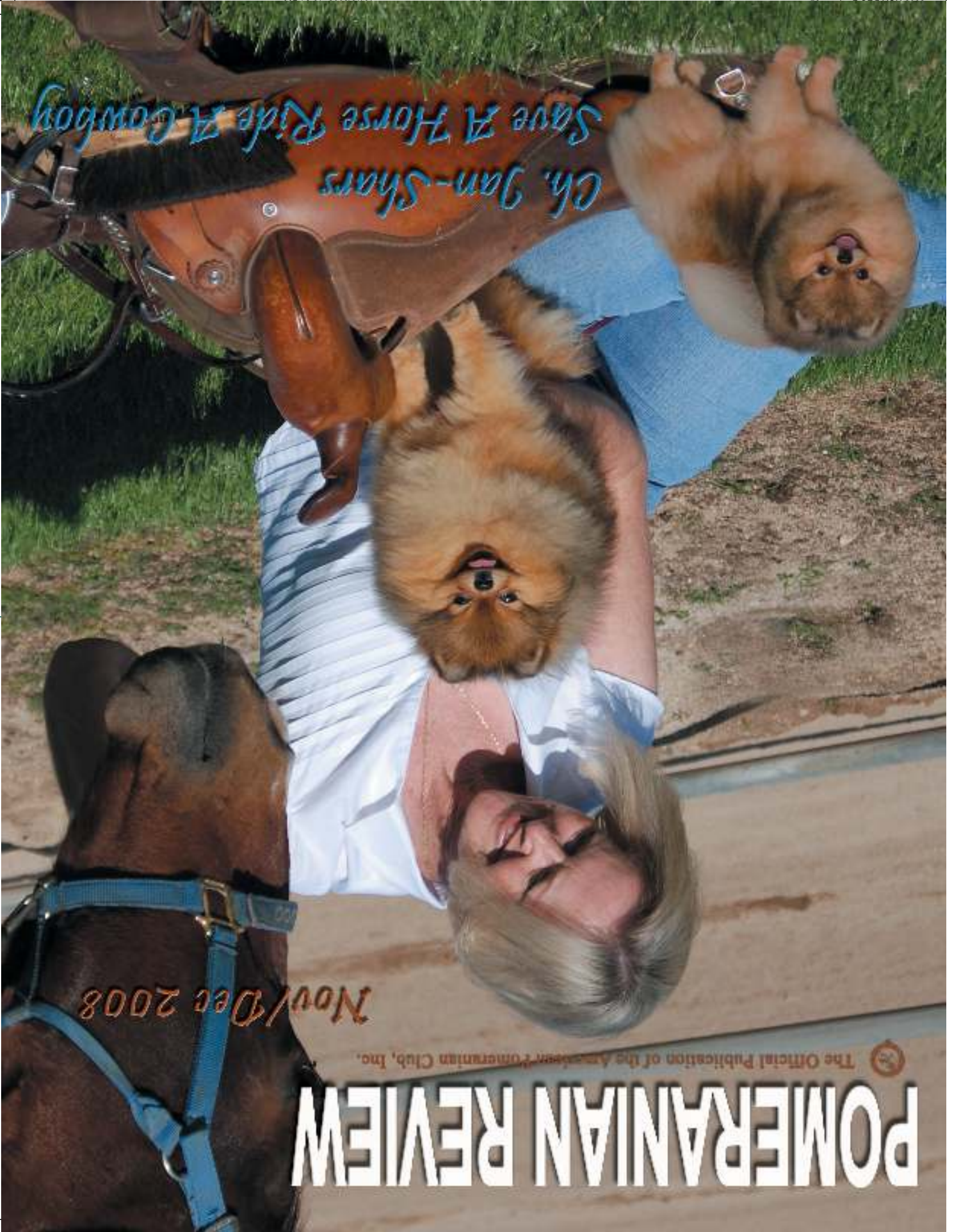


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Oh, Jan-Shars
Save A Horse Ride A Cowboy



Babbi's Pomeranians Introduces Champion Mountain Crest Rock Princess



**I would like to thank Piper's breeders, David and Carlene Gilstrap for this pretty girl.
Thanks also to David and Carlene Gilstrap and Ann Berryman for showing her.
Thanks to the following judges who appreciated Piper.**

Mr. Zell Von Pohlman - Best of Winners, Best of Opposite
Mr. Edd E. Bivin - Winners, Best of Opposite
Mrs. Erika K. Moureau - Best of Winners, Best of Breed
Mr. James Hupp - Best of Winners, Best of Opposite
Mr. Dana Plonkey - Best of Winners, Best of Opposite - Major

Mrs. Dorothy Naegele - Best of Winners - Major
Dr. Harry Smith - Best of Winners
Mr. David J. Kirkland - Best of Winners
Mr. Norman Patton - Best of Winners

Owner:
Barbara Meyer

Shown by:
David & Carlene Gilstrap, Ann Berryman

Just Jack A/K/A CHAMPION Pomirish Super Grey Ghost



My sincere thank you to Sally Baugniet for this beautiful fella - he is my FIRST show dog and part of my heart and soul. Thank you Lynn Meyer for your fantastic and caring handling of my boy in taking him to his Championship with back to back MAJORS. Thank you both so much.

& only Jack



I want to thank my beautiful great-niece, Hope Gould, for continuing Jack's career as a Special with multiple BOBs and in Jr. Showmanship. What a blessing she is.

*Owned and Loved by
Wendy Lane - Haneys Poms*

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Wishing
everyone a
Blessed Holiday
Season!

Congrats
to
Mike & Sharon
Parrot

And a very
special
congrats to
Jenna McMullins
from
Hope Gould.

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Enzo

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- Back to Back All Breed Best in Show with only 7 months of age (Mexico)
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- Best of Sweepstakes @ The Pomeranian Club of Greater Houston 2008 Specialty

Gracias Tony & Fabian!!!



Thanks to all the judges in Mexico & USA!!!

We would also like to thank our beloved friend and exclusive handler in Mexico: Oscar Hernandez Lizardi.

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Beau

A special thanks to Judge Caroline Herbal who recognized that at 9 1/2 years "The old boy still has it" and awarded him a BOB and Group 3 from the Veterans Class at the June Metro Mile Hi Toy Specialty.

At the September Metro Mile Hi Toy Specialty he was awarded Best in Veteran Sweepstakes by Judge Doug Johnson.

Congratulations to the "J Team", Junior Handler Jenna McMullins and Kissami's Junior Attraction a/k/a "JR" on your feature. You show JR to perfection.

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Achilles

Thank you to everyone who supported our special visit last month.



Congratulations Mike & Shalom on your feature! We treasure your friendship, & wish you both many years of health, happiness & success. Thank you for the opportunity to co-own & handle Thai's first born "Daisy" to her championship. She has been so much fun to show & has brought us some wonderful memories of our time in the ring with her dad.

Jr & Jennifer Munn

Ragdoll's Dazed 'N Confused



Ch Achilles Fit To Be Thai'd X Keody's Spirit Of Tara

At only 10 months old "Daisy" already has an impressive show record that includes back to back majors, multiple BOB wins from the classes, and 13 points, in just 11 shows with Jr & Jennifer Munn of Achilles Pomeranians.

Bred & Owned by Mike & Shalon Parrott

Co-Owned & Handled by Jr & Jennifer Munn



APC KENNEL VISIT

Ragdoll

Poms

Mike
and
Shalon
Parrott



Hey! Whatcha doing? Why don't we sit a minute together and I can tell you a story that started what seems like too many years ago, and other times seems just like yesterday. Grab a cup of coffee, or a Coke, and sit down a minute.

We are Mike and Shalon Parrott, Ragdoll Poms. When we started it was "Little" Ragdoll Pomeranians. OK, maybe it's the arthritis or something but that seems like way too much! Mike never writes, unless under threat of something, so almost always it is me. Come to think of it, it is mostly me on the phone as well. How the heck did he get equal billing in all this? I guess we will have to look further into that. Maybe it's his great handling and training!

My friend, Jennifer Munn and I thought quite a bit about writing kennel visits, as they are one issue apart. She actually took the issue I wanted, and not being able to put it off any longer - after all December is the last one of the year. I finally caved in. We procrastinated on the normal "First came this dog, then that dog, then the next dog" type of visit. I guess they are OK, and believe me later in this there will certainly be some back patting going on. But we both said we wanted to do something a little different as well. So let's take a small trip back in time, down memory lane as they say.

A very little boring background... Mike's working life has been in the printing industry, mainly as a bookbinder operator. I have been in several things, but I too have a background in printing, and many times we have worked together at the same company. I have also worked in Human Resources and customer service. We met at work, at a printing company. We married, bought a house, etc, and wanted to get a pet. We had a few different ones, Cocker Spaniels as well as a bunny, a white ring-neck dove, and oh the fish! Mike's mother had a Pom named Fozy. We decided we were going to get a Pom. We did, our first Pom was Peanut. I call her our rescue Pom, because I think that we did in a way rescue her from where she was, though she wasn't technically from a rescue group. She was spayed, and had all kinds of health issues. As most pet owners do, we watched Westminster. Wow... what the heck? How come those Poms look different than our Peanut? Well I want one like that!

That takes us to the tabloid, sordid "secret" past of Ragdolls. Well not really, because I have always been honest to anyone who would listen. But I think it bears repeating, because as much as everyone in Poms thinks they are well known, I'm quite sure there are people who don't know anything about us. Maybe one or two new people will see themselves in our story. I have always believed that you will take away all the wind in the gossip sails if you tell whatever it is, and taking that power away. We bought Poms out of the paper. Typical of what you would think,

Kennel Visit Continued

there were no rules. No spay/neuter, nothing. We were going to breed and sell! Yippee! This would surely be some good "extra" money. Wrong. We had AKC Poms, as well as the dreaded CKC (Continental Kennel Club) Poms. You know them, the worthless registry right? We were snowed into that by a breeder that in retrospect we think was suspended from AKC, but what did we know? We didn't like what we had, placed them all and tried to get "real" Poms, like the ones we saw on TV. I bought books, magazines, anything I could get. We bought "real" show Poms from show breeders. And we bought, and we bought. Poms that were sold as "show". Many were not. There are several reasons for this. Many of them are ours. Lack of knowledge and experience, first and foremost. But breeders share equal responsibility when they claim everything to be a "show" dog. And buyers when they don't know enough about structure, pedigrees, and don't know to wait. No different than today - we started back in 1995 - you could certainly buy a male, but bitches (how long did it take you to be able to use that word without cringing?) were impossible. We bought an AKC registered black Pom out of the paper. The first Pom we showed. Again, looking back probably not the best thing, but his quality turned out pretty nice and a natural show dog. Thank goodness! We sure didn't know what the heck we were doing. We thought they all were that way (someone slap me now!) I of course didn't know how to groom, or shall we really cut to the chase and say sculpt. Back then, when we traveled by wagon train, the standard did not say we could sculpt. Only trim for neatness. The ears, feet, around the butt. Well seems we were the only naive one's back then. We actually showed that way, while many show people would snicker at us and told us we needed to learn how to groom. Wonder who got that last laugh? They loved us, loved to make points from our entries. If people think that it is difficult to show "other colors" now, it was

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almost impossible back then. I remember one show after an 8-hour drive that Mike was told to stand in a corner. Never did he leave that corner again, with our black dog. We went in search of an orange dog. This was supposed to be a family thing, but it was quickly falling apart. People were rude, unfriendly, and we had no mentor. Others tried to run us out by starting rumors. Welcome to the dog "game". We persevered. I learned to groom by looking at the Pom magazines, there were three at that time, and try to copy those dogs. Mike took over showing, because to be blunt, I would come home in tears due to people's actions. All of the friendliness that we thought was in dog showing just wasn't there for us. Mike got better, I got better. We bought a male from Eleanor Miller - Millamor Poms that was to put us on our way. He was called Ralph. His registered name



RAGDOLL'S TANGO OF SOURWOOD

was misnamed by us, another novice mistake. One. We spent years having to apologize for and explain. Did I say that I'm pretty blunt? Maybe I should take a minute to say that now. Eleanor and I talk, and it's fine now. But breeders, don't assume that everyone knows the ins and outs of showing dogs. If there is a name you want to use, discuss this with the buyers. There will be no misunderstandings then.

Anyway, girls... bitches... where were they? Not available unless you knew someone. What was to be one of our foundation bitches came from Ken Griffith - Lenette Poms. Her name is

Nora. She is still with us at 14 years old by the time you read this. That breeding of Ralph to Nora, is what produced our very first bred by litter of quality. That one litter produced our very first champions. That litter was a "very first" of many things. They were the first all champion litter we bred. The first brother/sister champions we bred, and the female, Kirby, was the very first time we ever won a point. This was THREE YEARS of showing before we ever won a point. How many of you would have persevered that long? Not one of the newer people I know would go three years in this without a win and still be here. That litter was Ch. Ragdoll's Bateriaes Not 'Ncluded (Kirby) and Ch.



CH RAGDOLL'S BATERIES NOT 'NCLUDED



CH RAGDOLL'S NO ASSEMBLY REQUIR'D

Ragdoll's No Assembly Requir'd (Gizmo). Gizmo was RWD at the National Specialty in 1999, how far we had come... and won an Award of Merit the following year in 2000. Quite sadly and unexpectedly we lost Giz about 6

months after that to an aneurysm. He was shown at the Nationals the first time in 1999 by Linda Pelz, and the following year by Donna Machniak. Both of these women at the time, as well as Mike Wells, showed several of our dogs for us, while we were showing some as well. They were, and still are excellent at what they do, and during the early years we probably could not have done what we did without the extra help, so thank you all. See I told you the “this dog, then that dog” part would get here.

As things go, so does dog showing. It seems like you can win the single points, but not the majors. You can win the majors, but not BOB. It’s like a glass ceiling. But once you have done it, it gets easier. Honestly I don’t remember who the next Champions were. There was a repeat breeding of the Giz/Kirby litter, which produced Ch. Ragdoll’s Heat Advisory, Hampton. He was shown



CH RAGDOLL'S HEAT ADVISORY

and owned by Andrea Hall, Sunstation Poms. When we lost Giz, we tried one more time for that magic and produced the litter of Lance and Brook. In many ways I have always thought Lance was the best Pom we had ever bred: gorgeous in every way, and a red sable color to die for. We showed him to no avail. Linda Pelz took him and put 7 points on him, but he never finished. Lance is retired now. His sister died tragically after being perfectly healthy,

whelping a litter and the very next day had a complete trachea collapse after never having a problem a day in her life. Oxygen, intensive care, and the option of surgery would not have saved her. We lost her, then her entire litter when we had to send them to another breeder friend Trish Rowley to raise. It was not the best time here that is for sure. The reason why we sent the babies to Trish was because not only did we lose Brook, but at the same time one of our show kids snuck out the door, was stolen and held for ransom. They moved him two hours away and we had to pay to get him back. It was all touch and go and we really didn’t know if we would get him back. That was all after I had hand raised him and his litter sister from birth to 10 weeks. The two of them were Ragdoll’s They Call Me Kid Rock! (Kid) and Ch. Ragdoll’s Cookies And Cream (CC). When they were shown they were our



CH RAGDOLL'S COOKIES AND CREAM

fastest pointed kids to date, and we thought they would finish together until Kid, who always had an up and down teste, decided that having them both stay down wasn’t his plan. Sadly after a year he was placed.

In between there were many other champions, some owned by us, some by others. We bought a brood bitch from Elaine Way, named Lakeway N Ragdoll’s Candy Apl. Candy was the beginning of our infamous “Cookie” line of our pedigrees. Candy was never shown, but she gave us Ch. Ragdoll’s Gingerbread Cookie (Cookie) and in the same litter, Ch. Ragdoll’s Gift Of



CH RAGDOLL'S GINGERBREAD COOKIE

Allridge (Jerry) owned and shown by Valerie Allridge, Allridge Poms. From Cookie came Ch. Ragdoll’s Sugar Cookie (Sugar), Ch. Ragdoll’s Cookie



CH RAGDOLL'S GOLDMST SUGAR COOKIE

Crumb (Crumb), and Ch. Ragdoll’s Cookies And Cream (CC). From Sugar’s one and only litter comes Ch. Ragdoll’s Cream And One Sugar (Chai), our fastest finishing Pom to date, finishing



CH RAGDOLL'S CREAM AND ONE SUGAR

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in 3 weekends at 7 months old, beating CC who finished in 9 total shows. Chai won a Group 2 as a move up Special the next show weekend. Chai is the new mom of "JD", the sire is "Thai" Ch. Achilles Fit To Be Thai'd. Hopefully this will be the next generation to come. At



CH ACHILLES FIT TO BE THAI'D

the time of the Giz/Kirby/Hampton era there was also Ch. Ragdoll's As Good As It Gets, named "Jack" after Jack Nicholson and the movie of the same name. He was born during the Academy Awards that year. Jack was owned by Mary Allan, Allayn's Poms, and shown by Coral Appleton and Mary.

That leads us to the current "era". We also bought and finished two boys from Cheryl Jackson, Glen Iris Poms. One of those, Ch. Glen Iris Mark Of Zorro (the sire of Chai) is one of two boys we are using now. Our hope is that he and Ch. Achilles Fit To Be Thai'd, bred by



CH GLEN IRIS MARK OF ZORRO

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CH RAGDOLL'S GOLDMST COOKIE CRUMB

Jennifer Munn, and finished owner handled (by the Munns) will help us further on our way. We also hope to have puppies sired by Ch. DreamWeavers Ring Of Fire (Tango) in 2009. This will incorporate what we already work with, a blend of the Great Elms and Chriscendo backgrounds through not only our existing dogs here, but with the Achilles, DreamWeaver, and Glen Iris additionally. Both Thai and Zorro are the sires to some promising puppies at this time. Thai's first puppy, a bitch named Daisy, Ragdoll's Dazed 'N Confused, is gorgeous. She is major



RAGDOLL'S DAZED 'N CONFUSED

pointed (13 points) going BOB three times, being shown by Jennifer and Junior Munn. We thank them for taking Daisy and showing her for us. I had a serious health problem in May, and the Munns stepped up to help us, one of just a few people to do so.

There are many things we could talk about, and really should talk about for a



NEWEST PUPPY BORN AT RAGDOLL

minute before the normal sign off. There is the question of buying "show" puppies. How many of the people out there have the patience necessary? They need or want male or female - doesn't matter. For the most part, immediately the high volume breeders are thought of and approached. Granted, not many small breeders have puppies to offer all the time. But the slippery slope to that is that people should really take the time to get to know the breeders that they admire. Look at the websites, the magazines, whatever it is and narrow down the breeders that breed the type of Pom you like and want to have. Get to know those people. In turn, you will be privy to upcoming puppies that may be what you want. A lot of this impulse buying that people do would end. Do not be unrealistic, and expect that breeder to keep the dog for a year while you decide, but it is a slightly bigger decision than going to WalMart to get a gallon of milk. With trepidation I say go to visit them. I say trepidation because we all have lives, let's be real a minute. When it's convenient for you to drop by one weekend, may not be for me. Plus most people feel compelled to have a spotless house for people to "drop" in. Mine isn't spotless for any of you thinking this is a good idea!

There are the many health issues, including that dreaded Alopecia. Breeder of a dog that came down with it? Yep, sure am. Bought a dog that came down with it? Yep, sure did. Bred a dog after it showed signs? No, I have not.

But I also cannot, and will not judge what others do. Again, let's be real. Our first one lost coat at 7 years old. Do you think he was never used prior? I've known others that were 10. Think they were not used? The whole "cottony" coat issue everyone wants to pounce on. Well I actually have known of more dogs that had normal coats lose them, than the cottony ones. I should put in this disclaimer: I know several dogs with coat loss, owned by various people. I have heard of probably 10x that many. If someone discloses information that they don't want repeated on this subject, I don't. For that reason, I couldn't even tell you all their names. I am told in confidence, then I promptly forget it. Another lesson for newer people. Speak less, listen more. Especially as this pertains to the numerous email lists that are everywhere on the Net. Put another way, while you are trashing a breeder on email lists think about this: Unless you absolutely never plan to breed, you too will be a breeder one day. You too may see your name in lights. No one is forced to buy a dog, and the future of that dog is not in your control. Until there are DNA markers and/or rule in/out tests, we do the best we can.

Should you test? Should you guarantee? Should you have strict contracts? There are so many things. As so many readers of this magazine are APC members, you should conduct yourself appropriately, always as if your mother is looking over your shoulder.

When I became ill recently, it brought home the importance of friends and family. There are several people we call friends, and many more acquaintances - friends that have shown our dogs for us, friends that you cry with, friends you call when you win, friends that you can whine to, and they will bring the glasses. If you are to survive long, you will need them. They will come and go. Not everyone is meant to stay forever. You will have falling outs, and getting backs. We would like to take a moment to acknowledge just a few of them, but by

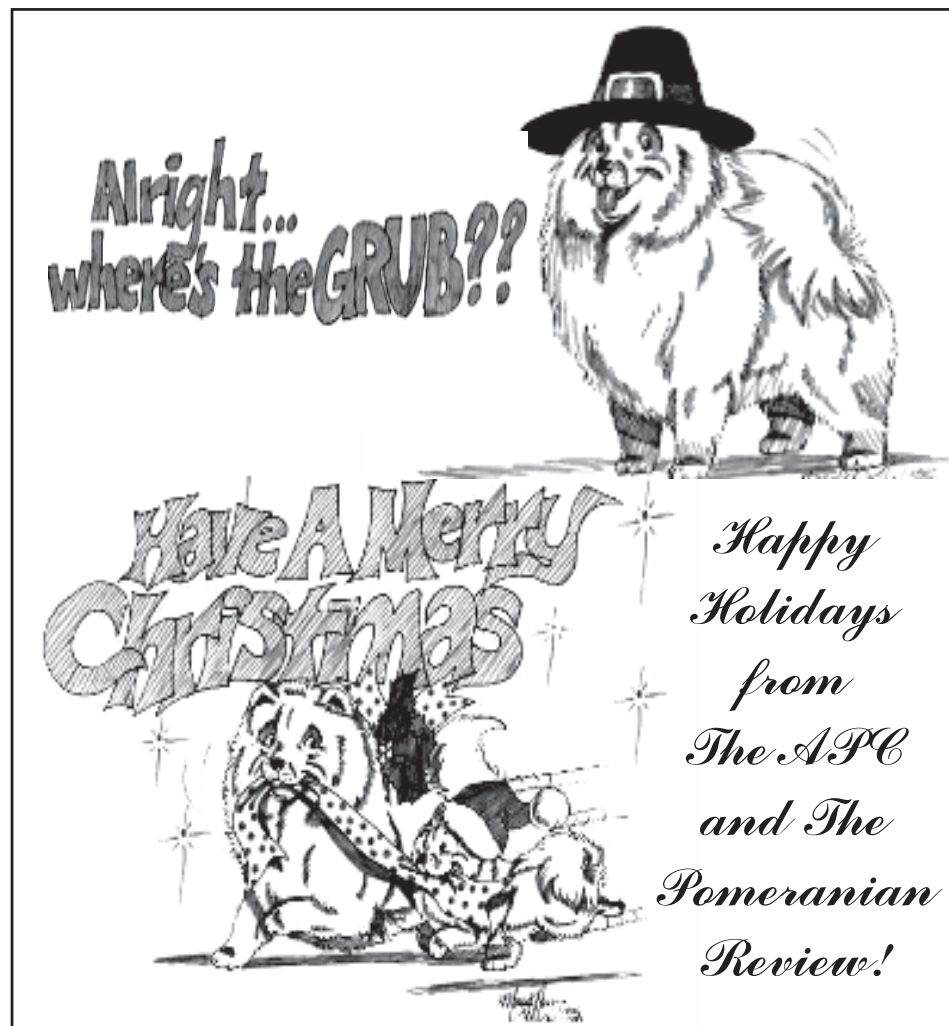
no means all of them. Linda Pelz, DreamWeaver Poms, of course, probably my longest friend; and that has not always been a smooth road either! Jennifer Munn, a newer friend, but one that has often times a scary way of being like me and thinking alike (run Jen run!) and her husband Junior. Trish Rowley and her sister Judy Stone. They have helped Mike show our dogs so many times I can't even tell you (remember, I don't go). Mike helps them as well. Tammee and Dan Felix, Roxanne Collins, Roberta Mallot, Randy Buske, Cassandra Evans and Jo Eanes. My memory is not as sharp now, and I'm sure I have forgotten many.

One last shout out to our son Josh. He is our pride and joy, and was often the kennel help, the one that did at one time or another almost everything. He is grown now and has become a Marine, but he will always be a part of Ragdoll's. Semper Fi Josh!



MICHAEL & JOSH
BEFORE MARINE BOOT CAMP

In closing, we would like to thank Brenda and the Pom Review for our very first APC Kennel Visit! There is so much more I could write, and I'm sure people have read other articles I've written... but until we meet again...



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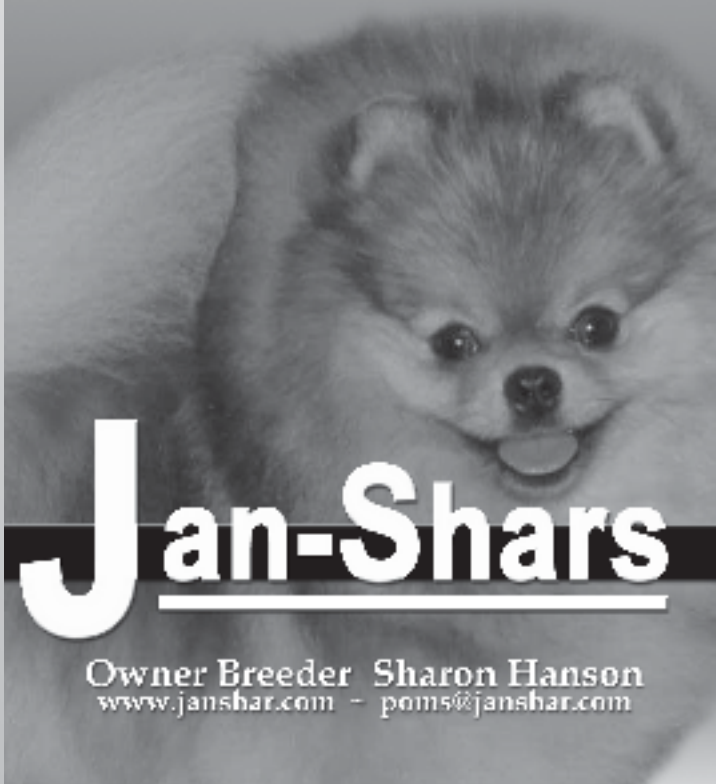
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CH. Jan-Shars
Save A Horse Ride A Cowboy

SIRE: CH. JAN-SHARS FRESH OFF THE FARM DAM: POOLSIDE A PIECE OF THE ROCK



Pictured on the cover with her handler Tish Cannon and her best friend Henrietta the horse.



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Thanks Vikki Oelerich for finishing our newest stud Ch. Smoky Mtn. Rain of Lenette. Sired by Ch. Band of Gold of Lenette and out of Honeycomb of Lenette. This is champion #8 for his sire and champion #7 for his dam.

Congratulations to Alta and Tommy Davis on finishing Ch. Rialta's Paperdoll of Lenette.
This is the 8th Lenette champion to finish this year.

Best wishes to Mike and Shalon Parrott on your kennel visit.

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Sophie

4 Point Major!

Winners/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite to a very nice special.

Thank you Judge Thomas A. Kilcullen
for recognizing Sophie's merits in the show ring.

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Sophie

Sophie continued her winning streak at Prescott Arizona Kennel Club Show:

September 13 WB/OS Thank you Judge Mrs. Sari Brewster Tietjen.

September 14 WB/OS Thank you Judge Mrs. Loraine Boutwell.

October 4 W/OS, Group 3 Best OS Florence Males.

October 5 W/OS, Group 1 Best OS Linda Caldwell.

Thank you to all of the judges for appreciating our girl.

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 Mr. Robert D. Sharp (4 point major)
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"JoJo" wins the group...
CH. WOODROSE'S CAUSIN' A COMMOTION



(A/C CH. RAZZLE DAZZLE HAT DANCE ROM X WOODROSE'S JENNI)

MALALO goes to Ms. Dorothy MacDonald for this Group 1 win and Mr. Heitzman for the BOB on September 27, 2008.
 Also, MAHALO to Mr. Norman Patton for a Group II on September 28, 2008 and BOB October 5, 2008 under Mrs. Pardue.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAR...
TIDBIT OF LENETTE



(CH. BARBARO OF LENETTE X JORJA OF LENETTE)

This was "Tidbit's" first show winning points at just 7 months under Mr. Heitzman. FLASH! Tidbit goes BOW October 4 and 5, 2008 under Judges Muthard and Pardue. MAHALO to Ken Griffith for this lovely boy. He is a joy with a wonderful personality!

Congrats to
 Mike & Sharon
 Parrott on their
 kennel visit.

Congrats also to
 Jenna McMullins
 on your Junior
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Sid

Can Ch Kissami's Roadside Attraction

(Major pointer)

We want to send a great big Congrats to Jenna McMullins and "JR" w/Ch Kissami's Junior Attraction on their Junior Handler feature. I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Jenna, but I hope to soon. I did however meet JR, as I am the very proud breeder. JR was special as a pup and he knew it. Obviously to his Paula when she saw him during her visit to our home, as she called me about a month later asking for him. I thank Paula also for believing in JR, and not giving up on his showing. She searched and found Jenna and "JR" what a team they have made! His sire is equally as proud.

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I also want to send a huge and very well-deserved congrats to Shalom and Midge of Ragdoll Poms. Your friendship is a blessing, your dedication to the breed is outstanding. Your Poms are gorgeous. May you have many more years of success.

Star Dreamer's Pomeranians

*Congratulations to
Jenna McMullins
for her Junior Handler feature.
Thank you so much for all your
hard work with JR,
The J-Team is so much fun
to watch in the ring.*

*Wishing both of you
lots of purple and gold!*

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At nearly 6 years old,
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Nash

Congratulations Mike and Shalon on your kennel visit.
You have gorgeous Poms - always beautifully groomed and well-trained.

Related congratulations to Junior and Jennifer Munn on your kennel visit in the September/October
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We would like to thank Mike & Cande Gordon of Pomnique Pomeranians for allowing us to use AMInt CH Pomnique Chasing Tatonka (aka Tony) as our demonstration model.



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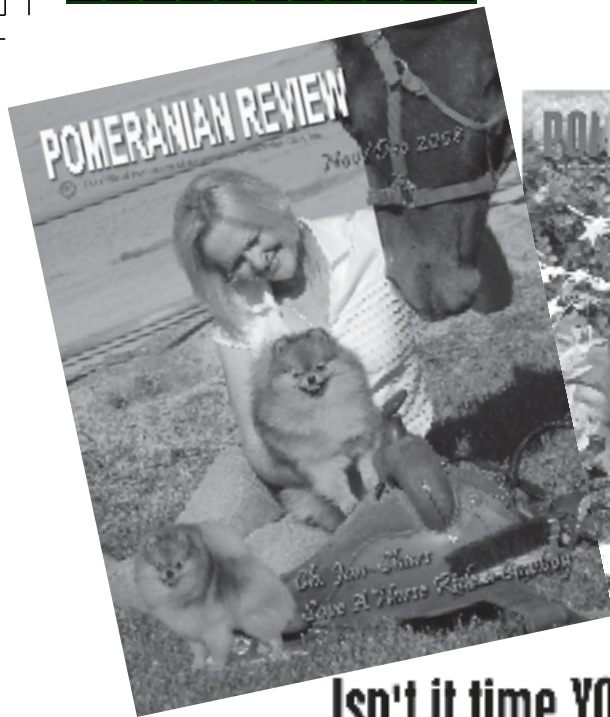
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We would like to congratulate our dear friends

Shalon & Mike Parrott
and their beautiful Ragdoll Poms.
We enjoy and appreciate your friendship and your dedication to the breed.

We would also like to congratulate

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on her Junior feature this month!




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From the President

Cynthia G. Boulware



Jane Lehtinen
Acting President



As I write this, Fall has truly fallen here. We just had our first killer frost last night so my plants are dropping instantly. Fall colors are in abundance as the leaves begin to change starting about the 15 of August. Our APC election deadline to receive ballots is coming up fast (November 15). We hope that each and every club member

will vote. It is every member's privilege to be able to vote, so please exercise it. Presently, we are looking for another hotel to hold our National this March. The Clarion has had damage from a storm and we have been told that it is not going to be available for us to use. I know I can hear your "yea" about this one. I have been aware of the many posted emails from people expressing their concerns on the reviews that others have made on this particular hotel. So to make my explanation short and simple, we are moving to another hotel. I will let you all know which one and where as soon as we have signed the contract. Check the APC website for the latest updates regarding this.

We had 300 surveys returned from club members. We hope to have the results posted on our Members Only website as soon as Kelly gets it up and running. Kelly Reimschiessel has been working on this new area of the website and it should be completed shortly. Each member will be given a password to log on with. We plan to have current information there that members can view at their convenience.

The AKC has decided to change the number of groups from seven to ten. We, the American Pomeranian Club, have asked to remain in the Toy Group. Poms are a toy breed and even though they are also a Northern breed we feel it best to be presented in its original group.

The By-laws Committee's work is progressing and we hope to have it presented to the membership by the National next year. The committee is working hard on this daunting task but it understandably takes time to complete such a large, important job well.

The Standard Committee is also working hard to produce a standard revision that all members can support. If you have any suggestions, please contact Erika Moureau, or any committee member, to let them know your thoughts.

Welcome to the new members of our club: Christine Crane (VA), Ron & Merilyn Smith (AZ), Cathy & Mark Driggers (FL) and Kimberly K. Thompson (CA).

The APC Officers and Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Members Only Website for APC Members exclusively is now up and running. This site is only to be accessed by members of the American Pomeranian Club and may be found at www.americanpomeranianclub.org/members If you have not received or misplaced the logon information, please contact Carol Lehmuis at CorrSec@AmericanPomeranianClub.org

GROUP REALIGNMENTS - Marge Kranzfelder

APC recently asked its members to participate in a survey regarding whether they thought Pomeranians should remain in the Toy Group or change to the Nordic Group. Did you wonder why the AKC is increasing the number of groups?

As you know, dog shows originally were established to evaluate breeding stock used for hunting by landed gentry. Thus the initial group was the basis of today's Sporting Group. Later not all dogs at shows were used for hunting. Consequently the dogs were divided into two groups: sporting and non-sporting (originally the catch-all for anything that wasn't used for hunting). It explains the wide variety that has remained among that group. As more and more breeds were recognized in the show world and the numbers within a group became too large to manage, dogs of similar heritage and function were pulled out to form their own group. Some of today's exhibitors will remember when the Herding Group was the last to be added. Groups therefore do evolve.

Besides the Nordic group question, another functionary difference that will be recognized is in the present Hound Group. Sight hound and scent hound enthusiasts feel that their breed differences warrant dividing this large group along these functional differences. The Sporting Group will subdivide into two groups: Pointers/Setters and Retrievers/Spaniels. The Non-Sporting Group's name will be changed to the "Companion" group. It is a name fitting to those dogs, but as the Toy Group enthusiasts point out, it is not exclusive to that group alone. All Toys' main function is that of companion, as are most canines. We will just assume they mean canines in most of the other groups could have a "day job" in which they would excel while also being integral as a companion.

We, as members of the APC, have only one question to consider: What is best for Pomeranians? The AKC should hopefully have taken into consideration all the ripple effects of the realignment issue. For instance, judging assignments could be affected. Those that were able to judge the complete Toy Group might end up with these realignments to have breeds spread over four groups: toy, companion (Crested), sight hounds (IGs), Nordic (Poms?). Please note that the proposed changes if they are approved will not align themselves with Canada or FCI groups. Not that they necessarily should; on the other hand, conformity might be nice, have some advantage, and possibly be considered.

Maybe it is a good time to remember that the only thing that we know we can count on to stay the same is change itself.

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Board Summary

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August Board Summary

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt email notification for board and club members to include, but not limited to meeting notices, dues notices, and minutes. Those who do not sign waiver will continue to receive U.S. mail.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The APC Board has approved that complaints against an applicant will be addressed in the follow manner;

The APC Board will designate an individual member who will be charged with the responsibility of investigating all complaints. This individual will acknowledge and understand that his or her only mission is to fact find and report back to the Board all information garnered from their discussions with the parties involved. Contacts will be made with both the person making the complaint and the applicant the complaint is being made against. Contacts will be with the involved parties only (person(s) making complaint and applicant).

The Board charges the person it designates to address these complaints with fact finding only, remaining neutral at all times with all parties, and reporting the facts as garnered from both sides to the Board. The Board wants facts and information only that individual Board members can use to base their own decisions on as to the applicant, and at no time wants the designated person doing the fact finding to offer an opinion regarding any complaint investigation.

Preferred method of contact would be by phone not email.

Motion made, seconded and carried to appoint Marge Kranzfelder as the complaint Investigator of new applicant pro/con information received by the board.

September 2008 Board Summary

Motion made, seconded and carried that we poll the members on the group the Pomeranians show, the Toy Group or move to the Nordic Group.

Motion made, seconded and passed that we post the results of the recent survey on our website and in the Pom Review.

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

Our question for the next issue is: What is the best way to treat coccidiosis?

As long as you feed a premium food, normal Pomeranian stools are small, firm, and without foul odor. A change in normal stools is a red flag that something is amiss. A common intestinal disease among dogs is coccidiosis. Coccidia are parasitic protozoan (single celled organisms) found in the intestinal tract of many animals, including dogs. Coccidiosis causes severe losses of agricultural animals each year, especially calves and fowls. It is highly contagious and extremely difficult to eradicate. In dogs, the first symptoms are soft stools that contain yellowish mucous and have a characteristic sweet odor similar to freshly cut alfalfa. The infected animal's eyes are often watery and the coat becomes dull and rough.



As damage to the mucous lining of the intestines progresses, a secondary bacterial infection sets in and the stools begin to smell foul and often contain large amounts of mucous and blood. Infected dogs often eat each other's stools. Symptoms are similar to the protozoan infection giardia, except that in giardia infections, the stools are light colored and have a "greasy" consistency. It is not uncommon for more than one species of parasitic protozoan to occur at the same time. Because cysts are shed intermittently, it can be very difficult to confirm protozoan infections by fecal examination.

Coccidiosis is spread when an animal ingests infective cysts that are passed in the stools. Cysts may be passed by animals with an active infection as well as carriers that show no clinical signs but continue to harbor infection. There is a common misconception that coccidiosis is only a problem in filthy and crowded kennels. This is simply not the case. Certainly filth and overcrowding will accentuate any disease, but coccidiosis can become a problem in even the cleanest of kennels. It is best treated with the drug sulfadimethoxine (brand name Albon) as prescribed by your veterinarian. Talk to your veterinarian about lengthening the treatment time to 21 days. The label directions suggest a shorter treatment period, however because coccidia run a 21-day cycle, many breeders have found that better results are achieved by continuing treatment for a longer period of time.

Coccidiosis and Giardia can run concurrently. If Giardia is confirmed, talk to your veterinarian about *fenbendazole (trade name Panacur) 50 mg./kg. given for three days in a row and then repeated at one week intervals until the infection clears (generally 3-4 weeks). *Please note: Although studies have shown that fenbendazole is more effective than metronidazole in treating Giardia in dogs, and it approved for this purpose in Europe, it is currently licensed in the USA for the treatment of worms only.

It is important to clean all fecal matter promptly and disinfect all kennel surfaces, bedding, and toys daily. Coccidia are not destroyed by Clorox and many other disinfectants. It has been shown that they are readily destroyed by ammonia and 'old fashioned' Lysol Concentrate (1 part Ammonia or Lysol to 10 parts water). Do not use plastic food or water dishes. Coccidia can stay in the crevices. Use stainless steel, crock style, or glass food and water dishes. Change drinking water often and clean the food/water dishes with a mild ammonia solution regularly.

Separate all infected dogs as much as possible. It is imperative that you do not allow the infected animal to become dehydrated. Supportive care and oral electrolyte solutions are helpful. Keep the animal warm and away from drafts. B



Vitamins may not be given during the Albon treatment. Albon works by inhibiting folic acid, therefore B Vitamin supplements with folic acid may negate its action. Zinc and Vitamin C with Bioflavonoids may be given during treatment. One of the negative side effects of Albon is that it destroys beneficial intestinal bacteria leaving the animal more susceptible to pathogens. During and after treatment with Albon, it is important to give a high potency Probiotic (beneficial microbial) supplement. After Albon treatment has finished, continue the Probiotic and give B Vitamins, Vitamin C with Bioflavonoids, and Zinc. To avoid future outbreaks, keep your dog in excellent health, free of worms and maintain scrupulous cleanliness. Immediately separate any dog that shows signs of the disease and treat accordingly.

Our question for the next issue is: What is eclampsia?

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You can't remember which shampoo you bought for the dogs and which you bought for yourself.

You start to imagine how you'd look with a just a little trim around your ears.

While at Victoria's Secret, you try to decide which perfume name would be just the perfect name for that cute little girl in your newest litter. You make an appointment to have your nails trimmed - er, I mean, have a pedicure.

The correct conditioning formula for your show dog involves great scientific study, but you figure the family can use a VO5 combo shampoo/conditioner from the 99 cent store.

Your favorite cologne is eau de Crown Royale Magic Touch Conditioner.

Your closet is overflowing with sensible shoes and you can't find an outfit without huge patch pockets.

The phrase "optical brighteners" intrigues you!! To cover your gray, you decide to personally test the dog's color enhancing conditioner.

On a show morning, you blow dry the dog's hair first, then your - but only if there is enough time.

You think if you wear dark nail polish, lipstick, and thick black eyeliner, your lovely pigment might make a better impression on today's judge.

You check behind you in the mirror as you head out the door in the morning, but then you suddenly remember, you are NOT the one with the plumed tail.

Your dog brush is Mason Pearson 100% pure boar bristle, and his comb a "Greyhound", mail order from England. Your personal brush and comb are "Goody" brand from a bin at WalMart.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

Carol Leemhuis

Below are the results of the 2008 Membership Poll. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. This information has been used by the present Board and Committees to help make informed decisions. It will also be used in the future.



CAROL LEEMHUIS

AMERICAN POMERANIAN CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP POLL

- 1) Your name? _____ #300 SURVEYS RETURNED
- 2) What is your profession? Countless professions
- 3) Do you have any other areas of expertise outside of your profession? Countless expertise
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 - a. #74 Most likely, I WILL NOT attend the National Specialty regardless of where it is held or what it is held in conjunction with; $74/300=24.7\%$
 - b. #133 Most likely, I WILL attend the National Specialty regardless of where it is held or what it is held in conjunction with; $133/300=44.3\%$
 - c. #88 I WOULD be more likely to attend the National Specialty if it were held in conjunction with all-breed shows; $88/300=29.3\%$
 - d. #35 I WOULD NOT be more likely to attend the National Specialty if it were held in conjunction with all-breed shows. $35/300=11.7\%$

- 5) If all-breed shows add to the appeal of attending the National Specialty, I would prefer the following. (check or circle all that apply)
- a. #89 National Specialty followed by All-Breed shows 89/300=29.7%
 - b. #14 All-Breed shows followed by National Specialty 14/300=4.6%
 - c. #124 Order of events regarding National Specialty versus All-Breed shows WOULD NOT affect my attendance at the National Specialty 124/300=41.3%
 - d. #13 Order of events WOULD affect my decision to attend the National Specialty 13/300=4.3%
 - e. #14 Order of events WOULD affect my decision to attend the All-Breed shows 14/300=4.7%
 - f. #61 I ONLY attend the National Specialty and the timing of an All-Breed show is NOT important to me. 61/300=20.3%

- 6) Do you have any interest in helping with any of the following?

General Annual Awards & Statistics – 9 members
 AKC Delegate – 17 members
 AKC Gazette Columnist – 12 members
 Breeder Referral – 36 members
 Board Member – 45 members
 Health & Genetics – 19 members
 Historian (Club & Pomeranian History) – 9 members
 Historical Awards – 7 members
 Judges Education – 37 members
 Membership – 28 members
 Officer of the Board – 26 members
 Performance Events – 10 members
 Pomeranian Review – 37 members
 Ways & Means – 13 members
 Web Design & Web Graphics – 11 members
 National Specialty
 Grounds – 11 members
 Ring Steward Conformation – 20 members
 Ring Steward Obedience or Rally – 12 members
 Top Twenty Event – 24 members
 Trophies – 26 members
 Hospitality – 20 members
 Auctioneer – 2 members
 Pomeranian Rescue Coordination – 20 members
 Transportation – 24 members
 Housing & Placement – 21 members
 Logo/Wear Items – 1 member

- 7) Regarding the Size of Pomeranians in our breed standard, I prefer the following:

(mark with an X your most preferred option and you may circle any other options that are also acceptable)

- a. #199 Leave it the way that it is in the current standard; “The average size of the Pomeranian is from 3 to 7 pounds, with the ideal weight for the show specimen being 4 to 6 pounds. Any dog over or under the limits is objectionable. However, overall quality is to be favored over size.” 199/300=66.3%
- b. #57 4 to 7 pounds with 4 to 6 preferred for the show specimen 57/300=19%
- c. #14 3 to 6 pounds with 4 to 6 preferred for the show specimen 14/300=4.7%
- d. #58 4 to 8 pounds with 5 to 6 preferred for the show specimen 58/300=19.3%
- e. #1 2 to 6 pounds with 4 to 5 preferred for the show specimen 1/300=0%

Write Ins: 2 -3-7# w/4-5 ideal
 1 -height standard with no DQ
 1 -3-8#

APC Membership Poll Continued

Letter to the Editor

I cannot even begin to imagine how you get it all done! I am in total awe and respect of your talent, your work ethic, and your infinite patience. I truly mean it when I say your work is the greatest contribution and boon to the APC, the regional clubs, the Pom community, and the breed.

When I started working on the Houston club bio, I used the club archives, which had been given to me by Olga Baker, and I also borrowed the library of past Pom Reviews belonging to Sue Goddard. I have not been able to put the Pom Reviews down. They have absolutely everything anyone would ever want to know about the people and the Poms throughout the last several decades.

I see many names I recognize. I just got done reading a kennel visit for Tim and Sue Goddard way back in October 1972. It was written by Sue, Eleanor Miller, and Olga Baker. Some of it was brand-new information to me. Some of it was completely familiar. It was wonderful.

Of course, back then the Review was not the glossy, state-of-the-art magazine that you have made it into. However, everyone who has ever shown a Pom is in debt to the Review.

Wow! And Thanks...

Connie Zieba

APC Membership Poll Continued

Summary: 329 answers from selections
Leave it the same = $199/329=60.5\%$
Make it bigger = $b+d=115/329=35.0\%$
Make it smaller= $c+e=15/329=4.5\%$

8) How do you feel about the color "Merle" in the Pomeranian breed? (check or circle all that apply)

454 responses 300 surveys

- a. #60 I do not think any changes need to be made regarding the merle color; 13.2% 20%
- b. #170 I would like to see the merle color pattern be a disqualification for the show ring; 37.4% 56.7%
- c. #32 I would like to see the merle color pattern be allowed in the show ring; 7.1% 10.7%
- d. #192 I would like AKC to mark the pedigrees of all Pomeranians carrying the merle gene to protect our breed in the future from accidental merle breedings from unknown carriers. 42.3% 64%

9) How do you feel about receiving APC Correspondence through email? (check or circle all that apply)

304 answers 300 surveys

- a. #41 I prefer US Mail ONLY; 13.5% 13.6%
- b. #139 I prefer email with a follow up by US Mail if no response is received; 45.7% 46.3%
- c. #79 I prefer email AND a follow up by US Mail; 26.0% 26.3%
- d. #45 I prefer ONLY email. 14.8% 15.0%

10) What is your preferred current email address?

- a. updated those w/changes
- b. Not applicable

11) Was all of your information correct in the 2008 lavender APC Roster?

- a. #207 Yes 69%
- b. #44 Not sure 14.7%
- c. #42 No, please update the following: 14.0% updated these

STAGES OF BEING HOUSEBROKEN

- 1) Neonatal stage (~birth to 2 weeks). Puppy urinates and defecates only when stimulated by mother, who cleans it up.
- 2) Toddler stage (~2 weeks to 5 weeks). Puppy begins to “go” on his own, and when allowed, tries to do so away from the “nest.” [Instinct for cleanliness?]
- 3) “Pre-school” stage (~5 to 9 weeks). Puppy begins to want to “go” in a particular place, frequently a place having the right “smell,” but sight picture often enters in. Most puppies leave “home” at this point and lose that favorite place, which can result in confusion.

Sometime during the “pre-school” stage, the puppy is ready to begin the journey into housebrokenness. Some puppies/dogs do not get the opportunity to progress, and may be stuck in the toddler stage even, due to lack of opportunity or because of inadequate response by the owner. From now on, the stages in housebrokenness are the same, whether for a puppy or for an adult dog, and knowing the stage the dog has reached can suggest the best approach to learning. Progression will vary depending on breed, individual dog, owner attention, etc.

- 4) Dog does his business away from his own bed and feeding area.
- 5) Dog has a preferred spot for doing his business. (Never mind that it is the middle of the dining room carpet, it’s a preferred spot!)
- 6) Dog understands that the “preferred spot” is outside on the grass, and when he *needs* to go and is *taken* there, he will do it there.
- 7) Dog understands the preferred spot and will let the owner know when he needs to go out.
- 8) Dog learns to “hold it” until taken out by owner.
- 9) Dog learns to do it on command, whether or not he greatly needs to go.
- 10) Dog will not release it unless in the right place or under command.

Some time between 6 and 9, the dog learns to “do it” in approved locations away from his “preferred spot.”

I am not talking here about HOW to accomplish all of this, just the recognition that housebreaking is not an either/or proposition.

***Submissive or excitement urination has little or nothing to do with housebreaking, and must be addressed separately.

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2009 AMERICAN POMERANIAN CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SPECIALTY - RACE TO FAME

The American Pomeranian Club Cordially invites you to attend The National Specialty in Louisville, Kentucky.

March 9-11, 2009

HOLIDAY INN HURSTBOURNE

1325 Hurstbourne Pwy, Louisville KY. 40222
(Off I 64 East)(502) 426-2600 or (800) HOLIDAY.
Use 'POM' as the code for the rate.

JUDGES

REGULAR CLASSES & JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

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PUPPY & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Betsy Owens, 283 NW 40 Rd., Clinton, MO 64735

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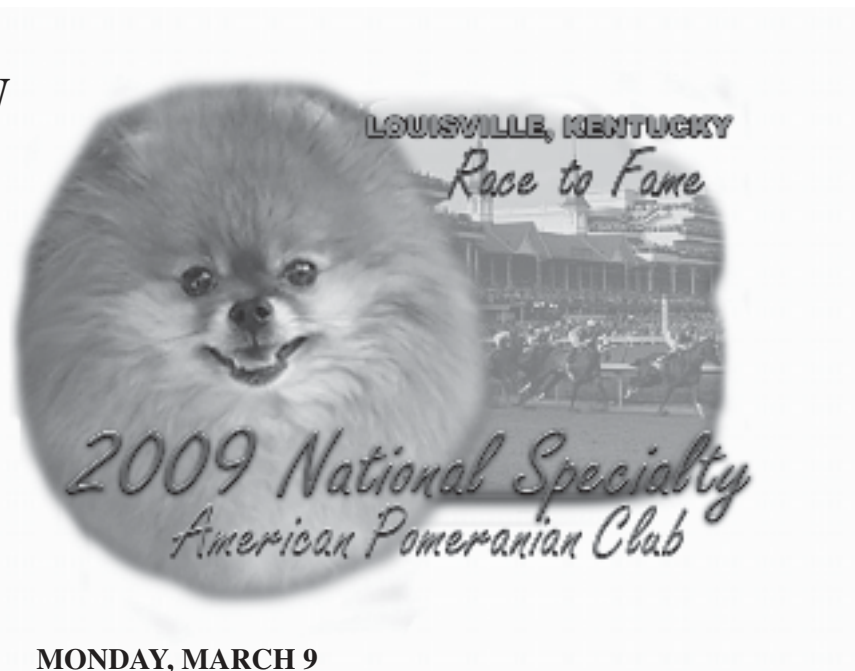
SUNDAY, MARCH 8

3:00 PM- 6:00 PM

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

6:30 PM VENDOR & EXHIBITOR SET UP: All vendors & exhibitors will be allowed to set up their booths and grooming equipment.

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 with us, send us an email to let us know what you are bringing, hospitality@americanpomeranianclub.org Hope to see you there!



MONDAY, MARCH 9

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

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

SWEEPSTAKES

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

PUPPY & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

3:00 PM – JUDGES SEMINAR

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. Email: fredcbassett@cox.net

6:30 PM

TOP TWENTY 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. Gentleman ties are optional, although jackets are requested. Please no jeans, tank tops, 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 light hors d'oeuvres will be provided for your enjoyment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MENTOR SEMINAR: The Pomeranian Seminar that is 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 five Pomeranian Champions and have attended the APC Sanctioned Seminar. There is no charge for this seminar.

10:15 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 The presentation of "Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care Seminar" by Myra Savant Harris, RN. Your invitation will be assured for a \$30 donation to the Pomeranian Charitable Trust. Donations can also be made via PayPal by going to the PCT's website:
www.pomeraniancharitabletrust.org

7:30 PM – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

KAROE NIGHT -

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, 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)
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 will be \$5 higher if purchased at show. You can make your reservations online at 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 to Ways & Means tables in the ballroom.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The important duties and its formation of the Nominating Committee are outlined by our Bylaws. This Board-appointed committee is charged with the serious task of recruiting the very best of capable, honest, talented APC members of integrity and morals who would best serve in the interests of our breed and Club.

Many factors were taken under consideration: geographical diversity, independence of thought, team spirited, breed knowledge, and leadership experience. The Committee is proud to have been able to present a slate that individually has these qualities and collectively will be capable of leading APC into excellence.

This slate is composed of a balance of those both new to the board and those with board experience. The committee has served diligently and APC's future is now in the hands of the membership vote.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Marge Kranzfelder, Chair
David Gilstrap
Brenda Segelken

The 2009 Board Nominated Slate
President – Jane Lehtinen
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Kathy Norem
Betsy Owens
Connie Zieba

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SEPTEMBER 2009 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club faces enormous challenges in reversing the continuing decline in registrations. Today, we are losing market share at an alarming rate, especially in the retail sector. We are being challenged competitively and financially. The declining registrations and associated core revenues, if allowed to continue, will fundamentally change our organization going forward. Make no mistake, the very future of the AKC and our sport is at risk.

We can all remember some of the premier "name brands" and companies of the past, leaders in their field. The ones that we thought would be around forever. These giants, these household names, held the same standing as the AKC. Companies such as: Westinghouse, Pan American Airlines, Standard Oil Company, EF Hutton, Woolworth's, Montgomery Ward, just to name a few.

Today, there are at least 30 All-Breed registries in addition to the AKC, whose combined registration numbers exceed that of the AKC. If this trend is allowed to continue, if we do not stop the hemorrhaging of declining registrations, we will no longer be the premier registry in the world, let alone in our country.

Management has been directed by the Board to aggressively pursue all dogs eligible for AKC registration. We intend to reach out, communicate, and educate those in the retail sector as to why an AKC puppy is the gold standard and why they should be registered with American Kennel Club. In achieving this objective we intend to continue to "raise the bar" by vigorously enforcing our policies. This action is essential to protect and preserve our leadership.

As the pre-eminent and only not-for-profit registry, we live our values everyday with our commitment to the integrity of our registry and the excellence of our inspections program. Having AKC involved through our compliance and inspection programs elevates the quality of AKC puppies.

Our Compliance Program allows us to educate breeders about puppy socialization, genetic health screening, grooming, exercise requirements and adherence to breed standards. This is the benchmark of excellence we expect of all AKC breeders whether under mandatory or random inspections.

In 1996, when the Board first passed our care and conditions policies we knew it was, and still, is the right thing to do. We know that insisting upon good breeding practices is the right thing to do. And

we intend to continue to do the right things for dogs. The American Kennel Club provides what no other registry provides. In order to continue to be the dog's champion, we must remain a strong, viable organization.

We are losing litters, dogs and entire colonies to competing registries. If litters and dogs aren't registered with AKC, we can't inspect them, we can't help the breeders and we can't grow our sport.

AKC used to dominate the marketplace. Even places like Macy's and Gimbels sold AKC puppies. Many pet owners who bought these puppies, and I was one of them, tried their hand at showing and breeding. These owners who purchased their first purebred from a retail outlet, not only added to AKC's registrations, but those who wanted to advance in the sport, then sought out fanciers to continue their journey.

The available pool of AKC registrable puppies is being lost to other registries, along with potential participants in the sport. As we lose registrations, we also lose our core revenues, our ability to generate alternative revenues and our legislative influence. We need to get back on track growing our influence as the premier registry in the world.

We know that AKC puppies and our breeders are the best. They are the "Gold Standard" in the marketplace. We need to continue to reinforce that. Let's not allow those other registries to weaken us or put us out of business. Let's not allow them to make AKC a nostalgic memory as well.

For decades we collected millions of registration dollars from AKC pet owners. These millions overwhelmingly subsidized our sport. Today, this scenario no longer exists. Twenty-five years ago almost all of our revenue was registration related. Last year less than one half of our revenues came from registrations. Dog registrations peaked at 1.5 million in 1992. By the end of 2008 it is projected we will register only 725,000 dogs. This is a staggering 53% decline.

It was not that long ago, that there were only two All Breed registries - the AKC and UKC. Today there are at least 30 All-Breed registries. Going forward, we need to do whatever is necessary to stop our registration free fall. We can and will be aggressive in pursuing all AKC-registrable dogs and do so while upholding our values and high standards.

As we go forward, let me make it clear to all, that the AKC will continue to enthusiastically support the Parent Clubs' Codes of Ethics including, as it relates to their members' sale of puppies through commercial entities.



If the current trend continues and dog registrations decline to 250,000 over the next several years, AKC will face an annual revenue shortfall of \$40 million. To put this in perspective, if this scenario occurred, and we relied solely on raising the event service fees to make up for this revenue shortfall, the fee would be a staggering \$20 per entry. Our preference would be to grow our registrations to the point that we could lower, not increase event fees. Some would say the obvious solution is a significant reduction in expenses. However, a \$40 million revenue shortfall would necessitate a reduction of our expenses by two-thirds. This is totally unrealistic.

Let me remind you that since 2002 we have reduced our headcount by more than 50 employees and aggressively controlled expenses, which have remained relatively flat since 2003, in spite of inflation. Our problem is clearly not an expense problem. It's a revenue problem and a serious revenue problem.

We need to secure our AKC and our sport so that future dog lovers can experience the same joys and passions we have so fortunately enjoyed for more than a century. No one is suggesting we lose sight of our rich heritage and traditions, but let's not allow the stated goal of our competitors to become a reality.

As Bill Wrigley Jr. said recently in the New York Times, "We must respect the past...but at all times do what is right for the future."

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker
Chairman

THE ENEMY WITHIN: AKC REGISTRATION NUMBERS AS BAROMETER OF PUBLIC OPINION

Marge Kranzfelder

Please keep in mind my perspective. It comes from working in the rank and file within the sport of dogs attempting to assist in keeping it viable in today's society. It is one of respect for the AKC. The AKC has established and maintained a uniform method of competition across our large nation. Its record keeping has kept pace with modern technology. These functions reflect its mission statement. My writing while critical comes with the hope that the AKC will do what it takes so that future generations are able to enjoy the pleasure and contentment that sharing lives with canines brings. My concerns in recent years about the AKC's future were further crystallized by Ron Menaker's September 2008 Chairman's Report.

I am the second generation of my extended family involved in the sport of dogs. I have been raised in awe of those true "dog" men and women that have dedicated their lives, talent and seamless blend of learned and instinctual knowledge to canine endeavors. The AKC's own "breeding program" is not producing these exceptional caretakers in the number they once were. I grew up during the '50s

when the word breeder was a term of respect. It was a profession you wanted to aspire to, not be apologetic about in general society.

Yes, our society is rapidly evolving. Though well intended, AKC's actions are more reactive than proactive. The writing was clearly on San Mateo's wall in 1990. By AKC's reaction to outside forces, they have turned up the heat on the people that were their support base. While having high morals standards within should be something expected and continually strived for, they should have quickly provided the public a real reason for joining in the sport, believing in the joy of pure-bred animals and really worked at making it easier to maintain a breeding program in today's life-style.

Allow me to state a few of the obvious reasons, people are no longer actively breeding dogs and dedicating their lives to this activity.

- Two people in a household need to work outside the home. This doesn't leave time to raise puppies and take care of multiple dogs.
- Limit laws prevent an active breeding establishment. Breeding one champion to one champion may produce a champion but it does not define a breeding program that will improve the breed.
- Air travel is being hampered by laws, expenses, public attitude toward dogs and increasingly intrusive security scrutiny.
- Cost of showing has increased. There are more shows with less leisurely quality time spent there.
- Veterinarians, influenced by those against breeding, discriminate against breeders or particular breeds. Veterinarian costs have increased greatly while the local veterinarian's average reproductive knowledge declined.
- Breeders are not valued by the general public.

Placing more arbitrary standards on those within the sport can be compared to the education of our children in this country. Requiring more testing doesn't really equate with better education. We must find the way to inspire and create curiosity so that individuals are self-motivated to be educated. If we educate well, the student will test well. However, conversely, if a student tests well doesn't imply he has necessarily been well educated.

The analogy applies to the artificial promotion of health testing and care regulations as "gold standards". Testing for testing sake shouldn't be the end goal. Of course, we want people to care for their animals and do the best health and genetic screenings available. This should be morally promoted and accepted practice. Standards of care shouldn't be to impress the public; they should exist because it is morally right and efficacious. The public naturally expects this. Therefore this should not be relied upon to create public incentive

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to own a purebred. Promoting purebreds supersedes promoting purebreds that have passed a string of testing. The soft, fuzzy love of owning a purebred is why someone wants to purchase a purebred. Their true companionship and life benefiting love is why they keep those purebreds. The “soft-sell” emotional commercial models are the ones to probably consider primary. We don’t need movies the likes of Disney’s 101 Dalmatians nor the up-coming Beverly Hills Chihuahua to spike registration numbers; but we could use the promotion of devoted, purposeful individuals integrated into a modern day life-style, a current Lassie, Rin-tin-tin, and Old Yeller figuratively, to keep us company. Smoltzy, yes. But it cuts to the core of human motivation.

Two unintended negative consequences of making the “gold standard” of health testing a primary public strategy must be addressed. The reflected increased costs per puppy prohibit both breeding and then purchasing puppies. Either the public is then convinced to go to their shelters to obtain a mixed breed that does not have this expense to cover; or they now expect guarantees on a puppy for its full life that only a plush toy could offer.

A conclusion can be drawn that if care and testing standards are written in a reactionary manner to animal rights pressure, we have allowed them to set us up for failure. No finite list of acceptable results on tests can assure that a puppy will be healthy and desirable. Like the above education analogy, the AKC must inspire and instill in its breeders the desire to morally use every possible tool to produce a desirable dog to the best of the breeder’s ability.

I realize the concept of how to “inspire and instill” morals is a difficult one. It is one of motivation. Today’s trend of legislative restrictions adds many additional constraints onto breeders. If the AKC adds further regulation in attempts to “prove itself”, it invites the real danger of snuffing the creativity of those truly gifted individual thinkers. I believe that one of the strong incentives to being a breeder is to have a hobby that is continually challenging while utilizing creativity and problem solving abilities. An activity that is highly regulated will not attract a gifted individual. The end result of over-regulation is mediocrity. AKC should explore the concepts employed by Genentech, Google, think tanks and innovative research facilities. This could help explain the decrease of higher echelon participants in this sport.

At first I was disappointed that my children’s generation isn’t anxious to get involved in dog competition. Then I worried about where my grandchildren, when they become adults, will be able to purchase a family pet. Unfortunately, I am now worried about whether they will even consider owning one, especially considering an AKC purebred. The AKC’s public relations campaign addressing the reasons to want to share your life with a purebred is too little and far too late. From advice given from experience in ring competition, the AKC shouldn’t concentrate so much on the competitor (other registries, designer breeds, etc.). Instead the AKC must concentrate on improving its own excellence! There is a passion in those that succeed. The uniqueness of successfully accomplishing its goals will then bestow recognition. Another way of

stating this is if the people involved within the sport are truly enjoying what they do and receiving personal benefits, others will want to join in. The AKC has much ground to make up against the animal rights lobby. It must attack this far more aggressively. It must find its terrier within!

Until the AKC finds ways to push back against those forces, by finding ways to encourage and make a breeder’s life legal, more desirable, and a respected part of society, its registration numbers will continue to decline. Until the AKC increases the activities that a normal working family can engage doing with their dog and encourage public places to be accessible and acceptable to people with dogs, its registration numbers will continue to decline. Until the AKC gives people reason to keep a registered purebred and/or rescuing another in just about every home, its registration numbers will continue to decline.

Since every organization needs fiscal soundness to survive, I have one further observation to make regarding the survival of AKC. I will address Ron Menaker’s noble comment concerning downsizing. So far, the effort has been a beginning token. I’m sure there are corporate models that have successfully re-organized in order to survive which can inspire a more extensive expense cutback. Flat line expenses can only balance flat line revenue. Until there is not a revenue problem, the balance solution remains the expense problem. Taking the advice we promote with breeders, selectivity is a main tool to achieve your goal.

The Board can respond, “But we have tried all that”. They have expanded their income base with parentage testing. They have fostered more programs than just breeding/conformation, recognizing the new revenue possibilities that activities like agility and rally have provided. They have fostered public education days, breeder recognition awards and televised dog shows. My intent is not to berate the AKC. I have done my very best to keep positive over the years and help in whatever capacity I am able; however, to be silent with these concerns would be tantamount to not helping. Until the AKC addresses some of the core directional issues I have mentioned, I question its ability to turn the present situation around.

Obviously with the continued decline in registrations, the AKC will not be able to continue to sustain our beloved sport of dogs. Registration numbers should be considered the barometer of public opinion of the value of an AKC registered dog. The “Gold Standard”? If a major redirection is not considered, I fear that, like the US dollar, the AKC won’t be worth a silver certificate.

Respectfully,

Marge Kranzfelder

Pomeranian Charitable Trust, Founding Trustee
American Pomeranian Club, President 2005-2006
American Pomeranian Club AKC Delegate 1999-2004
American Pomeranian Club Life Member
Northern California Pomeranian Club, Board Member
The Animal Council, Treasurer
San Mateo County Animal Task Force, 1991

**POMERANIAN CLUB OF
CENTRAL INDIANA, INC. SPECIALTY
SEPT. 12, 2008 – LEBANON, INDIANA**



It was a very warm, humid Friday evening in Lebanon, Indiana for the Annual PCCI Pom Specialty. As yummy hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks were being enjoyed, a great auction table of lovely donated items was available to examine and bid on. Exhibitors were ready to go at the prescribed time of 6:00 p.m. as Sweepstakes judge Ms. Linda George entered the ring to judge 14 entries. Following 50 minutes of judging, these were the results:

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

Puppy Dogs – 6-9 mo.

- 1- Geebears Murphy's Law.
- 2- LaCueva N Marbil Jokers Wild B'NT.

Dogs – 12 – 18 mo.

- 1- Mtn Views I Wanna B A Rock Star.
- 2- Stolanne's Premium Blend.

Puppy Bitch – 6-9 mo.

- 1- LaCueva N Marbil Penny Ante B'NT.

Puppy Bitch – 9-12 mo.

- 1- Aragon's Saphira of Loreland.
- 2- Panache's Infallable Fallon.
- 3- Val-K's Totally Cool Elizabeth.

Bitch 12 – 18 mo.

- 1- LaCueva's Bridgette Does Belgium.
- 2- LaCueva's GI Braveheart Revival.
- 3- Marbil's Careful I'm Addictive.

**BEST IN PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES - MTN. VIEWS I WANNA B A ROCK STAR
BOS TO BEST PUPPY SWEEPS –
LACUEVA'S BRIDGETTE DOES BELGIUM**

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Veteran Dog – over 6 yrs.

- 1- Ch. Stolanne's It's My Turn.

Veteran Bitch – over 6 yrs.

- 1- Ch DHCrew Sunkist Cinnamon Twist.
- 2- Ch Cascade LaCueva Panache's Tinker.

**BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPS - CH. DHCREW SUNKIST CINNAMON TWIST
BOS TO BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPS -
CH. STOLANNE'S IT'S MY TURN**

At 7:05 our judge for regular classes, Mr. William Usherwood, entered the ring to judge 13 dogs, 19 bitches, 3 veterans and 7 specials.

Following 1 hour and 30 min. of judging, these were the results:

REGULAR CLASSES

Puppy Dogs – 6-9 mo.

- 1- LaCueva N Marbil Jokers Wild B'NT.
By: Ch. Marbil's Games of Chance – Ch. LaCueva Jenuwane Debutante. Owner: Sherrilynn Rogers.

Dog - 12-18 mo.

- 1- Mtn Views I Wanna B A Rock Star. By: Ch. Marbil's Don't Rock The Jukebox – Mtn Views Turn It Up Turn It Up. Owners: Mari Iffland and Donna Riehm.
- 2- Stolanne's Premium Blend. By: Ch. Eagle Creek's Hamin It Up - Stolanne's Essence of Barkley. Owner: Frances Stoll.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dog

- 1- Weebit's Love Bug. By: Trudy's Micro Might Grow – Ch. Weebit's I'm a Piranha. Owner: Kathlene McClain.
- 2- LaCueva-DHCrew Pride-N-Prejudice. By: Ch. DHCrew Ruff-N-Ready – LaCueva-DHCrew Patti's Legacy. Owner: Sherrilynn Rogers.
- 3- Stolanne's Sergeant Drummer. By: Ch. Stolanne's A Song for Timothy – Stolanne's Park Ave Princess. Owners: Frances Stoll and Donna Riehm.
- 4- Geebears Murphy's Law. By: Ch. Nan's Sit N Spin – Doubletake N Geebears Poetry N Motion. Owners: Gina Williams and Reena Fair.

Open Dogs – Red, Orange, Cream, Sable.

- 1- Lorelands River of Dreams. By: Finch's Harry Potter – Ch. Lorelands Annabelle Lee. Owners: Lauretta & John Flynn and Debbie Hollander.

- 2- Marbil's Zack Daniels. By: Firebrooks Stoli Ohranj – Marbil's She's So Fine. Owners: Mari Iffland and Donna Riehm.

Open Dogs – Black, Brown, Blue

- 1- Char's Chocolate Douglas. By: Finch's N Char's Parti Fudge – Char's Rockin' Mocha Parti. Owner: Charlotte Meyer

Open Dogs – Any Other Color, Pattern, or Variation

- 1- Char's Taylor Made to Parti. By: Ch. Finch's Char's Spellbound Parti – Dossmar's MissSparkle. Owner: Charlotte Meyer

WINNERS DOG (3 PT.) – WEE BIT'S

Submitted by Cathy Gould, Secretary, PCCI. Photos by Pat and Dan Mappes and PCCI members.



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LOVE BUG

RESERVE WINNERS DOG – MTN
VIEWS I WANNA B A ROCK STAR

Puppy Bitches – 6-9 mo.

1- LaCueva N Marbil Penny Ante B'NT.
By: Ch. Marbil's Games of Chance – Ch.
LaCueva Jenuwane Debutante. Owner:
Sherrilynn Rogers.

Puppy Bitches 9-12 mo.

1- Panache's Infallable Fallon. By: Ch.
Panache's Tresor Trove O'Joayne –Panache's
Barely Bashful. Owner: Laura Meineke.

2- Aragon's Saphira of Loreland. By: Bahstoy
Make'n My Case – Ch. Lorelands Annabelle Lee.
Owners: Lauretta and John Flynn.

3- Val-K's Totally Cool Elizabeth. By: Ch.
Debut My Give a Dam's Busted – Mtn.
Views Onyx N Lace. Owner: Valerie Crane.

Bitches – 12-18 mo.

1- LaCueva's GI Braveheart Revival. By:
Ch. Castile's Southern Comfort – Murck's
Praying For A Lexus. Owner: Sherrilynn Rogers

2- LaCueva's Bridgette Does Belgium.
By: Ch. LaCueva's One Tough Cookie – Ch.
La Cueva Jenuwane Debutante. Owner:
Sherrilynn Rogers.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch



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1- Stolanne's I Write The Song. By: Ch.
Jan-Shar's Dudly Doright – Ch. Stol'n Song
Of The Magic Past. Owner: Frances Stoll.

2- Panache's Totally Assertive. By: Ch.
Noble's Hardly Humble – Sundown's Pom
Panache Cover Girl. Owner: Laura Meineke.

3- LaCueva's Tough Little Gidget. By: Ch.
LaCueva's One Tough Cookie – Ch.
LaCueva Jenuwane Debutante. Owner:
Sherrilynn Rogers.

American Bred Bitch

1- Special D's Sweet Mega Pixel. By:
Finches Tribute To Sweetness – Carma Rose
Mary Clooney. Owner: Debbie Hollander

Open Bitches – Red, Orange, Cream, Sable

1- Exotic Rare Lily Of Ali-Mae. By:
Exotic Raren' To Go – Exotic Lit'N Maiden.
Owner: Kelly Tracy Woods.

2- Stolanne's I Love Desi. By: Ch.
Stolanne's Hey Look Me Over –Stolanne's
Caramel Candy. Owner: Frances Stoll.

3- Lorelands Barefoot Contessa. By: Finch's
Harry Potter – Ch. Lorelands Annabell Lee.
Owners: Lauretta and John Flynn.

4- Viktres Zoo Zoo Petals. By: Ch.
Powerpom The Incredible – Nasty Nastasha
Of Lenette. Owners: Victoria Oelerich and
Wendy Lane.

Open Bitch – Black, Brown, Blue.

1- Cardinal Hill Aniversary Surprise. By:
Ch. Texstar Dualin For Me – Cardinal Hill
Sara Sunshine. Owner: Dawn Freeman

Open Bitches – Any Other Color Pattern or Variation.

1- Mtn. Views Tum It Up Tum It Up. By:
Debut's Turn The Page – Mtn. Views This Sweet
Dream. Owners: Patricia and Roger Dague.

2- LaCueva's Singin' The Blues PC. By:
British Lane N Fame Parti Boy – LaCueva Li'l
Ponderosa Whitney. Owner: Sherrilynn Rogers.

WINNERS BITCH – STOLANNE'S I
WRITE THE SONG (5 PT.)

RESERVE WINNER'S BITCH –
PANACHE'S TOTALLY ASSERTIVE

Veteran Dogs – 6 yrs. And Over

1 - Ch. Stolanne's It's My Tum. By: Ch. Wynlor
Doin' It Right – Ch. Marbil's Place In The
Sun. Owners: Donna Riehm and Frances Stoll.

Veteran Bitches – 6 yrs. And Over

1- Ch. Cascade LaCueva Panache's Tinker.
By: Ch. LaCueva's Peppered Palamino –
Ch. Cascade Bev-Nor Black Velvet. Owner:
Laura Meineke.

2- Ch. DHCrew Sunkist Cinnamon Twist. By:
Mai-t-Toi's Arizona Tumbleweed – Cascade's Sunkist
Amber. Owner: Sherrilynn Rogers.

BEST OF BREED – CH. DELPOM'S SIR
NICHOLAS OF LENETTE. By: Ch.

Rueben Of Lenette – Sweet Caroline Of
Lenette II. Owner: Lisa Delp

BEST OF WINNERS – WEEBIT'S LOVE BUG
BOS TO BEST OF BREED –

STOLANNE'S I WRITE THE SONG
BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR –

WEEBIT'S LOVE BUG

BEST VETERAN – CH. CASCADE'S
LACUEVA PANACHE'S TINKER

Once again, our specialty drew lots of entries
thus making major wins for both dogs (3pt.)
and bitches (5pt.).

Numerous members of the club graciously
sponsored prizes not only for the main winners
but also for all four placements in the classes.
Along with ribbons, prizes included lovely
ceramic Pomeranian bells and ceramic Pom
wind chimes, picture frames, digital picture
frames, and the Best of Breed prize was a digital
camera. Trophy chairman Fran Stoll received
many compliments from exhibitors for having
very nice prizes.

Following all the judging, eating, and visiting,
the auction table was closed and winning
bidders picked up their items. It was a fun
evening for all and exhibitors began to anticipate
the next two days of the Greater Lafayette
Kennel Club all-breed shows.

We extend a special thank you to our judges,
Ms. Linda George for sweepstakes, and Mr.
William Usherwood for regular classes. Their
expertise, timeliness and professionalism was
appreciated and enjoyed.

Thanks also goes out to all exhibitors,
attendees and club members who helped make
our Specialty such a big success by supporting
our Specialty with their entries, donations for
auction table and food table, trophy
sponsorships, and their time. Those members
serving on committees are especially
appreciated. They are: Show Chairman, Janice
Russell, Show Secretary Sherri Alspaugh,
Trophy Chairman, Fran Stoll, Ring Steward,
Cathy Gould, Hospitality and Decorations Pat
Mappes, Auction Table Lauretta Flynn,
Advertising Brenda Segelken, Grounds and
Show Site Janice Russell, Best Helpers in the
World (without whose help we wouldn't have
made it!) Dan Mappes and Bob Gould.

We look forward to our 2009 Specialty Show
next Sept. in Lebanon, Indiana. Hope many
more of you will join us at our Specialty and at

Great Lakes Toy Club Of Southeastern Michigan September 12, 2008

Submitted by Barb Gregson

Designated Michigan Pom Specialty

St. Clair Kennel Club
Saturday 09/13/2008

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: Mr. James Lehman

Junior, 6 to 9 Months Dogs.

1 TRUDY'S I'M HERE FOR THE PARTY.

Sweepstakes, Junior, 9 to 12 Months Dogs.

1 TRUDY'S WORTH THE WAIT.

Sweepstakes, Junior, 6 to 9 Months Bitches.

1/BJSW/BSW CARLEEZ FLYING FIRST CLASS.

REGULAR CLASSES JUDGE: Mr. William

Cunningham

Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Dogs.

1 TRUDY'S I'M HERE FOR THE PARTY. By Trudy's Hey Dude - Trudy's Comedy Act. Owner: Nancy Zurek. Breeder: Nancy Coddington & Robert Coddington.

Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Dogs.

1/R POSH'S THE TRANSFORMER. By Ch Eagle Creek's Hamit Up - Jolvin Kim Possible. Owner: Susan Popescu. Breeder: Susan Popescu.

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs.

1/W/BW TRUDY'S ROCK MY WORLD. By Kayra's Calif. Dream At Trudys - Ch Trudy's Club Paris. Owner: Nancy Coddington & Robert Coddington. Breeder: Nancy & Robert Coddington.

Open, Black, Brown and Blue Dogs.

1 JANESA'S CHOCOLATE SENSATION. By Ch Heartland's Knight N Day - Janesa's Sassy Also. Owner: Dr Geno Sisneros & Laurie Otis. Breeder: Jerrie Freia.

Open, Red, Orange, Cream and Sable Dogs.

1 COLBY CD'S TOO MUCH BLING. Lil Darlins Carved In Stone - Shining Star's Love Me Tender. Owner: Wayne Hough. Breeder: Rex Hopkins.

Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Bitches.

1/W/OS SIRIUS'S BUBBLING CHAMPAGNE. By Ch Sirius It's Sable Adam - Ch Darlin Sum Thing To Talk About Siruis. Owner: Nina Fetter. Breeder: Nina Fetter & Dorothy Ashbey.

2/R HORIZON'S FASHIONABLY LOUD. By Ch Heartland's Knight N Day - Carleez Made To Order. Owner: Danielle Sartain. Breeder: Laurie Otis.

12 to 18 Months Bitches.

1 EMMY AWARD WINNING BAJAN STAR. By Exotic Flash O Ice Storm - Adoring's Bajan Crystal Candy. Owner: Michelle E Cavanaugh. Breeder: Michelle E Cavanaugh.



Bred by Exhibitor Bitches.

1 TOONTOWN MY BOYFRIENDS A PIG. Toon Towns S.S. Minnow - Toon Towns Magic Wand. Owner: Mary & Michelle Ridenour. Breeder: Mary & Michelle Ridenour.

Open, Red, Orange, Cream and Sable Bitches.

1 BRAVO'S I 'SCREAM' YOU 'SCREAM'. By Jan-Shars Rocko Barokko - Janesa's High Fashion. Owner: Kimberly Nowland. Breeder: Dr Elena Turbina.

Best of Breed

B/G4 CH POWERPOM HIGH PERFORMANCE. By Ch Nobles Born To Perform - Bavanews Living Intervention. Dog, Breeder/Owner: Ponsakom Pongsak.



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ODE TO AN ALOPECIA X POM

Dear Breeder...

Thank you for your very kind e-mail last evening. As you can imagine, there will be a few very sad days around our house with the loss of Francesca (*Pom age 11*).

It seems like yesterday that we were at your home trying to choose just the right dog to replace Petula. With several Poms that you offered as a selection, one of the smallest kept making herself the focus of attention. She was always the first at the fence to greet Bonnie. Always offering the most affection. You were very right in saying we didn't choose her. She chose us.

It is difficult to believe it was so long ago that I stood in a handicap stall in a men's room in Chicago airport trying to get this little dog to pee on a newspaper. The flight attendants all wanted that cute little dog with her little black eyes and fuzzy head popping out of the Sherpa bag. We told them that this little retired show dog probably had more air miles than we did. The bond between Francesca and Bonnie was complete before the plane got us home to Mechanicsburg.

Francesca's tenacity lasted well beyond the weekend we shared with you at your home. She proved to be pound for pound one of the strongest willed dogs that I have known. When she wanted something or some attention, she wouldn't give up until she got her way. Her nick names fondly became "Bonehead" or "Knucklehead", among others. Cutting her nails was a test of will and physical strength. Although the session would end with the nails cut, I must admit, Francesca made her point and the nail cutting sessions were fewer and farther between than they otherwise might have been.

One story Bonnie enjoys telling is how one time after Francesca lost her hair, Bonnie (*a cancer survivor*) was watching her walking around in the family room and she said jokingly, "She's ugly. I don't like her anymore. Let's get rid of her." I don't know what made the thought come to my mind, but I immediately quipped, "She loved you when you lost your hair." With a tear in her eye, Bonnie picked up Francesca, hugged her and said, "Yes, she did."

In spite of the hair loss, Francesca was always healthy and a good companion. I don't think our granddaughters ever noticed that she wasn't suppose have smooth skin instead of a fluffy coat. Francesca never lost the hair on her face or head and with those little black eyes and cute face; she captured everyone's heart.

Her last couple of days were a little rough, but the little Francesca that we knew stayed true. Although very ill, she kept looking to us for affection and offering hers. Without speaking, her little face spoke volumes. It would have been heartless to make her fight longer to stay with us.

I know you have dealt with these feelings over the loss of many little dogs and I know you, perhaps more than anyone, understand that the joys and the heartaches go hand in hand. The heartaches will eventually heal. But the joys and pleasant memories will linger and the stories of their affections, habits and peculiarities will be shared with others for years to come.

Thank you again for your comforting words and even more importantly, thank you again for allowing Francesca to become such a part of our lives and our hearts.

Love, Lee and Bonnie Wolaniuk



Dear Bonnie and Lee,

I know it was a very difficult day for you both. And I'm sure the last week hasn't been easy at all. Francesca, from the time she was born, exuded how special she was. She had that special spark within her. I'm glad you got to have that experience with her, yet she also had equally perplexing conditions that were a source of worry and concern.

Rest tonight knowing you took care of her with the best of your abilities. There are so many things in this life that are just plain not within our power to correct. Try as we might, we cannot change them. So, then we are left to dwell on those good times when everything just seems to click into its right place.

Francesca was a bundle of both. Maybe that is the lesson her life can share with us. The very good and bad often come bundled together, yet the nature of our canine friends accept this and still go about life joyfully and able to greet those they love only anticipating the good inside of us.

Love, Francesca's Breeder

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Top 10 Breed



Joan Behrend

Pomeranians AKC TopDogssm Using Breed Totals

Starting January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008

For Events Processed Through Thursday, September 11, 2008

Rank	Name	Sex	Total	
			BOB	Defeated
1	CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon <i>Owner: M Koga*</i>	D	75	1,579
2	CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella <i>Owners: R Solano*, C Solano*, R Smith*, M Smith*</i>	D	65	1,022
3	CH Powerpom High Performance <i>Owner: P Pongsak*</i>	D	46	695
4	CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back <i>Owners: C Meyer*</i>	D	49	648
5	CH Oakrose High'N Mighty <i>Owners: J Rose, G Stewart</i>	D	31	570
6	CH Lana's Let Me Introduce Myself <i>Owner: L Price*</i>	D	26	369
7	CH Majestics Artistic Impression <i>Owners: A Rister*, C Creed*, B Turner*, S Turner</i>	B	28	360
8	CH Larajus Don Juan At So-Me <i>Owners: R Mellem, L Newbold*, L Solomon</i>	D	13	347
9	CH Razzle Dazzle Heavenly Choir <i>Owner: J Green*</i>	D	21	320
10	CH Lil Behrs Honey Nut Cheerio <i>Owners: J Behrend*, B Behrend</i>	D	27	298

APC Member denoted by *



Top 10 All Breed

Pomeranians *AKC TopDogssm* Using All Breed Totals

Starting January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008

For Events Processed Through Thursday, September 11, 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	CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon <i>Owner: M Koga*</i>	D	4	27	18	9	6	12,911
2	CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella <i>Owners: R Solano*, C Solano*, R Smith*, M Smith*</i>	D	2	20	9	10	5	8,904
3	CH Powerpom High Performance <i>Owner: P Pongsak*</i>	D	1	7	6	9	12	5,901
4	CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back <i>Owners: C Meyer*</i>	D	0	3	9	3	6	2,411
5	CH Oakrose High'N Mighty <i>Owners: J Rose, G Stewart</i>	D	0	4	0	3	3	2,094
6	CH Lana's Let Me Introduce Myself <i>Owner: L Price*</i>	D	0	3	2	4	2	1,958
7	CH Larajus Don Juan At So-Me <i>Owners: R Mellem, L Newbold*, L Solomon</i>	D	0	3	2	4	0	1,608
8	CH Majestics Artistic Impression <i>Owners: A Rister*, C Creed*, B Turner*, S Turner</i>	B	0	2	2	1	3	1,332
9	CH Razzle Dazzle Heavenly Choir <i>Owner: J Green*</i>	D	0	1	2	3	1	1,243
10	CH Starfire's Latin Dancer <i>Owners: F Stoll*, D Riehm*</i>	D	1	1	2	2	1	972

APC Member denoted by *



Top Ten Exhibitor, Breeder, Junior Showmanship

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

Top Exhibitors

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

Top Breeders

- 15 Diane L Finch*
- 11 Charlotte Meyer*
- 7 Fabian Arienti*
- 7 Jose A Cabrera*
- 6 Sharon Hanson*
- 6 Carol Leehmuis*
- 6 K G Griffith*
- 5 Juanita Fiddick*
- 5 Carlene B Gilstrap*
- 5 David Gilstrap*
- 5 Karen Power*
- 5 Tom Wilson*

Top Sires

- 7 CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams
- 4 CH Mt Crest At Springwood
- 4 CH Cheyennes Kodiak Bear Second
- 4 CH Finch's Bet On The Parti
- 3 CH Babydoll's Buckle Up Ur Genes
- 3 CH Daystar Cowboys And Indians
- 3 CH Firebrook's Tabasco Fiasco
- 3 CH Horizon-N-Janesa Indian Sundown
- 3 CH Janesa's American Cutiepye
- 3 CH Magic Touch Of Lenette
- 3 CH Reuben of Lenette
- 3 CH Starfire's Here Comes Trouble
- 3 Starlight's Dream Comes True

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 Great Rivers Tiamo Lets Hav A Ball
- 2 CH Jan-Shars The Cookie Monster
- 2 CH Rodi's Cr Queen Of Stars
- 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 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

Top Junior Handlers

Through Aug 31, 2008

As reported by BestJunior.com

- Stephanie Hentschel 312
- Amanda Seitzer 304
- Rebecca Silverberg 76
- Ginger Riley 29
- Hope Gould 25
- Colten Pfannerstill 13
- Letesha Girth* 11
- Nathan Lisenbee 11
- Taylor Brown 10
- Samantha Hyde 9
- Bailey Pfannerstill 9
- Matthew Lisenbee 8
- Ian Maniates 4
- Chelsea Valles 3
- Trinity McKain 3
- Daniel Belcher 2
- Rosie Sheppard 1
- Noelle Oleartchick 1
- Cora Halliday 1

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

July Champions

CH Bachman's Wild Wild West (D) CH Cheyennes Kodiak Bear Second x Lana's Centerfold Pin-Up.

Owned by Krystal Morris. Bred by Cheri McDonald*.

CH Castile's Eternal Flame (B) CH Glen Iris Evian D'Castile x CH Glen Iris Duchess Of Castile. Owned by Rebecca B Jackson* & Geno Sisneros*. Bred by Geno Sisneros*.

CH Cj-Peep Dante's Inferno (D) CH Cj-Peep Tequila Sunrise x CH Cj Rolin Onthe River. Owned by Julia Smith & Susan C Landry. Bred by Julia Smith.

CH Daystar Ryms W Spring Fever (B) CH Island's One Wild Child x CH Sublime's Cocoberries 4 Ryms W. Owned by Karen Power*. Bred by Shelley Wiemer-Martin* & Karen Power* & Russ Martin.

CH Finch's All American Girl (B) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x CH Finch's Born To Be Wild. Owned by Diane L Finch*. Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Finch's Spectacular Parti (B) CH Finch's Char's Makin Waves Parti x Finch's Kick It Parti. Owned by Diane L Finch*. Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Firebrook's Thymeless (B) CH Band Of Gold Of Lenette x Firebrook's It's About Thyme. Owned by Lee D Cook*. Bred by Lee D Cook*.

CH Halston's Heartbreaker (D) CH Puf Pride Cloudbreaker x Halston's Stormy Weather. Owned by Larry Lopez. Bred by Larry Lopez.

CH Honeykist The Boss (D) CH Regmars MTN. View Stars Shine x Honeykist I'M The Boss. Owned by Christine Bousquet*. Bred by Christine Bousquet*.

CH Jenuwane Simply Irrisistable (B) CH Clairmont's Carolina Beau x Jenuwane Look At Willow Do It. Owned by Patricia Mappes. Bred by Jenny Hryniuk.

CH Jj's Crown Prince Of Lenette (D) CH Mercer's Utmost Crown Prince x CH Jj's She Talks To Angels. Owned by K G Griffith. Bred by Julie Javernick.

CH Pom Acres Inchalla Red Alert (D) CH Pom Acres Lets Cruise x CH Pom Acres Nike. Owned by Juanita Fiddick*. Bred by Juanita Fiddick*.

CH Pom Acres Mr Markus (D) CH Pom Acres Atomic Dictator x CH Pom Acres Victorious Dawn. Owned by Juanita Fiddick*. Bred by Juanita Fiddick*.

CH Showin's Thunderball (D) CH Barbara's Dancing With Silver x Sho-Win's Call Of The Wild. Owned by Audrey Caywood & Jose A Cabrera*, Fabian Arienti*. Bred by Barbara Raymond & Audrey Caywood.

CH Sincity's I'M A Tuff Little Demon (D) CH Two T's Tuff-R-N-Pop x Bynows I Know Who Lies. Owned by Michele Arvanites*. Bred by Michele Arvanites* & John Arvanites*.

CH Touch Of Lace Cherokee Paco (D) CH Stolanne's Musical Nightrider x Adams Coal Miners Daughter. Owned by Wanda Sue Cox. Bred by Wanda Sue Cox.

CH Weewyn's Fly'N First Class (B) CH Weewyn's Double Ooh Seven x Weewyn's Oncore Performance. Owned by Cathy Anderson. Bred by Cathy Anderson.

CH Win-Sum's L'Attitude (B) CH Ben Aires Moon Beam x CH Linetrees Brooke O Cottontop. Owned/ Bred by Clint & Marsha Taylor.

August Champions

CH Alden's N Char's Popcorn (B) Alden's Last Outlaw's Henry x Alden's Truly Trudy's Trouble. Owned by Charlotte Meyer*. Bred by Alden A Domrase* & Janet R Domrase*.

CH Aphrodites Blue Sea Star (B) CH Trudys Kentucky Blue At Aphrodite x Windkiss Aphrodites Star Gazer. Owned by Beverly Allen & Linda Decicco*. Bred by Linda Decicco*.

CH Bubba Littleman (D) CH Articipoms-Wyn-Lighting-Strks x Baby Jumper. Owned by Susan L Fellows. Bred by Susan L Fellows.

CH Cameo's Sir Galahad (D) CH Bachman's Precious Diamond x Mathews A Lil Miss Behaven. Owned by Karen C Betz. Bred by Karen C Betz.

CH Char's Spice Girl (B) CH Char's I Wanna Talk About Me x Star Haven Dark N Thensome. Owned by Joo Dong Kim & Ah Young Jung. Bred by Charlotte Meyer* & Diane L Finch*.

CH Cottontop N Weewyn's Taking A Chance At Sirius Ec' (D) CH Janesa's Cause For Applause x Cottontop Arabesque. Owned by Nina Fetter* & Kathryn



New Champions

Norem*. Bred by Linda L Mulso* & Cathy Anderson.
CH Debut My Give Adam's Busted (D) CH Fan-C's
Pat O'Hairy x Debut Touched By An Angel. Owned
by Valerie Crane. Bred by Debbie Kingery.

CH Delpom's Sir Nicholas Of Lenette (D) CH
Rueben Of Lenette x Sweet Caroline Of Lenette II.
Owned by Lisa Delp. Bred by K G Griffith*.

CH Dit's Cody—Heritage Of Labeau (D) CH
Apolloette The Contender x Labeau Summer Sunset.
Owned by Cathy Driggers* & Mark Driggers*. Bred
by Cathy Driggers* & Patricia A Gilbert.

CH Eco N Sundowns Celebration (B) CH
Heartland's Knight N Day x CH Sundowns Cmon
Gimme A Chance. Owned by Camilla Knight*. Bred
by Elizabeth B Cockrill & Camilla Knight*.

CH Finch's Life Of The Parti (B) CH Finch's Parti To
Impress Me x Finch's Keepsake Parti. Owned by
Brenda Reynolds. Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Finch's Time Is Right For Pomjoy (D) CH
Finch's Bel On The Parti x Finch's Shamoo Parti.
Owned by Sheryl Anne Goodman & Diane L. Finch*.
Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Golden Star's Terminator (D) CH Dominic Of
Lenette x Xantah Pearls Ruffina. Owned by Anake
Sanehmahakul. Bred by Anake Sanehmahakul.

CH Great Rivers N Viktres Beau-Nita (B) CH Great
Rivers Cupids Arrow x CH Great Rivers Tiamo Lets
Hav A Ball. Owned by Sharon Yampiro* & Victoria
Oelerich*. Bred by Sharon Yampiro* & Victoria
Oelerich*.

CH Her Majesty's Over The Edge (D) CH Majestys
Prince Daschael x CH Finch's Get Over Yourself.
Owned by Charles Whittemore* & Randy Houston*.
Bred by Charles Whittemore* & Randy Houston*.

CH Horizon Animation Mighty Mouse (D) CH
Darlin's Wildcard At Sirius x CH Horizon's Wishful
Thinking. Owned by Lorinda Vasuta* & Darren
Lane*. Bred by Laurie Otis.

CH Larajus Paragons How D West Was Won (D)
Larajus Collateral Damage x Park Ave's Sweet
Magnolia. Owned by Teresa White* & Kevin White.
Bred by Tom Wilson* & Laura Newbold*.

CH Lt Cherubs Chasing A Dream At Sunset (D)
CH Pufpride Bit O Gold Beamer x Lt Cherubs Chapel

Of Dreams Of Labeau. Owned/ Bred by Darlene L
Davis* & Donald C Wickham & Sharon Wheeler.

CH Mountain Crest All That Glitters (B) CH Moun-
tain Crest Hard Rock x Ragdoll's Don'T Leave
Unat'Nded. Owned by Connie Russell & Ron
Russell. Bred by David Gilstrap* & Carlene B
Gilstrap*.

CH Oakrose Summer Breeze (B) CH Cr Tuff Guy
Of Isabella x Oakrose Summer Rain. Owned by
Joan Rose & Gail Stewart. Bred by Joan Rose &
Gail Stewart.

CH Patriot's On Cloud Nine (D) CH Patriot's
Tucked In A Cloud x Patriot's Princess Fiona. Owned
by Joanne E Rusk. Bred by Joanne E Rusk.

CH Pomhaven's Dream Of The Orient (B)
Starlight's Dream Comes True x Pomhaven's Casa
Dora. Owned by Colleen P Beland. Bred by Colleen
P Beland.

CH Pomhaven's Il Divo (D) Pomhaven's Giorgio
Armani RA x Pomhaven's Casa Dora. Owned by
Lee Ann Lambert. Bred by Colleen P Beland.

CH Rise N Shine's She's So Hot (B) CH Rise N
Shine's He's A Hottie x Nan's She's All That. Owned
by Kimberly K Thompson & Brad Thompson. Bred
by Julie Clemen*.

CH Royal Tee's Sweet Home Alabama (D) CH
Noah Of Lenette x Royal Tee's Daisy's In Alabama.
Owned by Angela Blocker. Bred by Angela Blocker.

CH Shamai & Blumoon Nite At The Oscars (D)
Janesa's Command Performance x Shamai And
Mnm's Tiger Lily. Owned by Kelly Klingbeil & Lori
Kamrath. Bred by Kelly Klingbeil.

CH Starfire's Dbl Trouble (D) CH Starfire's Here
Comes Trouble x CH Starfire's Go Go Dancer.
Owned by Geri Arnold & William Arnold & Darlys
Flaata. Bred by Jose A Cabrera* & Fabian Arienti*.

CH Storybrook Beach Blanket Bingo (D)
Storybooks Snowball Parti Boy x Storybooks Polka
Dot Parti. Owned by Barbara Krzewicki* & Michel
Seid. Bred by Joe Taylor.

CH Woodrose's Causin' A Commotion (D) CH
Razzle Dazzle Hat Dance x Woodrose's Jenni.
Owned by Clarice M Oganeku* & Yvette H Oganeku*.
Bred by Clarice M Oganeku* & Yvette H Oganeku*.

New Champions Continued

Health & Genetics



Mary Allan, Guest Writer

Part One - *The Vocabulary* may be found in the Sept/Oct 2008 Pom Review

PART TWO - THE MECHANICS

In 1866 Gregor Johann Mendel, the abbot of a Brunn (now in Czechoslovakia) monastery, published the results of eight years of careful experimentation. He had crossed and back-crossed several distinct varieties of garden peas and discovered that several characteristics were inherited independently of each other and in specific ratios. The scientific world resoundingly ignored these revelations.

In 1900 three scientists, two German, one Dutch (the famous Hugo de Vries) - working separately - rediscovered them. Mendel's Laws have been the geneticist's guiding light ever since.

In this part the "nuts and bolts" of inheritance will be explored: the way in which the different alleles combine to produce a unique individual. In part one it was noted that normal body cells are formed by a duplication process called mitosis, in which the genetic material is copied exactly. It was also noted that the sperm and ova undergo a process called meiosis, whereby the genes are halved. During this reduction process one allele from each gene pair is donated to the gamete. If the individual is homozygous for a trait, only that one form of the trait can be passed on to the ensuing offspring. But what if the organism is heterozygous? In this case, one half of the offspring will inherit the dominant allele, whilst the other half will receive the recessive one.

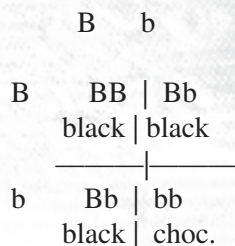
Checkerboard diagrams

These give quick and easy demonstrations of the ratios expected from projected breedings. They are fine if only a very few traits are being considered. Suppose we want to find out what would happen if we bred "Midnight" a homozygous black male (BB), to "Cocoa" a homozygous chocolate bitch (bb)?

	Midnight	
	B	B
b	Bb	Bb
Cocoa	black	black
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b	Bb	Bb
	black	black

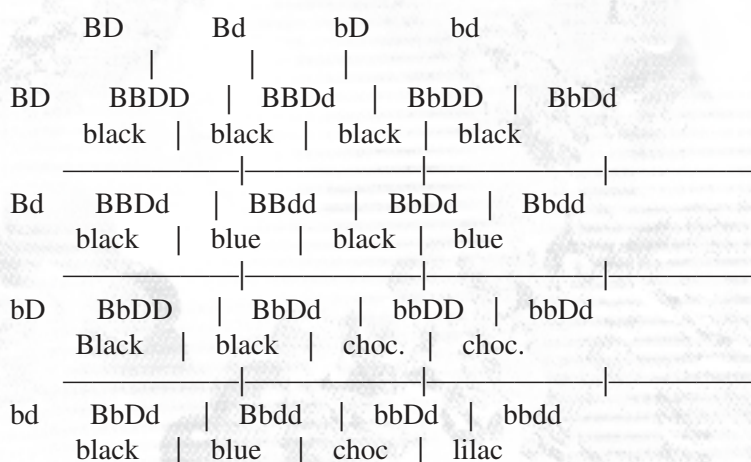
Because B is dominant to b, all the puppies will be black. They are all heterozygous for the chocolate gene, though.

Now what if we decided to do a full brother-sister breeding from this litter? This is called a "backcross".



Statistically, this litter would consist of three black to one chocolate. The homozygous black (BB) will breed true for that color. The heterozygous blacks will not: it will depend on which of the alleles each offspring receives. Likewise the chocolate, if bred to another chocolate, will breed true. However, if bred to a dog carrying the B allele, the recessive b would be masked.

Lets try adding a new trait to the diagram. The depth of color is controlled by a gene D. The dilute colors - blue, lilac (pale beige - seen in the Weimeraner) are the result of the recessive d. The double-heterozygote BbDd will be black. If we bred two of these individuals, what could we expect*?



We get 9 blacks, 3 chocolates, 3 blues and 1 lilac. These are the expected ratios for random combination of two heterozygous traits. We could add another trait (try Ll the short/long hair gene) There are 64 possible combinations of these alleles, assuming heterozygosity of both parents and totally random combinations*:

# animals	Phenotype	Genotype
27	black short hair	B-D-L-
9	black long hair	B-D-l
9	blue short hair	B-ddL-
9	chocolate short hair	bbD-L-
3	blue long hair	B-ddll
3	chocolate long hair	bbD-l
3	lilac short hair	bbddL-
1	lilac long hair	bbddll

Some alleles have more than just one alternative. These alternatives are called multiple alleles or allelic series. An example was seen in part one, when discussing the S series. Note that only two alleles can be inherited for any one gene, no matter how many alleles are in the series.

Each gene is acquired in a random fashion, independent of any other gene. This is "Mendel's Law of Independent Assortment" in action. There is an exception to this. Gene linkage is the tendency for two or more traits to be transmitted together, due to their genes being located close together on the same chromosome.

* taken from Robinson, Roy (1982) Genetics for Dog Breeders, Pergamon Press, Oxford, England.

PART THREE - COAT COLOR

In part one we learned the language of genetics. Part two showed how allelic combinations can affect phenotype. In this part genetic components of coat color will be explored. This will give a feel for manipulating several genes at one time, and act as a guide for those of us interested in the rare or exotic colors. Different workers have differing views on some of the coat color components. The alleles and series presented here are the ones readily accepted by most, and are largely taken from:

Little, C.C., (1957) Inheritance of Coat Color in Dogs, Cornell University Press.

Onstott, Kyle; Revised by Onstott, Phillip, (1962) The New Art of Breeding Better Dogs, Howell Book House

Robinson, Roy (1982) Genetics for Dog Breeders, Pergamon Press

The "A" Series

Five alleles are postulated for the A series:

- Aw wild type black banded hairs
- a^y Fawn, clear sable, or yellow
- a^{sa} Saddle pattern
- a^t Tan pattern
- a recessive black

The a^y allele is responsible for the red to yellow spectrum. This can be a clear color, but dark or black-tipped hairs are often found in the coat of these individuals. When many of these hairs are present, sable is produced. The number of black hairs or degree of sabbling is controlled by polygenes that are inherited independently of a^y.

The true agouti, aw, is not generally found in dogs - perhaps by chance, or perhaps ancient breeders, needing their domestic dogs to be easily distinguished from wild dogs and wolves, bred it out.

The saddle pattern, a^{sa}, is responsible for the dark shading over the back and sides of, for example, the Airedale Terrier. The extent of the pattern is variable.

The a^t gene is responsible for the tan "points" found in, for example, the Rottweiler.

The "B" Alleles

There are two "B" alleles. Dominant B allows the production of black pigment in the coat and on the lips, nose, eye rims and pads.

Recessive b provides chocolate coloration in these areas.

The "C" Series

There is some controversy over the number and nomenclature of these alleles. The following is a "composite view".

- C Allows melanin to be formed
- c^{ch} Chinchilla - reduces red/tan pigmentation
- c^d White coat, black nose, dark eyes (disputed by Little)
- c^b Cornaz (pale greyish) coat and blue eyes
- c Albino - white coat, pink nose and eyes (Little - c^a)

The C allele allows full expression of color, and it appears that many breeds are CC.

c^{ch} acts mostly on the red/yellow spectrum, reducing these colors. In combination with the "a" (agouti, "wild-color") a very grey pattern, as seen in the Chinchilla is seen - hence the name.

c^d is disputed by Little - he says that a white coated, dark pigmented animal can be produced by c^{ch} acting on a^y or ee (see later) individuals.

c^b, the Cornaz dilution, is very rare. It was studied in Pekinese and Pomeranians by Pearson and Usher (1929), but as the coloration is considered a fault it has been bred against, and presumably reduced considerably in the general population.

c, complete albinism, is very rare in the dog.

The "D" Alleles

There are only two alleles:

D causes intense pigmentation, as determined by other color genes. d, if homozygous, causes dilution of that color. The degree of dilution is determined by modifying genes. This is a gene which can cause black to dilute to blue.

The "E" Series

Causes extension or restriction of dark pigment in the coat.

- E^m Extension of pigment with dark mask
- E Extension of pigment without dark mask
- e Restriction of dark pigment

These alleles affect dark pigment rather than red/tan. Both E^m and E allow dark pigment to be formed. These also allow dark lips, eye rims, noses and pads, and dark eyes.

The restrictive allele e does not permit black pigment to be formed, even in animals that carry the black-forming gene B. These ee animals will be a clear red, orange or yellow.

The "K" Series

Dominant black. Overrides the "A" agouti locus

Dominant Black (K^B)

Brindle (k^{br})

k^y/k^y

One K^B gene will override the agouti locus information to produce a black dog.

k^{br} permits black pigment to form in layers through tan, to give the striped effect seen in Boxers and Great Danes. If present with E^m or E, e^{br} will give the brindle effect in the tan areas. To have a brindle phenotype, a dog must have one E^m, in which case it will be a brindle with a melanistic mask; or one E allele, in which case it will be brindle with no mask.

Dogs which have two recessive alleles (k^y/k^y) can express a variety of phenotypes. All black-and-tan dogs or dogs with tan points are k^y/k^y. All fawn or sable dogs are k^y/k^y, whether they have a melanistic mask or not. Red dogs that have an e/e genotype however, could be any genotype at the K locus.

This allele is named k^y because it allows yellow or phaeomelanin pigment to show. Where it shows depends on the alleles at the agouti locus.

The G Alleles

There are two G alleles. The dominant G causes a progressive greying of the black portion of the coat till it becomes slate grey or blue-grey. It appears in breeds such as the Yorkshire Terrier and the Kerry Blue Terrier. The gg individuals remain black.

GG or Gg dogs are born black. It seems that those animals that are blue due to the dd dilution are slate-blue at birth.

The M Alleles

There are two M alleles - M and m. Black pigment seems to be more affected by this gene than tan.

The dominant M, if homozygous, causes an almost-all-white animal that has a tendency towards sight and hearing defects.

Heterozygosity, Mm, causes merling (dappling) as seen in the Shetland Sheepdog and other breeds.

Homozygous mm individuals show colors as determined by genes at other loci (areas).

The P Alleles

There are two alleles, P and p, proposed by Little, but not generally agreed on by other workers. He suggests that P affects depth of pigment whilst p reduces black and brown pigment, leaving red/tan unaffected.

The S Series

These alleles are responsible for the amount of white marking appearing in the coat.

S Self-color, or totally pigmented coat.

sⁱ "Irish Spotting" - small white areas on toes and chest.

s^P Piebald spotting, as seen in Springers, Brittanies.

s^W Extreme-white piebald; only small, if any, pigmented areas.

This is seen in, for example, the white Bull Terrier.

The T and/or R Alleles

There is divided opinion on these. It is suggested that T is responsible for "ticking", or small pigmented areas on a white dog (e.g. the Dalmatian) while R is said to be the "roan" gene, which produces a mixture of colored hairs in a white area (e.g. Pointers, English Setters). The recessives of these alleles, t and r, do not permit ticking or the roan pattern.

Where does that leave us, as breeders? Perhaps the following table might help:

Phenotype	Genotype
Black.....	A- B- C- D- E- S- K ^B -
Chocolate.....	A- bb C- D- E- S- K ^B -
Clear red/orange.....	A- B- C- D- ee S- K-
.....OR.....	a ^y - B- C- D- E- S- k ^y /k ^y
.....OR.....	a ^y - B- C- D- ee S- K ^B k ^y
Sable; red/orange, dk hair/saddle...	a ^y /a ^{sa} - B- C- D- E- S- k ^y k ^y
.....with mask.....	a ^y /a ^{sa} - B- C- D- E ^m - S- k ^y k ^y
Cream (black pigment).....	A ^S - B- c ^{ch} - D- ee S- K-
.....OR.....	A ^S - B- c ^d c ^d - D- ee S- K-
.....OR.....	a ^y - B- c ^{ch/d} - D- ee S- K-
Blue.....	A- B- C- dd E- S- K ^b -
Lilac (beige).....	A- bb C- dd E- S- k ^y k ^y
.....OR.....	A- bb C- dd ee S- K- or k-
.....OR.....	a- bb C- dd ee S- K ^b -or k ^y -
Beaver (beige, choc. sabling).....	a ^y - bb C- D- E- S- k ^y k ^y
Wolf Sable (grey, black sabling)....	a ^y - B- c ^{ch/d} - D- E- S- k ^y k ^y
Black/tan.....	a ^t a ^t - B- C- D- E- S- k ^y k ^y
Chocolate/tan.....	a ^t a ^t - bb C- D- E- S- k ^y k ^y
Black/white Parti-color.....	A- B- C- D- E- S ^P - K ^b -
Chocolate/White Parti-color.....	A- bb C- D- E- S ^P - K ^b -
Red/white Parti.....	A- B- C- D- ee S ^P - K ^b - or k ^y k ^y
Brindle.....	a ^y - B- C- D- E- S- K ^{br} k ^{br}

Note: By convention, the most dominant allele is written first and is capitalized.

The ee colors will frequently look "cleaner" than their E-counterparts, due to the lack of darker hairs. The c^{ch}- wolf sable is more likely to be pale cream sable than the c^dc^d wolf sable. (This last is my opinion only!!).

Now get out those pedigrees you've been hoarding "in case they come in useful", and practice working out color genotypes.

Part Four Continued in the Jan/Feb 2009 Pom Review.

APC Judges' Education

Greetings to all Pom fanciers! These are interesting times at AKC with a committee actively pursuing the reorganization of the existing seven Groups into a proposed 10 Groups. Initial recommendations were presented to the AKC Delegates at their last meeting, and as I am not sure if you will get a report on this elsewhere I am going to make it the topic of my article.

As all of you know who have attended one of my Pomeranian Seminars (Judges Education, or Mentor) I spend a substantial amount of time discussing the relationship of the Pomeranian to its family of origin. The family is known by many names including Northern Breeds, Spitz Breeds and Arctic Breeds. Most of the breeds in this family share a common "make and shape" and general appearance. Along with the Pomeranian these include the Keeshonden, American Eskimo, Finnish Spitz, Alaskan Malamute, Samoyed, Akita, Schipperke Shiba Inu and Norwegian Elkhound. Others are less obvious because of selective breeding to produce a unique look, such as the Shar Pei, Chow Chow and Siberian Husky.

The general traits that are shared by most of the Spitz breeds are:

- Square to Off-Square Body Proportions
- Small, High-Set Prick Ears
- Wedge-Shaped Head, with varying proportions of Muzzle to Skull length
- High-Set Plumed Tail, most carried over the back
- Profuse Double Coat; most with Mane, Pants & Tail Plume
- Cobby Build; Good Substance; Strong Bone

The placement of the Pomeranian is still under discussion by the AKC Committee. It looks like it will either stay in the Toy Group, or move to the Northern Breeds Group. I would like to see it move to the Northern Breeds group, and have made that personal recommendation to the committee. I have asked an APC Board member whether the AKC has asked for an



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opinion yet from APC, and was told that the board has not yet been consulted.

Poms have been a member of the Northern/Spitz group in Europe and other FCI countries for decades, and have competed very successfully against its larger brethren. Size amongst its competitors does not need to be a concern, although I have heard it voiced. Consider the existing Hound group where the Miniature Dachshund has competed against the Irish Wolfhound and other large breeds with great success, and the Terriers where size ranges from the Airedale down to the Norwich. Initial reports are that the Italian Greyhounds are going to move to the new Sighthound Group, where they will be the smallest. At any rate, this all provides great food for thought. By the time you read this the APC Board will probably be involved in the discussion.

Following are the breeds that are included in the first draft of the new Northern Breeds Group in the AKC Committee proposal, as presented to the Delegates Meeting:

Akita
Alaskan Malamute
American Eskimo Dog
Chinese Shar-Pei
Chow Chow
Finnish Spitz

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Icelandic Sheepdog (Miscellaneous status 7/1/08)

Keeshond

Norwegian Buhund (Miscellaneous status 1/1/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09)

Norwegian Lundehund (Miscellaneous status 7/1/08)

Norwegian Elkhound

Samoyed

Siberian Husky

Schipperke

Shiba Inu

Swedish Vallhund

There are a number of other breeds that are part of this family, and compete in other parts of the world. Included are the "German Spitz" breeds that were presented in the September/October issue of the Pomeranian Review by the Spanish Club Español del Spitz Aleman. They are known in Europe as Zwergspitz, Kleinspitz and Mittlespitz. The smallest of these is the equivalent of the Pomeranian, and the other two are larger sizes ranging up to the American Eskimo sizes with multiple colors allowed. In Australia these compete as German Spitz. We could also eventually see the Chinese Foo Dog, the Canadian Eskimo Dog, and a number of Asian breeds (Hokkaido Dog, Kai Dog, Kishu Dog, Shikoku Dog, and the Korean Jindo Dog).

The 10 new Groups that are proposed are:

1. Sporting - Pointers & Setters
2. Sporting - Retrievers & Spaniels
3. Scent Hounds
4. Sight Hounds
5. Working Breeds
6. Terrier Breeds
7. Toy Breeds (including the Pomeranian)
8. Companion Breeds (formerly Non Sporting)
9. Herding Breeds
10. Northern Breeds

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

COMING EVENTS

November 13, 2008 - Pom Club of Greater Baltimore's Regional Specialty. Held in conjunction with the National Capital Kennel Club at Howard County Fair Grounds in West Friendship, MD. For further information contact Paul Gates, destineepoms@hotmail.com

December 13-14, 2008 - AKC/Eukanuba National Championship at the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center. More than 2,000 dogs compete for a total of \$225,000 in prize money and the prestigious Best-in-Show title of National Champion. National titles will also be awarded at the AKC National Agility Invitational and the AKC National Obedience Invitational. Spectators will enjoy the AKC Meet the Breeds® booths. This year, entrants from 52 countries around the globe will also compete in the second annual Eukanuba World Challenge.

March 9, 10 & 11, 2009 - APC National Specialty, Holiday Inn on Hurstbourne, Louisville, Kentucky. Judge Sandra Goose Allen and Sweeps Judge Betsy Owens.

December 12 & 13, 2009 - AKC 125th Anniversary Celebration, Long Beach, California. AKC will waive the invitational format and classes will be offered. Go to www.akc.org for more info.

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AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY

Saturday, September 20th was AKC RDO (Responsible Dog Ownership) Day. Located in lower Manhattan, Madison Square Park was the site and beautiful weather was our fortune.

Our team was comprised of Elaine Wishnow with Great River's Meg Rules Malashel CD, RAE, CGC, TDI and Ch. Suber's Indy Nile D'Malashel RN, CGC, Fran Zozzaro with Zorro's One Hit Wonder (Gino) and Edy Makariw and Dave Tabler with Cases Black and Tannie RN (Annie).



We managed to unpack our material and get our table set up quickly. This was a good thing as we had many visitors before the event opened.

A large number of adults came to our table. Many had Poms with them. In speaking with them, we discovered that a large number were rescues and pet shop dogs. We also had a few from breeders. Many were quite large, either



orange or black, but we also had some interesting colors: blue sable, cream sable and chocolate and tan, to name a few. Everyone took pride in his or her dogs.

We also had a number of child visitors who sat in one of our chairs



with a Pom in their lap with a look of satisfaction on their faces. It was adorable. Even the youngest, a two

year old, was very gentle with the Poms.

A number of special events took place. There was the 'Parade of the Breeds' to introduce the crowd to the various groups. I used Meg as our representative. She was very popular as there were many Pom people in attendance.

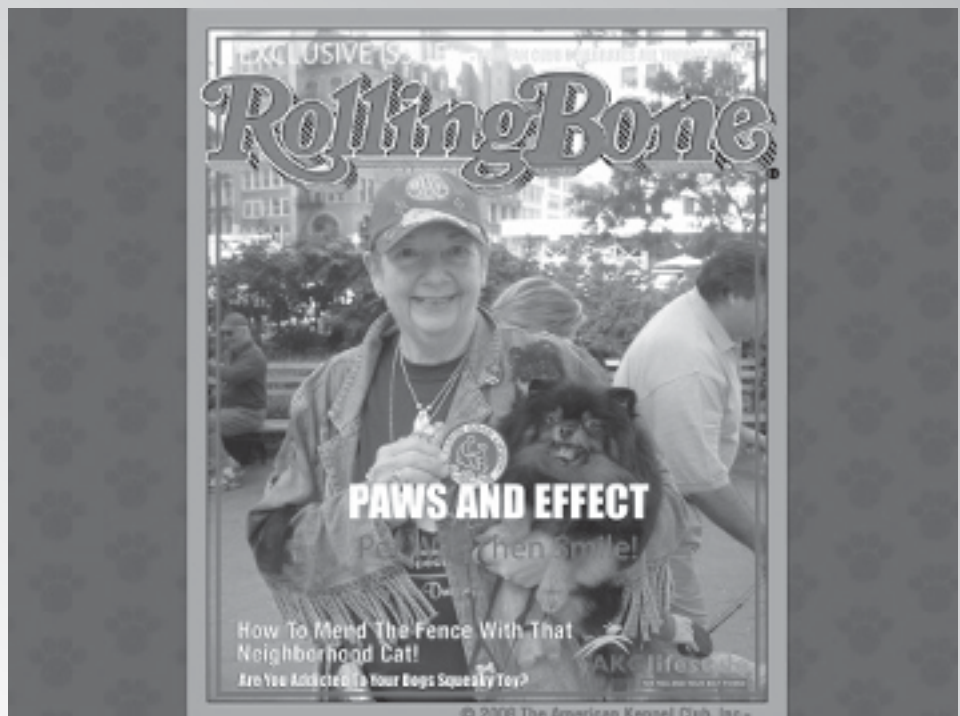
CGC testing was offered free of charge by AKC and provided their patch to all who passed the test. Three Poms took the test and, happily, they all passed. They were: Indy with me, Annie with Edy and Caesar with Lorraine. From there we had pictures taken at the AKC Lifestyle booth. These photos were also provided free gratis as AKC wants everyone to learn about this new group. It is a fan club formed by dog lovers for dog lovers. They have special events, network, and an expert to answer questions. The pictures were then e-mailed to us to be downloaded.

We handed out all of our Pom Reviews (thank you, APC and Brenda) and the information



packets that were printed out.

The event was supposed to end at 3 PM, but we had so many people remaining at our table holding dogs and asking questions, that we stayed until 4:15 PM. The day was well worth the effort because our Poms made a lasting impression on everyone.



Miss Sarie's Story



By Donnita M Ackley

Miss Sarie was found wandering the streets of Fairfax County Virginia in June of 2004. Once picked up by animal control the homeless little waif became a resident of the animal shelter for a few weeks just waiting for me to scoop her up! She was thought to be around 12-14 years old. She was a tiny little girl at only 3.2 pounds. Her eyes were cloudy with cataracts. With just a few sparse teeth her little tongue just wouldn't stay in her mouth. Her biggest issue was a skin condition that caused her to have crusty sores and loss of fur over much of her body. And if all of that wasn't enough, what fur remained was very matted and her toenails were very overgrown. Can you imagine a little girl like her lost out in this big world? I will be forever grateful to the shelter for believing she was adoptable. They gave her the opportunity for another chance even though her age and physical condition could have justified them making a different decision!

Why she ended up on the street is part of her past that will never be known. A tragedy may have occurred or she may have been shoved aside. I don't try to create a story that would just be fiction. But in my heart I believe she was dearly loved at some point before she came to me. She didn't come to me fearful or emotionally damaged in any way. Instead there she was, a little girl with a big spirit, in a huge dog run just waiting to steal my heart! I left the shelter that day with my little pistol butt knowing I had just won the lottery! As tickled as I was I had no idea of how deeply I would fall in love with her and how much she would change my life. When I arrived home with my little prize my teenage children thought I had lost my mind. It happened to be my oldest son's birthday so I pretended that she was his present. He was convinced I had certainly gone mad!

Sarie showed steady improvement over our first year together. Her weight increased to a lard butt size of 4.5 pounds. The initial treatments for her skin included steroids, antibiotics, and allergy medications. Though there was much improvement, the medications did not clear up her skin condition. A few months after she came to live with me she had her first "seizure" episode. These episodes caused her to shake, pant, and at times lose her ability to stand. These episodes were treated with Valium. Their reason is unknown to this day and they are unpredictable. Though these episodes are very rare, I always make sure to carry medications with me. She was also diagnosed with hypothyroidism that is controlled with medication. But all of this isn't much given her age. She is doing very well for the old gal that she is! She plays like a puppy every day, just not as long as a puppy!

Around our 1st anniversary, I started her on high-quality human grade foods and salmon oil. I didn't know such wonderful foods existed. It was an exhaustive search for something to help her skin that led me to their discovery. She also started having weekly baths with an anti-bacterial and anti-fungal shampoo followed by a colloidal oatmeal rinse. The new foods, omega-3 fatty acids, and baths were the magic formula that finally controlled her skin problems. Not once has she been prescribed antibiotics or steroids for her skin since this approach was started! To this day she still needs a weekly bath or her skin starts to act up. But she sure loves the special 10-minute massage and the afterbath frolic that follows the spa treatment.

With her spay history unknown her Vet took a conservative wait and see approach to minimize any trauma to her. As it turned out the trauma was just postponed for a few years. Just a few months before our 3rd anniversary I almost lost her! Upon waking one morning I realized that my little girl was sick. I took her to an emergency clinic thinking she had a urinary tract infection only to be told she required immediate surgery. The diagnosis was pyometra. The only other option I was given was to euthanize her. Though my world had just been blown apart, I knew my choice was "No way, no how, not here"! After calling my vet of 20 plus years he agreed to come in to do the surgery. Not only did she survive under his highly skilled hands but also has thrived to even higher levels of overall health and energy since the surgery. And with the hormones gone her coat has become even more glorious.

From the time Sarie came to live with me we have spent a lot of time out in the public eye. She makes appearances at many dog events and enters every contest she can! Often she wins, but even if she doesn't we have great fun and she charms all that met her. Sometimes we can even be found at dog shows around Pomeranian ring time. With

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SARIE'S BATHTIME



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her being such a little people magnet, she spreads the rescue message everywhere we go. I always take the opportunity to rave about the joys of older dogs. I explain how they are the hardest ones to find homes for but so deserve a home of their own! Puppies are sweet but older dogs rule! We take promotional materials with us on the outings. Sarie has her own special calendars I make every year from the photos I take of her. I carry a stack with me and everyone she meets gets one with her story on the back.

During Sarie's first few years with me I volunteered with a rescue group and Sarie was the mascot. Every

Saturday we could be found at the adoption event talking with the folks that were looking for their new friend. All the rescue volunteers looked forward to Sarie's arrival. It was not uncommon when Sarie and I arrived at adoption events, to hear a chorus of "Hi Sarie!" Good thing I wasn't oversensitive because I wasn't even noticed! The spotlight was always shining directly on her.

But none of this tells of the love between Sarie and me. In July of this year we celebrated our 4th year together. I never dreamed I would have her with me this long. Our every moment together is treasured and we are inseparable! Every morning as I leave for work, I slow myself down to say a very special goodbye to little Sarie. I want to make sure she feels all the love I have for her. I also want the memory with me through the day of this special little girl. And I go right to her when I come home at the end of the day. Most days when I arrive home she is so happy that her bark lifts her little butt off of the floor! Sarie's story will always be told as long as I am able to speak of her! There really is something SPECIAL about Sarie!

Thank you for reading the story of my darling little heart girl.

Donnita and Sarie



SARIE'S 4TH ANNIVERSARY



Barbara McClatchey

PERFORMANCE NEWS AND VIEWS

By Barbara McClatchey

UKC AGILITY

Lois Morkassel wrote a description of some recent UKC Agility trials, and since I never get to see UKC Agility, I was fascinated, and thought others might be also. So here it is pretty much in its entirety:

The last 5 weekends have been show weekends and only one was a home weekend. This past weekend was in Ft. Dodge, IA at an UKC agility and obedience trial. We had an 8-hour trip one way to get there. This was Shimmer's first agility trial.

UKC agility is different from AKC agility in many respects. The equipment is smaller. The jumps can be 3' wide. In AGI (the first level) there are no weave poles and there is a hoop tunnel. This consists of hula-hoops in a frame that is open sided. The dog must travel through the hoops and stay within the frame. If he pops out, he must retry the obstacle. There are 2 retries allowed in AGI. If a dog puts a foot on a contact, or bales off, a fault is called and the dog must retry it and complete the obstacle for it to count. The entries on contacts must be straight on and off. If they are crooked over a side or jumping on the edges of the contact, points are assessed against the score. The course times seem very generous compared to AKC. The handler gets to choose a position for the table, but whatever they call, the dog has to do. So if you say sit and the dog downs, a fault is called and the count doesn't start until the sit is performed. A specific side is marked as the on side for the table and another is for the dog to come off and finish the course.

In AGII, there are 9 weave poles, a pause box (which is a box formed out of 4" PVC pipe that lays on the floor. The performance requirements are the same as the table, except the judge tells the handlers if it is a sit or down in the box.), and a platform jump (which is 2 raised platforms that are 2'x3' with measured distance between them and a jump centered between the platforms. The dog must get on the first platform, sit, jump the bar onto the second platform and sit before coming off to complete the rest of the course.) Each of these obstacles has a line on the floor 2 feet away from the obstacle. The dog must perform the obstacle with the handler on the outside of that 2-foot line.

There is a sway bridge (this has on and off ramps to a slatted wood and rope bridge that the dogs must run up and over without jumping or falling off) and a swing plank, which is a 2'x3' board that is suspended on chains in a frame that can move back and forth, sideways and twist. The dog must place all 4 feet on this obstacle while traveling the length of the 3' plank without falling off or coming off the sides. There is also a six-foot long crawl tunnel that is set at the height the dog jumps, with a fabric over the supports. The dog must crawl under the length of the tunnel without coming out of the open sides and not jump on top of the fabric or frame of the tunnel.

I don't have these pieces of equipment, so I tried to make some obstacles that would have similar features for Shimmer to practice on. Others I tried to find playground equipment that might give her a taste of the skills she would need to negotiate the equipment. Fortunately there was a run thru of the equipment the night before, so I got a chance to put Shimmer over the new equipment. I could see her cross an obstacle and just about see her make a connection to the experiences she had at the playgrounds and the equipment that I had made up for her to try. I was thrilled that she seemed to generalize her previous experiences and connect them to the trial equipment.

This UKC trial weekend was set up for 2 trials on Sat and 2 trials on Sunday. To save time, the trials are run concurrently, meaning that the first course is set and walked and run, followed by the course changes needed for the second course at the same level - but this is now trial 2 and it is then walked and run. This is repeated for each of the 3 levels offered.

The first runs of the day were the UAGII courses, the ones with the equipment we don't have. The first run was a mess. Shimmer did listen to me, but we missed equipment and needed several tries to get through the weave poles, which is usually her strong suit. The next run was much better with the only trouble spot being 3 tries to get the weave poles. Dogs are only allowed 1 retry at this level, so it was a second NQ (nonqualifying) run.

Then the third level runs took place.

The next 2 runs were the AGI level and Shimmer did a lovely job of taking cues and working on another club's equipment. She Q'ed (qualified) in both runs with a first and 3rd place.

That evening, I took the girls out to potty them because they were acting weird. When I got outside the hotel, the sirens were going off and there was a tornado about 10 miles to the Northwest. It was very strange because there were patchy clouds overhead, wicked looking clouds to the Southeast and clear sky with the sun shining brightly on the other side of the cloud that the funnel was coming out of. I pottied the girls and took them in. I decided I better film the tornado, or my husband would never forgive me. Eventually the tornado disappeared. It didn't come our direction.

The next morning started with the AGI courses and Shimmer was speedy and accurate. She looked like she was having a lot of fun. All the practice with the start line stays so I could lead out into the course paid off. She earned two more Q's and finished her UAGI title with two first places.

Then the 3rd level courses were run.

They were followed by the AGII courses (the ones with the unusual equipment). The first run was for trial 1 and Shimmer was fast and almost perfect. She was so excited that she jumped off the side of the down ramp on the sway bridge to lose 2 points. She still Q'ed that run to earn her first leg for that title. They did scores and ribbons for that 1st trial and Shimmer's run in AGI was the fastest in the trial with perfect score, so she earned High in Trial over all the other dogs that ran that day in that trial.

Shimmer had one last run and I liked the course. Shimmer was steady on the start line as I lead out. She was just about vibrating in place, but didn't move until I called her. Then she was off like a flash over the log jump, I rotated into her travel path and she turned on a dime onto the swing plank and flew across it to clear a bar jump and a flower jump with a collection to nail the weave pole entry and stick them all the way through. Then on to the crawl tunnel at full speed where she dropped and crawled at running speed to

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emerge and clear the panel jump, curve into the tire jump and run up and over the sway bridge, fly over the bar jump while watching for my cue that she needed to double back and get on the platform jump and sit, then jump the bar to land and sit on the next platform. Then it was straight ahead to the picket fence jump while reading my cue that she needed to arc her path to the tire jump again and once more over the sway bridge and to fly to the bar jump and clear the last log jump. I knew we were clean and fast. Shimmer took first in her class. This was her 2nd Q in AGII and she only needs one more to finish her title.

I was floored when the judge handed out the ribbons to find that Shimmer not only took first, but again took High In Trial in the second trial with her run in AGII. When the Judge presented the rosette and trophy for the HIT, she made a point to note that Shimmer had run the course 52 seconds under course time!!!

Looking back over the past 23 days, on July 19th - Flitter finished her AKC CDX (2nd level Obedience title), on July 26th - Iri finished her AKC MX (3rd level agility title) and on August 10th Shimmer earned her UKC UAGI (first level agility title) with 2 HIT's on her first show weekend. What a SUMMER!

The 8-hour drive back from Ft. Dodge didn't seem like 8 hours.

But just to make sure we didn't get too big for our britches, in class this week: Shimmer couldn't find the tunnel in front of her because a door was open where she had never seen one before, so she had to go to that instead of the tunnel. And just to be totally in sync as a team, I didn't remember that there were 4 more obstacles to complete the course after the closed tunnel. Oh well, we have until mid-October to get back to earth and run for our first AKC agility trial.

Thank you, Lois—a great report!

TOY BREEDS AND THE GROUP EXERCISES

The following letter was written to The Pomeranian Review by Roberta Mallott, with the express approval and on behalf of the Pomeranian Club of Ontario and the Pomeranian Club of Canada. The background for the letter is an incident that horrified the Obedience world that took place last summer involving a Pom. The dog was in Open B doing the Group Down, when a Dalmatian that had competed with this dog numerous times suddenly went into attack mode. The Pom ran, and the running set off prey drive in all the dogs. The owners were preparing to return to their dogs, so were in the ring, and the Pom's owner stood at the gate and was able to catch his frantic dog. The Pom required some pretty extensive surgery.

Roberta writes:

It is with great concern that I write this letter. Canine obedience is a sport where one forms a bond with their dog. A bond that should not be endangered each and every time one enters the obedience ring for competition.

Small dogs are put in serious danger, with death being very possible, while performing the group "stay" exercises. We do not feel this is an individual dog problem, as most times it is a small dog that is performing well, minding his/her own business, that is the victim of another dog that for some reason goes into attack mode. Should this other dog be a larger breed, the small dog stands to either be seriously injured or killed.

While we feel the “stay” exercises are of utmost importance at both the novice and open levels, there must be some way of having the dogs perform these exercises in a safe environment. It would not be necessary to completely revamp the exercises; I am suggesting various ways safety could be addressed.

- 1. Division of the novice and open classes by height – up to 16” and over 16”*
- 2. An “honour” down or sit*
- 3. A “moving” down or sit or variations of this exercise*

Division of the classes would not entirely delete the problem; it would certainly minimize the injuries inflicted.

Reading from the obedience rulebook, the purpose of obedience trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the purebred dog as a companion of man, not merely the dog’s ability to follow specified routines. Obedience trials are a sport and all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both inside and outside the ring. I would like to think that good sportsmanship includes being able to enter an obedience ring knowing my little dog can do so in safety.

Many small dog owners refuse to participate in this fun sport because of the safety concerns. This problem seems to be growing in attacks, some dogs are not ready for the ring and their temperaments are becoming a problem. Should one of these dogs be put beside a small dog, it is an accident waiting to happen.

When Brenda sent me the letter, I asked permission and then forwarded it to Pat Krause, an APC member whom many of you know, and formerly head of the Companion Events Department at the AKC. This is her response:

I appreciate the concern pointed out in Roberta’s letter. I showed DinaMite (my Pom) for many years and, yes, I was concerned about her safety on the group exercises, as I am for any of my dogs regardless of the breed or size of the dog—that is human nature, as I am also concerned about stray dogs coming into my yard, cars on the street, jumping off the bed, passing another dog at a dog show, getting stung by a bee, etc. etc .etc.

It is my belief that too many dogs are entered in dog shows (not just obedience trials) without being properly trained. Years ago, a dog was not entered in a trial until the dog was trained to stay in the position it was left and the exhibitor was positive (and I mean positive) that the dog would not move—we just didn’t have problems. In my opinion, too little effort is going into training a dog before it is entered in an obedience trial and there is not enough proofing to determine if the dog is ready to be left in a ring with other dogs.

Regarding Roberta’s suggestions for various ways safety could be addressed:

**Division of the novice and open classes by height - up to 16" and over 16". Again, in my opinion, while it might make the handlers a bit relieved, it does not address the problem of poorly trained dogs. Not all of the problems on the group exercises are large dog/small dog. Any size dog can have a “stay” problem and small dogs can be nasty too, but if that change made the small dog owners happy, I would not be opposed to the change.*

**An “honor” down or sit or a/”moving” down or sit. I am not in favor of either of these substitutions for the group exercise and would be extremely disappointed if either was implemented. My biggest disappointment was when they changed the rally regulations so a dog that does not stay on the honor*

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exercise can still qualify—wonderful, now on to obedience where they can disrupt the novice group exercise, no longer on leash.

The potential of a dog attack is never going to go away—there will always be the chance one dog may decide they do not like another dog. This happens in everyday life, not only at a dog show, and many, many more “incidents” occur outside the ring at an all breed dog show than occur inside the ring at an obedience trial, but we still take our dogs to the dog show, don’t we? And yet, small breed dog owners will take their dogs to a dog show and subject them to attack, but will not enter them in an obedience trial where the chance of attack is much less.

Last weekend, I excused a dog while it was entering the ring for the group exercise because I heard a growl; in the next group I excused a Sighthound that looked (and postured) like it was going to eat the Dobe next to him because the Dobe whined a couple of times. No question in my mind that we were going to have a problem and in both cases, the dogs “appeared to be dangerous”. In closing, the answer to the problem is better-trained dogs—this is the sport of obedience. Ten dogs should be able to be placed four feet apart and be obedient for 1- 5 minutes - not too much to ask if they are properly trained—and they deserve to be better trained.

Roberta should know that AKC is in the process of compiling group exercise “incident” reports for a 12-month period from all judges. After the mandatory reporting is completed, the results of this study should be released for public knowledge. (I hope.) Until then, it doesn’t appear there will be any change to the current group exercise.

Like everyone else, when this incident occurred, I was horrified. But I did seek out the facts from the owner of the Pom and from a judge who was present and witnessed the attack. There was no provocation on the part of the Pom, which was lying there apparently “sleeping it off”, a position I love to see on the Long Down, since it means the dog won’t move until I return. The Dal and the Pom had been in multiple group exercises together previously with no problem.

A suggestion not mentioned by Pat Krause, and one I would favor, would be to change the regulations to put the dogs into the catalog by jump height order. This might not solve all problems. (In this particular class, there was only one other Toy dog, and the next size up was a Border Collie.) I think this might be a better solution than the Division suggestion, which might provoke a desire for multiple placements, as happens in Agility Divisions. Unfortunately, although this is an option in the new regulations (which will probably be passed by the board before this is published) for classes with a jump, it is not required; neither is it an option for Novice. Since the attack occurred *while the owners were in the ring*, there is no reason to indicate that it might not have also occurred during a Novice group exercise. And in fact, Novice dogs being the least well-trained and experienced, it would appear to be more likely there. I can remember numerous times when Novice dogs have wandered, including my third time in Novice A when my Pom was “investigated”—twice—by a Siberian Husky.

The group exercises seem to be the most popular ones with the general public visiting a show, who of course cannot get their own dogs to stay in place. It is a difficult question: is there more danger to a dog doing a group exercise in an obedience ring, or in walking down the street on leash? One of our adoptors had a Pom previously that was walking on leash and killed by a Doberman that came charging out the door of the house. Should we then not walk our dogs anywhere? I’m not sure of the solution. But the “impressiveness” of the group exercises, in itself, should not be a reason, in my opinion, to retain it as is. And I’m not sure that saying, “The dogs should be better trained” will make that happen.

TITLES, WE GOT TITLES!

Companion Dog

Jill's Princess Tiger Lilly CD RN, Jill & Jack Rodgers, 7/26/2008

Companion Dog Excellent

Pom Acres Atomic Dragonfly CDX RAE NA OAJ MXP MJP, Lois Fae Morkassel, 7/19/2008

Rally Novice

Carleez Command Performance RN NAJ, Pamela & Audrey Cunningham, 7/27/2008

Cases Strike While She's Hot RN, Edy Makariw & Susan Lucatorto, 7/11/2008

Wanna Be A Morning Glory RN, Robin Botelho, 8/15/2008

Wicket RN, Julie Hunt, 8/17/2008, *ILP*

Rally Advanced

CH Extane Haleigh's Fire Dream CD RA NA NAJ, Crystal Brown, 7/19/2008

Goldchip's One In A Million CD RA, Rae LaPotin, 7/12/2008

Sundown's My Trend Is Janesa CD RA, Rochelle C Fugate, 7/20/2008

Mustangs Diamond Jim Brady RA, Marla Brady, 8/16/2008

Rally Excellent

Hermes RE NAP NJP, Laverne Havelka, 8/24/2008, *ILP*

Street Fighting Man CD RE NA NAJ NF, Marcia Messina, Anita L Platt, 8/31/2008

Rally Advanced Excellent

Malashel's Incredibly Irresistible CD RAE, Elaine Wishnow, 8/29/2008

Open Agility

Twintiers Thief Of Hearts OA OAJ, Sue Peterson, 7/5/2008, *ILP*

Ziggy Zero Gravity OA NAJ, Cheryl Truskowski, 7/20/2008, *ILP*

Agility Excellent

*Twintiers Thief Of Hearts AX AXJ NF, Sue Peterson, 8/31/2008, *ILP*

Master Agility Excellent

Pomacres Iridescent Dragnfly RE MX MXJ, Lois Fae Morkassel, 7/26/2008

Novice Agility Jumper

Witt-Elle's Shoot To Thrill NAJ, Laurie Otis & Carol Leemhuis, 8/8/2008

Open Agility Jumper

Apaws Never Never OA OAJ NF, Susie Zemo Letchworth, 7/5/2008

Princess Wanna Be OA OAJ, Andrew Yokas, 8/22/2008, *ILP*

Open Agility Jumper Preferred

Pom-Pei's Nikita's Wish NAJ OJP, by Pat Varo, 7/19/2008

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Excellent Agility Jumper

Twintiers Thief Of Hearts OA AXJ, Sue Peterson, 7/6/2008, **ILP**
Woodard's Blackjack OA AXJ, Darcey Woodard, 7/27/2008

Excellent Agility Jumper Preferred

Vip-Odyssey Buttons Lil Beau NA OAJ AXP AJP, Kathy Flesner, 7/19/2008

Master Excellent Jumper

CH Carleez Boom Boom Boom AX MXJ, Janice & George Smith, 7/13/2008
Mocha Pickerill MXJ NF, Judy & Stephanie Pickerill, 7/13/2008, **ILP**

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred

Finch's Whirling Dervish CD RE AXJ MJP, Paula Kerezsi, 7/26/2008

Agility FAST Novice

Cheri's Lil Swee' Pea MX MXJ NF, Gena Zglinski, 7/18/2008
MACH2 Finch's Peach Melba Delight NF, Karl & Judith Seiter, 7/20/2008
Street Fighting Man CD RA NA NAJ NF, Marcia Messina, 7/19/2008
Twintiers Thief Of Hearts OA AXJ NF, Sue Peterson, 7/27/2008, **ILP**

Agility FAST Excellent

Sparky The Charming Boy CD MX MXJ XF, Mary Sundholm, 8/30/2008, **ILP**

Master Agility Champion

+MACH Cheris Bad Boy Brutus, Michael Zglinski, 7/13/2008
+MACH Pepe, Leslie Smith, 8/23/2008, ILP

Master Agility Champion 3

MACH3 Bebe Luc Doyon CD NF, Guylaine Doyon, 8/17/2008, **ILP**

Master Agility Champion 8

MACH8 Little Polly Party Girl, Betsy Ryba, 7/20/2008
MACH8 Bouncin Bundle Of Bear CDX RE NF, Shirley Michaels, 8/1/2008

American Pomeranian Club members are listed in bold print. Only APC members (for at least one year) are eligible for annual awards. These awards include Top Obedience Pom, Top Agility Pom, Top Flyball Pom, etc., and they must be applied for by the owner.

* Now eligible for the APC Hall of Fame

+ Now eligible for the APC Gold Club

The Hall of Fame and Gold Club are Historical Awards available to any Pomeranian, but the owner must apply for them. To read about the requirements (only some of which are based on titles) for these awards, go to www.americanpomeranianclub.org . Eligible Poms are enrolled as HOF or GC in the records of the American Pomeranian Club, and their names are listed on the APC website.

ILP or **PAL** dogs are usually rescues.

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FINGH & APHRODITE SWEET TABOO

Sent in by Linda DeCicco



Santa Pom from Elaine Wisnow.



Star nursing her precious babies.
Shared by Olga Baker



Pom (3) fun times
by Gladys Atilano
from New York.
Thanks for sharing!



Rudolph Pom Pom from Elaine Wisnow.

Junior JIVE



Jenna McMullins and JR

Jenna McMullins

Jenna and JR, The J-TEAM

It all started when my mom brought home the new baby. I was 7 years old and I was so excited about our new puppy. She had pretty brown eyes, and was so small! My love for any other creature went right out the door. It was hard work to keep up with all her needs, but she was partially my responsibility and I didn't want to let her down. Our family named her Payton. My mom thought Payton was all hers. Boy was she wrong! Although she loves my mom, I have a connection with her that no one else has. Oh, did I mention that Payton is my Shetland Sheepdog? I know this is the Pomeranian Review, but Payton is the reason for my love of dogs, and she is the reason for my desire to show dogs. She is the one who started it all!

My name is Jenna McMullins, and I am 13 years old. I show the cutest little Pomeranian named JR, Kissami's Junior Attraction, for our friend Paula Ohlemacher, Star Dreamers Pomeranians. But I started long before that. When we first got Payton, back in 2002, I decided to go into Dog 4-H. I thought it would be a lot of fun to train my dog and to work together. We looked for local clubs, and found 4-Paws. Since 2004, I have been going strong in 4-H, winning three Overall Grand Champions in Showmanship and one Reserve Grand Championship in Rally. Getting that far took a LOT of hard work. Payton was pretty easy to train in the beginning, but boy is she really smart! I have been showing her for four years now and it's really hard to show her in obedience anymore. She has figured out that she does not get any treats in the ring and she doesn't want to perform. It's been frustrating to find ways to motivate her!

Showmanship is much easier. Payton is a great showman and the treats are a big plus! Every Tuesday and Thursday, we go to practice at our local fairgrounds in Castle Rock, Colorado. For two hours (if I can handle going that long) our club works in Obedience, Rally, and Showmanship. Our leader, Mary Parenti, got my mom and I into the local Shetland Sheepdog club, which got us started showing in AKC. I started showing in Juniors as soon as my age allowed me to and loved it. I worked so hard to get to the Open Classes and it took



me 6 shows. So I was so excited when I did. After showing in Open for a little over two years, though, I realized that 4-H Showmanship was much more fun than AKC, so I settled into showing in 4-H. Occasionally, I would show someone's Sheltie in the breed ring and sometimes my mom's Sheltie Hal.

While going to 4H classes, we would stay later for the conformation class that my 4H leader was also teaching. That is where we met Paula. This last summer, she was looking for a junior to handle one of her Poms. I was eager to do some showing over the summer, and thought that learning to handle a Pom would be really fun! When I first saw JR, I thought he was one of the cutest little dogs on the planet. He has been staying with my family and me for about three months and he sure is a character. At first, it was frustrating working with him; he needed some training in learning how to stand still for longer than two seconds and stacking on the table, he is just so happy all the time. It also is taking me time to adjust to showing a different breed. I've had to slow way down, because Shelties move out a bit faster! But it is getting much easier to show him.

Our first show was at the Colorado Springs Kennel Club and was pretty good. The first day was a nail biter; I was so nervous that I would mess up. Then, it ended up being a good day, even though he got second and RWD. The second day was a little more fulfilling; we got first and RWD again. JR and I received his first point at the Longmont Kennel Club dog show by going Best of Breed over a special. I was a basket case in the group ring because I had never been in the group ring before. In the short period that JR and I have been showing, he now has four points towards his AKC Championship title. Showing JR has been such a great experience and a lot of fun and we can't wait until our next show.

I would like to thank the Pomeranian Review for asking us to do the Junior Handler article in their magazine. I would also like to thank Paula for giving me the opportunity to show JR in the Pomeranian conformation ring. See you in the ring!



ARE YOU & YOUR DOG RING READY?

So you want to show your dog? Should you hire a handler? Perhaps you prefer to show the dog yourself. If you do plan to show your own dog, what is required to achieve this purpose? Here are some things to take into consideration.



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BE PREPARED:

1. Are you financially prepared?
2. Have you attended Conformation Classes??
3. Do you understand required grooming techniques?
4. Do you have a proper show lead?
5. Do you own required grooming tools?

Many owners join puppy socialization Classes to prepare their dog for the show environment. This introduces your dog to other unfamiliar breeds. Mentally stimulating, the dog learns what is expected in the show ring. How many of us own “backyard champions”? Stunning in the back yard, once these dogs walk through a ring gate, they either freeze, or melt!

The fact remains, it is easier to bring an over-active dog “down” than to bring a sulky, fearful dog “up”. Watch the pack order in your litters. Whether you agree or not, “ring presence” is the key to success. It explains why some “bad dogs” win and “good” dogs are overlooked.

Perhaps the puppy that draws you is not quite as nice as another. Face it! “ATTITUDE” plays an important part in selection. Dedicated breeders spot this early in a litter. Good dogs do not always win! Many dogs of lesser quality finish quickly! WHY? ATTITUDE!

Often “puppy flyers” fail to reach expected adult potential. Many people feel a dog should be required to pick up the second. major after a year of age to enable all to see the true potential. This is another discussion for another day.

If you must contend with a “flyer” in the ring, wish them luck. Let them finish and get out of the way. Another important fact when showing a dog is picking the right time and the right competition. Weak spots become

available when one does their homework. Puppy bloom and attitude is often fleeting and often is no indication of the dog’s quality at maturity.

Training must start early. Some dogs are born CHAMPIONS! Some dogs are born SPECIALS. A wise person understands the difference.

Many exhibitors feel a handler has an edge when it comes to winning. Perhaps if an owner dedicated 24/7 like many handlers do, the playing field would be more even. Handlers make sure their client dogs are physically and mentally ready.

Do owners attend shows EVERY WEEKEND? Do they hide faults and enhance virtues to increase their chances of winning? Too often, when opportunity presents itself to appear in the Group ring, the inexperienced handler does not show continuously, but visits with others, and are unaware of the picture they present. Unfortunately, that may be the very time the judge is evaluating their dog.

How many “show and go” exhibitors do we see today? How many stick around for Groups and educate themselves? Handlers are successful because they understand the following:

HANDLER RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR DOG

1. Coat and conditioning, required proper trimming for the breed.
2. Muscle tone and proper weight.
3. A mentally sound attitude.
4. Encourage the dog’s natural ability to withstand the rigors of the show ring.
5. Presentation.
6. Understand what judges look for.
7. Willingness to travel to an area where the dog is competitive.
8. Work 24/7 to ensure the client dog is in peak condition.
9. Understand top lines, structure, type, and breed specific movement according to the breed standard.
10. Send ribbons and catalogs in a timely manner.

Why do exhibitors complain dog shows are “political”? More often than not, presentation and selecting proper judges make the difference. The below suggestions will assist owners in becoming more competitive when showing their own dog.

HOME WORK:

1. Watch the presentation of your dog in a mirror.
2. Watch someone else handle your dog in the ring and compare it to the current competition.
3. Make sure the coat is ready and the dog is in good condition, mentally and physically.
4. Determine the gait that best suits your dog.
5. Train your dog to be “up” on command.
6. Go in with a positive attitude.
7. Carry bait your dog responds to. Give the dog a choice of bait.

8. Be at ringside early or on time while determining if your dog needs to relax, or if your dog “burns out” early.

There are “pros and cons” when you hire a handler. Determine the current number of client dogs your handler represents. Realize your dog may NOT be handled “exclusively” if more than one dog of the same breed wins their class, ask what method determines which dog the handler “stays on”. Address mileage and hotel expenses. Have a written contract and address all before signing the contract. This ensures a better relationship.

WHY DO PEOPLE HIRE HANDLERS?

1. Handlers don’t show dogs that “aren’t ready!”
2. They bathe, brush and trim on a daily basis.
3. They road work for muscle tone and ensure proper diets.
4. They clean teeth and trim nails.
5. Handlers emphasize the positive and downplay the negative.
6. Handlers appear ON TIME at the ring with the CORRECT arm band number
7. Handlers DO NOT run up on judges or other exhibitors.
8. Handlers dress as to not distract from the dog.
9. Handlers follow ring instructions.
10. Handlers set dogs up when put on the table.
11. Handlers do not stuff bait into a dog’s mouth during examination of teeth.

CLIENTS PAY HANDLERS WELL FOR THEIR EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE. Up front, it may be cheaper to hire a handler as they go farther and more often.

UP FRONT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Be prepared to pay your bills on time.
2. Have an understanding as to WHO is responsible for entering your dogs in WHAT show.
3. Clarify which dog your handler will remain on when returning for Winners. Be prepared to work your way up the ladder of client preference.
4. Accept your handler’s expertise. Some dogs may be taken directly from a kennel to the ring. Crating is required for others for proper weight gain and coat. Controlled exercise and measured food is required. Will you defer to what your handler feels is best for your dog’s success?

When presenting your own dog, do not underestimate the importance of clean teeth and trimmed nails. Proper conditioning is important. Good owners and handlers know if a dog becomes “used up” early by standing ringside or if the dog needs time to “settle in”.

When presenting your own dog, if you do not win, do NOT jerk or mishandle your dog when returning to the set up. Congratulate the winners and go on down the road. It’s only one person’s opinion on a particular day. Look around at the winners and take notes of the judge’s preferences.

When success avoids you, try another area of the country. Participate in performance to encourage bonding. Judges can only judge what walks into the ring on a specific day. Dogs have bad days, owners have bad days, handlers have bad days, and judges have bad days. The

weather MAY NOT cooperate. That's dog shows!

EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS OF A JUDGE

1. Treat each exhibitor with respect and fairness.
2. Be on time and don't visit ringside.
3. Handle EACH dog gently.
4. Examine each dog thoroughly.
5. Know and apply the standard.
6. Make instructions clear to all
7. Courtesy from both exhibitor and judge is of utmost importance.
8. Judges should enjoy judging the breed...

Judges, depending on their background, may interpret standards differently. Keep records of judges' likes and dislikes. Remember, if all judges "judged alike", there would be no sport.


When drinking from the cup of success, the wine is sweeter! Share your happiness. Encourage and assist others. Dogs bring us new friends and experiences. If you want to show a dog, **YOU MUST LEARN TO ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES.**

There is a learning curve. The smart breeder/exhibitor/handler returns to the ring each time a little wiser and more prepared for the next show. Remember, when the going gets tough, the tough get going!

The essence of success is not having to think up a new idea. One must only improve on the initial ideas of others. Watch successful handlers and copy the details. Avoid their mistakes. This is best learned from watching top handlers in the ring.

Often a top handler is viewed as an "overnight success". Truth be told, it is an accumulation of many years of dedication, effort, heartbreak and perseverance. They are simply someone who refuses to give up in the face of ill-fortune. They choose to make a difference.

Anything easily achieved has little lasting value. Many top people in our sport show undeniable courage, understanding, determination, and an instinct for success. Adversity breeds strength. Those passionate about our sport of dogs will embrace the journey. 🐾




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IN LOVING MEMORY



PATRICIA JO GRIFFIN

MAY 19, 1945 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

MERRYMONT KENNELS

By Ken Griffith

After a six-months battle with pancreatic cancer Patty died on Sept. 24, 2008. A memorial service was held in the chapel of Forsyth Memorial Park. Her Hospice chaplain was in charge and a fair number of close friends attended. Eleanor and I were able to attend as were other close friends such as her childhood friend Brenda Kelly and her family and John Woodring, her dear friend and handler.

I think one word comes to my mind in thinking about Patty and that is unique. Certainly in every way possible she was a unique person: unique in the way she approached life, made and kept friends, was able to talk with people, kept her house, and you could go on and on. I think the most unique aspect of her life was her uncanny ability to produce show Pomeranians.

Approximately 25 years ago I met Patty when she visited us to purchase a puppy. She also got stock from Great Elms, Apple Poms, Cedarwood Poms and Mrs. Coble. These bloodlines intertwined with each other. Patty was able to take those same lines and create her own individual look of most exceptional quality. She quickly made many champions. As far as I know she only kept four or five brood matrons. One of her broods was Merrymont Cameo Keepsake, the mother of multiple champions. Her most famous pom was Ch. Merrymont Sat'rday Nite Fever who sired over 20 champions, I believe. Even with Patty showing him he was winning groups as a very young puppy. Most of Fever's champions were bred



CH. MERRYMONT SAT'RDAY NITE FEVER

by Patty. Fever had the ability to produce excellent black and tans. His red champion grandsire was in a litter of two black and tans. Neither parent was black and tan but after this chance happening the black and tan genes were ever present. Patty also showed and loved dearly Saddlebred horses for many years.

About 15 years ago Patty's life took a turn for the worse. Three tragic things happened in a short period of time while she lived in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Patty was so devastated she moved to Fancy Gap, Virginia. She bought several acres and put in a mobile home and later built a nice kennel. She had a small pond out back and she loved it. Once while visiting I needed to use the bathroom. Lo and behold there were about a dozen ducks in her bathtub. She was raising them up to put on the pond.

Patty readily told her friends that she had been diagnosed bipolar, which wreaked havoc with Patty's life. After a couple of years in Fancy Gap she decided to stop breeding Poms because she said her nerves couldn't take the whelping and losing of the puppies. Before she could completely sell out another tragedy struck. Patty was able to recover and went into Corgis and later had a couple of Japanese Chins. Her last love was for the Aussies and she had two beloved pets and show dogs. Two weeks before Patty died she was at our local dog shows showing her Aussies.

Ruth Dotson in California was a dear phone friend. She and Patty talked on the phone every few days for many years. At the last of Ruth's Pom career, Patty got some lovely SunDot Poms.

Eleanor and I will miss Patty dearly. We will miss going up to the mountains and taking her out for lunch, sending her a goodie box each Christmas, hearing all of her unique tales about dog shows and our unique friendship. Life on this Earth was really rough for Patty but I know she is now enjoying walking on those streets of gold, seeing the walls of jasper and gates of pearls. If there are dogs in Heaven I know Patty has a Pom in one hand and an Aussie in the other. Patty you were truly a unique gift from God. Enjoy your new home.



DALLAS FORT WORTH POM CLUB

49th Fall Specialty Show and Sweepstakes
September 12, 2008 Sterling Hotel, Dallas, TX

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The Dallas Fort Worth Pomeranian Club held its 49th Fall Specialty Show and Sweepstakes at Sterling Hotel in Dallas, Texas on Friday, September 12, 2008. The show was held in conjunction with the two days of The Dallas-Fort Worth Toy Dog Club shows. The Specialty included a raffle, followed by the after-show dinner at Joe's Crab Shack.

The Specialty began with Sweepstakes, judged by Ms. Becky Jackson. Ms. Jackson awarded the Best In Sweepstakes to a very promising puppy DREAMWEAVERS ROCKIN ROBIN "Robin" shown and owned by Linda Pelz. The Best in Sweeps puppy not only collected sweeps money, but a really cool Leather Dog Sofa. The Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes was awarded to a dynamic little bitch named REIGNINGS U WISH U WERE MIA "Mia" shown by Chris Lewis and owned by Gail and Bill Bertrand. Along with their sweeps money, they won a doggy Princess Bed!

The regular classes were judged by Mrs. Vicki L. Abbott with a three point major in dogs and a four point major in bitches! Mrs. Abbott awarded Best In Breed, Best of Winners, Winners Bitch to an adorable Junior bitch over three nice specials, CHRISCENDO CONGENIALITY "Cha Cha" shown by Bob Kennedy and owned by Mary Latimer, Robert Kennedy and Christine Heartz.

Best Of Opposite Sex To Best In Breed, Winners Dog, and Best Bred-By-Exhibitor was given to the 11 month old supper puppy, DREAMWEAVERS ROCKIN ROBIN "Robin" owned and shown by Linda Pelz. When it was all over the puppies stole the show! Way to go Cha Cha and Bob, Robin and Linda, Mia and Chris!

This year, our Trophies were big and bold and the raffle items were plentiful! At the conclusion of the judging, exhibitors and guest gathered around the raffle table to win a collection of very colorful and unique items. Thanks to our young junior DFW member, Kaleb Bertrand, for putting together the elaborate trophies, calling and pulling the raffle tickets.

This year our 49th Specialty Show was bitter sweet, while we were showing Hurricane IKE was ravaging our friends to our South. Luckily no fatalities have been reported and we were able to extend our hospitality to them until it was safe for them to return home.

SWEEPSTAKES

JUDGE: Ms. Becky Jackson

DOGS

6-9 MONTH PUPPY DOGS

- 1 DAMASCUSROAD DEEP SEA ELITE.
- 2 PRESTIGIOUS HIGH IMPACT.
- 3 PRESTIGIOUS DEEPEST DESIRE.
- 4 ROYAL TEE'S HY RANSOM AT VANMELL.

9-12 MONTH PUPPY DOGS

- 1 DREAMWEAVERS ROCKIN ROBIN.
- 2 ROYAL OAKS IN SEARCH OF A CONQUEST.
- 3 KOUTERIE'S SIGN OF THE LION AT COSMOS.

BITCHES

6-9 MONTH PUPPY BITCHES

- 1 PRESTIGIOUS HIGH SOCIETY.
- 2 CIN DUR ELLA ENCHANTED.

9-12 MONTH PUPPY BITCHES

- 1 REIGNINGS U WISH U WERE MIA.
- 2 ROYAL OAKS DON'T MESS WITH MY ATTITUDE.

12-18 MONTH JUNIOR BITCHES

- 1 CHRISCENDO CONGENIALITY.

12-18 MONTH JUNIOR BITCHES

- 1 PRESTIGIOUS HUNKA BURNING LOVE.
- 2 PARK AVENUE SINGULAR SENSATION.

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES:

DREAMWEAVERS ROCKIN ROBIN.
BEST OF OPP SEX TO BEST IN SWEEPS:
REIGNINGS U WISH U WERE MIA.

Regular and Non-Regular Classes

JUDGE: Mrs. Vicki L. Abbott

DOGS

6-9 MONTH PUPPY DOGS

1 DAMASCUSROAD DEEP SEA ELITE. Breeder: Beverley A. Carter. By: Ch. Chriscendo Cold Play x Ch. DamascusRoad's Lady Eleanor. Owner: Barbara Moore

2 PRESTIGIOUS DEEPEST DESIRE. Breeder: Sherry Dollar. By: Prestigious Mr Wonderful x Prestigious Hello Kitty. Owners: Sherry Dollar and Robbie Hudson

3 ROYAL TEE'S HY RANSOM AT VANMELL. Breeder: Angela Blocker. By: Royal Tee's Fox Six News x Royal Tee's Sassy Pants. Owners: Carole Vandermeulen and Linda Nichols

4 PRESTIGIOUS HIGH IMPACT. Breeders: Owners. By: Ch. Prestigious High Octane x Prestigious Blonde Bombshell. Owners: Robbie Hudson and Sherry Dollar

09-12 MONTH PUPPY DOGS

1 KOUTERIE'S SIGN OF THE LION AT COSMOS. Breeders: Vickie McGehee and Renate Richter. By: Chipawa's Treasure Hunter x Gem Star's Second Chance. Owner: Robin Lane

12-18 MONTH JUNIOR DOGS

1 DREAMWEAVER'S PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE. Breeders: Linda Pelz and Michael Wells. By: Ch. WeeWyn's Cottonop Last Dance x DreamWeaver's Rain'n Fire. Owner: Aly Bell

BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR DOGS

OS, W 1 DREAMWEAVERS ROCKIN ROBIN. Breeder: Owner. By: Ch. Dreamweavers Ring Of Fire x Royaltee N Dreamweavers Into The West. Owner: Linda Pelz

2 ROYAL OAKS IN SEARCH OF A CONQUEST. Breeder: Owner. By: Dreamweavers Walk The Line x Prestigious Plan A Surprize. Owner: Darlyene Spann

OPEN DOGS

RW 1 BLACKJACK BAKER-RAMIREZ. Breeders: Olga M. Baker and J. Humberto Ramirez. By: Ch. Jeribeth Mostly TimSue x Ch. Jeribeth Lil Tazmanian. Owner: Olga Baker

2 LARAJUS COLLATERAL DAMAGE. Breeders: Laura Newbolt and E. Smith. By: Lil Darlins The Need For Speed x Palisades Larajus Fantasy. Owner: Laura Newbolt

3 STARFIRE'S ROBCARY TOO COOL. Breeders: Jose A. Cabrera and Fabian Arienti. By: Ch. Starfire's RobCary Sobe It x Ch. Starfire's Between The Sheet. Owner: Caryl F. Scrimpsner

4 CHIPAWA'S TREASURE HUNTER. Breeder: Mark Ward. By: Ch. Chipawas Treasure Seeker x Chipawas Seminole Kita Music. Owners: Mark Ward and Renate Richter

5 FINCH'S TIME IS RIGHT FOR POMJOY. Breeder: Diane L. Finch. By: Ch. Finch's Bet On The Parti x Finch's Shamoo Parti. Owner: Sheryl Anne Goodman

BITCHES

6-9 MONTH PUPPY BITCHES

1 PRESTIGIOUS HIGH SOCIETY. Breeders: Owners. By: Ch. Prestigious High Octane x Prestigious Blonde Bombshell. Owners: Robbie Hudson and Sherry Dollar

2 CIN DUR ELLA ENCHANTED. Breeder: Owner.

By: PowerPom Pirate of the Caribbean x Wee Heart's Giget Goes to Hollywood. Owner: Cindy Durbin

9-12 MONTH PUPPY BITCHES

RW 1 REIGNINGS U WISH U WERE MIA.
Breeders: Owners. By: Ch. Babydolls Buckle Up Ur Genes x Debonaires Cubby Bear. Owners: Gail & Bill Bertrand

12-18 MONTH JUNIOR BITCHES

BOB, BW, W 1 CHRISCENDO CONGENIALITY.
Breeder: Christine Heartz. By: Ch. Chriscendo Coldplay x Ch. Tokie Take It To The Limit. Owners: Mary Latimer, Robert Kennedy and Christine Heartz

2 PRESTIGIOUS HUNKA BURNING LOVE.
Breeder: Sherry Dollar. By: Ch. Prestigious High Octane x Prestigious Promise A Parti. Owners: Sherry Dollar and Robbie Hudson

3 PARK AVENUE SINGULAR SENSATION.
Breeder: Tom Wilson, By: Ch. Jakens Splashing In The Rain At Janie x Starhavens Spirit Medicine. Owners: Bill & Gail Bertrand

BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR BITCHES

1 ROBCARY'S GABRIELLA. Breeder: Owner. By: Ch. Mt. Crest At Springwood x Starfire's RobCary U Glow Girl. Owner: Caryl Fennell Scrimsher

2 ROYAL OAKS DON'T MESS WITH MY ATTITUDE. Breeder: Owner. By: Dreamweavers Walk The Line x Prestigious Plan A Surprise. Owner: Darlyene Spann

3 CHRISMARK'S LITTLE MISS MUFFET. Breeder: Owner. By: Ch. Horizon's Zip-A-Dee-Do-Dah x Chrismark's Lolly Pop. Owner: Gloria C. Walsh

AMERICAN BRED BITCHES

1 DREAMWEAVERS ALL FIRED UP. Breeders: Linda Pelz & Michael Wells. By: Ch. Dreamweavers Dancing With Fire x Dreamweavers Rain 'n Fire. Owner: Deborah Snow

OPEN BITCHES

1 DASAR'S DRAMATIC ENTRANCE. Breeder: Danielle Sartain. By: Ch. Finch's Nicely Packaged Deal x Dasar's Dreaming Of Lenette. Owner: Linda Pelz

BEST OF BREED & BEST OF WINNERS: CHRISCENDO CONGENIALITY

Best of Opp Sex to Best of Breed: DREAMWEAVERS ROCKIN ROBIN

Best Puppy: REIGNINGS U WISH U WERE MIA

Best Bred-By-Exhibitor: DREAMWEAVERS ROCKIN ROBIN.





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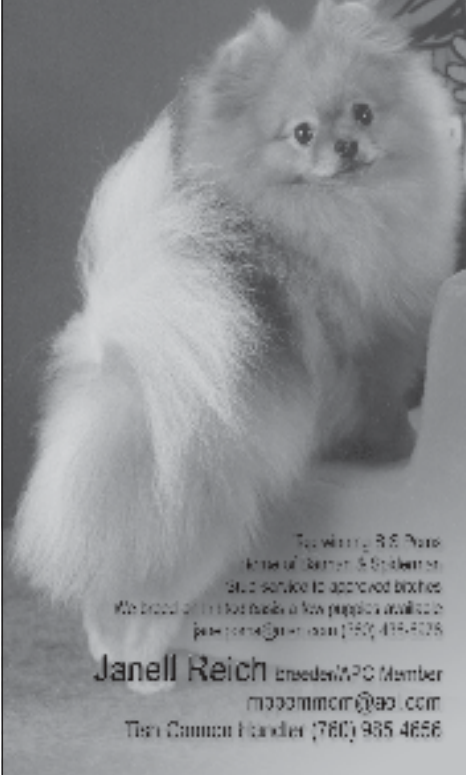


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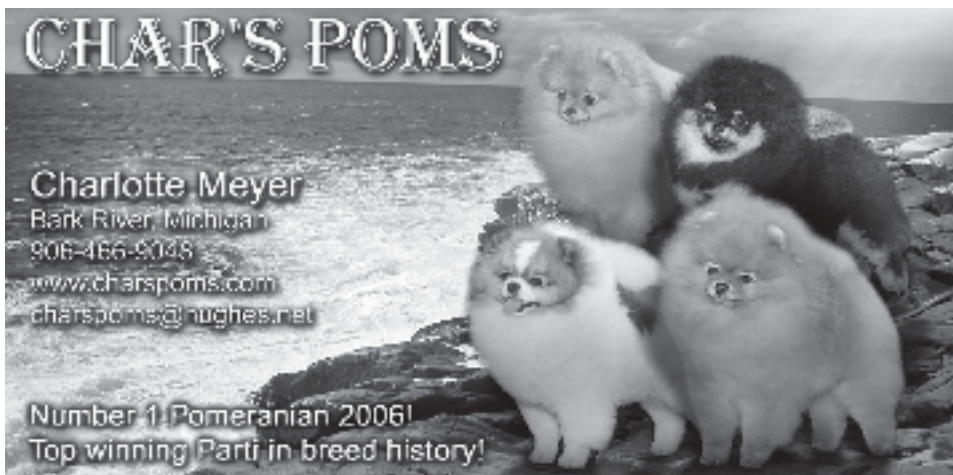
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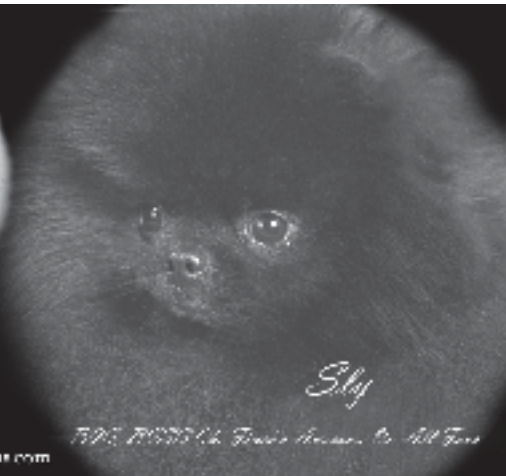
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Condolences go out to the family of Christine and Larry Surtees (Pomkees) on the loss of Larry's father.

Keeping our thoughts and prayers for the family of Nancy Reed's whose father passed away.

Lots of hugs and prayers are going to Pat Dague's (Mountain View Poms) family to help her son fight the cancer he is battling.

Carolyn Brandenburg had thyroid surgery in October. We pray for her healing and strength.

Ms. Patricia Jo "Patty" Griffin, 63 (Merrymont Poms) passed away after a short illness of cancer. Sympathy goes out to friends and family.

We pray for healing for Marlin and Marlene Presser with continued health issues.

Sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Becky Sabourin (Wyndlor Poms) on the loss of her mom.

Bob and Juanita Fiddick continue to battle health problems. Our prayers are with you.

Judge Irene Bivin, wife of Edd and mother of Theresa Naill, lost her battle with cancer in September. Our condolences to friends and family.

Beth Shattuck recently lost her precious Segar. Segar will be sadly missed.

Our continued prayers for our APC President Cynthia Boulware. May she continue to gain strength and healing.

Christy Murphy had an accident on the way to a dog show. We pray she is doing well.

Nancy Smith's husband Jim is having joint problems and faces surgery.

Gail Garvey had back surgery in October. Keep her in your prayers the next several months while she is recovering.

Mike Collins, husband of Roxanne had surgery and having therapy. Get well soon!

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COLUMBIA POMERANIAN CLUB SPECIALTY

July 17 & July 18, 2008

Submitted by: Sheila Koty
Corresponding Secretary

The Columbia Pomeranian Club had its annual two-day Specialty at the Portland Exposition Center in Portland, Oregon. This was our second year with this show cluster at this location.

Thursday dawned with beautiful sunny skies, with an expected high of 80 degrees. A great day for showing dogs and enjoying the company of other enthusiasts who enjoy this breed so much.

The day started with my favorite classes, the Puppy Sweeps, being judged by Ms. Joy Thomas.

This was then followed by the Regular Classes judged by Mr. Robert Sharp, who had his work cut out for him with some very nice quality Poms present representing the breed.

After much deliberation, Mr. Sharp chose his Best In Specialty Show, Ch Larajus Don Juan At So-Me, owned by Roxanne Mellem, Laura Newbold and Lori Solomon.

Best of Opposite went to Ch Gayels Destiny's Child, owned by Naimi Gunther.

Best of Winners was from the 12 – 18 month old puppy class. A little boy called Larajus Paragons How D West Was Won, owned by Theresa and Kevin White.

After Best of Breed judging concluded, Tish Cannon, a well-known professional handler, held a well-attended grooming class, giving everyone there, not only tasty snacks (and after a full day of

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showing was very much appreciated) but also tips and tricks of grooming Poms learned over the years of successful handling. Little tips that most of us put to very good use the next day with wonderful results!

Upon the conclusion of Tish's class, we gathered for our annual potluck around a well-laden table of delectable food (to include Darlys's famous turkey) and goodies that sent a tantalizing aroma around the entire area. That alone was enough to cause even the most ardent dieter to skip their meal plan for that day!

The next day dawned, not quite so sunny, but definitely pleasant and everyone ready to hit the ring for the second Specialty show.

Again, we had a very nice array of puppies ready to compete in Sweeps, being judged by Mr. William Monohon.

At the conclusion of Sweeps, Mrs. Loraine Boutwell stepped into the ring to begin Regular classes for the day. There were lots of classes with wonderful dogs for her to judge!

After hours of judging, it finally came down to the Best of Breed. Mrs. Boutwell chose, for her Best in Specialty Show, Champion Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon, owned by Margo Koga.

Best of Opposite, again went to, Champion Gayels Destiny's Child, owned by Naimi Gunther

Best of Winners went to a pretty little bitch, from Open, called Pomhaven's Casa Dora, owned by Colleen P. Beland.

At the conclusion of breed judging a handling seminar, "Handling Tips & Tricks", was provided by, Professional Handler, Terry McIntyre. This was also well attended with Terry giving the attendees the benefit of his years of showing dogs and the common mistakes to avoid, not only in the ring, but also outside of it.

Upon the conclusion of Terry's seminar, more fun was to be had at our annual raffle and silent auction. The raffle table was an embarrassment of riches with huge baskets of goodies, professionally wrapped, a gorgeous hand made birdhouse, pillows, shirts and too many other items to list here. A BIG thank you to everyone who donated for this event! You made this raffle and silent auction a success, again, this year!

After the Raffle was concluded, most of us retired to Geri Arnold's beautiful fifth wheel for another potluck (we sure do eat well at these events) to celebrate the birthday of a local favorite Pom enthusiast, Lori Solomon.

Due to a misprint in the catalog, after our potluck, we had another handling seminar hosted by Ms. Tish Cannon.

Those of us, who stayed for both handling seminars, were lucky enough to get perspectives and tips from two very knowledgeable professionals in the show ring today.

Saturday evening we had our final educational seminar, which was provided by Dr. James O'Brien. This, also, was a well-attended event, which gave valuable information on canine chiropractic practice and medicine.

It was amazing how much was packed into two short days. The Columbia Pomeranian Club membership would like to thank Christy Murphy, our show chairman, for her hours of hard work (and stress) to put on two successful and enjoyable Specialties!



**COLUMBIA
POMERANIAN CLUB
RESULTS
7/17/2008**

SWEEPSTAKES - JUDGE: Ms. Joy Thomas

BSS JAN-SHARS LOUIE VUITTON. BREEDER: Sharon Hanson. By Ch Jan-Shars Dr Phil-Jan-Shars Wild Child

OSS JAN-SHARS FLYING FIRST CLASS. BREEDER: Sharon Hanson. By Ch Cassio's Hot Shot-Jan-Shars Warm and Fuzzy

REGULAR CLASSES - JUDGE: Mr. Robert D Sharp

BPY JAN-SHARS LOUIE VUITTON. BREEDER: Sharon Hanson. By Ch Jan-Shars Dr Phil-Jan-Shars Wild Child. OWNER: Sharon Hanson.

WINNERS DOG/BEST OF WINNERS - LARAJUS PARAGONS HOW D WEST WAS WON. BREEDER: Tom Wilson & Laura Newbold. By Larajus Collateral Damage-Park Ave's Sweet Magnolia. OWNER: Teresa G White & Kevin M White.

RESERVE WINNERS DOG - ELUSIVE TOYS ARTIMUS GORGEOUS. BREEDER: Owners. By Ch Avalons Prince Matchabelli-Elusive Toys Cherries Jubbly. OWNER: Catherine M Jessen & Annette Davis & Celeste Solano.

WINNERS BITCH/BEST BRED - ARN-ETTE U GOT THE LOOK. BREEDER: owners. By Gemini's Wam Bam Thankyou Dan-Showin Butter Cookie Arnette. OWNER: Geri & William Arnold.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH - OAKROSE SUMMER BREEZE. BREEDER: Joan Rose & Gail Stewart. By Ch CR Tuff Guy of

Isabella-Can Ch. Oakrose Summer Rain. OWNER: Joan Rose & Gail Stewart.

BEST OF BREED - CH LARAJUS DON JUAN AT SO-ME. Dog. BREEDER: Laura Newbold. By CH Jimcin's Larajus Johnny Friday-T-Js Dazzling Black Dahlia. OWNER: Roxanne Mellem & Laura Newbold & Lori Solomon.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX - CH GAYELS DESTINY'S CHILD. Bitch. BREEDER: Gale A Rivers. By Ch Gayels Jon Bon Jovi-Ch Gayels' Ms Oakley. OWNER: Naimi Guenther.

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POMERANIAN CLUB
7/18/2008**

SWEEPSTAKES - JUDGE: Mr. William Monohon

BSS JAN-SHARS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. BREEDER: Sharon Hanson By Ch Jan-Shars Dr Phil-Jan-Shars Next Best Thing

OSS JAN-SHARS SAVE A HORSE RIDE A COWBOY. BREEDER: Sharon Hanson By Ch Jan-Shars Fresh Off The Farm-Poolside's A Piece Of The Rock

REGULAR CLASSES - JUDGE: Mrs. Loraine Boutwell

BPY JAN-SHARS LOUIE VUITTON BREEDER: Sharon Hanson By Ch Jan-Shars Dr Phil-Jan-Shars Wild Child

WINNERS DOG - BACHMAN'S WILD WILD WEST BREEDER: Cheri McDonald By Ch Cheyennes Kodiak Bear Second-Lana's Centerfold Pin-Up

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Mustang Poms Ch Jan-Shar's Rosa Parks



We wish to present our newest champion. We sincerely thank the judges who recognized this beautiful black girls quality. Her wonderful movement, conformation and great personality. We also must thank you friend and expert handler, David Fitzpatrick. My Poms always love you, David. Last, we need to thank Sharon Hanson, the breeder of this pretty black. Thank you for letting this sweet girl come live with us.

Congratulations to all who have a visit this issue. Happy Holidays to all

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CH HORIZON ANIMATION
MIGHTY MOUSE



Thanks to Michelle Billings for this specialty win.

Mighty Mouse began his career by taking a Group IV at his first show at 7 months of age. He finished with three majors at 13 months. Our sincerest thanks to his breeder, Laurie Otis, for allowing this very sound boy to join our breeding program.

Thank you Joyce Fortney, Charlotte McGowan, David Kirkland and Ralph Lemcke for his majors and group placement.

Breeder - Horizon Poms - Laurie Otis

Animation



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