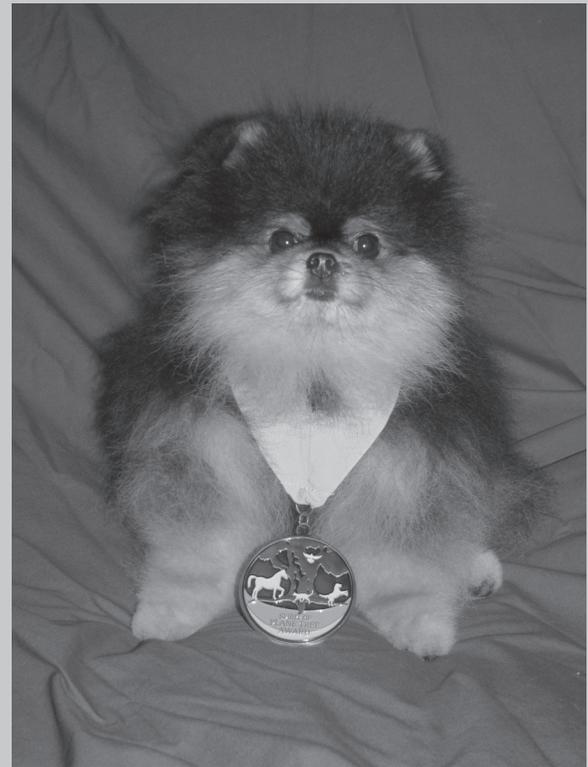
I could tell stories all day-but I'll end with this one, we were visiting a patient who was over 100 years old! The nurse asked my mom to put me up on her table tray because they didn't think she could see me, the patient leaned in close to my face and said "meow". Everyone laughed and told her I wasn't a cat, I was a dog, but she just said "meow" again. She was fun to visit with!

I also occasionally read with the children at the library. Ok, I don't read to them, they read to me. Studies have found that children with reading challenges don't mind reading to the dogs because they know we don't judge them, we just love to hear a story, it helps build their reading skills.

In October I was honored with a Pet Therapy award through Planetree organization for my visits at Sharp Coronado. I had my picture in their awards program, and I got a really cool medallion. It's really big and I think it weighs more than I do!

There are a variety different programs and options out there for someone who might like to look into therapy work. There's a fit for anyone interested.

In addition to being a therapy dog, I enjoy Rally. I have completed my Rally Novice title, and I am currently training for Rally Advanced. Although I must admit with my busy visiting schedule, my Rally training sometimes get put on the back burner, but mom and I are committed to get my RA in 2009!



SKEETER MODELING HIS PET THERAPY  
AWARD METAL FROM PLANETREE

*Continued*



SKEETER, AKA SUNGLO'S HAVIN A BLACK N TAN-TRUM, RN, READY FOR A NIGHT OUT.

The downside of being a therapy dog is that when I'm out I think everyone wants to meet me and say hello. The best part about being a registered therapy dog and visiting patients is, even though my mom always tells them about my Alopecia condition, no body cares, they love me anyway! They must see the beauty inside me; they don't judge me by my coat. I have what mom calls "good hair days and bad hair days". I have very little hair on my tail, and none on my back end and it thins in/out on my neck/back. I may not have a championship title at the beginning of my registered name, but I have a very important job. Don't let my small size fool you, inside my small frame is a LARGE heart, it takes a special soul to be a therapy dog. There is life after Alopecia!



"S" IS FOR SUCCESS AND SWEET SKEETER

There are several Pomeranian owners who also have therapy dogs. I am lucky to be in such great company. I would like to thank Brenda and the Pom Review for letting me tell my story.

A patient I was visiting with told me that angels come in all shapes and sizes, and some even have four paws. I believe she is right!

# MARCH/APRIL 2009

## KENNEL *Visit*

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February 1, 2009

### Jan Stachurski

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Please contact the Editor to nominate candidates for upcoming APC Kennel Visits. Send information to: The Pomeranian Review, Brenda Segelken, Editor, 11139 E. Camelot Ave., Effingham, IL 62401 or phone 217-347-5731. Email [fame62401@yahoo.com](mailto:fame62401@yahoo.com)

# Pomeranian Charitable Trust



Marge Kranzfelder, Trustee

## POMERANIAN CHARITABLE TRUST: WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A new year begins. A new APC board is seated. This process hopefully adds fresh perspectives and enthusiasm to the administration of the Club.

A trust is not an organization in that same sense. One important function of the trust is to provide stability no matter what else is happening within the breed and breed club. The trustees do not have “terms” that they serve for this reason. Its independent functioning should be conducive to stability. Its independence is also required by law. Its source of donations must be greater than just that which APC might donate. That is to insure that it is not merely a tax shelter for any one entity. It is easy to understand that the government sets strict standards how a trust must operate. Laws are meant to ensure that “trusts” are “trustworthy”; trustees must behave responsibly and honorably. It is a legal arrangement by which the trustees holds and manages money or property belonging to someone else (in the PCT it is the breed itself).

However, I have used the term “symbiotic” (a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship between two people or groups) describing the relationship between APC and the PCT. Both APC and the PCT share the same goal of helping Pomeranians. The APC can be a very supportive benefactor of the Trust; the Trust can offer tax benefits to all its donors, APC included. And it can serve APC by assisting in the mutual goal of benefiting Pomeranians directly.

I have also used the term “designated funds.” That means within the trust fund we can keep funds separated into accounts for specific purposes that lie within the scope of trust. One such fund is the Education Fund. Recall that this fund, like the others, started with nothing in it. The goal was to bring outstanding speakers to present seminars. Eventually the goal was to include speakers that regional clubs might not be able to afford on their own. For instance, last year we brought Pat Hastings to the National. This expense was over \$1600.00 for the PCT; as usual, some of which needed to be paid before any income is taken in. The PCT was very fortunate that Ms. Hastings was diligent to keep after Delta Airlines to reimburse the PCT the cost of projector rental (\$286.00) when her luggage was detained. And she also

generously donated back a percentage of the book sales from those attending the seminar (\$360.00). This enabled the Trust to purchase a projector that the judges’ educator can use throughout the year and any future National Seminar; thus saving the costly hotel’s rental fee yearly. The projector cost \$795.00.

This coming March the PCT has arranged to bring Myra Savant Harris from the West Coast to present her renowned presentation on whelping and neo-natal survival methods. You can make your donation on-line this year through PayPal on the PCT website or send a donation check directly to the PCT, PO Box 801, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045. A confirmation of your invitation will come by email as it has before. Your minimum donation of \$30.00 helps defray this expense.

As we mentioned in our previous Review article, the PCT has pledged its financial support of Dr. Leeb’s study to the AKC Canine Health Foundation. They have not told us the amount it will take; but thanks to the generosity and foresight of our donors, the PCT should be able to cover what is expected of us. In all likelihood, there will be addition funds needed to continue this study into subsequent phases.

Chris Heartz has been inspired once again with yet another unique functional Pom art, which she will first create then donate to the PCT to be this year’s major fundraiser. We hope to allow everyone an opportunity to participate and possibly become the owner of this fine collectible. But once again, there are laws, which must be adhered to, and we must take this under consideration. Kindly be understanding of this. Hint about what this creation might be: The winner could choose to celebrate while sipping a Pomtini.

We have been asked to consider other types of scientific research studies for support. We certainly desire to do so. We can start by looking at what other grants the AKC-CHF are putting together. But remember that our funds are restricted by the wishes of our donors. If funds were donated for Alopecia X research that is exactly where those funds must be administered. So far, we have not solicited funds for other purposes.

PCT Continued

We have begun to try to put together guidelines for rescue funds. These guidelines must provide a fair way of assessing legitimate rescue projects that the PCT is able to afford. And a grant application must be constructed. The APC has an enthusiastic new Rescue Coordinator; the PCT hopes it can help facilitate those in vital need.

If you haven't seen the pictures and information concerning Alopecia X displayed on the PCT website [www.pomeraniancharitabletrust.org](http://www.pomeraniancharitabletrust.org) please do so. The PCT is interested in expanding the picture files of Poms that have been successfully re-coated after what is believed to have been an episode of Alopecia X or Clipper Alopecia. For more information of what we would like with these examples and how to submit them, please refer to the PCT website.

May 2009 take us a step closer to understanding even a small part of what comprises Alopecia X.

Thank you for your continued enthusiastic and generous support.

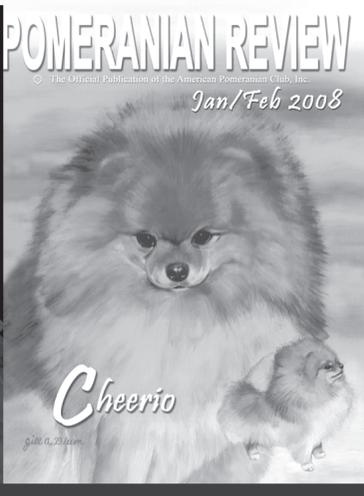


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**THE AMERICAN  
POMERANIAN CLUB  
POMERANIAN RESCUE**

I want to start off by thanking Brenda Segelken of the "Pom Review" and Barbara McClatchey of Second Chance Poms for their support and their efforts to make others aware of the need for rescue in the Pomeranian world.

I am currently active in Pomeranian Rescue with a Northern California group aptly named Pomeranian Rescue Group. Founded by Jan Yale over 12 years ago it has recently become a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. I currently have four foster dogs at my home along with my show Pomeranians. I actively support this rescue group in many other ways. I recently created a Pomeranian Rescue Calendar to sell and raise money for our group.

Through Jan and Barbara I have learned more about the need for rescue and when I realized that the APC had no rescue coordinator I volunteered for the position. I hope to accomplish a more cohesive and supportive rescue team with more APC members becoming involved with rescue on various levels. The final goal being that more poms in need find permanent homes and the love and care they deserve.

There is more to rescue than just taking in a homeless pom. I would like to get the word out that there are many ways you can do for rescue that don't require that you take in a dog.

# Getting To Know You



## Linda Lewis APC RESCUE CHAIRPERSON

*"Getting To Know You" will  
introduce many talented  
fine folk who are active in the APC  
Committee work and the  
Pomeranian Review.*

We are always in need of funds like any other rescue group; some people are very good at raising money for a cause they believe in. Can you help in this manner? We need supplies to provide for the dogs as well as individuals who can sometimes transport the dogs to another destination for treatment or care. Rescue support can also mean doing a home visit or checking references of prospective adopters. This type of support is invaluable for the people who care for the rescued dogs until they go to their forever homes. Do you know how to make a website? Having a website can allow the rescue group or individual to be found easily with a web search by someone looking to adopt a rescue pom. There are so many ways to contribute!

This is not to say that we don't need more foster homes or individuals who can actively care for the dogs but we all have something to offer to rescue so that the entire burden doesn't rest with the caregiver or foster.

I would like to see Pomeranian Rescue become an integral part of the American Pomeranian Club because what better role to take than to help a Pomeranian in need?

I'm looking forward to this next year and hope to have a chance to speak with more APC members who are interested in working with rescue to provide care for the breed we love so much.



# Ways & Means

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.



Donna Riehm  
Co-Chair

Here's hoping that everyone had a grand Holiday Season with family, friends and our beautiful Poms close at hand to enjoy those special days with.

It does not seem possible that another National Specialty is so close at hand. I want to take this opportunity to extend the club's thanks to all of you who support our fundraising endeavors year after year.

I have had several contacts already regarding some really special items that will be coming to Louisville for the auctions. Very exciting! We have such a wealth of talented and creative members and friends of the APC it is a joy to work with you all, and I am amazed that each year seems to bring new and different items of interest.

So, if you have not decided on that "special item" you will donate to the club's fundraising event, now is the time. If you can't bring it to Louisville, just mail it to me to arrive by March 1, and I will transport for you.

Thanks to all! Your continued support of the APC is priceless!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

CATALOG ADVERTISING CLOSE JANUARY 21, 2009  
TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS IN CATALOG JANUARY 21, 2009  
HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 14, 2009  
NATIONAL ENTRIES CLOSE DATE FEBRUARY 18, 2009



# Top 20 Breed



**Pomeranians AKC TopDogs<sup>sm</sup> Using Breed Totals**  
Starting January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008  
For Events Processed Through Friday, November 14, 2008

Rank	Name	Total Sex	Joan Behrend	
			BOB	Defeated
1	<b>CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon</b> <i>Owner: M Koga*</i>	D	96	1,832
2	CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella <i>Owners: R Solano*, C Solano*, R Smith*, M Smith*</i>	D	76	1,130
3	CH Powerpom High Performance <i>Owner: P Pongsak*</i>	D	62	941
4	CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back <i>Owners: C Meyer*</i>	D	60	813
5	CH Oakrose High'N Mighty <i>Owners: J Rose, G Stewart</i>	D	42	717
6	CH Majestics Artistic Impression <i>Owners: A Rister*, C Creed*, B Turner*, S Turner</i>	B	36	522
7	CH Larajus Don Juan At So-Me <i>Owners: R Mellem, L Newbold*, L Solomon</i>	D	15	398
8	CH Lana's Let Me Introduce Myself <i>Owner: L Price*</i>	D	26	369
9	CH Jan-Shars Elementary My Dear Watson <i>Owners: H Sklar, S Hanson*</i>	D	40	359
10	CH Pufpride Somewhere in Time <i>Owners: L Beard*</i>	D	25	347
11	CH Lil Behrs Honey Nut Cheerio <i>Owners: J Behrend*, B Behrend</i>	D	33	335
12	CH Razzle Dazzle Heavenly Choir <i>Owner: J Green*</i>	D	21	320
13	CH Kalo's Rock N Music City <i>Owner: C Brandenburg*</i>	D	17	295
14	CH Mountain Crest U Don'T Own Me <i>Owners: D Gilstrap*, C Gilstrap*</i>	D	25	260
15	CH Don'T Play With Funny Money Wow <i>Owner: T Rothel*, J Rothel</i>	D	18	255
16	CH Gayels Destiny's Child <i>Owner: N Guenther*</i>	B	11	220
17	CH Delpom's Sir Nicholas Of Lenette <i>Owner: L Delp</i>	D	17	213
18	CH Valcopy Janel's Spiderman <i>Owner: J Reich*, J Pardue</i>	D	12	208
19	CH Powerpom I'M Hot Like Vodka <i>Owner: B Owens*</i>	D	10	183
20	CH Lts Simon Sez of Koy <i>Owner: Debbie, Anton Svorinich</i>	D	12	150

APC Member denoted by \*



# Pomeranians AKC TopDogs<sup>sm</sup> Using All Breed Totals

Starting January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008

For Events Processed Through Friday, November 14, 2008

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>BIS</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total Defeated</u>
1	<b>CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon</b> <i>Owner: M Koga*</i>	D	6	35	23	12	7	15,718
2	CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella <i>Owners: R Solano*, C Solano*, R Smith*, M Smith*</i>	D	3	25	12	11	5	11,188
3	CH Powerpom High Performance <i>Owner: P Pongsak*</i>	D	1	8	10	10	15	7,248
4	CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back <i>Owners: C Meyer*</i>	D	0	4	11	5	7	3,403
5	CH Oakrose High'N Mighty <i>Owners: J Rose, G Stewart</i>	D	0	5	2	3	4	2,694
6	CH Larajus Don Juan At So-Me <i>Owners: R Mellem, L Newbold*, L Solomon</i>	D	0	3	3	5	0	2,038
7	CH Lana's Let Me Introduce Myself <i>Owner: L Price*</i>	D	0	3	2	4	2	1,958
8	CH Majestics Artistic Impression <i>Owners: A Rister*, C Creed*, B Turner*, S Turner</i>	B	0	2	2	1	3	1,494
9	CH Jan-Shars Elementary My Dear Watson <i>Owners: H Sklar, S Hanson*</i>	D	0	3	3	3	5	1,337
10	CH Razzle Dazzle Heavenly Choir <i>Owner: J Green*</i>	D	0	1	2	3	1	1,243
11	CH Lil Behrs Honey Nut Cheerio <i>Owners: J Behrend*, B Behrend</i>	D	0	1	2	4	4	1,208
12	CH Mountain Crest U Don'T Own Me <i>Owners: D Gilstrap*, C Gilstrap*</i>	D	0	1	5	1	1	1,152
13	CH Gayels Destiny's Child <i>Owner: N Guenther*</i>	B	0	2	2	2	1	1,119
14	CH Delpom's Sir Nicholas Of Lenette <i>Owner: L Delp</i>	D	0	0	3	2	2	991
15	CH Kalo's Rock N Music City <i>Owner: C Brandenburg*</i>	D	0	1	2	2	1	979
16	CH Starfire's Latin Dancer <i>Owners: F Stoll*, D Riehm*</i>	D	1	1	2	2	1	972
17	CH Don'T Play With Funny Money Wow <i>Owner: T Rothel*, J Rothel</i>	D	0	1	4	1	2	965
18	CH Valcopy Janel's Spiderman <i>Owner: J Reich*, J Pardue</i>	D	1	1	0	1	1	906
19	CH Powerpom Cold Mountain <i>Owner: P Pongsak*</i>	D	0	1	0	3	0	649
20	CH Golden Star's Terminator <i>Owner: A Sanehmahakul</i>	D	0	3	0	0	0	629

APC Member denoted by \*



# Top Exhibitor, Breeder, Sire, Dam, and Junior Showmanship

January 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 as reported by the American Kennel Club

## Top Breeders

- 16 Diane L Finch\*
- 13 Charlotte Meyer\*
- 11 Sharon Hanson\*
- 9 K G Griffith\*
- 8 Fabian Arienti\*
- 8 Jose A Cabrera\*
- 8 Tom Wilson\*
- 7 Juanita Fiddick\*
- 7 Carlene B Gilstrap\*
- 7 David Gilstrap\*

## Top Sires

- 9 CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams
- 4 CH Mt Crest At Springwood
- 4 CH Cheyennes Kodiak Bear Second
- 4 CH Finch's Bet On The Parti
- 4 CH Finch's Schar's Spellboundparti
- 4 CH Babydoll's Buckle Up Ur Genes
- 4 CH Band of Gold of Lenette
- 4 CH Reuben of Lenette
- 3 CH Chriscendo Coldplay
- 3 CH Daystar Cowboys And Indians
- 3 CH Firebrook's Tabasco Fiasco
- 3 CH Great Rivers Cupids Arrow
- 3 CH Horizon-N-Janesa Indian Sundown
- 3 CH Janesa's American Cutiepye
- 3 CH Jan-Shars Dr. Phil
- 3 CH Magic Touch Of Lenette
- 3 CH Mountain Crest Hard Rock
- 3 CH Noble's Born to Perform
- 3 CH Starfire's Here Comes Trouble
- 3 Starlight's Dream Comes True

## Top Exhibitors

- 12 Charlotte Meyer\*
- 10 Diane L Finch\*
- 7 Celeste Solano\*
- 7 Sharon Hanson\*
- 6 K G Griffith\*
- 6 Robert Solano\*
- 5 Fabian Arienti\*
- 5 Jose A Cabrera\*
- 5 Juanita Fiddick\*
- 5 Nina Fetter\*

## Top Dams

- 3 CH Amber Glow Of Lenette
- 3 CH Great Rivers Tiamo Lets Hav A Ball
- 3 Labays Savannah Of Lenette
- 2 CH Gar-V's Zeek-A-Boo
- 2 CH Char's Walkin N A Winnin Way
- 2 CH Glen Iris Duchess of Castile
- 2 CH Jan-Shars The Cookie Monster
- 2 CH Rodi's Cr Queen Of Stars
- 2 CH Sirius It's About Time
- 2 CH Starfire's Between The Sheet
- 2 CH Starfire's Wicked Mary
- 2 Bar-Net Abigail Of Oakridge
- 2 Bavanew's Divine Intervention
- 2 Bynows I Know Who Lies
- 2 Finch's Lo And Behold
- 2 Finch's Shamoo Parti
- 2 Gar-V's Beau-Tiful Windflower
- 2 Honeycomb of Lenette
- 2 Lt Cherubs Chapel Of Dreams Of Labeau
- 2 Panache's Picture Perfect
- 2 Park Ave's Sweet Magnolia
- 2 Pomhaven's Casa Dora
- 2 Pomryte's Penny For Yor Thots
- 2 Precious Moments Tender Love
- 2 Starfire's Robcary U Glowgirl
- 2 Windkiss Red Ruby

## Top Junior

### Handlers

Through Aug 31, 2008  
As reported by  
BestJunior.com

Amanda Seitzer	385
Stephanie Hentschel	331
Rebecca Silverberg	94
Ginger Riley	32
Hope Gould	31
Colten Pfannerstill	13
Letesha Girth*	11
Nathan Lisenbee	11
Taylor Brown	10
Samantha Hyde	9
Bailey Pfannerstill	9
Chelsea Valles	9
Matthew Lisenbee	8
Taylor Blasco	6
Ian Maniates	4
Trinity McKain	4
Daniel Belcher	2
Sabrina Campbell	2
Rosie Sheppard	1
Noelle Oleartchick	1
Cora Halliday	1
Meagan Edgar	1
Karinina Bailey	1

*Amanda Seitzer and Stephanie Hentschel are the Top Two Toy Group Exhibitors as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Rebecca Silverberg ranks 20<sup>th</sup> in the Toy Group. Amanda also ranks 26<sup>th</sup> overall in the Junior category. Congratulations to these hard working Juniors!*

The Pomeranian Review includes all Pomeranian Exhibitors in their publication. American Pomeranian Club Members are noted with an \*. In order to be eligible for APC Awards given at the Annual Banquet, you must have been a member for one (1) calendar year.



# New Champions

## SEPTEMBER CHAMPIONS

### **CH Char's Taylor Made To Parti (D) CH**

Finch' Schar' Sspellboundparti x Dossmar's Miss Sparkle. Owned by Charlotte Meyer\*. Bred by Charlotte Meyer\*.

### **CH Chriscendo Congeniality (B) CH**

Chriscendo Coldplay x Tokie Take It To The Limit. Owned by Mary Latimer\* & Christine Heartz\* & Robert Kennedy\*. Bred by Christine Heartz\*.

### **CH Donmars Young Gun Of Windkiss (D) CH**

Aphrodites Donmar Desperado x Windkiss Red Ruby. Owned by Mrs. Donna M Majewski. Bred by Linda L Saball\*.

### **CH Dreamweavers Rockin Robin (D) CH**

Dreamweavers Ring Of Fire x Royaltee N Dreamweavers Into The West. Owned by Linda A Pelz\*. Bred by Linda A Pelz\*.

### **CH Elusive Toys Artimus Gorgeous (D) CH**

Avalon's Prince Matchabelli x Elusive Toys Cherries Jubbly. Owned by Catherine Jessen\* & Celeste Solano\* & Annette Davis\*. Bred by Catherine M Jessen\* & Annette Davis\*.

### **CH Finch's She's Not That Innocent (B) CH**

Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Finch's Simply Breathtaking. Owned by Diane L Finch\*. Bred by Diane L Finch\*.

### **CH Great Rivers Ho-Beau (D) CH**

Great Rivers Cupids Arrow x Great Rivers Cutie Pa Tootie. Owned by Amando Hernandez. Bred by Sharon Yampiro\* & Diane Price.

### **CH Jan-Shars Chairman Of The Board (D) CH**

Jan-Shars Dr. Phil x Jan-Shars Next Best Thing. Owned by Sharon L Hanson\*. Bred by Sharon L Hanson\*.

### **CH Jan-Shars Rosa Parks (B) CH**

Jan-Shars Shaquille O'Neal x Jan-Shars Jezabelle. Owned by Joyce Birks\* & Bob Birks\*. Bred by Sharon Hanson\*.

### **CH Jan-Shars Save A Horse Ride A Cowboy (B) CH**

Jan-Shars Fresh Off The Farm x Poolside A Piece Of The Rock. Owned by Sharon Hanson\*. Bred by Sharon Hanson\*.

### **CH Marbil's Mini Cooper At Mnm (D)**

Firebrook's Shenanigans x MTN. Views Onyx N Lace. Owned by Mari Iffland\* & Mary E. Wells\*. Bred by Mari Iffland\* & Donna S Riehm\*.

### **CH Mountain Crest Rock Princess (B) CH**

Mountain Crest Hard Rock x Mountain Crest Rainy. Owned by Barbara Meyer. Bred by David Gilstrap\* & Carlene B Gilstrap\*.

### **CH Mountain Crest Tiny Bubbles (B) CH**

Mountain Crest Hard Rock x CH Mountain Crest Private Dancer II. Owned by David Gilstrap\* & Carlene B Gilstrap\*. Bred by David Gilstrap\* & Carlene B Gilstrap\*.

### **CH Oakrose One For The Money (D)**

Foxworth Frontier Spirit x Cinnakees Serenity. Owned by Joan Rose & Gail Stewart. Bred by Joan Rose.

### **CH Panaches Totally Assertive (B) CH**

Noble's Hardly Humble x Sundown's Pompanche Cover Girl. Owned by Laura Meineke\*. Bred by Laura Meineke\*.

### **CH Pocobreden's Icy Miss D Meaner (B)**

Lana's Stormy Cloud x Pombreden's White Dinah-Mite. Owned by Diana Gross\*. Bred by Barbara A Breden.

### **CH Power Pom Titanium (D) CH**

Noble's Born To Perform x Candyfloss Jo Black. Owned by Pongsakorn Pongsak\*. Bred by Pongsakorn Pongsak\*.

### **CH Razzle Dazzle Straight From The Heart (D) CH**

Chriscendo Communicado x Razzle Dazzle Sound Of Music. Owned by Judith B Green\* & Margaret R Johnson\*. Bred by Judith B Green\* & Margaret R Johnson\*.

### **CH Rialta's Paper Doll Of Lenette (B) CH**

Band Of Gold Of Lenette x Tammy's In Love Of Lenette. Owned by Alta Davis\* & Tommy Davis\*. Bred by K G Griffith\*.

### **CH Sandalwood Gp Jada (B) CH**

Pinnacle I'M Stakin' My Claim x Sandalwood Kala. Owned by Roger M Lau\*. Bred by Roger M Lau\*.

### **CH Sandegi's As Good As It Gets (D)**

Showin's Alanna Metallicman x TLC Maggie May Rocks O Moss. Owned by Debbie King. Bred by Gina Moss.

### **CH Showin's The Big Bad Wolf (D)**

Showin's Saber Dance-Lobo x Sho-Win's Pocahantes. Owned by Audrey Caywood. Bred by Barbara Raymond.

### **CH Smoky Mtn. Rain Of Lenette (D) CH**

Band Of Gold Of Lenette x Honeycomb Of Lenette. Owned by K G Griffith\*. Bred by K G Griffith\*.

### **CH Tradewind Amazing Grace (B) CH**

Pom Acres Knight Rider x CH Pom Acres New Days Dawn. Owned by Glenda Shaffer & Juanita Fiddick\*. Bred by Glenda Shaffer & Juanita Fiddick\*.



# New Champions

## OCTOBER CHAMPIONS

**CH Aphrodites Bluemoon Reflection (D)** CH Trudys Kentucky Blue At Aphrodite x CH Aphrodites Moonstruck. Owned by Beverly Allen & Linda Decicco\*. Bred by Linda Decicco\*.

**CH Aphrodites Daddy's Lil Girl (B)** Aphrodites In Charge x Aphrodites Simply Adorable. Owned by Linda Decicco\*. Bred by Linda Decicco\*.

**CH Char's Tiki Beach Parti (B)** CH Finch'Schar'Sspellboundparti x Char's Rockin' Mocha Parti. Owned by Charlotte Meyer\*. Bred by Charlotte Meyer\*.

**CH Day Star Of Lenette (D)** CH Rueben Of Lenette x Butterfly Of Love of Lenette. Owned by K G Griffith\*. Bred by K G Griffith\*.

**CH Designs Fire N' Brimstone (D)** CH Design's Helzapoppin' x Designs Causin A Commotion. Owned by Teresa Acker. Bred by Teresa A Livezey\*.

**CH Geebears Atomic Particle (D)** CH Joayne's Mirror Rambo x Ruby's Dreamin Of Black Gold. Owned by Samantha Miller & Gina Williams\* & Heike Bartlett. Bred by Gina Williams\* & Andy Williams\*.

**CH Honeykist Keep The Faith (B)** CH Honeykist How Sweet It Is x Honeykist Special Edition. Owned by Christine Bousquet\*. Bred by Christine Bousquet\*.

**CH Jan-Shars Louie Vuitton (D)** CH Jan-Shars Dr. Phil x Jan-Shars Wild Child. Owned by Sharon Hanson\*. Bred by Sharon Hanson\*.

**CH Jan-Shars Tamarac (D)** CH Jan-Shars Code Red x Jan-Shars Pick Me Pick Me. Owned by Paula A. Clark & Sandra Jeffers. Bred by Sharon Hanson\*.

**CH Janesa's Hot Tempered Hannah (B)** CH Janesa's Hurray x Janesa's Temper Tantrum. Owned by Lisa M Goodman\* & Jerrie Freia\*. Bred by Jerrie Freia\*.

**CH Lowen's Secret Mission (D)** Lowen's Willow Bark x Lowen's In A Class Of Her Own. Owned by Sheila Lowen. Bred by Sheila Lowen.

**CH Mtn. Views I'Ll B Starting A Fire (D)** CH Marbil's Games Of Chance x Mtn. Views Winter Hope. Owned by Patricia Dague\* & Roger A Dague\*. Bred by Patricia Dague\* & Roger A Dague\*.

**CH Mts Hoilini Porsche Cayenne (B)** CH Vintage

Vino Vino x CH Sandalwood HK Joie Of Vivre. Owned by Sylvia Miyake. Bred by Sylvia Miyake.

**CH Park Avenue's Texas Hold' Em (D)** CH Jaken's Splashing In The Rain At Jan Le x Star Haven's Spirit Medicine. Owned by Gail Bertrand & Bill Bertrand. Bred by Tom Wilson\*.

**CH Park Aves Red Hard And Delicious (D)** CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Cinbows Annie Get Your Gun. Owned by Tom Wilson\*. Bred by Tom Wilson\*.

**CH Parkave Mar-Ds Wink'E Dink'E Doo (D)** CH Park Aves Red Hard And Delicious x Paragon's Of Park Aves Nichi. Owned by Mary Stephens\*. Bred by Tom Wilson\*.

**CH Reignings U Wish U Were Mia (B)** CH Babydoll's Buckle Up Ur Genes x Debonaires Cubby Bear. Owned by Gail Bertrand & Bill Bertrand. Bred by Gail Bertrand & Bill Bertrand.

**CH Shallanys Dezigner Money Randy (B)** Cheyennes Design In Style x Randy's Nickel's And Dimes. Owned by Randy Buske\* & Ooi Chee Heong. Bred by Colleen Fitzpatrick.

**CH Silhouette's Speakeasy (D)** CH Chriscendo Communicado x Sunterra Sweet Surrender. Owned by Elizabeth Heckert\*. Bred by Elizabeth Heckert\*.

**CH Starfire's Robcary Too Cool (D)** CH Starfire's Robcary Sobe It x CH Starfire's Between The Sheet. Owned by Caryl F Scrimpsheer\*. Bred by Jose A Cabrera\* & Fabian Arienti\*.

**CH Sugar Rae's Winnie The Pooh (B)** CH Noble's So-So Sharp x Sugar Rae's Honeypot. Owned by Mr. Ronald George Elshaug. Bred by Angela Semansky\*.

**CH Surely You Are Not Sirius (B)** CH Sirius It's Sable Adam x CH Sirius It's About Time. Owned by Nina Fetter\*. Bred by Nina Fetter\*.

**CH Tlc's Belle Of The Ball (B)** CH Tlc's Southerngentlemanof Lenette x Charles Delilah Of Lenette. Owned by Connie Charles\*. Bred by Connie Charles\*.

**CH Viktres Feng The Shui (B)** Chinadoll's Pianoman x CH Windsor's Darling Debutante. Owned by Victoria Oelerich\*. Bred by Victoria Oelerich\* & Shauna Jenkins.

# Health & Genetics

## PART FOUR - SOME INTERESTING STUFF

By now genetic nomenclature is rolling lightly off our tongues, we are able to predict probabilities of the phenotypes expected from any two given genotypes, and we are able to see how most of the colors shown in our pedigrees were inherited.

Of course, what we REALLY want to know is "how do I produce three Best In Show Winners in every litter?" The sad truth is that we can't. Remember Mendel's Law of Independent Assortment? We get the good mixed in with the bad and the ugly every time. What we can do, by the intelligent application of genetic principles, is reinforce the traits we consider desirable and reduce the incidence of those we feel are detrimental. This is accomplished by attempting to create in our litters as much homozygosity as possible for those alleles that produce the required effects. An animal that has a high percentage of it's genes in the homozygous state will pass those features on with a great deal of consistency, and is said to be "prepotent" for those features.

This summary of "rules" (taken from Whitney) may be found useful:

### Dominant Traits

1) Do not skip generations.

2) Generally affect a large number of progeny.

3) Only animals showing the trait carry it.

4) There is less danger of continuing undesirable traits.

5) The trait, when seen, may come from just one parent.

### Recessive Traits

1) The trait may skip one or more generations.

2) Generally affect a small number of progeny.

3) Only animals homozygous for the trait exhibit it.

4) Heterozygous animals can only be determined by mating, so there is more danger of continuing undesirable traits.

5) The trait, when seen, must come from both parents.

I have attempted to ascertain the mode of inheritance for several common traits and for some inheritable problems. The following information has been shamelessly plagiarized from many sources. I have given authors in parenthesis.

### Head

Short forehead is dominant to the long forehead. (Seranne)

Longer, narrower head (skull) is more dominant than the short, wide one. (Seranne; Willis)

Scissors bite is dominant to either under or overshot bite, but as there is so much variation in degree, there must



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Guest Writer





be some polygenic control. (Seranne; Whitney; Willis)

Normal number of teeth (42) appears to be dominant to missing teeth, but data is sparse. (Whitney; Willis)

Fused incisors appear to be genetically determined, but there is insufficient data to propose mode of inheritance. (Hitchin & Morris, 1966, working with highly inbred Lakeland Terriers, cited by Willis) Cleft Palate/Hare Lip do not seem to be inherited in standard Mendelian manner. Willis suggests a recessive mode with threshold characteristics. Vit A deficiency has produced this anomaly in pigs, and Riboflavin (Vitamin B2) deficiency has been implicated in its appearance in puppies. (Robinson; Willis) Folic acid deficiency has also been cited as a contributory cause.

Dark Pigment is dominant to light on lips, nose, eye rims, pads. (Little; Onstott; Seranne; Willis)

Dark eye is dominant to light eye. (Little; Seranne; Whitney)

Normal eye is dominant to large, bulging eye. (Seranne)

Large ear is dominant to small ear, though the variance in size suggests some polygenic control. (Seranne; Whitney)

Low ear set is dominant to high ear set. (Seranne)

### *Body*

Straight topline is dominant to a sway or roached back. Note that the dog's general condition can affect the topline. (Seranne)

Good spring of rib, deep chest and high tailset are dominant to narrow ribs, shallow chest and low tailset. (Seranne)

### *Forequarters*

Straight shoulders are dominant to a good shoulder layback, though the degree is polygenically determined. (Seranne)

Short legs are incompletely dominant to long legs. (Whitney)

Dewclaws are dominant to their absence. (Robinson; Whitney)

Short, compact foot is dominant to long, open foot. (Whitney)

### *Hindquarters*

Straight stifles are dominant to well-angulated stifles, though probably under polygenic control. (Seranne)

Patellar Luxation ("Slipping Stifles") appears to be a threshold character. Polygenes govern the depth of the

femoral groove, height of the bony ridges, and the strength and attachment of the ligaments which secure the patella. All these factors contribute to the predisposition to the defect. (Robinson) Note: the size and tone of the leg musculature will partially determine the alignment of the stifle joint. Thus even minor trauma can precipitate luxation in the face of poor muscle tone, as seen in immature or unconditioned animals. (Seranne) This last could also have implications for the prevalence of "cow hocks".

Single dewclaws are dominant to double. (Whitney)

### *Coat*

Short coat is dominant to long, though the length of a long coat is determined by modifying genes (Whitney; Willis) and grooming technique:) (Allan)

Single coat appears to be dominant to double coat, though this information was arrived at from cross-breeding. (Whitney)

Thin or sparse coat is dominant to dense coat in crosses, and is probably under polygenic control. (Willis)

Coarse coat is dominant to fine coat, though the great variation suggests polygenic control. (Seranne; Willis)

Straight coat appears to be dominant to curly or wavy coat, with modifying genes responsible for amount of wave seen. (Willis; Whitney) Seranne disagrees.

### *Tail*

Short tail is dominant or incompletely dominant to long tail. (Little; Willis)

Straight tail is dominant to bent or kinked tail (Seranne) Note: Whitney feels that many tail kinks are caused by the embryonic tail being bent in utero, not by genetic predisposition.

### *Gait*

A smooth, ground-covering gait results from correctly angulated front and rear assemblies, a correct balance between these angles and correct muscle tone. It is therefore under polygenic and environmental control.

### *Temperament*

Environment plays a major role in the temperament of a dog, but given equal conditions the following appear to hold true:

Active temperament is incompletely dominant over lethargic temperament. (Iljin, cited by Whitney)

Shy temperament is dominant to outgoing temperament. (Krishinski, quoted by Whitney)



## Other Stuff

### *Smiling*

Not of great moment in itself, but the “smile” (voluntary retraction of the lips) can be mistaken for a snarl. Whitney feels that the smiling ability is dominant.

### *Thyroiditis/Hypothyroidism*

Willis considers that there is strong evidence pointing to this being a genetic trait. He feels it to be polygenic in nature, probably with a threshold level at which the disease becomes apparent. A fairly simple blood test can provide a thyroid function panel, and it should probably be performed on any suspect animal. Low fertility, reabsorptions, abortions, low birth rates and high puppy mortality rates are all associated with hypothyroidism. It would probably be prudent to remove any such animal from a breeding program.

### *Pituitary Dwarfism*

Robinson feels that this is produced by a recessive gene,  $d^W$ . Homozygous dwarfs have low somatomedin (a growth hormone) levels. He feels that heterozygotic  $D^Wd^W$  animals have intermediate levels.

### *Skin/Coat Problems*

Some causes, such as pituitary dwarfism or hypothyroidism, are genetically determined. Others, such as Cushing’s Disease, may be caused by a tumor or have some genetic component. Allergies, parasites (e.g. mange or Cheyletiella mites), as well as nutritional deficiencies may all contribute, and need to be excluded diagnostically before a genetic basis is assumed. (Willis) Please note that some Breeds have a genetically determined low tolerance threshold for mange mites.

### *Herniae*

There are four kinds: scrotal; inguinal (groin); umbilical (abdomen) and diaphragmatic (in chest cavity).

Willis quotes Phillips & Felton (1939), Angus & Young (1972) and Robinson (1977). All suggest a polygenic mode of inheritance. Robinson suggests a polygenic threshold character.

Seranne feels that scrotal or inguinal herniae are frequently caused by recessive genes, but that umbilical herniae can be either genetic or caused by the dam’s too vigorous tugging or licking of the umbilical stump.

### *Cryptorchidism*

This is the non-descent of one or both testicles. It can be produced under laboratory conditions by feeding diets low in biotin and/or Vitamin A. Folic acid deficiencies can cause delayed migration of the testes to the scrotum. (Manning, 1950, working with rats - cited by Willis)

It is highly unlikely that vitamin deficiency is the causal factor in the vast majority of cases outside the laboratory.

The best evidence for a genetic basis is work done by Lush et al (1930) and Warwick (1961). They studied the problem in Angora goat herds, and used different intensities of selection against the trait. They found that when they bred “for” the trait, by using cryptorchid males, the incidence increased dramatically. When they bred “against” it, by using various criteria (entire males; deletion of parents of affected males from the program; deletion of affected male’s siblings as well as his parents from program; etc) the incidence decreased rapidly and in proportion to the degree of selectivity. There is an excellent table and explanation of these experiments in Willis. He concluded that the trait is probably recessive, probably with polygenic modification. It is my PERSONAL view that a male’s testicles should be in the normal position at a very early age. My own “cut off date” (no pun intended) is 10 weeks. If they require tugging, stretching, “massaging”, pills, potions, shots or other artificial means of relocation then he is, in fact, cryptorchid and should not be used at stud. Life’s too short to tug testicles...

### *Legg Calve Perthe’s Disease*

This degenerative disease, almost exclusively limited to small and Toy breeds, affects the femoral neck and head. It is almost always unilateral. The few studies done suggest a simple recessive mode of transmission, but data is still sparse, and further breeding tests are needed. (Willis)

### *Hip Dysplasia*

This complex problem, wherein the femoral head is not correctly located in the acetabulum (hip socket) which itself may or may not be correctly formed, is thought by most researchers to be genetically determined. The consensus of opinion is that it is controlled by several genes, with the environmental component also involved. It is generally held that members of vulnerable Breeds be X-rayed and assessed by the OFA prior to any



reproductive activity. Only those rated “good” or better should be used in a breeding program.

### *Epilepsy*

Generally described as “seizures”. The causes of seizures can be diverse: Hypoglycemia; hypocalcemia; hypoxia; liver disease; ingestion of poisons; eclampsia; brain tumors; head traumas. Obviously all these need to be excluded before a genetic component can be considered. From the data available it would seem that males are generally affected more than females, whether this is due to different hormonal patterns is not known. An autosomal recessive mode of inheritance has been postulated.

### *Collie Eye Anomaly*

As it’s name implies, this affects Collies (rough and smooth) Shelties and, to a small degree, Border Collies. There are several symptoms, but the most commonly noticed are blood specks in the eye as well as abnormal vision. Upon veterinary examination the most usual finding is unusually tortuous retinal blood vessels. It appears in both sexes, and is not apparently related to any coat color variation. It can readily be diagnosed by a few weeks or months of age. It is thought to be recessive, and although some dogs appear to be more affected than others a grading system is not considered effective, as it is thought that there are simply “normal” and “affected” dogs, and the affected ones will pass on the condition. These affected dogs should not be used in a breeding program. Carriers are possible.

### *Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) - Generalised*

This condition causes progressive visual impairment. Night vision is affected first followed by daylight vision impairment. It is seen in several Breeds: Setters, Poodles, Cocker Spaniels, Elkhounds, Dachshunds, Tibetan Terriers, Miniature Pinschers and others. It is thought to be caused by a simple autosomal recessive gene. (Willis)

### *PRA - Centralised*

This differs from the Generalised form in that there is no initial night blindness. It appears that peripheral vision is generally unimpaired, whilst central vision is affected. Total blindness is not common in affected dogs, and secondary cataracts (common in the generalised form) are not seen as frequently. Breeds most frequently affected are: Border Collies, Labrador Retrievers, Rough Collie, Golden Retriever, English Springer Spaniel and Corgis. According to Barnett (1976) there is no sex-

linkage or sex-limited effect. Age of onset can vary greatly, though most cases can be identified by 2yrs. Willis believes that this is caused by an incompletely dominant gene with a penetrance of about 80%. This means that while dogs with two PRA alleles will exhibit the condition only about 80% of those with one PRA allele will suffer from the disease. The remaining 20% of the heterozygous dogs will appear to be normal though they may well transmit the disease. Dogs with no PRA allele will be normal and transmit normality if bred to other “normals”. (Willis)

### *Haemophilia A and B*

Both these disorders, which affect the blood-clotting mechanisms, are sex-linked. They are carried recessively on the X chromosome. This means that (generally speaking) females will be carriers, whilst approximately 50% of their sons will be affected. Symptoms of haemophilia are lameness, swellings (due to internal bleeding) and failure of the blood to clot. Several Breeds are susceptible to these diseases including the German Shepherd, St Bernard, Labrador Retriever, Irish Setter, Cocker Spaniel and French Bulldog. Haemophilia A is the most common. (Dodds cited by Willis)

### *von Willebrand's disease.*

This is another bleeding disorder, closely studied by Dodds. It does not appear to be sex-linked and appears to be dominant with variable penetrance. Tests seem to indicate that the disease becomes less severe as the dog ages, and during pregnancy. Several Breeds are affected. Most notable are German Shepherds, Dobermans, Scotties, Schnauzers and Golden Retrievers. (Dodds cited by Willis)

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# APC Judges' Education

Greetings to all Pom fanciers! In my last article I wrote about the AKC proposal to reorganize the existing seven Groups into a proposed 10 Groups. This has generated a great deal of interest and discussion, and additionally the APC Board put the proposed alternatives for the Pomeranian to a general membership vote. The alternatives are to leave the Pomeranian as a member of the Toy Group or to move it to the new Northern Breeds Group. By the time this issue is published we may have the results in. Keep in mind that the Parent Clubs, including the American Pomeranian Club, have a major voice in the decision, but ultimately the final decision will be made by AKC and a vote by the AKC Delegate body. This process is expected to take at least another year.



Fred C. Bassett

The first draft of revisions to the Pomeranian breed standard has been published by our Standards Committee. This is a difficult and time-consuming task, and I want to personally thank the Committee for their hard work and dedication. The progress can be tracked in the "members only" section of the APC Website. There are instructions there on how to get access to that password protected link if you don't already know how. Please check it out, and stay current on this important task.

My Mentor Committee has sent their final lists to me of recommendations for APC members to be invited to become official Parent Club Approved Mentors. I am a bit behind on getting all of the paperwork done to consolidate the lists and get the letters sent to those who will be invited. I have had a really busy couple of months judging, including two weeklong trips out of the country, so I apologize for not being further along. My goal is to have the invitation letters out before the end of 2008, and be able to report the results to you in my next article in the first part of 2009. My sincere thanks go to the Committee consisting of Nadine Hersil, Curtiss Smith and Vikki Oelerich.

We have had a very busy year with presenting Judges Seminars, and I will be preparing a year-end summary report for the APC Board shortly. I will publish a report of those results for all of our members as well.

One final item I found quite interesting and wish to pass along. There has been much discussion over the last year about the declining AKC Registration statistics as a general trend in the purebred dog community. Dr. Carmen Battaglia published an article recently which documented these statistics in a very interesting way, and Pomeranians were one of nine breeds that he focused on. The statistics highlighted the change over the 10 year period between 1996 and 2007. Overall AKC registrations were down over half a million (521,147), from 1,333,599 in 1996 to 812,452 in 2007 - a decline of 39%. The item of special interest to us is that Pomeranians were among the nine breeds with the biggest numeric and percentage decline over this same period. The nine breeds with the biggest decline were Rottweilers, German Shepherd Dogs (Carmen's breed), Labrador Retrievers, Cocker Spaniels, Dalmatians, Poodles, Golden Retrievers, Shetland Sheepdogs and Pomeranians. These 9 breeds account for a full 61% of the overall decline in registrations. The Pomeranian statistics show a decline of 23,107 registrations, from 39,712 in 1996 to 16,605 in 2007 - a decline of 58%. Quite a major number! The bulk of the decline probably comes from commercial breeding kennels. The real question for us, and for AKC, is whether they are indeed breeding fewer Pomeranians or are just registering them with other organizations. It raises interesting questions, and drives home the challenges facing AKC.

I wish you all a joyous and blessed holiday season enjoying family, friends and Pomeranians.



# POMERANIAN CLUB OF GREATER HOUSTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Connie Zieba  
Photographs by John David  
and Connie Zieba

The Houston Pom Club held its annual Christmas party on December 7, 2008. Our hosts for the second year in a row were Tirey Counts and Jim Walker. Jim and Tirey's home was a Christmas fantasyland with incredible decor and inspiring themes. Every room in the house featured a uniquely decorated Christmas tree. The front and back yards were filled with twinkling Christmas lights. A gigantic Nutcracker greeted guests by the front door and a six-foot tall Santa Claus wished everyone Merry Christmas in the living room.

Special prizes were awarded to several ladies (and one gentleman) wearing the most festive holiday attire. More prizes were handed out to the Veterans present, in honor of Pearl Harbor Day. Our gratitude and respect goes to Joe Brazzatti, Don Savoie, and Stan Wasilewsky for heroically serving our nation. Another special prize was given to Nathalie Dollar for being the youngest guest present.

A lovely gift was presented to Connie Zieba for her contributions to the club and her service as Corresponding Secretary for many years. Connie (assisted by her husband) read an emotional speech (please see below) thanking the group. Club Vice President, Olga Baker, presented the gift to Connie and gave a moving speech. Robbie Hudson was also warmly welcomed as a new Board member and given the club member's congratulations and best wishes.

The club is pleased to announce we received our first application for Junior-Handler Membership at our party. Eleven-year-old Nathalie Dollar, the daughter of club member Sherry Dollar, will become an honorary member. Our club will do all we can to support and encourage Nathalie in all her efforts.



Tirey Counts and Jim Walker



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Kim Cagle, Connie Zieba, Kuddles

The club wishes to thank John David and Connie Zieba for contributing all the special prizes, the invitations, and coordinating the refreshments. We would like to sincerely thank Don and Alice Savoie for volunteering to stay after the party to help our hosts clean up. The club cannot thank Tirey and Jim enough for opening their gorgeous home to us. They provided an incredible array of food and gave the club an unforgettable experience. Thanks also to the members and guests who brought food and fantastic gifts for the gift exchange, and drove from everywhere to attend the party.

We hope to see you all again at next year's Christmas party.

*Dear Houston Pom Club Members and Friends,*



Nora Gurton, Norma Lee French, Kim Cagle and Sharon Spiller

*Today is my last official day to serve as Corresponding Secretary. The invitations / meeting notices that were mailed out for this party are the last I will ever prepare. Last night I figured out I have mailed out roughly over 4600 meeting notices over the many years I have held this position. That is a staggering amount of stamps, paper, envelopes, and manpower!*

*The job of Corresponding Secretary will now be filled by the very capable, Robbie Hudson. I cannot thank Robbie enough for taking this job on. I have come to know Robbie well and I consider her to be a very good friend. I can tell you she is one of the kindest, smartest, and most hard-working people I know. She is a treasure and I have complete confidence she will do an outstanding job.*

*I would like to take a moment to thank the people who have served as officers for nearly as long as, or longer than I have. When I first came onto the board, Olga Baker was our Club President and Darrell Baker was a Member of the Board. These two people have become precious friends to me. They have been supportive of everything John David and I have done. They have lent their valuable counsel, assisted in every way, and been a treasure trove of friendship and support.*



Don and Alice Savoie

*John David and I have been lucky enough to spend time with them in and out of the club, and they have been a special and unforgettable part of our lives. They are truly the nicest, kindest, friendliest, most fun, and wonderful people I know. Even though they have reached the pinnacle of success in the dog world, they are still the most humble people anyone could ever meet. What they do for this club with their presence, their personalities, and their genuine warmth and caring, simply cannot be measured. I thank them from my heart for everything they have meant to me and John David.*

*Tim Goddard is another very special person I have come to depend on. He is an endless source of support and friendship. He can always be depended on to take care of anything and anyone. He is a quiet man who we all lean on. I respect his intelligence, his kindness, and his strength. He always knows just what to say and what to do. He is a tower of strength to his friends and I count John David and myself lucky to be in that category. Like the Bakers, John David and I have spent time with Tim in and out of the club. There is just no way to express what Tim means to us and what a very good person he is.*



Connie and John David Zieba



Ken Thornell, Robbie Hudson, Nathalie, Sherry Dollar, Olga, Darrell Baker and Tim Goddard.



Nathalie Dollar, Robbie Hudson, Sherry Dollar and Connie Zieba





*Another precious friend and board member is Johnis McAden. Johnis and David joined the club at almost the same time we did. Johnis joined the board shortly after I did as well. She and her husband, David, have become good friends. They offered our family shelter during the evacuation for Hurricane Ike. They have celebrated many special occasions with us. They have the greatest distance to drive to attend club meetings and board meetings, and yet, they have a better attendance record than anyone else. Whatever they have been asked to do, they have done and always with a smile. They are dependable, truly genuine, kind-hearted people and we are so pleased to know them.*

*I would also like to thank my husband, John David. I am very lucky to have a spouse who is also my best friend. Everything we have done in this club, we have done as a team. Every time I have come up with a project, such as putting together the web site, or the banquet DVD, or any of the other projects I have devised over the years, it has been John David who helped carry them through.*

*I could not have done any of these things without his expertise. He has never once told me he is too busy or too tired or anything else. He always finds the time to make my ideas reality. I am especially proud of this man and very grateful that we have been given the opportunity to spend this time together doing things we enjoy.*

*What I have enjoyed the most about being the Corresponding Secretary over the years is the opportunity it has given me to get to know all of you. I have learned a little about your dogs and your lives. I never tire of hearing about someone getting a new dog or the kinds of activities they like to participate in with their dogs. I grieve when someone loses a dog and I cheer when puppies are born.*

*Our club has a few members who have never attended a single meeting. I have come to know them too through E-mail and phone. I can tell you they also contribute to the club by giving trophy donations and other means. I still miss and think about former members who have long since moved on. I thank all of you for giving me this precious opportunity to get to know you.*

*This club has grown mightily over the years. We have members of long-standing and newer members, and every single person is appreciated and valued. Our club has set the standard for other clubs across the nation and I feel sure we will continue to do so. We are all united by our love of Pomeranians and we all contribute in some way.*

*Whether we take our dogs in the ring, compete with them in agility, flyball, obedience, or rally, train our dogs for therapy work, volunteer for the very difficult rescue work that is so vital, or love our dogs as pampered pets, every person in this club is important and respected, and every dog belonging to our members is treasured.*

*During this holiday season, I wish for each of you good times and special memories. When the New Year comes around, let's all start anew, building on what we have accomplished so far and adding more great activities, friendships, and goodwill.*

*Sincerely,  
Connie Zieba*



Kalima, Auwe, Keoki with Darrell Baker as Santa Claus



Kevin Hebert, Don Savoie and John David Zieba



Don Savoie, Susan Lucas, Darrell Baker



Connie Zieba and Joe Brazzatti (Veteran)

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to perform well and happily for you.

of both of you to handle any situation. This confidence will transfer to the dog, who is now far more likely to perform all of the Advanced and Excellent exercises), you go into the ring with confidence in the abilities what might be required in the ring today (showing in Rally Novice, for example, you know the dog CAN This attitude thing holds for both you and the dog. Having trained your dog to perform above and beyond

*\*Encourage the dog's natural ability to withstand the rigors of the show ring; have dog in peak condition. Mentally as well as physically, our Poms need to be able to perform in front of a crowd and have the stamina to do so when they might be overwhelmed by the noise and confusion outside the ring. Among other things, this means taking dogs to shows and giving them some happy one-on-one attention to teach them to enjoy their time at a show; it also means sometimes crating them at a show and going*

*\*A mentally sound attitude.*

ached?

*\*Muscle tone and proper weight.*

Can your couch potato run a course on the leftover hamburger and french fries he has scrounged from your lunch? When is the last time you took him for a long walk, or threw the ball for him until your arm

who had to touch that dog on the Stand for Exam?

always filthy. He not only looked bad, but to put it mildly, he stank. Can you imagine being the judge dog. There was a white dog showing in Obedience in my area several years back (not a Pom) that was No, you are not being judged on your dog's coat and trim in the active sports. But judges are human beings, and they can't help being affected by the apparent care or lack thereof that you have given to your

*\*Coat and conditioning, required proper trimming for the breed.*

### RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR DOG

copying some of Katie's suggestions in italics:

On reading her check lists, I could see that for the most part, with just a little twist, her recommendations also apply to those who show their dogs in the more active sports. So here is my twist on the subject,

### ARE YOU & YOUR DOG RING READY?

In her Nov/Dec Pomeranian Review article, E. Katie Gammill asks  
Conformation exhibitors,



By Barbara McClatchey

Barbara McClatchey





shopping or otherwise leaving them for a while. We also need to exercise our dogs, both physically and mentally, for them to be alert and capable of whatever we need from them in the ring.

### *HOMEWORK*

*\*Watch the presentation of your dog in a mirror.*

Any good training building has several mirrors in it to enable this. At home, even if all you have is a full-length mirror on your bedroom closet, you can do much with it. Stand sideways to the mirror with the dog in Heel position. Wait a minute—is that really Heel position? Is the “area from the dog’s head and shoulder” really “in line with your left hip”? Release your dog and turn to face the mirror. Call him to Heel. Where is he? Is he at an angle, rather than “straight in line with the direction [you are] facing”? Is he actually at an arm’s length from you (wide), or is he so closely velcro’d that he is crowding you?

*\*Determine the gait that best suits your dog.*

This is of vital importance when showing a Pom in Obedience. Your stride needs to be such that the two of you appear to be working together. All too often, the handler of a Toy breed strides out, and the dog, if he really wanted to be in consistent heel position, would have to be making frog leaps in order to keep up. A mirrored wall or video camera can be a help here.

*\*Train your dog to be “up” on command.*

It is useful to have a word for this. Many experienced handlers use the word “ready,” since that is a word you may naturally use in the ring. The judge asks, “Are you ready,” and you respond, “Ready!” If your dog associates that word with pleasant and exciting things, a treat, a game, etc., then it will carry over into his attitude in the ring. In practice, for example, take a racing stance with your Pom in heel position, and say, “Ready? Ready? Ready? Go!” and run wildly forward, whooping and hollering. Go back to the original location and say, “Ready? Heel!” and move forward a few brisk steps before treating. Then from the original location, “Ready?” and toss a favorite toy or a treat out ahead. Personally, I also like to use the dog’s name as a cue that we are about to perform together. If you do this, it is important not to waste that name by using it for a scolding or just casually. Use the dog’s name only when you are really connecting with him, focusing on him, letting him know that it is “you and me together and nothing else matters.”

*\*Go in with a positive attitude.*

If you are unsure of your dog and yourself, the dog will feel it, and so will the judge. Gather yourself together, put your shoulders back, take a deep breath, and KNOW that you and your dog are able to handle whatever comes your way.

*\*Carry bait your dog responds to.*

OOPS! Be sure you have emptied your pockets before you even approach the ring. Once I had the steward ask the Novice A (Rally) handlers to be sure to empty food out of their pockets, and fine of them removed food before entering the ring. If the judge finds out you have food in the ring, you will receive a non-qualifying score and be excused from the ring in disgrace. And watch out for that habit some people form of giving the dog a treat right at the ring entrance. If the dog spits a treat out in the ring, he is “fouling the ring,” and will be NQ’d and excused. It is a good idea well before the trial to train your dog to accept up to 10 minutes of work with praise and petting (no food) for a reward. The best way to do this is to decide ahead of time that you will treat for an especially good performance (a front, or a retrieve, etc.) that occurs after a specific time—sometimes one minute, or five minutes, or two minutes, or 30 seconds, or six minutes. You are still rewarding the superior performance, but at random intervals.

*Performance Continued*

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## RALLYING TO OBEDIENCE

Nannette Walker writes that her Pomeranian, Cherie (Southpaws Cherish Every Moment RA), earned her second Rally title in only 3 trials. She placed first in each one with scores of 97, 95, and 95. "It would have been higher if I hadn't messed up. She is such a joy to play with. Now I will finish her first obedience title of which she already has one leg. Don't know if we can maintain the high scores in obedience but will try. But I have no doubt she will at least qualify."

Rally is definitely a good way to get started in a show career. Whether you are headed to Obedience or to Agility, the Rally ring is a laid-back way to get ring experience for you and your dog. You learn to follow a course (and we hope you learn to follow instructions!) and work with your dog in front of an audience and a judge. Sometimes this is more difficult for the handler than for the dog. Since there are no half-points in Rally, and since you can talk to and signal your dog, the pressure is less, and it is easier to concentrate on the performance. Then when you go on to Obedience or Agility, you are ready to concentrate on the event itself, with fewer "ring nerves."

## A FEW WISE SAYINGS

"No matter what happens in the ring, you still get to take the best dog home."

—Anonymous

"The AKC will always take your money for another show."

—Bernie Brown, in Front and Finish

Please write me at [udxpom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:udxpom@sbcglobal.net) with your own performance news and views!

## TITLES, WE GOT TITLES\*

### Companion Dog

Lovepats Can'T You Hear My Heart Beat CD (D) Owned by Mrs. Helen F Fonteneau. 9/12/2008

Wanna Be A Morning Glory CD RN (B) Owned by Robin Botelho. 9/14/2008

### Rally Novice

Case's Black N Tannie RN (B) Owned by Edy Makariw. 9/6/2008

Millamor's Make Your Mark RN (D) Owned by Margery Sturm. 9/21/2008

CH Suber's Indy Nile D'Malashel RN (B) Owned by Elaine Wishnow. 9/28/2008

### Rally Excellent

Hallie RE AX AXJ (B) Owned by Suzanne Record. 9/28/2008

Stan's Black Sky Is The Limit CD RE OA OAJ OAP AJP (B) Owned by Stan Halifko. 9/11/2008

### Rally Advanced Excellent

Ballykin Commando Cody CDX RAE (D) Owned by Paulette Zecca. 9/6/2008

Banjo James Reliknam Wishsong CD RAE (D) Owned by Kevyn Michael Thomas. 9/14/2008



Great Rivers Meg Rules Malashel CD RAE (B) Owned by Elaine Wishnow. 9/27/2008

**Novice Agility**

Beau James Rotten To The Core NA (D) Owned by Kathryn J Baumler. 9/26/2008

C & G's Jr Boy NA NAJ (D) Owned by Cindy Dale. 9/6/2008

Nipper's Godiva Truffle RN NA (B) Owned by Dian Nipper & John Nipper. 9/1/2008

**Novice Agility Preferred**

Princess In Training NAP (B) Owned by Marcia Messina. 9/14/2008

**Open Agility**

C & G's Mr. JJ OA OAJ (D) Owned by Cindy Dale. 9/5/2008

Lucy TD OA OAJ (B) Owned by Terry Vanhook. 9/1/2008

**Agility Excellent**

Christannes C&G's Jewel AX AXJ (B) Owned by Cindy Dale. 9/7/2008

Dreighton Skye RN AX AXJ (D) Owned by Donna Sager & Stanley Sager. 9/12/2008

Max AX AXJ (D) Owned by Barbara Gilligan & Timothy Gilligan. 9/13/2008

**Master Agility Excellent**

CH Carleez Boom Boom Boom MX MXJ (D) Owned by Janice Smith & George Smith. 9/26/2008

**Novice Agility Jumper**

C & G's Jr Boy NA NAJ (D) Owned by Cindy Dale. 9/6/2008

**Excellent Agility Jumper**

Christannes C&G's Jewel OA AXJ (B) Owned by Cindy Dale. 9/6/2008

**Agility FAST Novice**

Princess Wanna Be OA OAJ NF (B) Owned by Andrew Yokas. 9/1/2008

**Companion Dog**

Kelseys Miss Mia CD (B) Owned by Kelsey Mattson. 10/5/2008

Wenkests Gold N Dragon CD RN (D) Owned by James F Swimme & Mrs. James F Swimme. 10/25/2008

**Rally Novice**

Beau James Rotten To The Core RN NA (D) Owned by Kathryn J Baumler. 10/4/2008

Beau James' Fae Joyous Merit RN MX AXJ (B) Owned by Chris L Ellicott. 10/25/2008

Turbo RN NAJ (D) Owned by Pamela Jb Arnold. 10/4/2008

**Rally Advanced**

Satrapa Sayornis RA (B) Owned by Marcia Messina. 10/25/2008

Southpaws Cherish Every Moment RA (B) Owned by Nannette Walker. 10/26/2008

**Rally Advanced Excellent**

Lobo RAE (D) Owned by Darla D. Hook. 10/25/2008

Nina CD RAE (B) Owned by Darla Hook. 10/26/2008

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*Performance Continued*

**Rally Advanced Excellent 4**

Sassy Girl Sheffield UDX RAE4 (B) Owned by Lisa S Sheffield. 10/11/2008

**Novice Agility**

As Cute As A Button” Bear NA NAJ” (B) Owned by Katherine Roche. 10/25/2008

Daddy’s Mighty Dakota NA NAJ (D) Owned by Cathleen O’Hearn. 10/4/2008

Mocha Pickerill NA MXJ OF (D) Owned by Judy Pickerill & Stephanie Pickerill. 10/25/2008

Pom Acres Copper Dragonfly NA (B) Owned by Lois Morkassel. 10/19/2008

**Novice Agility Preferred**

Foxfire Jack CDX RE MX MXJ NAP MJP (D) Owned by Gail L Donaldson. 10/18/2008

**Master Agility Excellent**

Valentine’s Cricket MX MXJ OF (D) Owned by Terri Valentine. 10/12/2008

**Novice Agility Jumper**

As Cute As A Button Bear NA NAJ (B) Owned by Katherine Roche. 10/25/2008

Bella Renee NAJ NJP (B) Owned by Linda Hall & Terry Hall. 10/4/2008

Castaway Supersonic D Hedgehog NAJ (D) Owned by Julie Vanoni. 10/18/2008

K Bar J Storm’ N Furry Of Iskato NAJ (B) Owned by Ann Golding. 10/18/2008

Nipper’s Godiva Truffle RN NA NAJ (B) Owned by Dian Nipper & John Nipper. 10/31/2008

**Excellent Agility Jumper**

CH Carleez Front Page News AXJ (B) Owned by Janice Smith & George Smith. 10/25/2008

**Excellent Agility Jumper Preferred**

Pom-Pei’s Nikita’s Wish NAJ AJP (B) Owned by Pat Varo. 10/19/2008

**Master Excellent Jumper**

Fizzle’s Lucky Break AX MXJ NF (D) Owned by Jill P. Beitel. 10/11/2008

Hallie RE AX MXJ (B) Owned by Suzanne Record. 10/19/2008

**Agility FAST Open**

Mocha Pickerill MXJ OF (D) Owned by Judy Pickerill & Stephanie Pickerill. 10/11/2008

**Master Agility Champion**

MACH Cheri’s Lil Swee’ Pea NF (D) Owned by Gena Zglinski. 10/17/2008

MACH Paris Da Bomb Pom Francine (B) Owned by Rhonda R Hamlett. 10/11/2008

**Master Agility Champion 10**

MACH10 Maya Mango She’s A Delight (B) Owned by Betsy L Ryba. 10/19/2008

\* Due to Barbara’s untimely unfortunate fall the new performance titles were formatted differently in this issue. We didn’t want to go to print without including the new titles and apologize for the inconvenience.



**8th AKC/Eukanuba National  
Championship  
December 13 & 14, 2008**





## AKC/EUKANUBA AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS

Dogs automatically qualify for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship by meeting any one of the following criteria:

- Dogs ranked in the top 25 of their breed (by breed points only) at the end of the qualifying period (1 Year)
- Dogs receiving an all - breed Best in Show at an AKC show held during the qualifying period (1 Year)
- Dogs winning Best of Breed at a parent club national specialty (1 Year)
- Dogs completing their championship with all points earned from the bred-by-Exhibitor Class during the current and prior Qualifying periods of October 10, 2006 to October 7, 2008 (2 Years)
- The seven top breed winning dogs from over 60 International Registries and the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed winners from Crufts (2 Years)

### TOP 25 QUALIFIERS

\*BIS winner

CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back  
 CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella\*  
 CH Delpom's Sir Nicholas Of Lenette  
 CH Don'T Play With Funny Money Wow  
 CH Eagle Creek's Hamin It Up\*  
 CH Evensong's Win N For Z Gipper  
 CH Finch's Bettin' On Char'S  
 CH Gayels Destiny's Child  
 CH Jan-Shars Elementary My Dear Watson  
 CH Kalo's Rock N Music City  
 CH Lana's Let Me Introduce Myself  
 CH Larajus Don Juan At So-Me  
 CH Lil Behrs Honey Nut Cheerio  
 CH Ltds Simon Sez Of Koy  
 CH Majestics Artistic Impression  
 CH Mountain Crest U Don'T

Own Me

CH Oakrose High'N Mighty  
 CH Powerpom Cold Mountain  
 CH Powerpom High Performance\*  
 CH Powerpom I'M Hot Like Vodka  
 CH Pufpride Somewhere In Time  
 CH Razzle Dazzle Heavenly Choir\*  
 CH Tabletop's Black Mail Sender  
 CH Valcopy Janel's Spiderman\*  
 CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon\*

### BRED-BY EXHIBITOR

Champions  
 Qualified between Oct 11, 06 and Oct 07, 08.  
 CH Aljens Princess Caroline, Alfredo Lapuz  
 CH Animation's Comet, Lorinda Vasuta/Darren Lane  
 CH Animation's Rufus, Lorinda Vasuta/Darren Lane

CH Babbi's Rock Diva Of Prussia, Sally Hestle/Barbara Meyer  
 CH Bachman's Brightest Star, Cheri Mcdonald/Beverly Tiaga  
 Ch. Bobii's Wana B Andre Agassi  
 CH Cameo's Sir Galahad, Karen C Betz  
 CH Canefyre's Will You Be Ready, Lynn M Kamiya/Shari M Fukuyama  
 CH Carleez Front Page News NA AXJ, Carol Leemhuis  
 CH Carleez Sundown Conspiracy, Carol Leemhuis/Camilla Knight  
 CH Castile's Endless Love, Geno Sisneros  
 CH Char's Truth Or Dare, Charlotte Meyer/Lynn Meyer  
 CH Chimur'N N Chant'N Silv'Ry Qp Doll, Faith Chinen  
 CH Chimur'N Star Dancing Le'Femme, Faith Chinen  
 CH Classic's High Voltage, Pat Gross/Amy Gross  
 CH Cr Classic Act, Robert Solano/Celeste Solano  
 CH D-N-H'S-Bowboys Little Cesar, D Stephen Turner/Kathryn Hartz/Patricia A Foley  
 CH Daystar Tell Me No Lies, Karen Power

CH Dlt's Cody—Heritage Of Labeau, Cathy Driggers/Patricia A Gilbert  
 CH Dreamweavers Ring Of Fire, Linda Pelz/Michael Wells  
 CH Dreamweavers Rockin Robin, Linda A Pelz  
 CH Evensong's Little Deuce Coupe, Kevin M White/Teresa G White  
 CH Firebrook's Thymeless, Lee D Cook  
 CH Fisbeck's Color Me Once Color Me Twice, Jeanette Fisbeck  
 CH Fur Rondies Zoom-Zoom-Zoom, Julie A Volkheimer/Sharry Christianson  
 CH Furrondies Platinum Jaxx, Julie A Volkheimer/Sharry L Christianson  
 CH Geebears I Am Sooo Naughty, Gina Williams/Andy Williams  
 CH Hillside's Maximillion D'Bri-Cor, Brian Incorvaia/Xiomara B Larson  
 CH Horizon's Hope Springs Eternal Laurie Otis  
 CH Howlene Teahra Dolce Meta, Arlene Otaguro/Robin Watanabe/Hazel Miller  
 CH Howlene-Teahra Adonis, Arlene Otaguro/Hazel Miller/Robin Watanabe

## POMERANIAN RESULTS

Judge David Ojalvo:

**Best Bred by Exhibitor and Toy Group - 3rd Place Bred by Exhibitor**

**CH CASTILE'S ENDLESS LOVE**

**Best of Breed**

**STARLIGHT'S SMILE FROM SIAM (PHIL GR & THAI CH)**

**Best of Opposite Sex**

**CH GAYELS DESTINY'S CHILD**

**Award of Excellence**

**CH LARAJUS DON JUAN AT SO-ME**

**CH STARLIGHT'S MY SWEET DREAM**

**CH VALCOPY JANEL'S SPIDERMAN**

**THE SKY LARK JEFF**

## AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL

Five agility dogs and their owners – one dog/handler team in each of the five height categories – were crowned at the event, which brought together nearly 470 dogs from across the country and beyond.

Placing first in the 12 inch height division was:

**12"- "April" a Pomeranian owned by Todd Moxon and Gail Donaldson of Manor, Texas**

"These are really prestigious wins. Dogs had to qualify at the highest levels of competition just to be invited to compete," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Agility and obedience require dedication from the handler and talent from the dog, and of course an intense bond between the two. These winners represent the fastest, the most agile and obedient—the all around best."

Highlights of the AKC Agility Invitational will be broadcast on Animal Planet on February 7th, 2009 at 8 PM (ET/PT).

## JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Juniors representing Pomeranians were Amanda Seitzer and Rebecca Silverberg. Job well done!

CH Howlene-Teahra Tenaj, Hazel Miller/Arlene Otaguro/Robin Watanabe  
CH Indigos Flower Power, Kevin Smith/Jennifer Smith  
CH J-Das Among The Stars, David Solis/Sharon Hanson/Jessica Solis  
CH J-Das N Jan-Shars Center Stage, David Solis/Sharon Hanson/Jessica Solis  
CH Jan-Shars Just One Look, Sharon L Hanson/Letitia Cannon  
CH Jan-Shars You'Re The One That I Want, Sharon L Hanson/Letitia Cannon  
CH Jolvin Good To Go, Joan Beech/Melvin Beech  
CH Jolvin Regal Repetition, Joan Beech/Melvin Beech  
CH Jolvin Regal Return, Melvin Beech/Joan Beech  
CH Kalo's Mischievous Chance, Carolyn G Brandenburg  
CH Kitsan M-J's Paper Doll, Trilvie V Haynes  
CH Lacueva's One Tough Cookie, Sherrilynn J Rogers  
CH Ladybug Tinkerbelle Of Neverneverland, Connie Charles  
CH Larajus California Gold Rush, Tom Wilson/Laura Newbold  
CH Legacy's Eminent Danger, Patricia L Rowley  
CH Lil Behrs Honey Nut Cheerio, Joan Behrend  
CH Lt Cherubs Chasing A Dream At Sunset, Darlene L Davis/Donald C Wickham/Sharon Wheeler  
CH Luminesque's Don't Cry For Me, Jacqueline A Moore  
CH Majestic's Jumpin' Jack Flash,

Annette Rister/Charlotte Creed  
CH Majestics Jackelicious, Annette Rister/Charlotte Creed/Brenda Turner/S W Turner  
CH Marbil's Mini Cooper At Mnm, Mari Iffland/Donna S Riehm  
CH Mc's Magnificent Mariah, Christina L Armstrong/Michael V Armstrong  
CH Mi Babe Imagine That, Babe Mccombs  
CH Mi Babe River Of Pashmina, Babe Mccombs  
CH Mountain Crest Love Bug, David Gilstrap/Carlene B Gilstrap  
CH Mountain Crest Tiny Bubbles, David Gilstrap/Carlene B Gilstrap  
CH Mountain Crest U Don'T Own Me, David Gilstrap/Carlene B Gilstrap  
CH Mts Hoilini Rendezvous Wit Moi, Sylvia Miyake  
CH Northmoor Wind Dancer, Lisa M Goodman  
CH Panaches Totally Assertive, Laura Meineke  
CH Peach's Gleam Of Gold, Bob Pietzsch  
CH Peach's Little Miss Dream Boat, Bob Pietzsch  
CH Prema's Gwen My Music Plays, Sherry Letson  
CH Prized Happy To Walk 'N Tradition, Mona De Lancy/Carolyn Crockett  
CH Ragdoll's Cream And One Sugar, Michael Parrott/Shalon Parrott  
CH Randy's Halle Berrie, Randy Buske/Shelley Wiemer-Martin  
CH Razzle Dazzle Hallelujah

Chorus, Judith B Green  
CH Robcary's Softly Upon My Heart, Caryl Fennell Scrimpsheer  
CH Robcary's You Rock My World, Caryl Fennell Scrimpsheer  
CH Royel Sirhenry Episode2aljen, Elizabeth Normandin  
CH Serafina's Lord Jim, Margaret Nance  
CH Serafina's Rock N Roll Roadie, Margaret Nance  
CH Sopphe's Route 66, Beth Shattuck  
CH Springwoods Love Me Tender, Rebecca B Jackson  
CH Starfire's Elizabeth Trailer, Jose A Cabrera/Fabian Arienti  
CH Stealurheart's Call Of The Heart, Margaret Johnson  
CH Tradewind Amazing Grace, Glenda Shaffer/Juanita Fiddick  
CH Tresstique 4ever-N-Blue, Jeans Bonnie Harris  
CH Two T's Mouse That Roars, Norman Neal Trosino/Dorothy M Trosino  
CH Vintage Orange Blossom Mist, Ellen Takayama  
CH Weebit's Too Hot To Top, Kathlene McClain  
CH Weewyn's Cottontop Legacy, Cathy Anderson/Linda L Mulso  
Ch. Weewyn's Fly'N First Class  
CH Windkiss Pistol Pete, Linda L Saball

## INTERNATIONAL QUALIFIERS BRAZIL

Lake Buena Vista Sunset's Son  
Lake Buena Vista Teco  
Milla D'Lu Fonce

Khyil Khor Iris Azul Galileu Galilei  
Lake Buena Vista Ursulla  
Hilmand's Pom's Delta Flyer  
Patcha Dron's Jade  
Fudge Triumph's Von Lebensraum  
Iris Azul Kkhor Molly Weasley  
BR DiLibra's Triumph's El Justicero  
White DoveKovu  
Oakrose Let The Thrumptet Roar  
Reingard's Hilmand Pao De Queijo  
White Dove Nala  
**CHILE**  
Tondro Zummo Von Chiram  
**COLUMBIA**  
Ch.Co. Zuiry Del Rinconcito  
**HOLAND**  
Fairytalelands Don Giovanni  
Showcase I Put a Spell On You  
**IRELAND**  
Ch Belliver Latest Creation  
**MEXICO**  
Starfire's Odiame Mas  
Li-O's Le Bon Pauline Del Pandes  
Jan-Shars Tequila  
Valerie (Fernandez)MEX.FCI.  
Great Impact(Ramirez) MEX.FCI.  
**PHILIPPINES**  
Phil HOF/AM Ch. Jan Le's Don't Make Me Laugh  
Phil HOF/AM/THA Ch. Canton Bravestar  
**SOUTH KOREA**  
The Sky Lark Jeff  
**UNITED KINGDOM**  
Ch Casarwo's Nighfever JW  
Zentarr Hollie  
**VENEZUELA**  
Starfire's Apolo

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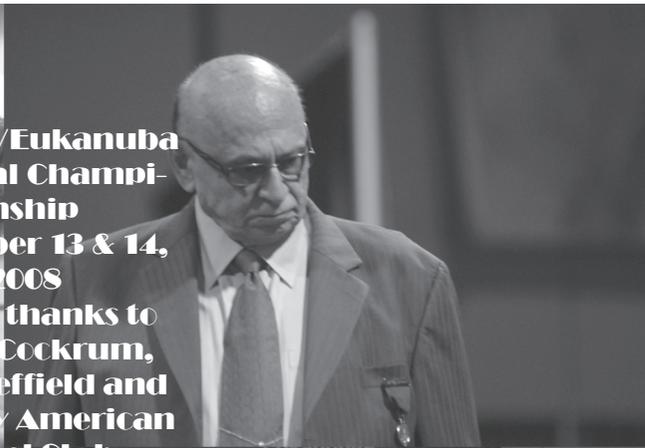


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# BREEDING TO WIN or WINNING TO BREED



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## E. Katie Gammill - Lerna, Illinois

An old “dog showing friend” went to a local show with me after 10 years of abstinence. She welcomed the opportunity after her sabbatical. She was visually distressed when she observed the classes. This intensified when a “less than average” class dog went on the BOB. The waning quality in our beautiful breed was so apparent; she remarked that it would do little good to show a dog correct to standard in the ring today, as many judges have a tendency to put up a dog that “fits in” with the rest of the entries. This in itself is a sad statement.

Having observed some of the same situations, we remarked on the lack of neck, restricted front movement and lack of drive and rear follow through on most breeds. We discussed “gay tails” and the variance in breed type. We watched faulty movement coming and going and remarked on the coats that drag the ground. Weak pasterns and sickle hocks completed the picture. Functional dogs have fallen prey to the “perfection of mediocrity”.

Today, many breeders and owners choose to be involved in agility, rally, and obedience. Many no longer enter their lovely animals, as at best, it is a “crap shoot” as to what type will take the points. Truer words were never spoken, but I make this statement at the expense of being “tarred and feathered”. “Today the hardest dog to finish will be the best dog you ever bred, as it will look ‘different’ in the ring.” Just because a certain “look” floods the ring, it does not mean this represents correctness. Often the best dog in the ring is a “stand out”. Insecure judges may not have the courage to reward this animal due to it being “different”, thus mediocrity wins again.

I was approached recently in Albuquerque, New Mexico by a

respected dog person of long standing. She told me someone attending a “judges education” function told her she was advised when selecting winners; she should “go with” dogs that conformed to the same type represented in the entries. My answer was “Surely not!” I don’t believe that! I truly question if this person misunderstood what was being said.

Well, I believe it now! After observing an all breed judge from ringside, I watched two outstanding individuals “walk” as they looked “different” than the rest of the short neck, sickle hock, smaller than average dogs that had no side gait at all. They “pitty patted” around the ring and some weren’t even cute. They were fuzzy little “caricatures” of our breed standard. AND it isn’t just MY breed standard. This “disease” has taken over our ring in many breeds. WHAT does it say about a judge who neither has the eye for correctness, but also lacks the courage of their



conviction regarding its quality that they refuse to reward it over lesser individuals?

Upon asking a breeder of another breed what their standard said about “head planes”, I received this response. “What are parallel planes”? I took the standard and explained, and then I discussed the “occipital bone” which puzzled them. We discussed short muzzles, medium muzzles, and balanced heads. Their response? WHAT!!! Obviously they neither read their standard, nor understood what they were reading. The terminology escapes them. However, I do NOT condone making all language of standards “common” to make it easier for judges, neither do I like having the “point system” removed from the old standards that tell one where to “hang their hat”. If one has enough interest in something, they will pursue with vigor that which makes a breed, “breed specific”. Making it easy does not add to the ability to interpret or analyze a standard for anyone.

Where are the people with the ability to articulate what these people are reading? Yet, these same people breed and breed, and sell and sell, and lead others to believe what they are doing is correct. In all actuality, it is the “Judas kiss” to many of our breeds today.

I question “judge’s education”. In most programs, the issue of soundness is not addressed. Type is emphasized. Granted, without type, a breed is nothing. However, a certain part of type is SOUNDNESS! Any dog must be able to walk to the water bowl without falling over its own feet-even toy breeds!

This brings us to the next question. Are not judges “protectors of the breed standards”? Initially I thought perhaps judge’s education might be at fault. However, it is not! The problem is what a new judge

“DOES NOT” bring to the table when applying to judge.

To have the privilege of passing judgment on a breed, one must understand the basics. The AKC assumes applicants understand structure when making application to be a judge. The AKC required anatomy test does little to assure that a new judge has the knowledge required to be a good judge. All judges should have the ability to analyze structure of both a good and/or bad animal.

Some breeder judges today send dogs with a handler with little thought as to their quality, or their effect on the breed. They want another “notch” in the championship measuring stick. Should not breeder judges be especially careful to send correct dogs for public observation? Should these dogs conform to standard? Do we breeders not have a responsibility to our breed to put out “the best of the best” rather than a dog that wins simply because it looks like the rest? Are we not sending false signals to both ringside, and the judges?

Hearing judges say, “This must be what the breeders want as the ring is flooded with this type” really is detrimental to any breed. It ISN’T about “what breeders want”. WE breeders should be breeding to standard, not breeding to win! This goes for all breeds.

Why do handlers show dogs for clients when they KNOW the dog or bitch IS NOT a good representative of the breed standard? Handlers KNOW and contribute to the current dilemma. The bottom line is this. Breeders, exhibitors and handlers have a responsibility to promote only dogs that DO represent our breed

standard and to sell as pets those who do not! A good handler will put all their effort to finishing a dog, however, should they not be particular in the dogs they accept to show and finish?

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Why do breeder judges “put dogs with handlers when they know the animal does not represent breed excellence? Is winning that important?
2. Why do handlers accept such dogs knowing once they finish, they will be “petted out”? Why don’t they say “NO!”?
3. When are breeders going to take a good look at the direction of their breeding programs?
4. When are breeders and newcomers going to READ THE RESPECTIVE STANDARDS and understand what they say?
5. Why won’t mentors open up to newcomers? Many new people refuse to listen and are not receptive to direction.
6. Are dogs accepted just because they constitute a “paycheck”?

**PUTTING A BREED, ANY BREED, BACK ON TRACK REQUIRES ETHICAL HANDLERS, ETHICAL DEDICATED BREEDERS, AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF BREED STANDARDS. IT REQUIRES KNOWLEDGEABLE JUDGES MAKING RESPONSIBLE SELECTIONS ACCORDING TO THE WRITTEN STANDARD. THEY MUST HAVE THE ABILITY NOT ONLY TO ANALYZE EACH DOG, BUT THEY MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO REWARD IT WHEN IT APPEARS IN THEIR RING, EVEN IF IT DOES “LOOK DIFFERENT”. ISN’T THIS WHAT JUDGING IS ABOUT, HAVING**

THE GUTS TO SEND A DOG OF BREED EXCELLENCE ON TO THE NEXT LEVEL? JUDGES MUST NOT ASSUME TODAY A DOG IS GOOD BECAUSE A HANDLER IS HIRED TO SHOW THE ANIMAL. THIS IN ITSELF, CAUSES PROBLEMS TODAY.

What many people used to call “politics” has become the lack of ability of some judges to read and apply a breed standard properly. THIS IS WHY WE BECAME BOGGED DOWN IN THE FIRST PLACE.

Let us face it; many breeds “bottom out!” Then and only then, do serious, dedicated breeders take over and put the breed “back on track.” We have waited far too long regarding our beautiful Shetland sheepdog. Australian Shepherds are in the same boat. Saint Bernards and Great Danes are on their way up. Golden Retrievers have lost their legs and proportion and the list goes on and on. German Shepherds could use some direction. Shetland Sheepdogs are included in this mix. Again, there are two different types, one standard. This should not happen!

Advertisement does not mean a dog represents “breed excellence”. Having a certain influence, JUDGES selecting on advertising alone destroys our breeds. Putting up an advertised dog because someone else did leaves your credibility in question. Only through ruthless culling of puppies and breed knowledge comes breed improvement and excellence.

“Property” judging of dogs has a negative effect on many breeds. Selecting the best eye, ear set, foot, coat color, etc. makes specialty judges put up “pieces” rather than the entire package. Not that those virtues aren’t important, but they must be incorporated into the dog that “fills the eye”. That is the true dog to behold. A single virtue should not forgive a plethora of faults! THIS IS WHY MANY JUDGES TAKE SO LONG TO JUDGE A CLASS. They find the ears on one dog, the eye on

another, coat on another, and any judge worth his/her salt knows judging is all about “prioritizing”. Some people have the ability to prioritize to standard, some do not!

Exhibitors approach me and ask I talk to some judges? This I have NEVER done and will NEVER do unless approached. Until judges dedicate their time and effort to understanding what makes a breed “breed specific”, and what constitutes “breed excellence”, we will continue down this path. Granted, each person is entitled to his/her opinion. However, it should be a knowledgeable opinion. When ONLY dogs of similar appearance are rewarded, there is definite problem.

“Conformity in type” does not mean correctness. Only through dedication to the standard will those lovely, functional animals once again take their place in the ring. Our goal is “breed excellence”, not only in mind, but body, movement and type. We must ask ourselves: Have we perfected mediocrity?

Another issue is “spot entering”. Granted, today people enter under specific judges where they feel there is a chance of winning. However, why on a four-day weekend, is there one point on Thursday, a major on Friday, one point on Saturday, and a major on Sunday? Should not one support the person who supports them by entering all four days? If they show under YOUR selected judges, shouldn’t the favor be returned? Give this some thought.

If there is a major, don’t break it by not attending. Don’t bump up a bitch or dog to BOB without first asking the other exhibitors their preference. Many people drive miles only to find someone failed to show up ringside or bumped up a new champion and broke the major. This cooperation is something we used to be able to count on. Today it is “iffy” at best. This we call “sportsmanship”!

Watch those dogs go around the ring. Those who are behind gaiting

have reasons structurally. Many do not open their shoulders and reach. “Pitty pat” movement is not functional when herding sheep nor guarding a felon.

Ask yourself why one dog outmoves another. Go to the all-breed rings and analyze short-coated dogs. Take this knowledge to your own breed ring and “look beneath the coat”. Understand top lines, body shape, and moderation. We all need to do some soul searching and accept responsibility.

Ringside observers and other breed enthusiast look on in dismay and wonder where our functional dogs of the past have gone. Why do judges accept unsoundness in one breed and require soundness in another? These faults are obvious in all breeds and are not always “breed specific”. Isn’t it sad some faults are so prevalent they are now considered a virtue? I recall a ringside remark made when someone ask me what a specific breed did. I responded, “They are herders”. “They herd what?”

So I will get off my soapbox. I have been requested to address this issue over and over. Usually judging, I have little time to sit back and see the big picture. The big picture is upon us, and folks, it isn’t pretty! I might add, my husband advised me not to become involved in this controversy. However, my reason for judging initially was to select “breeding stock” and the best of the best. I love dogs! I love SOUND DOGS with BREED TYPE! BOTH VIRTUES, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, CAN BE PRESENT IN THE SAME ANIMAL!

Can this be fixed? Perhaps through combined efforts and a willingness to call “a spade a spade” will our breed survive? Breeding for the sake of winning is a downhill slide. Winning because of an exceptional breeding takes us all toward breed excellence. This alone assures the future of our lovely breeds. It will take dedicated breeders, critical handler selection, and educated exhibitors to turn this around. All of our breeds deserve nothing less than the best of our intentions.

# MONOGRAPHIC AND SPECIALTY SPANISH GERMAN SPITZ CLUB

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Maria Jose, President

October 25 and 26, 2008, our Club (C.E.S.A) held a Monographic and Specialty show in Malaga, a beautiful city located in the south of Spain, where the weather is always fantastic.

A total of 30 Spitz dogs from all over Spain (members and non members of our Club) took part in the event. Four out of the five varieties of the German Spitz race were shown: Wolfspitz, Mittlespitz, Kleinspitz, Zwergspitz.

The Judge of the monographic was Mrs. Ana Mesto. She is an international Judge and also a very prestigious Yorkshire Terrier breeder in Spain and in the world. She counts on more than a 150 Champions at her Kennel La Villa y Corte. She has been in charge of judging our race in Spain and next year she will be the judge for the compulsory point for the Championship of Spain.

The three best SPITZ DOGS were chosen among all the dogs gathered there once the judgment of the race had finished. The first position was for a male Pomeranian called Magnus de la Virreyna, whose owner is Mr. Ulises from La Virreyna Kennel. The second position was for a male Wolfspitz called O Hara, whose owner is Mrs. Tina Drake of Rodina Kennel. She is a very prestigious breeder from Ireland who lives in Spain and is a member of our Club. The third position was for a female Pomeranian puppy called Tito Poms Baby, whose owner is Mrs. Laura Gonzalez from Perlas Doradas Kennel and whose breeder is Rosario Hidalgo from Tito Poms Kennel.

At the end of the Monographic all exhibitors received a trophy as participants and the winners got a fantastic award as well. The club was responsible for taking a lot of pictures of everybody and every moment lived there.

The next day and still bearing in mind the great success of the previous show a Specialty took place at the same location. The judge for this occasion

was Mr. Rafael Malo. He is a very well-known international judge who has judged the Pomeranian in Canada. There were 25 SPITZ dogs competing. Again the three BEST SPITZ dogs were chosen and awarded. The first position was for a male Pomeranian puppy called Bubba de Karlan whose breeder and owner is Mr. Julio Martinez from Karlan Kennel. The second position was for a male Pomeranian called Rasser Poms Pavarotty By Takeda, whose owner is Mr. Julio Martinez from Karlan Kennel and whose breeder is Raser Kennel. The third position was for a female Wolfspitz called Halloween Flamboyant's Housey, whose owner is Mr. Nelson Vila and whose breeder is M. Das Neves and J. Silveira.

Both events were wonderful and all the participants showed their enthusiasm. According to the Canine Society of Malaga the agreement to celebrate a new event next year in October 2009 has been approved. We are all looking forward to it!





Our Club would like to invite you all to take part in the National Spring Monographic on March 20 and 21, 2009 in Barcelona in Spain. The Judge will be Mr. Fabian Arienti from Starfire Poms. You can check all the information about this in our website <http://cesa.webcindario.com>



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March 20, 21, 2009

Club Espaol Del Spitz Aleman (C.E.S.A.) is planning for the National Spring Monographic of The German Spitz 2009 Barcelona, Spain. Hotel Barcelo Atenea Mar In Barcelona, Spain. Judge Mr. Fabian Arienti, Starfire Poms, U.S.A.

Regional Pomeranian Club Specialty coming events are published free of charge.

For updates and regional club contact information go to the APC website at <http://www.americanpomeranianclub.org>

## Sunshine and Roses

Wishing all the Pomeranian Lovers, APC members and everyone's families a very Joyous and Merry Christmas and a Very Healthy and Happy New Year in 2009.

Keeping Josh Parrott, son of Mike and Shalon, Ragdoll Poms in our prayers, he has finished basic training and is now a full-fledged Marine, and is now working for our country keeping it safe.

Prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Lee Cook, Firebrook Poms whose husband passed away suddenly.

Sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of John McFarlane, Foxxlane Pomeranians who passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Washington, DC.

Condolences and prayers go out to the family of Pat Dague, Mountain View Poms, on the loss of her son who was fighting cancer.

Well wishes and a speeding recovery are on the way to Melissa Spranger, Valhalla Poms, she is recovering from back surgery.

Prayers and a speedy recovery are on their way to Judge George Heitzman, husband of Judge Barbara Dempsey Alderman, who suffered a stroke in-flight to a dog show.

Condolences to the Caroline, Maureen and David Odd of Trenarwyn Poms family on the loss of two dear Poms, Tia and Batty.

We pray for a full recovery for Mary Stephens who had surgery the end of October.

Due to a tragic accident, Pat Murk lost a beautiful puppy. A palm branch fell into the dog run.

Barbara MacCrimmon, Fluffalove Poms and a founding member of the PCOO, passed away in late November. Prayers go out to Barbara's family and friends.

Prayers and a speedy recovery are going out to Mike Parrott, Ragdoll Poms who is having back problems. We hope it is resolved and better soon.

Continued prayers for Cindy Boulware and family for extended health concerns.

We received word Darlene Denton has passed away. Our prayers of strength go to family and friends.

Our dear Barbara McClatchey took a hard fall in December. The trooper she is, still managed to get her Performance report in. Bless you, Barbara.

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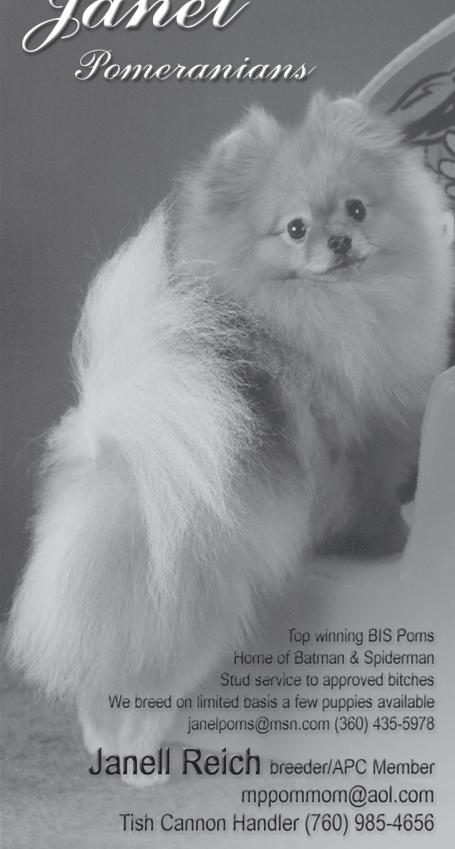


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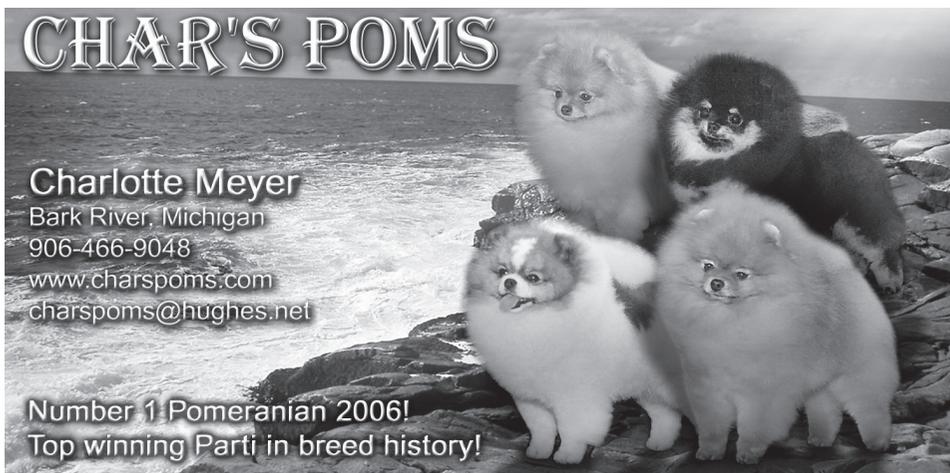
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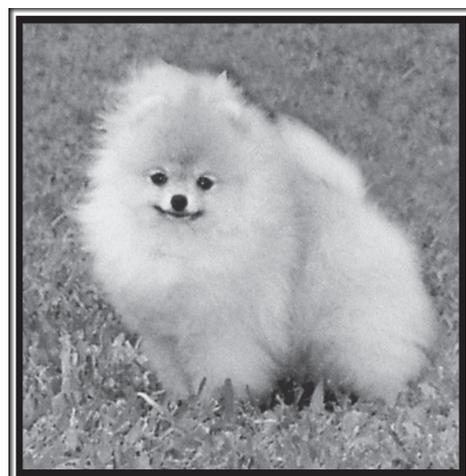
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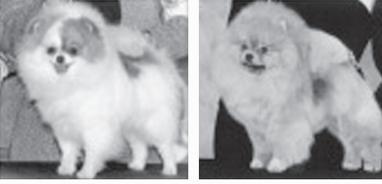


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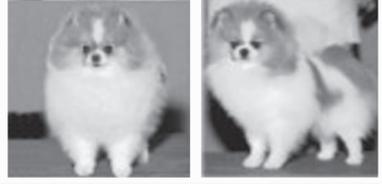
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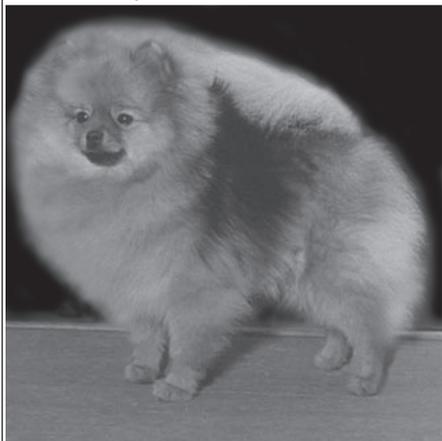
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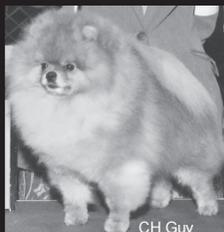
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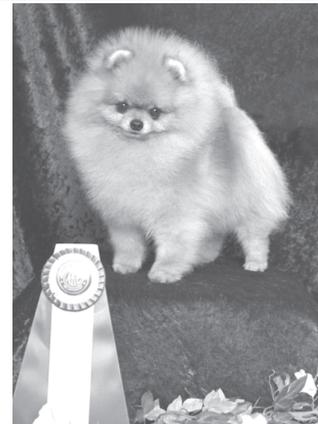
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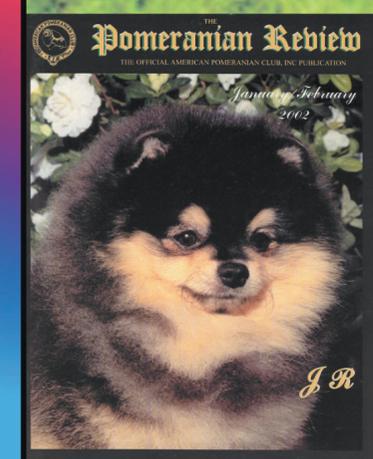
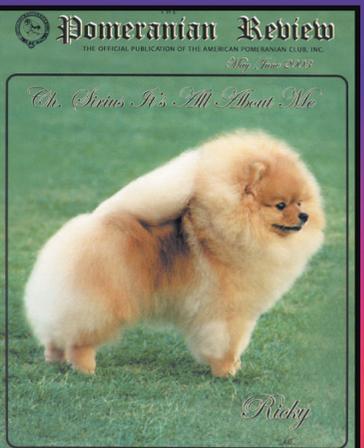
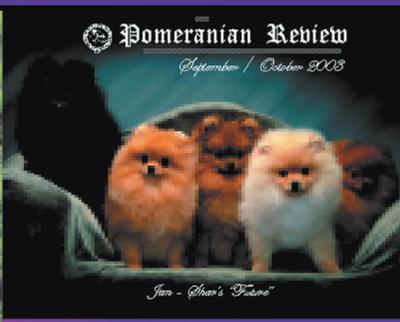
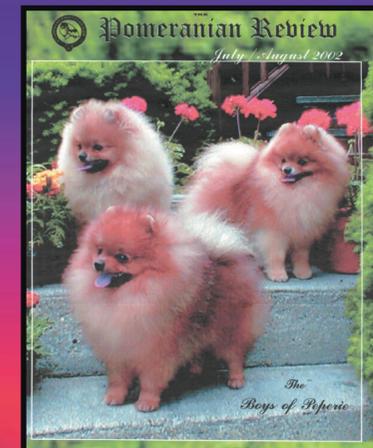
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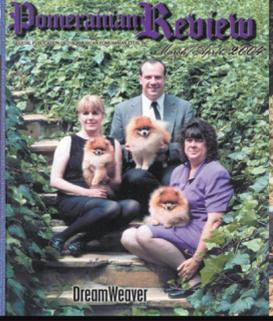
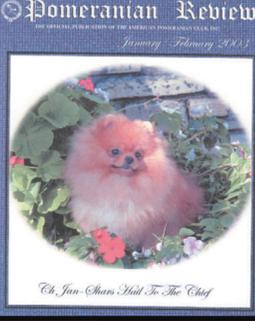
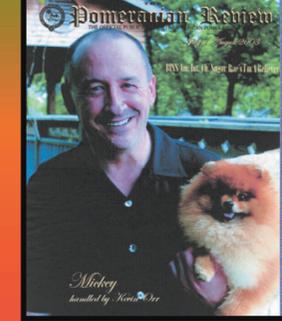
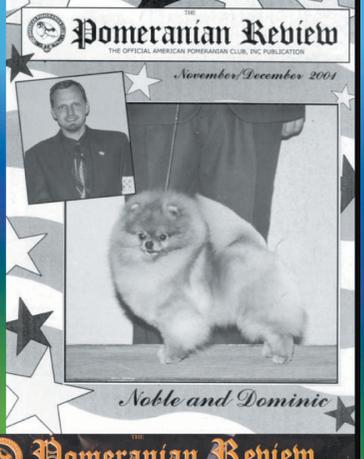
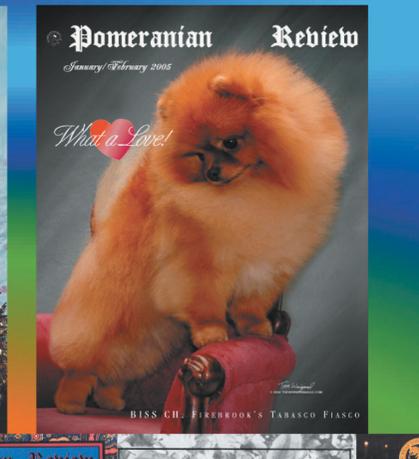
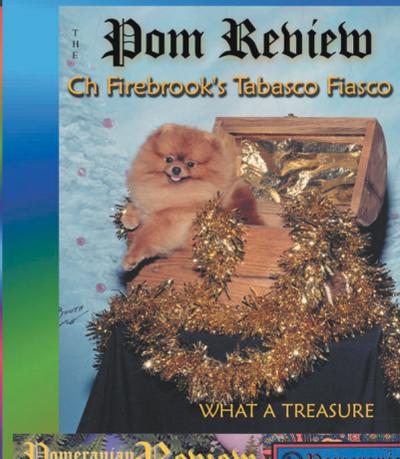
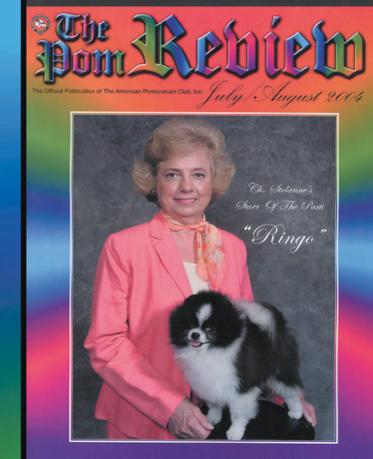
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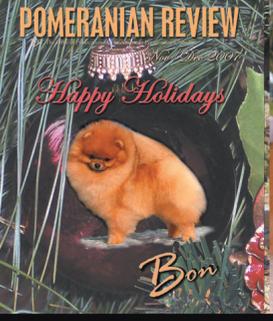
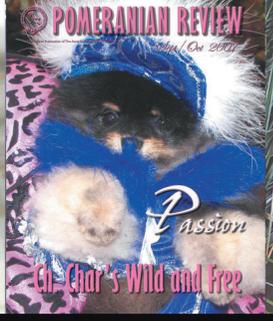
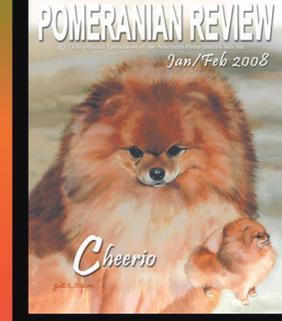
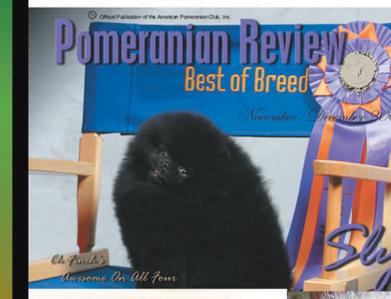
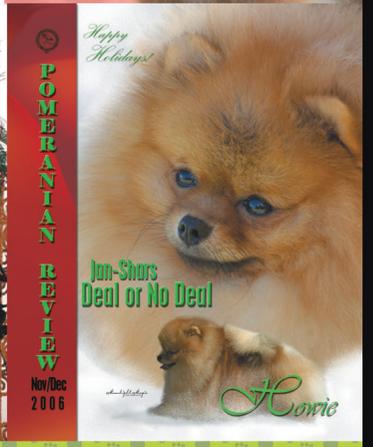
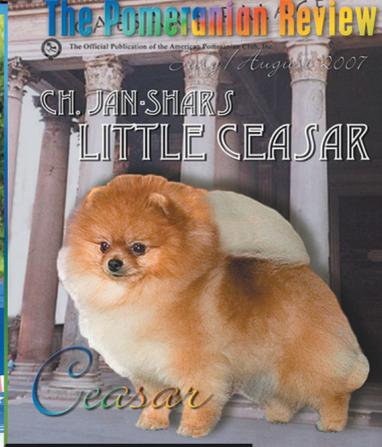
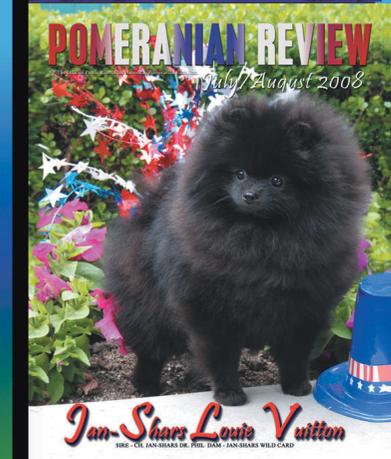
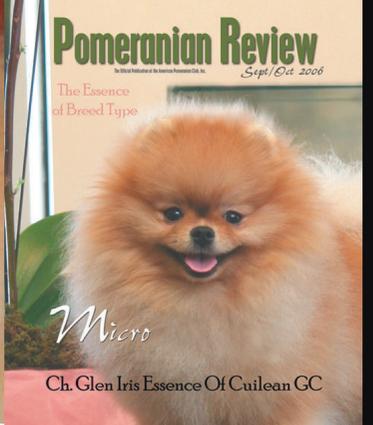
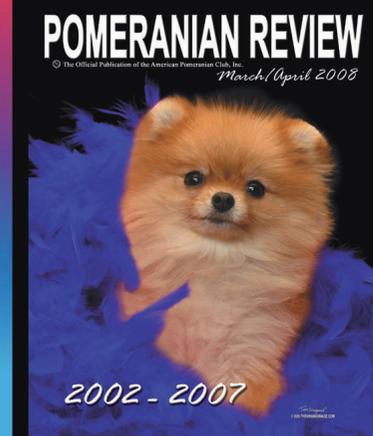
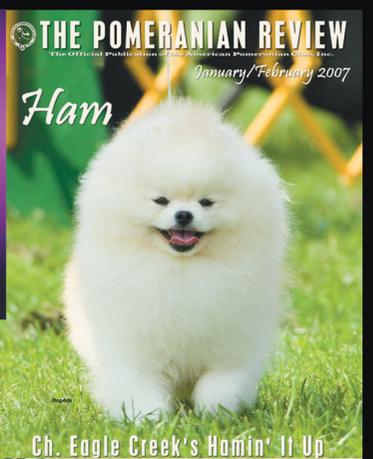


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