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Ch. Shy Acres Our Man Friday



JAN-SHAR

Ch. Jan-Shar's Hillybilly Classic

(Ch. Bev-Nor N Southland's Rambo x Jan-Shar's Country Classic)

Billy Bob is pictured here with new owner Dee Shepherd taking a Group 1 under Judge Ray Swidersky. He has 3 Group 1s and many Group placements to date. Congratulations, Dee!

Ch. Jan-Shar's Sayde

(Ch. Bev-Nor N Southland's Rambo x Jan-Shar's Semi Sweet)

Sayde pictured here with handler Pam Campbell and Judge Edith Nash Helleman taking Best of Breed over 5 specials.

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Cover Story

Our Man Friday went on vacation and garnered his Canadian title. Then he took some much deserved time off.

The Dallas circuit came along and Friday met a new friend. He immediately fell in love with his new handler Mrs. Kathy Bucher (pronounced Bu'-er)

Just when I was enjoying having Friday home and introducing him to some lady friends, he said goodbye again. Home life isn't for him. He has stars in his eyes and wanderlust in his heart.

In four weekends with Kathy (three of which were single shows) Friday racked up 4 Best of Breeds, one Group 3, one Group 2 and two Group 1s.

Thanks Kathy for believing in Friday and continued success to you both!

Friday and I wish too thank former owner Nancy Burnette for the wonderful show record and excellent care Friday received in 1988! Thanks!

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Kathy Bucher
Shadowmountin



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dolores Watts
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As I write this message, I cannot help but reflect that in another short month I will have been your Club President for one year. Where has the time gone? In this first year of office, the Board has been hard at work and has accomplished some old and new items:

a. The revision of our Summer Specialty Guidelines;

b. The 1990 Specialty will feature our new Awards to be presented annually. They are:

Top Winning Pom Dog - to the dog defeating the most dogs in all-breed and Pom Specialty competition.

Top Winning Pom Bitch - to the bitch defeating the most dogs in all-breed and Pom Specialty competition.

Top Stud Dog - to the Pom dog producing the most titles in the awards year.

Top Producing Bitch - to the Pom bitch producing the most titles in the awards year.

Top Obedience Pom

Top Novice Pom

Top Utility Pom

Top Junior Showman

We have a few more awards, including Top Breeder and Top Exhibitor which we hope to have ready in time for presentation at the February Specialty.

c. The membership voted favorably on the change to our constitution and by-laws in relation to our Specialty show location. Permission is being requested from AKC to approve this change.

In reflecting on this past year, I must mention in my position as President I have come in contact with so much bitterness (for lack of a better word) among the members. There is frequently reference made to one "group" or another. If these "groups" would direct their energies to the betterment of the entire Club, we would have a tremendous surge of knowledge and energy with the single purpose of creating the best possible situation for everyone. As it is, such "groups" are segmenting and dividing our Club.

We have a super Club with many hard working members donating their services and enjoying being apart of it all. Members can and should be involved in their Club. If something comes up, whether it be major or minor, each member has the right to be heard by the Board and the matter investigated.

Last but not least, I hope each and every one of you have a joyous holiday season.

Club Business From The President

The following are two of the most recent letters received by the President, and in turn the Board, concerning the Treasurer's report. The Board felt it necessary to bring this matter to the attention of the membership. Be assured that the Board has taken action to clear up any discrepancies and further define the duties of the Treasurer in relation to procedures, monthly reports and audit information.

Also included is my response to these letters.

Dolly B. Trauner
2025 Lyon Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

October 26, 1989

Dear Dolores,

Enclosed are copies of the Financial Reports for the immediately preceding year,

as published in the Annual Rosters for 1986, 1987 and 1988.

When I phoned you twice today, I already had prepared an Open Letter to the APC membership. Julie felt I should call you first, and you and Edna did reassure me greatly. In thinking about it later, I realize that the entire matter could be "fixed" entirely to your - and my - satisfaction, but that no mention of it would be made public . . . or if it was, that it could be glossed over.

In thinking about much larger cover-ups (Watergate, the Contras and Ollie North's activities), in which the cover-ups eventually failed, there seems to be a general feeling that the best course those involved could have taken was to make all facts public as early as possible. The public would probably have been able to forgive and forget, if those in positions of responsibility had made a clean breast of things - even (perhaps especially) if they were not the instigators or perpetrators of wrong-doing due to being misdirected, to incompetence, or poor judgment.

I still feel the Roaches are correct in suspecting there may be a backlash against you, whether or not the matter is made public. That there will be one against me, I don't doubt. I think I am prepared, insofar as I have been sued by experts (and won), have survived my share of "punishment" for being outspoken and fighting for what I believe is right. So why not go public? It might benefit the club by bringing fresh air and fresh faces into the Board.

If there have already been two other requests for corrections or information, neither of which were forthcoming to those contacting the Board, then surely there are still more people out there who have doubts and suspicions - suspicions that matters may be worse than simple incompetence. A cover-up, if it becomes known later, will likely confirm their worst suspicions . . . whereas, an open acknowledgement that things have been fouled up, but are being corrected, will be an indication that there is nothing to hide or being hidden.

I hope you will let me know what progress you are able to make, and what kind of support you are getting from the Board as a whole. I still stand ready to send my personal letter to the entire membership, but realize that to do so just now, when solicitation for trophy donations are about to go out, could have a negative impact on the approaching Specialty . . . which I would not want to do.

Best wishes to both you and Edna,

Dolly

November 7, 1989

Dolly B. Trauner
2025 Lyon Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

Dear Dolores,

In my phone calls to you I have urged you to have the Treasurer's books for the years 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989 turned over to an outside professional for audit. I am now putting my request in writing.

My reasons for this request are:

1) There can be no cover-up of the fact the reports have been incomplete and faulty. The longer it takes to publish complete, correct reports for those years, the more at fault you will appear to be - even though it did not occur under your administration. If, when this was first brought to your attention 5 or 6 months ago, you had done what you are doing now to get a proper report for 1988 published, I think the matter could have ended there - and been to your credit. Now it can only appear that you were reluctant to take any action, and have done so solely because pressure was brought to bear.

2) An outside audit can absolve both past and present administrations of anything except sloppy management. An "in-house" audit by members unfamiliar with standard bookkeeping procedures fails to remove



"'S Wonderful, 'S Marvelous" Sugar Plum's a U.D.



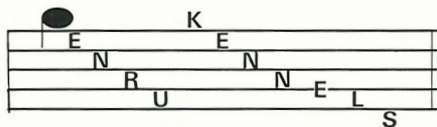
The only Pom in the history of the breed
to have earned a Championship and 2 Utility Titles in Obedience.



Ch. Penru's Sugar Plum Fairy American, Canadian U.D., Bermudan C.D.X.

Sugar received her Utility Titles within two months. The Plum completed her American U.D. in four shows with 2 placements. She also earned 2 Utility legs in Bermuda with two second placements. Sugar Plum earned her first 2 points toward OTCH.

The Top Obedience Pom in Canada in 1988.



Also the home of the other Ch. U.D. Pom, **Ch. Emcee's Solid Gold of Jabil, U.D., Ber. Can. CDX.**

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suspicions of cover-up and possible wrongdoing.

3) There have been many errors of simple addition, as well as of bookkeeping methods, discovered in the published reports. To simply hang those same figures on a "form" does nothing to correct the reports! You have said you would pursue this until you were satisfied, but hanging the old figures on any kind of "form" should not satisfy you. Unless the source material for those figures is audited by an outsider, it would not be difficult for "insiders" to alter the figures to make them add correctly! Take the first two figures on page 10 of the Oct. '89 PR as an example of a simple error of addition. If it WAS a typo, then the report was either sloppily done, or was not proof-read. HOW CAN WE TRUST ANY OF THOSE FIGURES, when the report in the April Roster had so many other errors?

Unless an audit of all 4 years in question is performed by an outside professional bookkeeper or CPA, I will not be satisfied. If I am not satisfied, I will contact the general membership to sign a petition for an outside professional audit, with new and correct reports published for the 4 years in question. When it concerns fiscal responsibility, I do not feel that tact and the tender consideration of people's feelings are required or even appropriate. I will hold a copy of this letter for 14 days. If I do not hear from you by then, the copy will go to AKC to be added to the file on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dolly B. Trauner

Dolores Watts, President
American Pomeranian Club
4800 Floral Park Road
Brandywine, MD 20613

November 15, 1989

Dear Dolly,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 7 November 1989. Copies of this letter as well as your letter of 26 October 1989 were mailed to the Board of Directors.

In the past, I have spoken with you and tried to assure you that discrepancies were indeed noticed in our Financial Reports and that the matter was being looked into and would be resolved. During our conversation you indicated that you were going to send a letter to the entire APC membership about this matter and I expressed my opinion to you that I did not feel that such a step was necessary. I also told you that I did not question our Treasurer's honesty in any manner. I do not recall ever having heard any evidence that a member of the Board, past or present, had been accused of being dishonest which is something you seem to keep implying and the Board takes offense at these implications.

Having served on the Board in the past, you surely know the Board members are located all over the country and it takes an appreciable amount of time to get any matter resolved. The larger the problem, the more time.

In accordance with Article VII, Section 1 (b) of our Constitution and By Laws, the Audit Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors and shall consist of three (3) members. I am fully prepared in my position as President to see this matter through and this includes decisions made by the Board in the past, if necessary. If the fault lies on my shoulders as you indicate it could, then so be it.

The Treasurer's books and reports for the year 1989 will be in order and correct and

CHAMPION GREAT ELMS AMANDA OF LENETTE

Superior type, beautiful showgirl . . .



In only a few months showing, Mandy earned her championship in tough Northeastern U.S. competition, including a significant 5 point major over several specials. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Ken Griffith for allowing us to have this magnificent girl.

DAR's
Rosemary and Deena Regoni
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available in New York this coming February 1990 as our Constitution dictates.

The APC Board is not requesting another audit for the years 1986, 1987 or 1988, as these audits have been previously done. I fully realize your capabilities in accounting and certainly how qualified and knowledgeable you are in that field, but you fail to see that the entire Board, having been put in office by the Membership, is comprised of people dedicated to giving of their time and efforts for the love of Pomeranians. The responsibility of the Board is enormous with a membership of 400 plus and growing, but the American Pomeranian Club has been in existence since 1958 or 1959 and hasn't fallen yet due to incompetent people running it or someone running off the with Club funds.

I'm very sorry that you don't feel that tact and consideration for one's fellow member counts. I do, and I can't imagine a club such as ours functioning without it.

If you are indeed interested and concerned for the Club's well-being, then why not show it and allow the Board time to get things accomplished.

Dolores Watts

KENNEL VISIT

In the April 1990 issue, we will feature a Kennel Visit with the Pedron Pomeranians of Peter Galindo and Ron Welch. Please remember them with congratulatory ads when you are sending ad copy for the February 15, 1990 deadline.

Kennel Visits are an excellent way to get to know your fellow Club members and exhibitors: If you know someone who is deserving of this honor, please contact the Board of Directors. Their names are listed on page 3 of each issue of the Review and their addresses are available in your Annual Membership Roster.

AMERICAN POMERANIAN CLUB, INC.

This club is devoted to encouraging the owning, breeding and exhibiting of the Pomeranian dog and the protection and advancement of the breed.

We are currently offering membership to all who are interested in these principles and aims.

If you are interested in joining the club, Please contact Mrs. Audrey Roberts, 1410 S. 10th. St., Leesville, LA 71446.

If you only wish to subscribe to the Review contact the Circulation Manager, John Cribbs, Rt. 1, Box 249, Doswell, VA 23047.

Classified Ads

MIA Poms offers excellent quality puppies from two daughters of Ch. Theldun's Almond Fudge. Red and black & tan. Inquiries invited. Ramona J. Smith, HCR4, Box 26B, Bowman, ND 58623, (701) 574-3158.

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on your
First Year
Anniversary!!



From
Victoria Lovely
and
Blake Jones

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proudly presents



Ch. Merrymont Sat'rday Nite Spec'l

(Ch. Merrymont Sat'rday Nite Fever x Ch. Great Elms Karen of Lenette)

Elliot is pictured above going Group II under Judge Paula Bradley his first time out. He picked up three BOB's over BIS and Multi-Group winning Specials to complete his championship - all from the puppy class. His flaming orange color and his "Here I am!" attitude are hard to overlook. Watch for Elliot and Fever in the "Big Apple!"

Special thanks to Pat Brooks, Elliot's Godmother.

Congratulations to Greg and Karen Crouch on the purchase of the female out of the repeat breeding. (I'm keeping the male!)

... Wanda and Dudley Roach with two Merrymont females.

... Leo and Betty Devlin with one female.

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Secretary's Report

by Audrey Roberts
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Plans are underway for our National Specialty. It will be on February 11, 1990 at the La Guardia Marriott, the same place it was last year.

NOTICE: The APC Annual Meeting will be immediately after Best in Show in the Grand Ball Room.

Our Annual Awards Banquet will be at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. This year many new awards are being offered. This sounds very exciting and we're hoping for a record turnout! Sam Zaneoff is handling the hospitality and dinner as usual. He always does an excellent job. For reservations, contact Sam at 10 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016. Both chicken and steak dinners will run \$26.50.

Mrs. Jackie Liddle Stacy and Mr. Jon Marcantonio will be the Ring Stewards this year.

Trophy Chairman is Mrs. Edna Girardot. From what I hear the trophies will be fabulous. If you haven't donated yet, send donations to Edna at 4800 Floral Park Rd., Brandywine, MD 20613.

Judy Greene is handling catalog ads but it will be too late to take any more by Review publication date. Thanks, Judy!

MB-F Inc. is acting as Entry Agent and telephone entries will be taken 1-800-334-0813 or in N.C. 919-379-9352.

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Am. Can. Ch. Devery's Diamond Josh C.D.



(Ch. Millbrook's El Gran Caballero x Devery's Mostly Mischief)

Ricky finished his C.D. in 5 shows with a 2nd place from the Novice A class.
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Can. Am. Ch. Chriscendo Calvin Klein

(by Can. Am. Bda. Ch. Millamor's Rock Medallion ex Chriscendo Confetti, a Causin Comment daughter)

Calvin, a Best in Show winner in Canada, a multiple Group winner in the U.S., will be at stud at Millamor in 1990.

CAN. AM. CH. CHRISCENDO CALVIN KLEIN



CHRISCENDO CLOUDBUSTER



Chriscendo CloudBuster

(at 4 1/2 months)

(by Can. Am. Ch. Chriscendo Calvin Klein ex a Medallion daughter.)

Pictured above is our promising Calvin son who we have retained here at Chriscendo.

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Chriscendo

Club News

BAY COLONY POMERANIAN CLUB by Claire Flesner

Our Fall Match, September 17 was a huge success. We had 12 obedience entries and 17 Breed entries. The weather was cloudy, damp and we had a couple of small showers, but that didn't hamper us one bit.

High Scoring Dog in Obedience was Lois Hamill's Mishka. This was their first time in the ring and they worked like a pro team.

Best Adult in Match was Sharon Consolati's Teakwood's Jumpin' Jake. Best Puppy and Best in Match was Garrett O'Dell's Elvis.

We are looking forward now to our next B-OB match in March. But even more, looking forward to our Annual Specialty Show in May. For the very first time we are having a Puppy Sweepstakes with the show are we are very excited about it. Mrs. Etta Orenstein will be our Specialty Judge. We are honored to have her.

We have lost a few members in death this past year and they are sadly missed. We have also gained many new members. We welcome them and wish them many good years with their Poms.

We wish everyone and their Poms a great 1990. Have you hugged your Pom today?

CITY OF ANGELS POMERANIAN CLUB by Doreen Vander Tuin

To introduce myself, I have been involved in obedience and conformation showing of a few toy and small breeds of dogs for the last 25 years. My husband, Piet believes the only dog show worth going to is an obedience competition, but he is a good sport and supports the conformation showing. When our nearly 14 year old daughter

decided she wanted a Pom to show, we looked around to find what Pom activity was going on in our area.

Longago Piet and I found the best way to learn about a breed was to join and get involved in the local breed club. We were delighted to find there was a Pom Club and they were holding a match. Unfortunately we took a wrong turn, got lost and arrived at that match just as the Parade of Champions was leaving the ring. I struck up a conversation with Erin Hundley and was graciously invited to the August Pom Pool Party at the Hundley's home. After that, we were hooked. We have been attending City of Angels meetings ever since.

The October meeting, held at the home of Jack and Dorothy Keller, was particularly interesting. Dorothy demonstrated show grooming on her Ch. Sun Dee's Champagne Punch. Erin Hundley would jump in with additional comments on variations of the techniques that Dorothy was demonstrating. Those of us new to the subtleties of Pom show grooming chimed in with plenty of questions. This type of hands-on program for meetings is extremely instructive for those interested in the show ring. The evening went by far too fast.

On October 29, 1989 another "B" match was held at Griffith Park. Jack and Dorothy Keller arrived early and had the ring, entry table and the kitchen/buffet table set up before the rest of the club members started to arrive. Since we do not have a Pom to show yet, we helped out where we could. Laura got some experience as a Ring Steward, Piet assisted Jack Keller with the luncheon duties (rumor has it both of these fellows barely know where the kitchen is in their own homes, but here they cooked!) and I helped out where I could. It has been several years since we "worked" a dog show. I had almost forgotten how much fun that could be.

The exhibitors and participants in the match had lunch before the judging, which was nice since it gave us a chance to hear about the adventure Erin and Phil Hundley had with a crock of chili on the way to the match. A relaxed time like this between entries and judging was very pleasant. We had time to chat with other Pom fanciers in an informal setting and got to know our new club member Terry Sparks and her husband better. So often at meetings, with club business and programs to attend to, there isn't time to get to know one another.

Judge Sally Higginbotham went through entries from three counties in an orderly manner, and decided on the following placings:

Best Puppy in Match: Sun Dee's Sweet William, owned by Dorothy Keller.

Best Opposite Puppy: Sue's Delight of Harbor Lights, owned by Sue Soares.

Best Adult in Match: Sharon's Never Less Than Today, owned by Sam Levin.

Best Opposite Adult: Taffy Davis, owned by Leona Davis.

Susan Conlee came all the way down from Oxnard to support the entry and to participate in the Parade of Champions with her Ch. Tim Sue's Harbor Lights. Dorothy Keller with her Ch. Emcee's Terrific Wee Greata was the other participant. We are glad these ladies took the time to bring their champions to the match. The Champions show the new people just what we are working toward, with all this fuss about grooming and showing a quality animal that we are proud to claim as our own.

The November meeting of the City of Angels Pom Club will feature Jack's video of the match and a showing of AKC's Breed Standard video on the Pom. They should be interesting viewing.

I would love to hear from Pom fanciers and Pom Clubs around the country to exchange ideas and just visit. Please write me at 1230 Plum Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

MT. RAINIER POMERANIAN FANCIERS by Blake Jones

As this edition of the Review reaches your homes, the Mt. Rainier Pomeranian Fanciers will be celebrating their one year anniversary. It has been a productive first year for this Club, which is devoted to the advancement of the entire Pomeranian breed in all its colors and markings. The largest problem our Club has run into so far this year is in getting people to spell RAINIER correctly.

Continuing our schedule of four matches per year, the third match of 1989 was held south of Olympia on Jane and George Reed's property. As the Olympia DFA all-breed show was the following day, we invited the other toy breeds (including Toy Fox Terriers and Chinese Crested) to attend our event. After a week of our usual rainy-grey weather, Saturday morning was sunny and bright, which was nice considering this was an outdoor match! Judging of 48 entries was split between Pat Straight and Greg Robinson. Mr. Robinson judged Puppy Best in Match and the entry of 34 Pomeranians, while Mrs. Straight judged Adult Best in Match and the balance of the toy breeds. The Club extends its sincere thanks to these fine judges. The winners were:

Best Pom Puppy and Best Puppy in Match - Gladyan's Midnight Caller, a very nice black male, owned and handled by Gladys Von-Horn.

Best Opposite Sex Pom Puppy - Sandy, a pretty red-orange sable, owned by Blake Jones and Vic Lovely, handled by Jessie Stephens.

Best Pom Adult and Toy Group Second - Brat, a heavy-coated red sable, owned and handled by Alicia Heggerston.

Thanks must also go to the match committee consisting of Victoria Lovely, Jane and George Reed. Everything went extremely well, from the stewarding by Victoria, to the show site and hospitality of Jane and George,

WEBFOOT REPORT

by Jean Schroll

with judge selection by all three. It is fortuitous that the individuals on our match committee do not handle dogs at our events also, as they were kept busy the entire day. This system worked well for us as the person selecting the judge cannot win under them. (It is so tacky to see member/exhibitors win under the judge who was chosen by them.)

Our next match is scheduled for January 28th, 1990 to be held in the Olympia area. We will be hosting our first Nordic/Spitz Fun Match and everyone involved is extremely excited about the educational opportunities available to us using this format. The Club feels it is important for all to know the history of the breed as well as to realize its present and future possibilities. We hope to include weight-pull, obedience, junior showmanship and conformation. This match will include most of the breeds listed in the November 1988 AKC Gazette issue on the Nordic breeds.

Our Christmas party/Annual meeting will have been held in early December, so for the next club article you will learn of our 1990 Club Officers. The Club's very informative newsletter (including monthly articles such as "Colors of the Pom Rainbow," show results from the Pacific Northwest shows, etc.) is available for only \$6.00 per year or free to other clubs wishing to join our exchange program. Our Club also has sweatshirts available with three color printing of the logo seen accompanying the club article. They turned out particularly nicely and are \$20.00 (price to be discounted if accompanied by a MRPF membership application. Send inquiries to address below.)

I would like to add my personal congratulations to Ch. Jane's Wee Prince O' Jeribeth, owned and handled to many group placements and a Group win by MRPF Club member, Jane Reed. "Tex" is a gorgeous son of Ch. Great Elms Prince Charming II.

For Club information write: Mt. Rainier Pom Fanciers, C/o12022 30th St. E., Puyallup, WA 98372.

There were lots of shows up our way in September and October with big majors in every show, which only means that next year it will take so many dogs and bitches to make a major, we may not have any.

A friend from Alaska and one from Portland and myself went on a nine show circuit in Canada the first part of September. The weather was beautiful and so were the shows and the Canadians. I always enjoy going to Canada, the shows seem so much more relaxed and friendly. Everything keeps moving so it gets done but the enormous hurry is not there. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wharton's Am. Can Ch. Wharton's Seppl von Honig did very well, winning several groups and group placements. Jack Hookie and Ray Mooney's Ch. Single-Oak's Maximillian did very well also. Max finished his championship winning Winners Dog in every show he was entered. Debbie Herring and Gladys von Horn had Hazel's Rock'N Robbi entered in some of the shows and he got 3 points toward his championship. Robbi went back to Port Alberni in October only needing 4 points to finish his Canadian Championship. Jack and Ray's Ch. CJ's Dark Magic was Winners Bitch at Rain-tree in her first Canadian shows, putting her on her way to her Canadian title. A little bragging is in order here. One of the Toy groups was won by my Am. Can. Ch. Minpin, second place went to the Wharton's Pom Seppl and third place went to my friend from Alaska with a Silky Terrier. Then the Non-Sporting Group was won by my other friend, needless to say we were highly elated! Neither of us went BIS though (drat!). Oh well, we'll keep trying.

Jack and Ray's Dark Magic was Winners Bitch at Timberland Valley and Vancouver giving her her second major and needing only two points to finish. She went to Idaho and completed her championship with another four point major.

It has been nice to see Shirley Bradley

Migh - T Poms

latest star



Can. Bda.

Ch. Dainti Gaulke's Just N Case

"Justin"

Pictured taking Winners Dog for a 3 point major under Judge Mrs. Elsbeth Clerc.

Justin will follow in his granddad's (Ch. D-Nee's Darin Duffie) footsteps. Everyone is amazed by his wonderful movement and animation. We hope to make Doreen Fernandez, his breeder, and Nadine Hersil, his granddad's breeder, very proud of Justin.

Expertly handled by France Bergeron.

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PUGET SOUND POMERANIAN CLUB REPORT by Wendy Feist

back in the ring. It has been some time for her. Her Sir Bruce the Bold of Metros needs but one point to finish, having gotten his second major in Idaho.

There were majors in both sexes in Idaho. That is most unusual. Ann Katsilometes dog bred by Anna LaFortune took the major the first day, Bruce the Bold the second day and Linda Gallacher's male bred by Irene and Sylvia Harbin was Winners Dog the other two days.

On the first day, Winners Bitch was Alicia Heggerston's Bradley's Clown Princess bred by S. Bradley, finishing her championship. The next day it was a new puppy owned and shown by Victor and Wendy Feist, Feisty's Bomb Shell. The last day, as mentioned above, Dark Magic finished her championship going WB and BOS. Tika, as she is known, is a black and tan and it's always nice to see them finish. The last day was won by the Bred by Exhibitor bitch, Autumn's Caribbean Hurricane, owned by Emily and Louis Untalan, more specifically by Louie. Best Opposite went to different girls each day. That is probably not all the show news, but most of it I think.

The Columbia Pomeranian Club is preparing for their winter show to be held in Portland at the Pacific International Livestock Center, better known as Expo, on Thursday January 18, 1990. Judge will be Averil Asbeck of Portland and entries will close on January 5, 1990. Hope to see you all there.

There is a small correction that needs to be made in the last report. This was a matter of leaving out a word I think, but I can't find my October Review. It should have read, "Many thanks must be given to the people that worked so hard to do the beautiful trophies, Tom and Carol Gillespie and to Wendy Feist for the many ads she got for our catalog and also to Wendy for the many things she got for our successful raffle conducted by Tom Gillespie."

That's all for this time.

Here in the Northwest, fall and winter months bring on the Puppy Matches, giving the exhibitors and puppies many opportunities for practice and play. On September 23, 1989 we held our 2nd B-OB Sanctioned Match at the Seattle Christian School. We had a fantastic turn out once again.

Victor Feist had a large audience for his grooming demonstration, as did Dana Plonkey and Sylvia Harbin on their handling demonstrations. They were helped by our Junior Handlers of the day. Jane Reed gave one of her famous obedience demonstrations - each one better than the last! It really gives you an idea of what obedience showing entails.

We gave a questionnaire to each guest to fill out as they left so that we might better serve them in the future. All the demonstrations got rave reviews with a request for a repeat performance.

Our trophy table was a sparkling display of fine crystal pieces all generously donated. We had a tasty display of food that was enjoyed by all. The raffle table was filled to overflowing. A super big thank you to all the donors! I wish I could name them all but the list is much too long. Congratulations to all winners of the raffle.

Our Obedience and Junior Handling judge was Jane Reed and her ring steward was husband, George. The kids just love this couple and are known to borrow a dog or two to show under them. The winner of the Obedience competition was Julie Lindgren with Buffy. Best Junior Handler was Vern and Viola Children's granddaughter Misty with Chipper.

As Jane hands out the trophies and ribbons she always explains to each child the

FAN-C presents

Jolly Wee Music of Tim Sue



(Ch. Chriscendo City Lights x Jolly Wee Lady of Pete)
"Jojo"

Thank you to the following judges who gave Jojo his points:

Mr. Norman L. Patton - 1 pt.; Mr. Merrill Cohen - 1 pt.; Ms. Merle E. (Peggy) Smith - 2 pts.
Dr. Robert J. Berndt - 2 pts.; Mr. H.R. (Bill) Norris - 3 pts.; Mrs. Shirley E. Limoges - 5 pts.; Miss Maxine
V. Beam - 4 pts.

A big, heartfelt thanks to all those who generously gave us support, advice and guidance. We really do appreciate it.

FOR SALE: Proven bitch, free whelped 3 puppies. Bonner and Sunray lines.

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Nancy Burnette

Carl and Florence Scott
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Breeder
Sue Goddard
Randy Frech

reason they placed the way they did. You can see the improvement in each child after Jane's classes. According to the survey, our guests welcomed and appreciated her technique.

Conformation was expertly judged by Mr. Gary Samuels and the results follow:

Puppy Bitches 2-4 months

Feisty's My-T's Baby Boom, Victor and Wendy Feist

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months

Feisty's Bomb Shell, Victor and Wendy Feist

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months

Harbin's Condensed Version, Janell and Frank Reich

Best Puppy Bitch - Feisty's My-T's Baby Boom

Puppy Dogs 2-4 months

Valcopy-Wakhan Traveling Man, D. Plonkey/R. Gemmill

Puppy Dogs 4-6 months

Gino, D. Plonkey/R. Gemmill

Puppy Dogs 6-9 months

Mason's Parti Hardi, Lyn Travis

Puppy Dogs 9-12 months

Lovely Son Of A Dance Man, Wendy and Victor Feist, Victoria Lovely, Blake Jones

Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy in Match

- Valcopy-Wakhan Traveling Man

Adult Bitches

Bred by Exhibitor

Valcopy-Wakhan High Fever, D. Plonkey/R. Gemmill

Open

Corky, Manny Nagel

Best Adult Bitch - Valcopy-Wakhan High Fever

Adult Dog

Bred by Exhibitor

Feisty's Rebel's Outlaw, Victor and Wendy Feist

Open

Lumpy, Victoria Lovely/Blake Jones

Best Adult Dog - Feisty's Rebel's Outlaw

Best in Match - Valcopy-Wakhan Traveling Man



Best in Match, Valcopy-Wakhan Traveling Man, owned by Dana Plonkey and Randy Gemmill, shown by Sylvia Harbin.

A video tape was made of most of the days events for all to enjoy at a later date. Once again it was the entire team that made this event a hit! Congratulations on a job well done, to all the winners and thank you everyone for coming.

By the time this issue is published our Puget Sound Pomeranian Club Agenda Calendar, featuring candid photos of our poms of the past and future, donated by our membership, will be complete. Thank you to all the people who gave generously to my special project. I could not have done it without your help. There will be a few available for those interested. Contact Wendy Feist, 6325 SE 73rd, Portland, OR 97206 (503) 774-8912.

This club is also putting on a weekly handling class Tuesday evenings. This class is for dog socialization and for the novice exhibitor, practiced handler and those in between to develop handling skills. For more information contact Janell Reich, (206) 435-5978.

We'd like to welcome two new members to our growing group, Tina Vaughn and Tammy Isacson. The club wishes to thank Nora Higbee for hosting the annual summer picnic and meeting. Janell and Frank Reich

POMTOWN POMS

introducing



Tiara Jewel

to the show ring.

Thank you, Cassandra Ready for letting us have this little girl.

Owner Handled
M. Marie Jatczak
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hosted an impromptu puppy fun match at their Pom Ranch on the Stilly River, Arlington, Washington. I was unable to attend but I hear I missed out on a big bash. Congratulations to Victoria Lovely on her new champion Lovely Lady Shawna Debutante. Sylvia Harbin also has a new champion, Harbin's Carrying on For Mom. Congratulations go out to recent winners George and Jane Reed with their multiple Best of Breeds and Group Placements on Ch. Jane's Wee Prince O' Jeribeth, majors on Jane's Lil Merri Puppins and Jane's Starlight Miss Chief. Tex also won a Toy Group 1 on the Idaho Circuit. I was lucky enough to be there to see it, along with most of the exhibitors of the day. With all the clapping (my hands are still sore), whooping and hollering it is very evident that our breed has many fans! Nora Higbee has been busy again with Jambo's Royal Rascal who won another major. Mary Rosenbaum has done well with Bi-Mar Sunny Supreme gaining a new win. Wendy and Victor Feist put a Reserve on their bitch, Feisty's Bomb Shell, as have Dana Plonkey and Randy Gemmill with their bitch, Valcopy-Wakhan Holly Go Lightly. Feisty's Bomb Shell later took a 4 point major on the Idaho Circuit from the 6-9 puppy bitch class.

With this issue we bring in a New Year. May it bring much happiness and joy to you all. Until next time . . .

FLASH! Exciting news! We just received word from the AKC that we are a Licensed Club. We have already begun work on our first point show. All our hard work has paid off! More news next time.

NORTHWEST NEWS AND VIEWS

by Jane Reed
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Many of the fall shows have come and gone, several of them having very good Pom entries. Congratulations are in order for following Northwest exhibitors: Ray Mooney and John Hookie on new champion, CJ's Dark Magic; Alicia Heggerston on new champion Bradley's Clown Princess; Sylvia Harbin on new champion Harbin's Carrying on For Mom; Victor and Wendy Feist on new champion Feisty's My-T Fine. I know there must be more, but I have not received information on them. If you finish a Pom, please let me know.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Darrell and Olga Baker for letting us have Prince's son Ch. Jane's Wee Prince O' Jeribeth. This flashy little man has taken 6 Group placements this year, 4 in the last month, including a Group 1 at Idaho Capitol City Kennel Club. All the wins have been owner handled and I can't tell you what a thrill it is to present this showy and sound little guy.

For those of you who live outside the area but would like information on events and issues from the northwest, additional information can be obtained from the following publications:

Poms and People
Jane Reed, Editor
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Columbia Pom Club
Carol Gillespie, Editor
3060 Independence
Independence, OR 97351

Mt. Rainier Pom Fanciers
Victoria Lovely, Editor
12022 30th St. E.
Edgewood, WA 98372

Annon's Huggy Bear from Scamp, CDX Canadian Companion Dog



At first it was just another dog show. Huggy was bored and his first leg score was 186 which proves it. Then it dawned on him that this was "novice work." He pulled his head up, pushed his chest out and strutted a 196.5, 195 and 195.5 - placing on all legs. Icing on the cake during a terrific vacation with super friends.

November 5, 1989 - Utility leg Number 1 at Oriole DTC.

Congrats, Roz! Imagine living with 2 Ch. UD Poms!

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A Little Cake . . . and Obedience

by Nancy Burnette

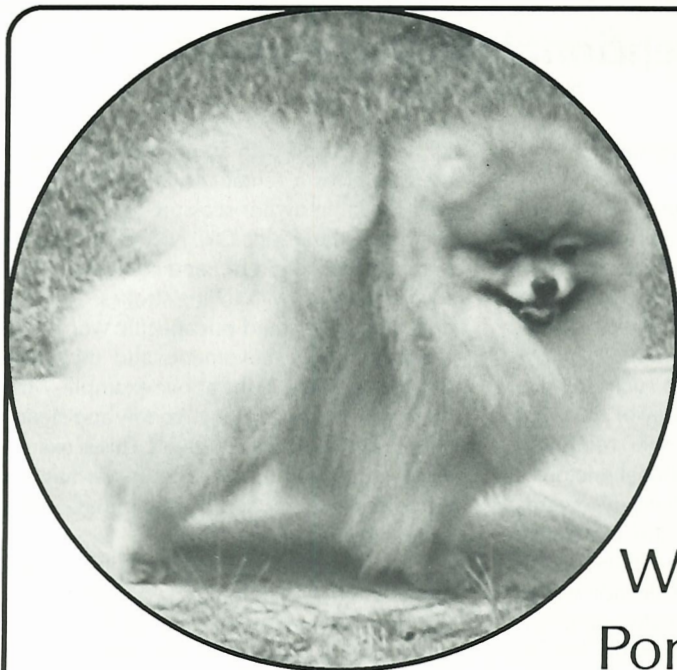
Like many people, my first encounter with dog shows was not with conformation, but with obedience. It never occurred to me that people would get together and hold an event that was, in a very basic way, a beauty pageant for dogs. Why, it only made sense that they should be performing "tricks" and winning money and trophies crowned with winged victories! Boy, have I learned a few things since those days! However, it quickly became clear that not only did I not have the knowledge to compete in obedience, but I did not have the hours to invest in training. It was apparent that conformation would be much easier because all you have to do is teach your dog to walk around the ring and stand to be examined. To my novice eyes, that was the path to pursue and so I did. After a while it began to sink in that I had a lot to learn about the subtleties of handling or I wasn't going to make it in conformation either.

As time passed and conformation became my focus, I continued to enjoy watching dogs working in the obedience ring and the successes my friends were having in obedience. However, at the same time I was handling more and more dogs. It seemed that I would never have the opportunity to get an obedience title on one of my dogs. As luck would have it a friend of mine needed a handler for her Italian Greyhound. She has lupus, a disease that attacks the immune system and systematically destroys your internal organs. Because of complications from the illness, Gwyn has plastic hips and could not bend up and down to set up her dog in the ring. She approached me with the suggestion that she would obedience train one of my Poms if I would be willing to finish her I.G. It seemed like the perfect solution to both our problems. Gwyn took my Ch. Nanshadow's

Hurricane Juan home that day. I had considered other dogs, but because of his temperament, it was almost certain that he would be the easiest to work with. Within just ten weeks, Gwyn was confident that he was ready to get his first leg. We entered him at the fall shows in Arkansas. He got his first leg that very day. Not a perfect score but hey, who could complain after ten weeks training. The second day came and everything was even better, that was, until the long down. Who knows what goes through dog's minds when they are lying there with nothing to do. Whatever it was, it was only there a short time. He stood up, and then immediately lay back down and didn't move another muscle. Oh well, tomorrow is another day. Day three of the cluster arrived and I began to worry that he'd pull another stunt. Fortune was on our side and all went smoothly, leg number two gained.

Things were really looking good on having him titled before the new year, but then Gwyn's kidney (a transplant from ten years earlier) began to reject and it became impossible for her to continue. With my total lack of knowledge in the field, it looked as though Juan would not get his CD after all. Several months later another dear friend that I handle for (Yorkies) asked if Juan had finished his CD. When I explained the circumstances, June insisted that she take him and see if he would respond to her. Exactly 16 days later we went to Shreveport and Juan and June got the final leg on the CD.

While everyone has an opinion about obedience training, I feel that both sides have valid points. It should be emphasized that, like in any field, it is the person that makes the difference. Although it may appear that on the surface I hastily entrusted one of my dogs to someone else, that was not the case at all.



Whid-Don's Pomeranians

Tim Sue's Spark of Light

(Ch. Chriscendo City Lights x Tim Sue's Charlie's Angel)

We are so proud of our "Sparky" who has been joined by Tim Sue's Dixie Dynamite, "Mity." "Mity," co-owned with Sue Goddard, is very happy here with us. He likes Sparky's girls and hopefully Whid-Don's will have some very good quality and beautifully bred show prospect puppies in the Spring.

At this time, I have 1 female, whelped 5/26/89, 2 males, whelped 10/7/89, sired by Tim Sue's Spark of Light.

FLASH! Melody Frost is the new owner of a Mity son, Whid-Don's Mity Dynasty Lite, and Sparky daughter, Whid-Don's Peridot By Spark. They will begin their show careers in early Spring.

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Unintentional Reinforcement

by Carol R. Crater

Reprinted from the Sheltie Pacesetter

Has this ever happened to you? You call your dog or command him to sit and it takes five shouts to get a response and then only if he feels like it? You think he's dumb or stubborn. No, he's learned very well exactly what you've taught him!

A major contributor to such dog disobedience or "problem behavior" is what behaviorists term "unintentional reinforcement." Simply stated, unintentional reinforcement is when a person unknowingly rewards (reinforces) a behavior that he is actually trying to eliminate! Most dog owners do this with the best intentions and do not realize that the message they are actually communicating to the dog is the exact opposite of what is intended.

When you give two commands and reinforce (reward) the dog's obedience to the second command you have taught him disobedience to the first command. Soon the dog fails to respond to the second command and you begin to reinforce him for obeying your third or fourth command. Before long it takes four or five shouted commands for the dog to obey.

Another common example is the owner who tells the dog to "stay" when the mailman knocks on the door or some similar type of situation that requires only a momentary stay. After a minute or so the dog gets up and moves around. If the owner does not become more specific with his commands or does not monitor the dog's obedience/disobedience (i.e., moving) every single time a command is used, he will be teaching the dog that "stay" means "stay as long as you feel like it" or "stay until my attention is involved elsewhere."

Sheltie owners, particularly those new to the breed, and owners of other relatively timid breeds are notorious for reinforcing improper and unwanted shy or fearful behav-

ior. When faced with an unfamiliar situation the dog gives a tentative whimper and the well-meaning owner reassures his pet with, "Oh, Sweetheart, it's OK. Nice dog! There's nothing to be afraid of," and combines these soothing words with loving strokes. The dog does not understand our specific words. He reads our body movements and especially our tone of voice. In the above example, what message is the dog getting? Loudly and clearly he hears, "Wow, you're great! This is exactly what I want you to do!" The owner has just reinforced the unwanted timid behavior that he was trying to discourage.

The same principles apply to the aggressive dog. While out on a walk around the block a person approaches. The dog is unsure of himself so the owner tries to let the dog know that everything is ok by petting him and talking lovingly. As with the shy dog, the message being conveyed to him is, "Good job! What a wonderful, smart guy you are!" and both dogs will be more likely to repeat those or more seriously inappropriate actions when faced with a similar situation in the future.

Although excessive and continuous barking is a characteristic we sometimes take for granted in our Shelties, such behavior can actually be unintentionally reinforced by the frustrated owner giving up at attempts to quiet the dog and letting him into the house. Even more subtly, the infamous "shut up" command shouted from a window can be enough to reinforce a frustrated, lonely dog. Even what humans consider to be rather severe corrections may be reinforcement to a dog that receives very little human attention.

The first step in eliminating unintentional reinforcement and the associated "problems" it creates is recognizing the occasions and situations when the dog is being unintentionally reinforced. A simple chart kept for a week can easily illustrate these

Ch. Tim Sue's Socialite



(Ch. Chriscendo City Lights x Tim Sue's Duchess Sabrina)

Debbly is pictured completing her championship under judge Lois Wolf White.

Our girl finished with three majors. She is a super mover and a clown who keeps us entertained and on our toes the whole time.

We want to thank Tim and Sue Goddard from who we acquired her. Also, Debbly's "Godmother," Carolyn Crockett, for her help in obtaining her. Special thanks also to two special people, Audrey Roberts and Nancy Burnett.

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I addressed several issues before making a decision to let someone other than myself do the training. First, it was imperative that the trainer know toys, and in particular, the idiosyncracies of Poms. Also, anyone that was heavy-handed or rough was out of the question. A trainer should be well versed in various training techniques so that if one is not working, others can be employed. Over the years, I had observed both Gwyn and June in classes and at shows, and when they were working their dogs alone. By watching someone train a dog for an extended period of time it is easier to tell if the methods used by that person are effective and if he is a good trainer. It is also a good idea to (tactfully) inquire about his background and reputation. Then if everything is in order, express your wishes to the person who will be doing the obedience training. It is important that any training methods you find unacceptable and do not want used on your dog be discussed up front. It is also important that you be realistic and understand that obedience is time consuming and your dog will not be perfect overnight.

As for Juan, he and June will team up again to start working toward his CDX in a few months. My Ch. Nanshadow's Oh Henry Will, whom I co-own with Skip Piazza, is starting to get some of the very basic training to start working for his CD with June as well.

Although swapping dogs is not necessarily a method that will work for everyone, it has been an enjoyable way for me to get the obedience titles that I have always wanted without having to give up clients. In some ways, I am having my cake and eating it too!

Unintentional Reinforcement, con't.

occurrences. During the first half of the week tally the number of occurrences of the behavior you wish to eliminate, but do not try to correct the behavior in any way. During the second half of the week, correct the behavior in your usual manner and keep track of the number of times the behavior occurs. The general rule of thumb to determine if your actions are rewarding or correcting the behavior is: if the frequency of the "problem" behavior is not noticeably reduced by the action then it is not correcting the behavior. If, on the other hand, the frequency of the behavior is increased by your action then the action is reinforcing the behavior.

The next step is to effectively correct the behavior. The most effective approach in the case of the shy dog is a gentle, enthusiastic, outgoing owner attitude coupled with a carefully designed program of systematic desensitization. When the dog displays an inappropriately fearful response the owner should act as exuberantly as possible ("Oh, look! What's over here? Isn't this fun" etc.) without forcing the dog closer to the object of his fear. A natural tendency is to expose the dog in large doses to "prove" that there is nothing to be afraid of. Since we cannot comprehend exactly what his fear may be, such "sink or swim" techniques cannot be used with much hope of success.

Although aggression problems should never be handled without professional guidance, they can be corrected through a program of proper correction coupled with positive reinforcement for submissive or quiet behavior, especially if diagnosed and treated early enough.

Unintentional reinforcement is a major contributor to canine "problems". It is a simple matter to teach a dog disobedience. Becoming aware of what you are really communicating to your pet will greatly reduce the problems caused by this common, well-meaning, but very detrimental practice.

Maranatha Poms
proudly introduces our First Canadian Champion!

Can. Ch. Maranatha's Lil Benjamin



(Ch. Lana's Top Priority - Group
winner x Maranatha's Leah)

Ben is show finishing his title,
capturing a Group 3 under Anita
Chapman. His professional handler
is Stacy Hill of Chilliwack, B.C.

Ben is pictured here in the NCPC
Stud Dog Class with his two BOS
Sweepstakes winning daughters. In the
middle is "Liberty Belle" (APC National
BOS Sweeps) and Petra" (NCPC BOS
Sweeps). It was a wonderful weekend!

Ben is for sale. I am currently
taking serious offers for him. In limited
showing, Ben has 3 Bests of Breed.

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Pomeranian Review

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First and Foremost Ratings of Open and Utility Dogs

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1988

CD's - 45 CDX's - 18 UD's - 2

1989 to Oct Awards

CD's - 40 CDX's - 12 UD's - TD - 1

Notice

The APC Obedience Awards will be given at the National Specialty in New York. For this year only they will be based on AKC Show Awards from October 1988 to December 1989. For following year they will be based on AKC Show Awards from January thru December.

Loose Lead, Please!

by Cassandra de la Rosa

How many of us have felt the frustration of owning or watching a truly magnificent dog that is not competitive because, in plain words, it is a lousy showman? Further, how many of us have attributed showmanship (or the lack of it), to luck, locale, the weather, or even the sex of the judge? Admittedly, these and other variables can and do affect a dog's performance on any given occasion. Eliminating these variables, or reducing them to rare occurrences, however, is a goal common to exhibitors of all breeds.

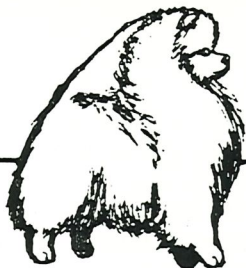
The purpose of this article is not to discuss the genetics involved in showmanship, nor the handler's skill in "bringing out the best" in a dog. No attempt will be made to explain the "natural" showman, nor the hopelessly recalcitrant one. The main concern will be to provide ideas for raising puppies from birth toward achieving their full potential as show dogs. This involves training them to be interested primarily in what you want them to do (show) and to be affected only secondarily by the variable situation. These ideas have been gleaned from many sources: friends in several breeds, books, articles, observation, and our own experiments. They are intended not as a pat formula for success, but as a framework around which each individual can work according to his own inclination.

To begin at the beginning, our puppies' education begins almost immediately after whelping with a strong program of socialization. For the first few weeks of life, puppies are handled several times a day. This handling ranges from being checked for daily weight gain to kissing, cuddling and stroking by two very small, sensitive children. Mother and puppies are kept in a warm, draft free, ACTIVE area of the house. We have used kitchen, family room, laundry room, and bedroom according to circumstances. For convenience's sake, they are kept in a large

24 x 36 Safari crate. We have also used a converted wooden playpen (linoleum on the floor and masonite added to the sides) with good success. We prefer the crate, however, as the puppies can SEE all the goings on as well as hear them. They grow up fully accustomed to all household and people noises, including the loud sudden moves of children, dishwasher, vacuum cleaner, TV and the occasional noisy dinner party. Sense stimulation and socialization is ongoing through the eighth week, after which we slack off conscientious effort.

When the puppies are ready for solid food, the real "work" begins. As soon as they are eating on their own, i.e., each pup is lapping up gruel without having his nose stuck in it, a conditioning process is begun. Each time food is set down, a small noise is made. It could be a soft whistle, clicking of the tongue, or whatever is preferred. The same noise is used each time. In a few days, a conditioned response is established, and the puppies will come to the sound eagerly. At the same time (three to five weeks), as soon as the puppies are walking, start putting them on the table. Support them gently in "show stance," give a soft "stand" or "stay" command, and praise. Several times a day is not too much for each puppy. By the time the pups are five weeks of age, they are coming when you want them and learning to stand for examination.

Now at five weeks, lead training begins! About one to one and a half hours before the puppies' meal time, place them all out on the floor. Have on hand some white meat of chicken or turkey or cooked liver cut into tiny pieces. After the puppies have romped a few minutes, select the leader of the litter and place a regular show lead around his neck. Hold the lead loosely and let him choose his own direction while you follow.



Tynan Pomeranians

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Can. Ch. Tynan Bits N Bites

First time in the ring at 6 months of age, Burt started his show career with a bang. Group 2 and Best in Show.

At 9 months of age he now has to his credit:

- 1 Best in Show
- 10 Best Puppy in Show
- 8 Group 1st
- 5 Group 2nd

Burt, myself and some of our other fuzzy friends are looking forward to seeing everyone in New York.

Feathering

by Victor Feist

Upon awakening at 3:00 a.m. on a holiday weekend, you find your expectant bitch has passed a water sack. However, mom is just content to relax and go back to sleep while you sit up, a nervous wreck with anticipation and fear.

Naturally your vet is on vacation in the Bahamas so calling him is out. What to do? I usually start by making some strong coffee and watch the bitch for a couple of hours. If she doesn't show any signs of passing a puppy, my next step is to feather the bitch.

Feathering is a simple procedure that augments labor. This stimulation of labor is accomplished by reproducing the movement of a live puppy in the birth canal. Feathering should be done whenever labor has started and no puppy has been produced after a couple of hours.

The technique involved is very simple to learn. First take your index finger and put some water-soluble lubrication on it, like KY jelly. Next, insert your finger into the birth canal. Gently rub your finger from side to side against the top of the canal. You should feel the bitch's spine. Continue this feathering for five minutes, repeat the feathering every fifteen minutes for one hour.

Remember that your finger should advance without any major resistance. Never force your finger into the birth canal because if you meet resistance it's probably a puppy. This procedure has turned many of our bitches around in a real big hurry. A bitch that was very relaxed has instantly shown signs of hard labor. However, if after an hour of feathering no puppy is produced, it is time for a visit to the vet.

Loose Lead, con't.

After a few minutes of this, stand at lead's length and make your feeding sound. All the pups will come running. As they do, start walking, encouraging them to follow. As they follow, gently tug the lead a few times to make the puppy wearing it aware of its presence, but not threatened by it. At this point he should be more interested in what you have to offer him to eat. Reward the puppies with tiny snacks and repeat in the opposite direction. Do this with each of them. Getting the puppies to follow you without a lead is good practice too, especially with reluctant ones. Hold the bait just ahead of the nose, make your sound, and move away slowly.

By six weeks of age the puppies should be ready to solo. Take each one out individually, place the lead, make your sound, call his name, and try gaiting him. If he is a little reluctant or tends to wander, lean over and lead him with the bait until he follows without it. Each time you stop, give the "stand" command, gently lifting his bottom - NOT BY THE TAIL - and holding him up if he decides to sit. Reward him with a treat or praise. Eventually he will move eagerly and stand freely at attention each time you stop. As you continue to practice with the puppies, you will notice that you will be able to rely less and less on bait. To get the puppies' attention, all you will need do it make the soft feeding sound. Bait can be saved as a reward for good performance.

Beyond this point any training is an extension of what has already been done. (And be sure, if you place the pup in a show home, that the same training is continued!) Consistent and regular work, particularly in the early, formative weeks of puppyhood, cannot be too highly stressed. If this sounds like it is time consuming and a lot of work, please be assured that it is exactly that! BUT, it is a lot of fun and immensely rewarding, both immediately and on the inevitable day when that particular judge says, "Loose lead, please."



Ch. Tim Sue's Harbor Lights

Owner: Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Conley
Breeder: Tim and Sue Goddard
Dam: Tim Sue's Duchess Sabrina



Ch. Tim Sue's Dixie Dynamic

Owner: Eleanor Miller
Breeder: Sue Goddard and Randall M. Frech
Dam: Jolly Wee Dixie of Tim Sue



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With thanks to Am.



Ch. Jolly Wee Music of Tim Sue

Owner: Florence Scott
Breeder: Sue Goddard and Randall M. Frech
Dam: Jolly Wee Lady of Pistol Pete



Ch. Tim Sue's Distant Lights

Owner: Joel Taylor, Cheryl Jackson, Sue Goddard
Breeder: Tim and Sue Goddard
Dam: Tim Sue's Duchess Sabrina

Ch. Dignity's Texican Venture

Owner: Rikki Barker
Breeder: Barbara Dignowity
Dam: Ch. Shamar Kira Lucia of Roxie



Seasons Greetings!



*from
Dupre's Pomeranians*



A Numbers Game

by Emily Untalan

Shih Tzu	14 - 13	17 - 17	23 - 23
Pomeranian	9 - 8	11 - 9	16 - 10
Yorkshire Terrier	9 - 9	11 - 11	5 - 16
Toy Poodles	8 - 12	9 - 14	12 - 18
Pekingese	8 - 9	10 - 11	15 - 14
Japanese Chin	8 - 5	10 - 7	11 - 12
Silky Terrier	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 15
Pugs	7 - 8	9 - 10	14 - 14
Papillion	7 - 6	9 - 7	12 - 8
Miniature Pinscher	6 - 9	7 - 10	10 - 13

Here's a game you can play at 5 a.m. while on a four day circuit in Boise, Idaho when you forgot your novel!

It could go by any name really, however it is still a game and strangely enough, we humans seem to enjoy playing games. I recently had a Judge ask me if I didn't enjoy playing games - while he was Judging! Hmmm.

First, in the above game, we check our division for the Toy breeds. Then we attempt to figure out how AKC determined the number of dogs and bitches it would take to make a 3, 4 and 5 point major. After scribbling all this out and ranking the various breeds, we come up with some rather amazing results. I will isolate the sexes in each major, therefore, trying to diagnose certain calculations.

Ranking as #1 in all three columns as needing the most dogs and bitches, are the Shih Tzus. Thereupon, they hold their position and I will attempt to rate the other nine.

Using the first column of majors we have a tie, the Pomeranians and Yorkshire Terriers are rated #2 but only in males. When it comes to bitches we rank #4 in Poms and the Yorkie is #3, tied with the Pekingese and Min Pins. The #2 position is held by the Toy Poodle bitches. Now to check how many it takes to make a 4 point major, eliminating of course the Shih Tzu and starting with the males, same status as above, first column, however, in bitches we fall off to #5. The #2 position is again held by the Poodle bitches, with the Pekingese and Yorkie in #3. The Silky and Pug up to now has held a solid 4th with the Pekingese holding down the #3 slot. Interesting. Now for the really big major. Here we are again rated #2 in males. Seems peculiar because our Poodle has now dropped to #5, along side the Papillion, while the Peke is still holding his own beside the Yorkie. The Pug is still in his #4 slot, while the Min Pin took a plunge down to #7. And now for the final tally, bitches. The poodle is again ranked #2 and we took a dive this time all the way down to #8. Emerging as #3 is the Yorkie with the Peke finally losing his #3 spot and falling off to #5.

Now that I have really befuddled you (and you only thought AKC could do that!) I'll leave you to play with the figures. (This is a game, remember?) Our instant city is awakening and with it my Poms and the person who makes sure I eat, my husband.

CH. LOVELY LADY SHAWNA-DEBUTANTE

Red Sable Female

Breeder: Mary Rosenbaum Owner: Victoria
E. Lovely

Ch. Queenaire Gamboling Man

Ch. Queenaire Gambling Dude

Queenaire Luvy Duk

Ch. Queenaire Coup D'Etat

Ch. Model's Red Sultan

Queenaire Ruby Ruby

Queenaire Luvy Duk

Ch. Model's High Voltage

Ch. Model's Bit-o-Whiz

Wood's Sun Goddess

Bi-Mar Black Jade

Ch. Queenaire Gambling Dude

Jubilee Dream Weaver

Jubilee's Rebel

CH. MERRYMONT SAT'RDAY NITE SPEC'L

Red Male

Breeder/Owner: Patty Griffin,

Winston-Salem, NC

Ch. Apple's Traveling Diamond

Ch. Cedarwood's Image of Diamond

Cedarwood's Pitti Pitti

Ch. Merrymont Sat'rday Nite Fever

Ch. Coble's Traveling Bear

Yolanda's Traveling Tequila

Apple's Traveling Alspice

Ch. Model's Truly A Diamond

Ch. Apple's Traveling Diamond

Apple's Traveling Crickett

Ch. Great Elms Karen of Lenette

Tomanoll's Pacman O' Queenaire

Tomanoll's June Bug

Bradley's Winsome Wendy

CH. TIM-SUE'S DISTANT LIGHTS

Orange Male

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Sue Goddard

Ch. Millamor's Rock Music

Am Can Ch. Millamor's Rock Concert

Millamor's Rock Rosette

Am Can Ch. Chriscendo City Lights

A/C Ch. Millamor's Rock Medallion

Can. Ch. Chriscendo Chatelaine

Mercer's Melodee Touch

Ch. Jolly Wee I'm A Pepper Too

Jolly Wee Duke of the West

Ch. Jolly Wee Joy of Peppi

Tim Sue's Duchess Sabrina

Ch. Jolly Wee Macho of Moon Rock

Ch. Tim Sue's Angel Sabrina

Tim Sue's Charlie's Angel

CH. WEE HEART'S SWEET SURRENDER

Black and Tan Bitch

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Owners: Cheryl A. Jackson/Joel M. Taylor

Ch. Theldun's Almond Fudge

Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasted Fudge

Bev-Nor's Sweet N' Sassy

Southland's Tar Baby's Image

Ch. Theldun's Almond Fudge

Ch. Southland Happy Birthday Bil

Ch. Bev-Nor's Fudge Delight

Ch. Peterson's Scamp of Lennis

Annon's Marquis de Tartan

Annon's Mischief Spirit

Wee Heart's I'm No Angel

Ch. Lennis Tar Baby of Great Elms

Lennis Gypsy of Tar Baby

DeBurger's Panda Jo Lee

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Ch. Sunray's Gold Gems President

Ch. Texican's Wee Will O' Mee-Gee

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Ch. Mee-Gee's Masterpiece

Ch. Jeribeth's Ivan Ideal

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Am/Can Ch. Chriscendo Western Express

Can. Ch. Chriscendo Chatelaine

Cherokee's Autumn Orange

Luell's Dandy Gold Dancer

Luell's Scarlet O'Hairy

Luell's Madam Dragonfly

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Orange Sable Female

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Chili, NY

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Great Elms Timstoppers Davey

Great Elms Sweet Candy

Ch. Great Elms Something Special

Great Elms Red Robin

Great Elms Becky

Great Elms Blackie Tan

Cedarwood's Gold Nugget

Ch. Great Elms Li'l Man of Lenette

Great Elms Bunny Rabbit

Great Elms Peaches of Lenette

Ch. Finally's Danny Boy of Luells

Luells Fuzzy Peach of Danny

Luell's Fluffy Toy Cuddles

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Orange Male

Owners: William Ferrara, John Price and

Margaret McKee, Macungie, PA

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Ch. Idlewyld Gemstone CDX

Golden Tiara Dambestie CDX

Idlewyld Lavalier CDX

Ch. Julie's Star Vega

Ch. Idlewyld Star Pendant CD

May Morning Small Talk CD

May Morning Social Lion

Ch. Idlewyld Gemstone CDX

Golden Tiara Dambestie CDX

Idlewyld Hope Diamond CD

Ch. Julie's Star Vega

Ch. Idlewyld Star Pendant CD

May Morning Small Talk CD

IDLEWYLD CHARM BRACELET CD

Orange Sable Female

Owners: Margaret and John McKee, Gooch-

land, VA

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May Morning Social Lion

May Morning Mary Ann

Ch. Idlewyld Gemstone CDX

A/C Ch. Wilma's Golden Party Boy

Golden Tiara Dambestie CDX

Pixie's Hello Dolly

Ch. Model's Son of Fun

Ch. Julie's Star Vega

Julie's Starlight Susan

Ch. Idlewyld Star Pendant CD

May Morning Social Lion

May Morning Small Talk CD

May Morning Fun 'N' Frolic

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that listens to nobody but you, switch with several people until the dog makes the handler/cue connection. If you desire to familiarize your dog to elements of future training above his current level of ability, this is not necessarily wrong if the dog is physically capable - but separate it totally from the work period and do not use as cues the words you intend to use in training (back to specificity again). My dogs "wait," "go get it," "jump," all during their play time and thus seem to be more relaxed when we actually get to working on "stay," "fetch," etc. Update your "fridge" list if necessary, but keep those not-too-serious play words carefully divided from your one-response-preferred-only words. It is much, much easier to be consistent from the start than to have to weed out those annoying little confusions later on.

Next, here are some handler exercises (you are a full 50% of the team, you know). Just because your dog is never to work the test patterns in practice, there is no reason you shouldn't. Try it sometime. Latch onto a friend (someone rather close-mouthed when it comes to gossiping is best) and advise him he is now "Joe-Handler" since you are now "super dog." Have him, quite seriously now, direct you through the exercise - it's fascinating how different a down-stay, for instance, looks from a dog's perspective, especially if you really "get with it" and perform it properly. Now, promote your friend (suitably recovered from the hysterical giggles) to Judge, you get a promotion to handler, and you will now send your "dog" through the test - not just any dog, mind you, but an absolutely, perfectly extraordinary, guaranteed 200 performer (invisible, of course, but you can't have everything!) Concentrate on your "dog" and visualize him through the pattern exactly as he should do it, always snappy, straight, and steady. And, concerning visualization, I swear by it as a training tool. I won't say dogs are psychic (even though we all know they are) but I have had some unbelievable results from the use of confident, sure, mental visualizations. As just a recent example, my cur-

rent puppy had been worked-in-play for two months at "go get it" and "tug-tug-tug" (verbally cued at all times.) One evening I decided to begin introducing the word "give" to initiate this alternate response. Now I knew exactly what I wanted when I said "give," but I expected to then have to physically aid the dog into releasing her tug-toy. Imagine my shock when, as I said "give," she literally spit the toy into my hand, ran over to the edge of the couch, and waited eagerly for my next throw. Suspecting it was a matter of accidental coincidence, we played "tug" on the next two returns and on the third one, upon the "give" cue, I was again rewarded with the instantly released toy. Later in that same play period (we often have three hour on and off play times, puppies being so energetic) I tried, "You want me to throw it?" and surprise, again instant release and ready to run chase. I had never used either of these two phrases to my dog before, nor around her, so how come she automatically "knew" the correct response? I have often had this "visualization" process work with horses, but had assumed that it was because of subconscious bodily cues and/or aids applied at the same time - maybe my puppy is just super fluent in "body English."

This does bring up an important point, though. Body cues can many times be signaling to your dog whether you are aware of it or not. Often it takes a well-trained observer to alert you to the fact that a dog's confused response is due to his difficulty in reconciling voice or hand signals with unconscious body cues. It's a very common problem, easily springing up, especially when the bulk of your training is done on your own. If you seem to bog down on a certain exercise, call in that observer; also, just as a general precaution, it's nice to have someone watch and critique your performance to keep you, as handler, sharp and responsive.

the average dog, and he can memorize them all without the list. One of the major benefits resulting from this specific word usage in training is how it enables an animal to give a much smoother, more harmonious performance, with no confused hesitations while he tries to sort through a variety of responses for the "proper" one.

To get back to my comparison, dressage tests are designed as a series of elements put together in set sequences, on an ever more difficult level as the horse progresses in ability. The horse should evince a certain percentage-degree of proficiency before being advanced to the next level of training and showing. If the basic preparation is not sound, your future performances will suffer somewhere along the line. Remember, the primary training "tool" is good, ol' fashioned time. Never, never, never can fear or force of used to "advance" an animal's training - it will always come back to haunt you at the most inopportune moments, as a "resistance" which at worst can work into a full-scale burnout during the more pressure-filled upper levels of work. And how much more tempting it is to make a 30-pound dog do something than a 1500-pound horse. You cannot blame a bullied animal who tries to avoid performing an action which has nothing but totally negative associations in his mind. Always you must make the correct response more pleasant than the incorrect response (and no, this does not mean praise when he's right and beat him when he's wrong. All that would achieve is to make the whole exercise "hateful" to the animal.) If an animal just does not achieve the desired response after a time or two, stop and use your head. Rethink your approach. Back down a step or two in training sequence. Remember, the system of "aiding" implies that a response after given aids are applied must be the correct one. Wrong response generally equals incorrect aids. Resistance always stems from improper handling techniques. (I am talking here about the theoretically responsive dog you have chosen for obedience training, not one which has been badly spoiled

by continuous mishandling - and even here you'd be amazed at how a proper system of aids can make some major problems disappear.)

Just as dressage and obedience tests are broken into separate but interrelated elements, so your training program can be regarded in its component parts: your animal, you and the show situation.

Here are some points that seem to apply equally well to either field. Work the elements in practice, but almost never work the test pattern. Do it once, it's new; twice, it's familiar; three times and your dog begins committing "dat ol'debbil" error of "anticipation" (I know what comes next, why wait for you to tell me!). This is very, very difficult to correct once it becomes a habit, so really work at not letting it get started. You're smarter than he is (keep reminding yourself) so keep him guessing. Never let him get too cocksure about what is going to be asked next, and you'll be rewarded with that sharp responsiveness so prized in the show ring. If you must deal with a determined "anticipator," it's back to the physical aids - easy with a horse, but with your dog it means 100% back on the lead and in holding distance of you or an assistant, depending upon the exercise during which the problem surfaced. He must consistently be aided to remain in each position until cued to the next one. Keep him guessing, alternate handling, change exercises, and for heaven's sake, don't let him catch you setting a pattern of "on lead - controlled; off lead - 'just try and make me behave'" - a lot of smart dogs try this one on you before you're through. This same approach also is good when your dog begins working off the wrong person's cues (i.e., the judge). I have ridden horses who worked off the announcer and not the rider, but such a response is a little too obvious in the obedience ring. Again, enlist some friends, position your dog, and have everybody and his cousin give direct commands to him; only after your direct command do you then aid him into the response. Also, unless you really want a dog

Obedience Training - Dressage For Dogs

by Dale Sutton

Having been much involved with dressage training and riding, I wanted to offer some observations on the many parallels I find between this most ancient equestrian art of "schooling" and the art (yes, art!) of obedience training.

The primary goal of dressage is to achieve through training such an absolute harmony (both physical and mental) between horse and rider that, at its highest form, one appears to be faced with a "one-mind-in-one-body" performance of unsurpassed beauty - all achieved through conditioning the animal to be "useful" in the broadest sense. In just this same fashion, a top-trained obedience dog appears to be so in tune to his handler that the verbal and/or hand cues appear almost extraneous to the performance; the spectator is presented with an experience of harmony and beauty in this total coordination of man and animal.

Basically, dressage training revolves around a thoroughly developed tradition of the use of physical "aids" to encourage the horse to exhibit the desired response. When correctly applied, these aids of hands, legs and seat pressure make it physically easier for the animal to respond in the desired fashion than to react in any other way - the horse is literally lead into the correct response. Those experienced in obedience training can easily substitute in their minds the obedience concept of physical "correction" which, when properly utilized, also makes it "easier" for the animal to act in the desired fashion than to offer any alternative response. I much prefer the term "aid," particularly for a novice handler, because too many of us (myself included) have a difficult time separating "correction" from "punishment" (aren't our prisons called "correctional facilities?"). In our work-a-day vocabulary this word has too many negative connotations which, even subconsciously, can interfere with its proper

application, whereas "aid" is a totally positive term which to my mind more accurately reflects the desired attitude in this aspect of training.

Of course, in dressage training the horse is always subject to his rider's aids as there is always a direct physical connection between rider and animal. In dog training, however, there arrives a point in which no actual physical aiding is possible due to the handler being in a non-contact situation. We therefore substitute "cues" - signals to the animal to perform a desired action which before was a natural end-response to a physical aid. To illustrate the difference, if I use my hands and the lead to position a dog into a "sit," this is using aids. Now, I can, at the same time, say "sit" or I can say "bananas" for all the dog cares - as long as I condition him to connect this cue word with this consistently-aided behavior, I can begin to achieve response strictly off the cue word. The same applies to signals. Since all forms of cues are arbitrary decisions, unlike the aids, this is where an animal can suffer his greatest confusion. If a cue-word is applied, "here, there, and everywhere" to a variety of physical responses, the animal cannot be blamed for interpreting it whichever way he decides might be appropriate. (Am I to get "down" off the couch, "down" off the neighbor's stockings, lie "down" in my crate, or sit "down," perhaps?) With an intelligent dog you can develop an amazingly complex working vocabulary. The use of many, many different words does not seem to phase him as long as each and every one is as specific as you can make it. If you have trouble remembering them, then try this: make a list of operative words and desired actions (put the one response you want from the word) and post the list on your refrigerator door - every time you run to the "fridge," look it over. Don't worry, at last count you were adjudged smarter than

... and the beat goes on.

Marko presents his son

JJ presents his daughter



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Simon**

Breeder/Owner Benson Ray

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Bianco Chablis**

Breeder Sharon Masnick
Owners Phyllis Herndon and Sharon
Masnick

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We wish to acknowledge our new arrivals. A thank you to Sherry Adams for Golden Aires N Sherry's Jubilee, Ruth Beam for Great Elms Dandy Candy Man, and to Nina Epps for De Arta's Waltzing Matilda and De Arta's Dancing Marketta. Marketta has since presented us with three handsome boys sired by Ch. Millamor's Mark Tradition.

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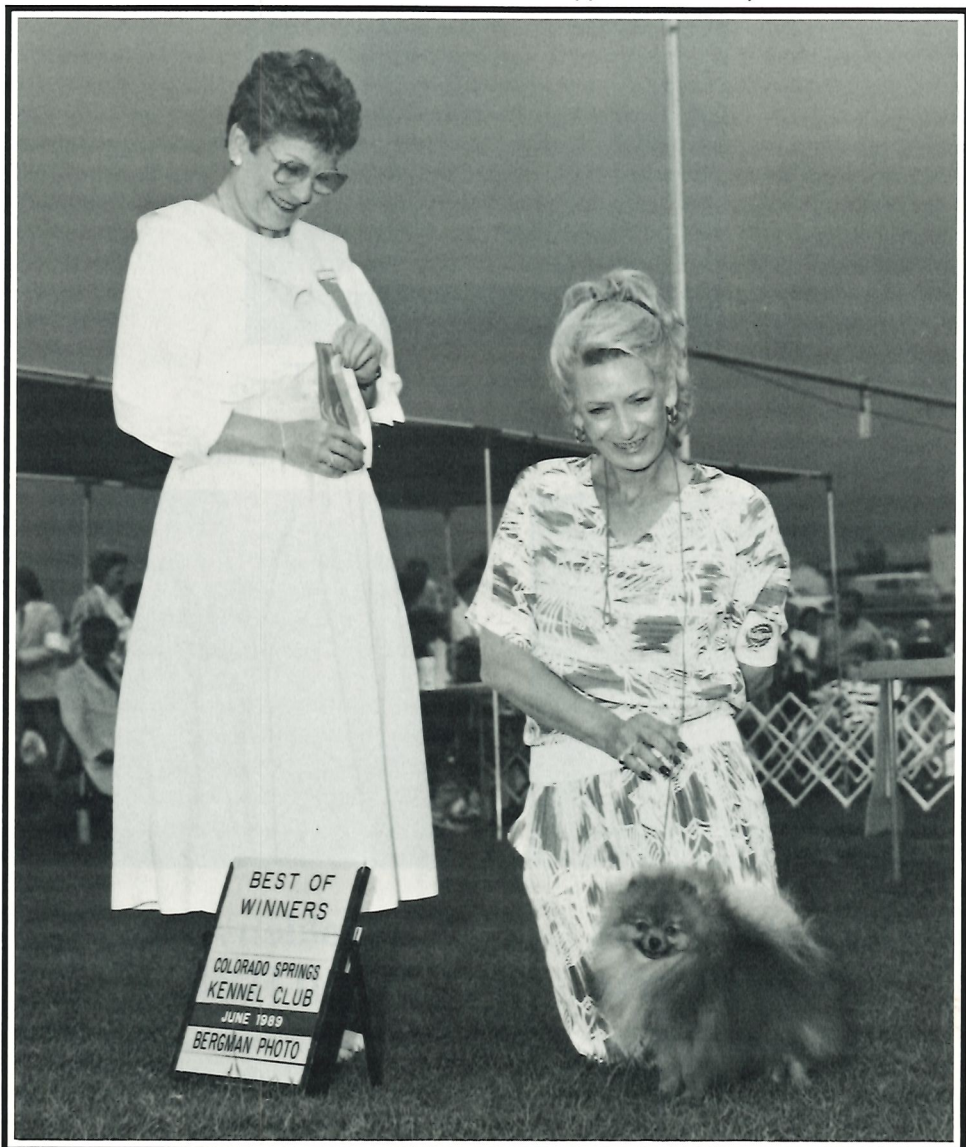
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Dam: Tim Sue's Brass Toy



Ch. Tim Sue's Duchess Delight

Owner: Tim and Sue Goddard

Breeder: Tim and Sue Goddard

Dam: Tim Sue's Duchess Sabrina



Ch. Tim Sue's Socialite

Owner: Dick and Bronya Johnston

Breeder: Tim and Sue Goddard

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The Cowboy and the Banker

by Baxter Black, D.V.M.

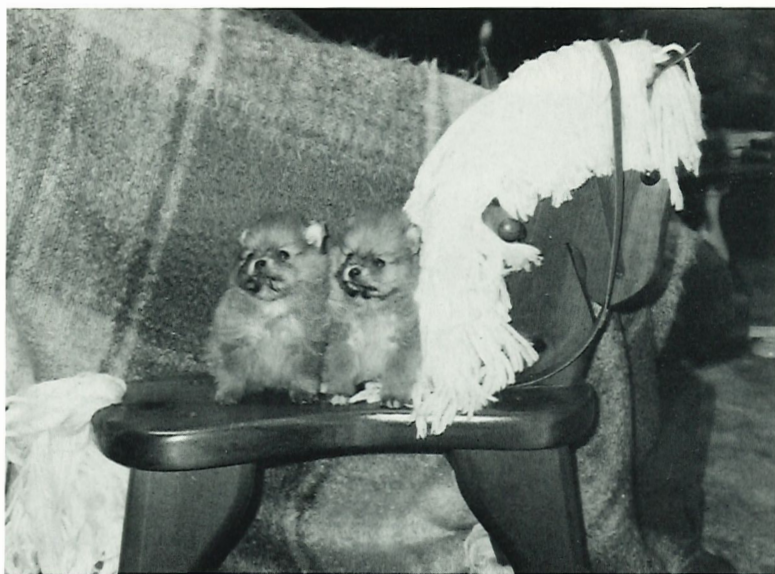
The rancher sat across the desk, applying for a loan.
He'd never borrowed cash before, he'd made it on his own.
But times were hard, as he explained, and if they only could,
He'd like to borrow twenty grand. The banker understood.

"That doesn't sound unreasonable, although it's quite a lot.
Your cows can be collateral. How many cows you got?"
"Two hundred head," the rancher said, "That's give or take a few."
"That's good enough," the banker said, "Of course, there's interest due."

In three months time the rancher came and paid the loan in full.
But in his poke he had some left that was expendable.
"Why don't you leave that cash with me," the banker said, content,
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The rancher paused, "Now let me see . . . you gave me twenty grand
And then I paid you extra back for lendin' me a hand.
Now I give you this pile of cash and you pay me this time
The extra that I done forked out, at slightly over prime?"
The banker nodded helpfully and lit himself a smoke.
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History of the Pomeranian Dog

from "The Dog Book" - Vol. II

by James Watson (pub. New York, 1906)

Research and Article by Dolly Trauner, 1968.

"However applicable the name of Pomeranian or Spitz may be to the large sized dog bearing that title it is of doubtful correctness when applied to the toy dog. Long before there was any Pomerania this dog was a favorite pet of the Grecian and Roman ladies, and it was not until the late Queen Victoria went to Florence to spend a winter that we heard anything of the little dog which became so suddenly popular. The Queen brought Marco from Florence and it was for many years her favorite dog, while it will not be forgotten that one of her last requests was for another of her favorites, also a little Pom. It is first necessary to consider the dog originally known as the Pomeranian and the evidence points to this larger dog, weighing about 20 pounds, as almost invariably white. "Idstone," thirty-five years ago (1870) said that the colour should be a cold, flake-white "and frequently comes creamy and clay coloured." He mentions that blacks have occasionally occurred and instances one that he says was an undoubted specimen. Dalziel in his description of the breed says that the white should be a pure flake white, colored patches, fawn, or other being objectionable and that although the fashion was so distinctly for a white dog he thought black, cream, fawn, red and buff should be encouraged. A much older description in the "Sportsman's Cabinet," (by Tapin, 1802) says they were pale yellow or cream, some white, a few black, and very rarely spotted. Certainly the aim of breeders at the time of the early dog shows in England was to get a perfectly pure white dog, without any tendency to cream in the coat.

All the old descriptions refer to the Pomeranian as being the sheep dog and wolf dog of their native country and it is evident

that some of the breed must have been large dogs of the Norwegian Elkhound type or akin to them. Considering the situation of Pomerania that is not improbable and accepting that is the origin, the variety we are considering was therefore the housedog, selected for size and bred with more care. They always had the general reputation of being snappish and as very unsuitable for children to play with on that account. This reputation followed them to this country and for a year or two after 1880, there was so much talk about them as being prone to "develop" rabies that no entries of Pomeranians would be accepted at the New York shows. It is so seldom that we see any of these large Pomeranians at the present time that it is unnecessary to say more about them and a good idea of what they were a century ago is shown in the Gainsborough painting of Mrs. Robinson. Such a dog is shown in the painting by Stubbs of which the quaint old game keeper and his peculiar setter, given in the English Setter chapter, form a part.

The Toy Pomeranian includes dogs from 10 pounds down to about 5 pounds, but in these very diminutive specimens there is a tendency to develop the round or apple-headed skull which is too much a fault to be counter-balanced by the small size. Flatness of skull is something which should be more generally recognised as a requisite and then let size come in as desirable.

In speaking of these small Pomeranians as more entitled to be called Italian even if bred throughout Western Europe it is worth while mentioning that Youatt calls them Italian or Pomeranian. Blaine does not mention the breed by either name quoting the Buffon title of Loup-Loup, which was the large dog,



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(photo at 11 months)

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 Ch. Mercer's Touch O Duke
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 Mercer's Dark Star
 Tri Don's Shadee Ladee



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the sheep dog. It is not improbable that stray specimens of the small dog may have been brought to England years ago, but as we have said it was not until Queen Victoria brought Marco from Florence that the variety became at all known. There was then a rush to get the new dog and they speedily became the fashion in toys. In 1891 the Pomeranian Club of England was formed and this added zest to the fancy so that two years later at the Ladies' Kennel Association show in London there were 322 entries of Poms alone, the actual dogs being well over one hundred.

American fanciers were not slow in getting some of the new breed and in 1899 the first of them were shown, the best display being at the Pet Dog Show where Mrs. Synth of Germantown and Mrs. Williamson of New York showed some particularly nice dogs. Mrs. Avis and Mrs. Senn also exhibited at this show, and they are still exhibiting. Mr. Coombs was another early member of the fancy and he has shown some good whites for quite a number of years. The late Mr. Stedman and Mrs. Stedman were also very enthusiastic exhibitors and took great pride in their homebred dogs. Mrs. Render, wife of Mr. Stedman's business partner has also had a few good ones. We do not seem to have progressed to any great extent however, although the breed is always very well represented at the best shows. The additions to the ranks of exhibitors are not so numerous as was at one time promised, and the only ones of note have been Mrs. Mayhew, who has been very successful with the few dogs she has shown, quality rather than number being her guide; Mrs. Doran, who has a few good whites, Mrs. Macdonald of Toronto, who has lately been showing a nice one of her own breeding named Redcroft Darkie, and Mrs. Thomas.

Considering the disadvantages our exhibitors have to contend against in the matter of the drier atmosphere as compared with what is the case in England the condition in which our Pomeranians are shown is very creditable. There is no question, however,

that the English climate is much better adapted for the growth of coats than is the case here and the first thing which an American visitor notices in connection with Pomeranians at English shows is the grand quality of coat the dogs are shown in.

At the present time there is much discussion in the English kennel Papers regarding improper practices in preparing Pomeranians for exhibition, but so far we have heard there is nothing of the kind in connection with our shows and it is to be hoped that this very unpleasant feature may never arise here. Those who follow closely and have introduced the English methods of preparing show dogs have thus far not taken to the Pomeranians and as there is never likely to be the same amount of money at issue in Pomeranians as in the breeds which command their attention at the present time, we are likely to have a clean bill of health for some time to come.

As the large Pomeranian is never seen now it is quite unnecessary to give the old standard in vogue in the days of Stonehenge and Dalziel and that for the breed of the present day is as follows:

Descriptive Particulars

APPEARANCE - The Pomeranian in build and appearance should be of a compact, short-coupled dog, well knit in frame. His head and face should be fox-like, with small, erect ears that appear to be sensible to every sound. He should exhibit great intelligence in his expression, docility in his disposition, and activity and buoyancy in his deportment.

HEAD - The head should be somewhat foxy in outline, or wedge-shaped, the skull being slightly flat (although in the toy varieties the skull may be rather rounder), larger in proportion to the muzzle, which should finish rather fine and be free from lippiness. The teeth should be level and on no account undershot. The head in its profile



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may exhibit a little stop, which, however, must not be too pronounced, and the hair on the head and face must be smooth or short-coated.

EYES - The eyes should be medium size, rather oblique in shape, not set too wide apart, bright and dark in colour, showing great intelligence and docility of temper. In the white dog blackrims around the eyes are preferable.

EARS- The ears should be small, not set too wide apart nor too low down, and carried perfectly erect, like those of a fox, and like the head, should be covered with soft short hair. No plucking or trimming is allowable.

NOSE - In black, black and tan, or white dogs the nose should be black; in other colored Pomeranians it may often be brown or liver-coloured, but in all cases the nose must be self, not parti colored, and never white.

NECK AND SHOULDERS - The neck, if anything, should be rather short, well set in and lion-like, covered with a profuse mane and frill of long straight hair, sweeping from the under jaw and covering the whole of the front part of the shoulders and chest, as well as the top part of the shoulders. The shoulders must be tolerably clean and laid well back.

BODY - The back must be short, and the body compact, being well ribbed up and the barrel well rounded. The chest must be fairly deep and not too wide.

LEGS - The forelegs must be perfectly straight, of medium length, not such as would be termed either "leggy" or "low on the leg," but in due proportion in length and strength to a well balanced frame, and the forelegs and thighs must be wellfeathered, the feet small and compact in shape. No trimming is allowable.

TAIL - The tail is characteristic of the breed, and should be turned over the back and carried flat, being profusely covered with long, spreading hair.

COAT - Properly speaking there should be two coats - an under and over coat; the one a soft fluffy undercoat, and the other a long, perfectly straight and glistening coat, covering the whole of the body, being very abundant around the neck and fore part of the shoulders and chest, where it should form a frill of profuse standing-off straight hair, extending over the shoulders as previously described. The hindquarters, like those of the collie, should be similarly clad with long hair, or feathering from the top of the rump to the hocks. The hair on the tail must be, as previously stated, profuse and spreading over the back.

COLOUR - The following colours are admissible: - white, black, blue or grey, brown, sable or shaded sable (including red, orange or fawn), and parti-colours. The whites must be quite free from lemon or any colour, and the blacks, blues, browns and sables from any white. A few white hairs on any of the self-colours shall not absolutely disqualify, but should carry great weight against a dog. In parti-coloured dogs the colours should be evenly distributed on the body in patches; a dog with a whitefoot or a white chest would not be a parti-colored. Whole-coloured dogs with a white foot or feet, leg or legs, are decidedly objectionable, and should be discouraged, and cannot compete as whole coloured specimens. In mixed classes, where whole-coloured and parti-coloured compete together, the preference should be given to the whole-coloured specimens, if in other points they are equal.

WEIGHT - Where classification by weight is made, the following scale should be adopted by show committees: 1) not exceeding 8 lbs. 2) exceeding 8 lbs.

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HELPFUL HINTS

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A recent issue of AKC Gazette featured a number of articles on rescue. I thought I'd tell you my own rescue story. I was away at a 4-day circuit, so it was my 19-year-old daughter who answered the phone at the obedience club that November night. A woman's voice said she had found a puppy in her front yard that morning, and she could find no one to take it. She had called several vets and the SPCA, but no one could help her. My daughter said she would come and get it. To her astonishment, the puppy Rachal picked up not only had its eyes closed, but the cord was still attached!

Rachal brought her home, dug out my heating pad, bottles and Esbilac and began the found-the-clock chore of being substitute mommy. When I returned, I pitched in on most of the shifts as Rachal had to go back to school. She ate eagerly and grew fat. As I held her in my hands, I thought, "I know you're a mongrel, but you look like a big, ugly Pom." A suspicion began to grow in the back of my mind. When she was about 10 days old, a friend came to visit. "You know what she looks like?" she asked and voice my suspicion. "I used to breed Chows," she said, "and this sure look like a chow."

And she was. Her tongue turned blue, her tail curled over her back and she was a decent looking Chow. Once we knew what she was, we began trying to find the owner of her dam. We called every ad for chows in the newspaper, and every listing in the Breeder's Guide. Nothing. We never got a clue as to where she had come from. She certainly appeared purebred.

At first, we let her run with the Poms, but when she got too big and rambunctious, we had to isolate her. As soon as I realized she was a Chow, I began treating her like one. She

got her dominance lessons early! I was pretty tough with her. She grew up happy, friendly to both humans and canines, eager to play, eager to be petted. We ILP'ed her and placed her in a home with a co-ownership.

The crazy thing about her was how strong and sturdy she was. Certainly she got off to a bad start - dropped or tossed onto frosty grass. Rachal and I didn't hover over her and treat her with the same care we do Pom babies; we were late with feedings, occasionally missed one, and let strangers see her before she had any shots; and she thrived! Are we doing something wrong with our Poms?

This fall, AKC inaugurated a new program - the Canine Good Citizen Award. This test is meant to be simpler to administer and pass than the Novice Obedience class competition which leads to the AKC Companion Dog title. It is meant to encourage responsible pet ownership and to help combat restrictive dog legislation. The program was to officially begin on September 1, although one group jumped the gun and held the first test in August.

Our obedience club held a test on September 9, and we were delighted with how well it went. There is no paper work to prepare for AKC; permission does not have to be obtained. Any organized dog group which wishes to conduct a test may do so. It does not have to be a licensed or sanctioned club, although experience in holding matches or trials helps. AKC provides very attractive blue-on-cream certificates at a cost of \$.50 each. We ordered 100, and also bought pale blue 2 x 8 ribbons with "AKC Canine Good Citizen Award," our club name, and the city on them.

Flyers were printed which included the complete description of the tests to be passed. We also mentioned the necessity of each owner bringing license or city or county tags, rabies certificate, health certificate, water dish, and a brush. We tried to blitz the metropolitan area with flyers, sending them to every training organization, pet show, vet, grooming shop, and feed store. We encour-

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aged our trainees to come. We had no idea what the response would be, but prepared for and hoped for a crowd.

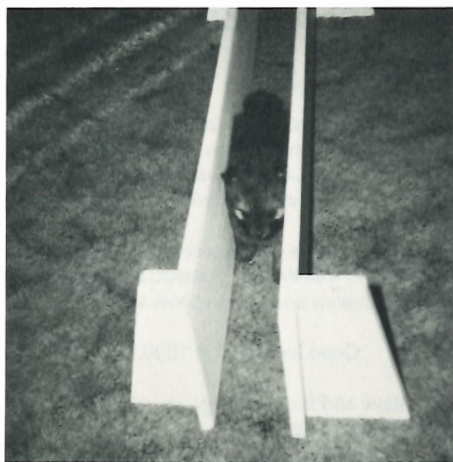
The chairman was well-organized. Each test was assigned to an evaluator and two assistants for one hour shifts. That hour went quickly. We rotated shifts so no one worked too hard, and everyone got to participate in the fun. There were maps posted showing where each test was conducted and by whom. Traffic flowed smoothly in one door to a registration desk (get score sheet and clip board) through; 3 test areas - test 1, tests 2-9, and test 10 - past a desk to get ribbon and certificate and out another door. The waiting area remained crowded for the first two hours.

There are ten tests, scored on a pass/fail basis. All ten tests must be passed to get the award. Considerable latitude is given the evaluator in deciding whether a dog passes. He should consider whether the dog's behavior makes him a good family member or a good neighbor. Thirty-seven dogs and owners took the test: thirty were successful. We were delighted with these numbers. I was surprised by which exercises the dogs flunked. There were no problems with heeling in a crowd, with distractions (one we used was a wheelchair), or reacting to the presence of other dogs. One dog flunked for urinating in the building. The first test calls for the evaluator to check the dog's papers (two flunked for not having city/county license) and gently groom and examine the dog. One Miniature Schnauzer succeeded in biting the evaluator, and a Rottweiler offered to. We immediately dismissed these dogs from the test, but dogs which wailed on other grounds were permitted to continue if their owners wished to. Two more dogs failed for not going down on voice command and/or hand signal. As you can see, some training is required.

We were most pleased with the response to the test. The public seemed to think it was a good idea; those who passed were justifiably proud. Our members turned out in force to help and to watch. Several put their

dogs through the test. Obedience-titled dogs found these tests easy. Ch. Val CDX and Charm were (I assume) the first Poms in the country to earn Canine Good Citizen Awards. Incidentally, one revolutionary aspect of this program is that, even though it is sponsored by AKC, it is open to mixed breed dogs! We thought the test was fun, as well as an educational event, and plan to offer it twice a year.

Brenda Hutton had a puppy which had trouble getting up on her feet when she should have; at 24 days old, she wasn't walking. Brenda wasn't sure whether she was a true "swimmer" or just a fat, lazy puppy. Brenda used her obedience experience to find a solution. She writes, "My theory . . . was she couldn't walk because the interior leg muscles weren't strong enough to support her, and needed to be exercised . . . I seemed to me necessary to support her legs from the side so they couldn't slip from under her." Brenda set up a chute from 2 broad jump board turned on their sides. Obedience trainers are familiar with this technique for teaching straight fronts. But Brenda made her chute so narrow it supported Spice (see picture). Then she tickled, pushed, pulled, teased, and tormented the puppy to encourage her to



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Mark was a very reliable worker and earned 2nd, 4th and 4th placements. He is a third generation dual titlist (see pedigree in Behind The New champions) and our sixth dual titlist! He is now back home in Pennsylvania with Bill and John.

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move. It worked! A few questions, Brenda: How long at a stretch did you do this? How many times a day? For how many days? Brenda says, "Isn't it nice how obedience works its way into every facet of our dogs' lives?" Amen.

I showed two Pomeranians to their CD titles this fall. Even though I am an experienced trainer, each dog turned out to be a surprise. Mark had minimal training. I got him in April and started showing him in September. I merely hoped to qualify with him and expected him to NQ occasionally. To my surprise, he was a very calm, steady, and reliable worker.

With Charm, I expected more. Her attention was good and she was eager to please. So I was astonished by the dog who appeared in the ring with me at our first trial. She was a vibrating, nerve ending, wired-for-sound. She was somewhat distracted on heeling, lightening fast on everything, and very sloppy on front and finish. On stays, she was moving constantly - twitching, swiveling her head, patting her front feet up and down, ready to break any second. I was really shaken. I had taken her to matches. I thought I had proofed her. Not enough!

I immediately embarked on an intensive proofing program with four goals: (1) to make her less distractable, (2) to make her steadier on stays, (3) to improve finishes, and (4) to get a solid sit on fronts. I knew we needed to go lots of new places and seek distractions. This is not easy living out in the country. Two days a week I went to the Courthouse and practiced on the lawn in different areas, but generally these sites were too quiet. I got on the Interstate and drove to the nearest rest area. Here we did heeling and stays on lead. This is an excellent choice. There was both pedestrian and vehicular traffic constantly. People stopped to ask questions and to ask if they could pet the dogs. After a couple of days, I felt confident enough to do recalls. Another great place to practice was outside the grocery store. The automatic doors opening and closing, boys

pushing the grocery carts, kids calling, "Hi, Doggie!" were all great distractions. In addition, we went to obedience classes twice a week.

This extra effort paid off dramatically. Mark was quiet and stable on stays. Charm gradually calmed down. She qualified in rain, winds, with dogs breaking next to her, and with clouds of insects flying around! Heeling, fronts and finishes improved enough to earn good scores and class placements.

For over a year I've owned Greyhounds. I'd long admired the sighthounds and thought the REGAP (Retired Greyhounds as Pets) program was a wonderful idea. I hesitated to get one as I worried that the hound would consider the Poms as game. I talked to other who had retired racing Greyhounds, and they assured me that they were gentle and tractable. One lived amiably with Schipperkes, another with Miniature Dachshunds, a third with Tibetan Spaniels. So I decided to give it a try. My first hound was a lovely bitch named Brindy. She was charming, sweet and intelligent. And she died before I had had her two weeks, probably of an embolism after spaying her.

She was immediately replaced with Bess, a gorgeous blue. She too was wonderful - loving, smart, fun. We got her an ILP and put her in an obedience class. She was an absolute joy. In November of 1988 she got away from my daughter and ran into the highway. I was devastated and waited until spring to look for another. Within a week I was offered an AKC Greyhound. (Every time I asked for a male and every time I ended up with a bitch.) Azyr is a blue fawn (a light golden color), bigger than the racing dogs (27 1/2 inches) and equally wonderful. She is very outgoing and loves everybody. I'm showing her in conformation, and training her in obedience. While she has 11 points toward her lure coursing championship, I'm still ambivalent about lure coursing her as I am afraid of injuries.

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almost never bark. The cat has adored all three. They get along fine with the Poms in the house, but I don't put them out together as hounds will chase something that runs. I don't think Azyr would deliberately hurt a Pom, but she might stomp it. On the other hand, I can let her run with the 4 month old Norwich I board. They get along great together.

In the house, if a Greyhound gets excited playing with a Pom, I just order her, "Get on the couch and lie down." She does and quiets down immediately. Of course, they're a snap to groom. Boy, Have I taken a razzing from my Pom and Tibetan Terrier friends on that score! They will steal - food, usually - if it is in reach, so I have to remember to put things away. If you have thought about getting a token big dog or want something very different from a Pom, consider a retired racing Greyhound. Write me for more information.

Last summer our obedience club newsletter suggested using Murphy's Oil Soap for a flea shampoo. I tried it first on the Greyhound and was very pleased with the results. It left the coat with a nice sheen. I hesitated to use it on a Pom because of the word "oil." Then Dulcy came out to be groomed. Dulcy is the one who is so sensitive to any chemicals and is on a chicken-and-rice diet. Since the oil soap (or flax soap) is all natural, I thought it would be safe to try on her. After she went home, Fran called raving that her coat had never looked better. So I tried it on Mighty, who has superb coat texture. Again, excellent results. Finally, Elaine used it on Hope right before a show, and she looked lovely. It does not soften the coat nor can I tell that the dogs are getting dirty any faster. It kills fleas as well as any shampoo, and has a pleasant fragrance. I will continue to use my almond shampoo for most dogs, but will use oil soap for Dulcy and the old guys.

See you in New York!

History of the Pom, con't.

COLOUR CLASSIFICATION - Where classification by colour is made; the following should be adopted: 1) black. 2) white. 3) brown or chocolate. 4) sable and shaded sable. 5) blue or grey. 6) Any other colour.

SCALE OF POINTS

Appearance.....	15
Head	5
Eyes	5
Ears	5
Nose	5
Neck and Shoulders	5
Body	10
Legs	5
Tail	10
Coat	25
Colour	10
Total	100

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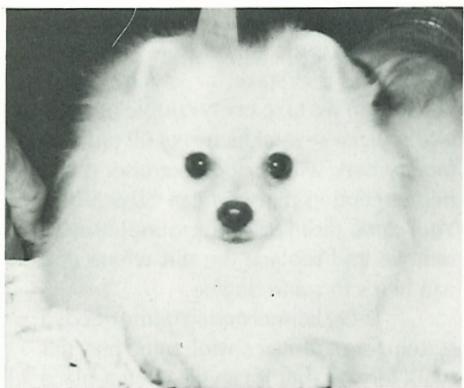
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Parasite Control

by Wendy Feist

We have often been asked what our system is for parasite control and we have always generously shared our ideas. I thought that if it were in writing some place, others could benefit as well.

There are several rules that we always follow. The first is that whenever we are bringing a new dog into our hobby kennel, it is always quarantined for seven to ten days. I wait approximately three to four days to allow for adjusting to us, new food and water (unless diarrhea is present), then I take a fresh stool sample to our vet for a fecal test. If it is positive I treat the dog; if negative I complete the seven to ten days watching the new dog with an eagle eye, so to speak, so that it may then be release into the run with the others.

The second rule is to never allow a bitch in for breeding to be in contact with any dog other than the stud. The bitch is not allowed to exercise in any area used by the other dogs. She is kept in a totally washable area. This also protects the bitch as well. We well know how stress can affect Poms and make them susceptible to sickness. I now require a negative stool sample on all bitches brought in for breeding.

I also have an area just for my friends for when they bring their dogs over for a visit, just as an added precaution to us both.

When I began my fecal testing system several years ago I began by getting a fresh sample from each dog, taking it to the vet for testing. I then put all the dogs that tested negative into one area and any that tested positive into another. I then treated the affected dogs and retested seven to ten days following the completion of the medication. Once everyone was parasite free, I put them on a system of fecal checks. I divided my kennel into

three sections and took samples from the dogs in pen A. If all tested negative, I released them back to their common run. Then in three months I did this again and tested pen B, following with pen C. If one dog tests positive I then test all the dogs and repeat the system of medicating and resampling.

I begin testing the stools of my litters at about 4 weeks of age and continue every three weeks. Every puppy has a negative fecal test before going to a new home.

The question often asked is about cost. This is rather expensive, but the cost of losing a dog to parasites or extensive veterinary care and the risk to all the dogs is far greater.

At the vet's office, I always ask that the new form of testing be done where they spin the specimen down with the flotation fluid before they read the test. This helps for a more accurate test result.

It is the biggest misconception that if a dog does not have diarrhea, it is free from parasites. A dog can carry and pass Giardia, for example, and have no visible signs of diarrhea and be in perfect weight and have a good appetite. So my motto is check, check and recheck! No matter the cost, no cost is too great where the health of our dogs is at stake. Another precaution we take every couple of years is to replace several inches of fill dirt and beauty bark where dogs exercise. It is a misconception that you can bleach dirt. You can't disinfect the ground! But to remove and replace the dirt where you can helps to some degree.

Every kennel or dog home needs a system for parasite control. Mine may not work for you, but it can give you a place to start.



Snuggles Pals Autumn Mink



Pickles Special Autumn Lady

"Sam" is a clear orange dog bred by Donna Pickles and myself, co-owned by Joanne Blank of Fairbanks, Alaska and me. He will remain here until such time as we agree he will go to his permanent home with Joanne. He has coat, bone, a beautiful head and moves quite well. He is three and a half pounds of animation.

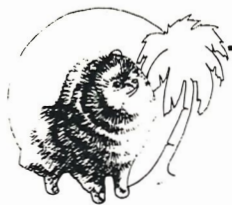
"Thumbalena" is extremely nice for a bitch. She has everything - coat, movement, bone, head, personality plus and also weighs three and a half pounds soaking wet! She is bred by Donna Pickles, who was nice enough to let me co-own her.

I would like to clear up a statement I made in the July issue in my ad on Ch. Bi-Mar Bit of Tassajara. Mary Rosenbaum, his breeder, is not responsible for Lil Bits' hangups. She sold him to someone here in Oregon from whom I bought him. Lil Bit did something a year ago this December (at our Benched show) that he has never done before nor since. We ran into his former owner who tried to pet him, only to have him bark excessively and try to bite her. This was their first encounter in four years - and they say dogs are dumb!

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Can. Ch. Tynan Star Chaser O' Pomsprings

Here's Chase and Audrey just after they won their first U.S. points together!

Thanks Audrey for all your TLC and good luck with your new homebred Chase son, Shy Acres Steeplechase out of Fry's full sister, Willow.



Can. Ch. Pomsprings Pretty In Pink

New York 1989 is forever captured in this terrific photo of Edna, Plum and me taken by Joyce Dembinsky.

Cuddles, Plum's litter sister, is in whelp to Ch. Great Elms Little Timmy Beam. Our gratitude to Dolores for making it possible.

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Shy Acres



Shy Acres Stunnin' Sapphire

(Ch. Nanshadow's Hurricane Juan C.D. x Shy Acres Shasta Fizzle)

Sapphire is shown winning Best of Breed, Adult Group II and Best Puppy is Group at some Canadian shows. Thanks to a dear friend, Elizabeth Dupuis for caring for and handling her to this win and several Breed wins, plus another Best Puppy in Group!

Thanks go to Maxine Beam for a terrific win on the soundest dog I've ever been privileged to meet, Can. Ch. Tynan Starchaser O' Pomsprings (pictured right). I handled this boy for Elizabeth here in the U.S. My pay was much more than expected as I bred my Ch. Friday's full sister, Willow to him and have a gorgeous little guy, Shyacres Steeplechaser! Thank you, Liz!

I highly recommend taking a trip north to show your U.S. dog. But if you can't make the trip, maybe a northern Pom friend can handle them for you!

Elizabeth did a wonderful job with Sapphire and is currently handling a Ch. Goldie Hawn sister for Janice Luginsland, and I hear she's tearing up the show ring.

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ACROSS CANADA

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I really must start my column this month with a report of the very successful 3rd Annual Pomeranian Club of Canada Specialty. Elizabeth Dupuis and her entire committee are to be commended for doing their utmost to insure that every single person who came felt welcome and had a wonderful time. The entry was the largest yet (31) and the venue was super in Cornwall, Ontario at a sports complex overlooking the water. The day was clear and warm. I think all the smiles chased away the previous evenings downpours.

The Club's headquarters was the nearby Travelodge. Elizabeth greeted everyone as they arrived and afterwards met them in the Hospitality Room for a Grooming Demonstration and a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones.

The day of the show, after Breed judging, the Club hosted an excellent buffet lunch. Everything was homemade by Barb McCrimmon and her assistant Brenda Gibson. Several Pom people are trying to get Barb to adopt them because she says she puts on this kind of thing all the time!

That evening our Specialty was held following Best in Show at the regular show, where we all cheered for Ch. Chriscendo Cause For Applause who had won the Group. The Specialty judge Catherine Debruyne found her Best of Breed in the lovely Ch. Bavanew's Time After Time, owned by Sharon and Raymond Lariviere and bred by Matt Heindl. Best of Opposite Ch. Tiperon's Lasting Impressions, owned by Joan and Melvin Beech. WD and BW went to Chip Away's Mountain Man, owned by Marlene and Frank Penney and bred by Carolyn Roberts. WB was Chriscendo Courtney Rose, owned and bred by Christine Heartz.

At the regular show earlier in the day, the Best of Breed dog is obvious. Best Opposite went to the Beeches' Lasting Impressions. Best of Winners went to Jan Le's Johny Hates Jazz, owned and bred by Jane Lehtinen. Winners Dog was Bavanew's Somewhere In Time (litter brother of the Specialty Best of Breed) owned and bred by Matt Heindl. Best Puppy was Marlene Penney's Chip Away's Mountain Man. "Smokey" also went on to win Best Puppy in Group and Best in Sweepstakes. Best of all, he finished that weekend, too!

We really appreciate the support of our U.S. neighbors. The Lehtinens from Minnesota, Gloria Carlin all the way from California and Bunny Sweet from Vermont made the trip up north and we were so glad they did.

Our efficient Ring Steward, Edna Vanderveen did an excellent job keeping things organized. The festivities continued with a club dinner that evening where we again ate too much but the fun continued with raffles and prizes and comments from our judges.

The next night we all piled into cars and drove out to Elizabeth and Reg's home for another late night and more food. Our servers were Elizabeth's gracious parents Bill and Muriel Acheson. There was lots of lively Pom discussion which we all felt we don't get together often enough to do.

Next year's Specialty is now in the planning stage. To be held in conjunction with the Edmonton Kennel Club's 80th Anniversary shows April 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1990. (There will be one Pom Specialty, one Toy Specialty and 3 All Breed shows. For more information, contact Till Labovich, General Delivery, Brisco, B.C., V0A 1B0.

There have been several new Best in Show winners recently. Ch. Chriscendo Cause For Applause, owned by Joyce Obuck, is doing nicely. Natalie Dunfee's puppy Ch. Tynan Bits N Bites recently won his first Best in Show at the tender age of 8 months. This gorgeous orange boy is sired by Carolyn

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Going With Nature

by Marilyn Betts Borken

The small group of people attending the German Shepherd Dog Club of America's West Coast educational seminar was treated to a great amount of valuable information. Subjects covered included anatomy, pedigree study, gait, animal behavior and genetics. Speakers outstanding in the knowledge of their subjects came from all over the U.S., doing battle with sometimes cantankerous slide and movie projectors to share their knowledge with us. Set forth below is the presentation of Dr. Michael Fox, noted author, syndicated newspaper columnist and regular Tonight Show guest.

Mike Fox spoke to us mainly about wolves. Why discuss wolves with dog fanciers? It seems that studying wolves is the best way of currently looking at what domestic dog was before humans came along and domesticated it. Also interestingly, the wolf's lifestyle is much like man's.

Dr. Fox says, "We've assumed the responsibility of God in domesticating plants and animals, and in civilizing ourselves."

According to Dr. Fox, the dog was essentially in dog form before it was domesticated. The prototype came from a dingo-like animal; there are archaeological remains of these animals throughout Europe.

The wolf is the "groupie" of the canid world. Dr. Fox describes the wolf as very dependent upon the pack. He feels all the negative mythology surrounding the wolf may be there because of wolf's similarity to humans. Primatologists (those people studying primates) are now feeling more and more that we shouldn't be studying the chimpanzee to know about human behavior, but the wolf.

The wolf matures sexually at 2 years of age. The female has only one heat or season per year. The male only produces sperm during the breeding season. At this point, Dr. Fox asks us to consider what we've done to domestic dogs. We've made them sexually

very precocious, maturing as early as 6 months of age - having 2 or 3 heat cycles per year - the male constantly producing sperm. This, according to Dr. Fox, makes for a not-so-pleasant life for the male. In fact, man really made the dog in his own image, says Dr. Fox!

Wolves tend to have very specific mate preferences. But it would never do to have a stud dog that only liked one mate. So, a lot of our early domestication of the dog was to make him more sexually promiscuous.

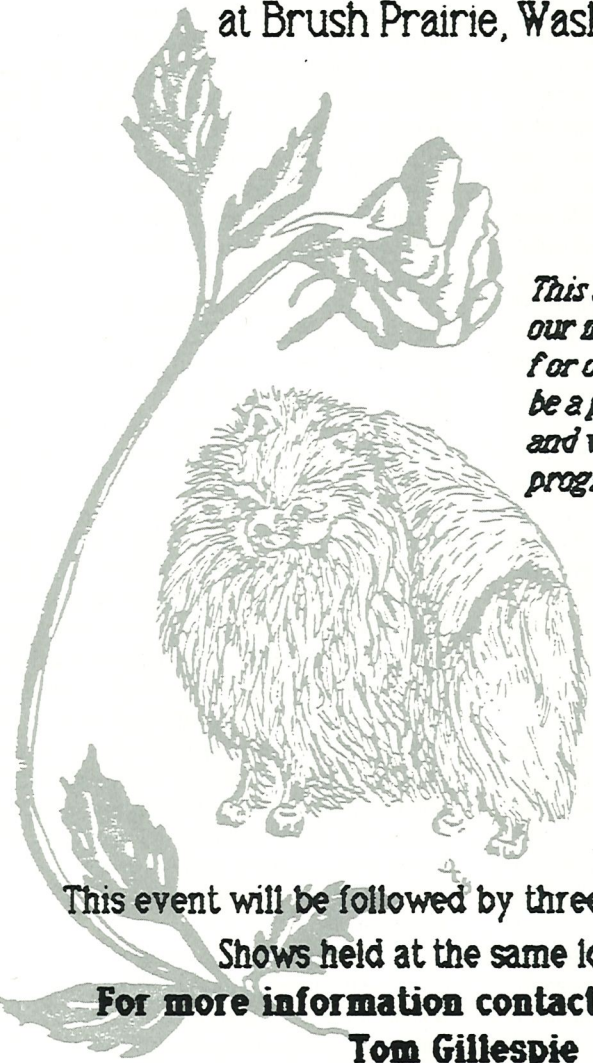
In both wolves and dogs, at about 5 or 6 months of age, we see wariness of strangers, timidity and fear biting. Animals showing this behavior at this age will often never recover. Also at this age in the wolf, we see fear of the unfamiliar. They show it with people as well as with inanimate objects. Such temperaments are very, very sensitive, often over-reactive, but superbly alert. Incredibly inquisitive and very intelligent is the animal which even notices when a picture is missing off the wall. That, says Dr. Fox, is a very high degree of intelligence. But here he warns breeders, it is important to select for emotional stability as well. There is a very close similarity between wolf temperament and the super-alert German Shepherd Dog. Dr. Fox consults with the Army for their Super Dog project, and he states this has always been a real breeding problem with the German Shepherd Dog. In every litter, he says, are the super-alert pups and the ones who are both super-alert and over-reactive fearful. Some will be too skittish and must be put to sleep. Others will be very easygoing, like our typical domestic dog.

The social organization of the wolf pack is like the "organization" we have when we have a dog in the human pack, in the home. There is a leader. Hopefully, it is the master. Sometimes it is the dog, if the dog has been over-permissively raised. There is usually an alpha male and an alpha female in the

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wolf pack. During the breeding season, the dominant female stops the lower ranking ones from breeding. This is a subtle form of birth control.

The pack order is not simple. There are all kinds of cross-allegiances going on. We see this in our dogs, too. The important thing to remember is that domestic dog, like the wolf will respond to the leader. This is why dogs make such good pets, and why exotic animals, such as mountain lions, raccoons, etc. aren't recommended as pets, according to Dr. Fox. In the dog and the wolf, the relationship it has with you as a puppy or cub is a parent/infant relationship which is transmuted with maturity into Leader/Follower relationship. The normal parent/infant relationship is severed naturally. They become increasingly aggressive and intolerant toward each other, until the entire litter disperses.

Trainability - surprise!- is not related to intelligence. Trainability is related to dependence. Fox states that the wolves he has hand-raised are very independent of him and are virtually untrainable. If they don't want to do something, they'll just lie down or look the other way and ignore him. But dogs, having been selectively bred to be more dependent, are anxious to please the leader.

Approaching a dog. We saw in the slides how the lower ranking wolves approached the leader from the side, and the leader pinned each one to the ground, momentarily, by the muzzle, to reassert his rank. This is a ritualized display, accompanied by a lot of growling. I've observed it in my dogs. When you make a frontal approach to a dog or a wolf, it is either playful or threatening. A passively friendly approach is always sideways, whether it is to a person, a horse, a dog or a wolf. Dr. Fox recommends approaching sideways and touching the groin, which is an important psychological area, effective in calming the dog.

The above-described greeting display may seem sado-masochistic; it looks like aggression on the surface. In fact, says Dr. Fox, it is a ritualized form of affection - of the

lower ranking wolves showing allegiance and affection to the leader. While the leader is growling fiercely, he's whining at the same time, thus giving a double signal. Fox feels that a lot of dog fights are just ritualized displays, with lots of growling but not a nip of damage to either dog. There are many, many nerves around the roots of the canine teeth, so that there is incredible bite control. Wolves will nibble groom each other. They will pick up their cubs with their teeth, and will muzzle bite each other affectionately. Soft mouth is genetic - as in the bird dog - but training and social feedback are important, too. For this reason Dr. Fox doesn't recommend wearing a leather glove when rough-housing with your dog. The dog may grow up to bite people.

We observed a slide of father wolf disciplining a cub. The cub had been rough-housing a bit too much with father, so father gave a direct stare and a growl, but the cub didn't quite know that language yet, so father figured he's got to teach the lesson again. He pinned the cub to the ground. After a few weeks the cub knows that a direct stare means, "Buzz off or else you'll get pinned!" This is how Dr. Fox recommends disciplining a puppy. Seize the scruff and pin him to the ground. If pup growls at you, get a hold of the muzzle and pin him down. If he tries to bite you, give him a good shake and pin him down again. It's far better to go through this sort of a dominance fight with a pup than with a 100 lb. grown dog! The muzzle is the important psychological key here. Having and winning a dominance fight can stop a dog from growing up to be a canine delinquent. The key to success in training a dog is a consistent caring responsibility.

A dog who has no awareness and starts laying his teeth into people for no good reason shows us that breeders should be following up on all their pups for temperament. We should do progeny testing.

Body posture and eye contact - these are two ways in which we communicate very well with animals when we are (usually) not



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even thinking about it. It is important in training dogs to maintain eye contact control. Some people will do it too much, and will sometimes raise rather submissive dogs.

When the submissive wolf makes his greeting to the dominant one by showing a submissive grin, as the submissive act becomes clear, the dominant wolf may just turn away. Dr. Fox calls this "very cool." He recommends we use the turning away or looking away into the distance if a dog is trying to "lay one on you" with a direct stare. The dog will think you're super cool and won't nail you. I tried this recently when visiting the home of a German Shepherd bitch who has a litter of young puppies, and it worked. You can always pick an alpha wolf by her/his super cool attitude, and looking into the far distance when being approached by another pack member.

The real display of submission is rolling over on one side and urinating at your feet. Some owners punish the dog for doing this, but in the dog's language it's presenting you with a bouquet of roses. The best thing to do is not pet the dog on the best carpet! Such behavior is infantile in nature. When cubs and mother are in the den together, the cubs only urinate when mother licks them. She touches their groin in a particular way, too. They get used to being around a Leader-Parent figure, and associating that with urination, until it becomes a very stereotyped piece of behavior. In the adults, after the leader gives a big, puffed-up growling display, it will often bend down and lick up the urine, thus behaving like a parent. In the submissive animal, what is being presented is the abdomen, often enhanced by a pale, almost white coloring. "I'm rolling over for you to show that I'm so submissive." Like a white flag of surrender. There is an old theory that says a submissive wolf or dog presents its throat as a sign of submission. But, says Fox, the dog has had no real lesson in anatomy to know that it has a jugular vein there. When it seems to be presenting the throat, it's looking away in an exaggerated fashion, avoiding eye contact, raising a paw that signals, "I'm going

to roll over if you come any closer." Then the animal rolls over and presents the abdomen and genitals.

Another piece of behavior that persists from infancy into adulthood is the greeting ritual, or mobbing behavior. At about 4-5 weeks of age, the cubs mob the mother for food and she regurgitates a few pieces of meat for them and they get fed. They greet her, they whine, lick her muzzle, and wag their tails in a frenzy. Some domestic dogs will still regurgitate for their pups, but it is no longer consistent behavior in breeds. We've taken our dogs away from Mother Nature, from the need even to regurgitate for their pups. When Dr. Fox asked the group how many had bitches who regurgitate for their pups, he counted five. When he asked how many don't there were many more hands raised. Dr. Fox reported that at the Poodle Club of America, hundreds of people had bitches that regurgitate for their pups. Mother Nature says it's good to be maternal and to "whoop up" for your pups. Perhaps, unknowingly, we are affecting other aspects of maternal behavior too, such as nest making, lactating, grooming and protecting.

The greeting ritual around the mother persists, and in adulthood is transmuted to the Leader figure, whether human or animal. Very often after such a greeting around the Leader, a pack of wolves will howl together in beautiful communion. You can sing with a wolf; you can pick your own key and the wolf will often join you.

Wolves like to roll in all kinds of unmentionable things. And don't our dogs, too. No matter how much we negatively reinforce this with all kinds of techniques there is no way of breaking them. As mentioned in his book, *Understanding Your Dog*, the dog has two senses of smell. Behind the upper front teeth are two little holes that lead into a second olfactory organ. This is probably related to their exquisite sense of smell, their marking (with urine) behavior, and the rolling. Dogs probably have a kind of 3-D super color dimension to their sense of smell that

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humans don't have. We are a very visual species; we like to wear a bright blouse or a bright shirt to get a lot of social comment, "Wow, that's pretty neat!" Dr. Fox theorizes that the dog and the wolf get the same charge out of rolling in something aromatic, "Wow, where have you been - woof! You know, I wore that a long time ago. Yeah, I was there in fact about 3 days ago." And there are scent glands in the feet, laying down a scent as the animal walks. It's like the leopard who backs up against a tree, sprays, and then turns around and rakes the tree. The higher up it rakes the more impressive the visual signal, if you're a cat.

Our canids have facial expressions very similar to ours. This is another reason why we can communicate so easily with them. Sometimes the expressions can be combined. They can show one expression like fear - increasing fear or submission - the ears go back, the lips go back and you have the submissive grin, "Hi, boss." Threat - direct stare, lip curled, snarl, hair going up, pupils dilating, and tail going up. The submissive grin may be combined with the snarl of pure aggression - this is the sign of the fear biter. The fear biter signal is defensive-aggressive rather than offensive-aggressive.

Aggression - the small mouth and direct start. This is a human expression too. People will freeze in their displays eventually, but an animal displays a feeling and then gets back to normal again. Another type of grin is the mimic of the human grin. Recently Dr. Fox's wolf has started doing it to him, showing the incisors. He has discussed this with breeders and notes there is a tendency for this type of grin to occur in certain lines of purebred dogs.

Michael Fox tells the story of an experiment in Alaska where they were studying prey killing. The dominant cub in a litter of wolves, 8 weeks old, had just killed his first prey, a rat. Then mother wolf was let into the enclosure, and she wanted the rat. The little cub growled at her, so mother backed off. She could have easily taken the rat from him.

Instead she went over to a corner, dug out a piece of caribou meat that had been fed earlier, took it to the wolf cub and held it above him. Of course, little cub wanted what mother had. She led the cub away to the far corner, and then waltzed back and picked up the rat for herself. Beautiful, gentle, insightful behavior. By contrast, Dr. Fox mentioned cases of domestic bitches competing with their pups for food and biting their skulls.

Observing and imitating. Little cub sees mother wolf doing something and imitates her. This is the incredible capacity in an animal's behavior to watch and to mimic. This enables you to transmit information independent of genes. This is when you can begin to program an animal yourself.

More about that psychological touch point in the canid, the groin or inguinal area. This is very useful to know when you're in the ring showing your dog and you want him to stand. Dr. Fox compares it to human hand-shaking. To be friendly, the canid presents the groin, and the other animal sniffs. When the puppies are very young, the mother approaches that way to reflexively stimulate them to urinate. This persists as a social but infantile behavior later in life as a friendly gesture. This is why veterinarians have great success quieting dogs down when they start taking the pulse (the femoral pulse in the groin). The dominant wolf will present himself for inguinal grooming by a subordinate one. This display in the dog can be quite subtle, and you may not see the groin being presented. The inguinal response reaches an even greater intensity when a bitch is in season. Touch her groin and she will move herself towards you. Touch both groins at the same time and she will stand like a rock. Dr. Fox recommends, "Try the inguinal response - you and your dog will like it. But don't be surprised if the dog rolls over and urinates submissively, as you are switching on a behavior that might bring out infantile responses."

Even after 10,000-14,000 years of domestication, domestic dog can communicate with wolf. We viewed a slide of Jethro,

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Am. Can. Ch. Chriscendo Causin' Comment

Thank you, Chris and John for letting us have this beautiful boy. Jeffy will be a big asset to our breeding program.

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by Kathy Krauss

Suppose your child exhibited the utmost potential of becoming a most attractive adult . . . Racquel Welch or Robert Redford, perhaps? Of course, you would be rightfully proud. And, suppose you noticed that the same child seemed unusually bright. Your pride would encompass his intellect, as well. His first day at school, however, he cried and asked to go home. Naturally, you felt sympathy toward him, but you knew it would only be a matter of days until he would rise above those feelings of fear and be on his way to becoming a well-socialized, well-disciplined, educated, and relatively predictable member of society - yet still an individual with a personality all his own.

So it is with those of us involved in both conformation and obedience with our dogs. Needless to say, we love to see our show puppies bring home those blue ribbons in the show ring. No one would dare deny that a conformation win is anything less than a thrill! We know, however, that there is much more to our canine children than the beauty that put them in that show contest in the first place. There is love. There is the desire to please. There is intelligence, and there is undying loyalty.

The fate of this many-faceted animal lays in our hands. He never asked to be born, be bathed and groomed all the time or to be "shown." We have done it all, and basically for our own ego gratification. In obedience, we try, however, to use those qualities listed above - love, desire to please, loyalty, and intelligence - to benefit him as well as us. We try to make him the total dog, a true companion.

What is obedience? I've never liked the word obedience. To many people who are not familiar with this type of activity, it drums up militaristic connotations. As this is

so VERY wrong, I'll substitute Companion Dog, or "C.D. training."

Basic C.D. training begins with teaching our dogs house manners. By the end of the eight-week session, our dogs can sit, stay, come on command, go down on command, and heel on and off lead (walking by your side, with you setting the pace). Like any school for humans, if the lessons are properly taught, and the student is given plenty of patience, praise, and love while learning, he will finish the course with pride in himself, and an insatiable thirst to perform all these fun games he has learned whenever his coach will let him. When our dogs have mastered these basic skills, we are then a team - he knows how I will act in a given situation, just as I know him. We are both relatively predictable and consistent. At this point we enter obedience trials (not usually referred to as "shows") in which a judge watches us as a team and tells us how well we have mastered those skills. If the team does well in at least three different trials under three different judges, the dog is then awarded his first obedience title, COMPANION DOG, or "C.D."

After C.D. training, a whole new world of learning opens up to our dogs. If he shows scent promise, he may enjoy Tracking. If he likes to run and jump, he may enjoy scent hurdles. If he retrieves well (or even if he doesn't . . . this skill can be easily taught by various methods), he will go on to receive his COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT (CDX) degree, and then perhaps the ultimate, the Ph.D. of the dog world, the UTILITY DOG (UD) degree. There are endless possibilities for development. These need not be done simultaneously, although they can be. In my estimation, the only reason not to do them together is to save wear and tear on the owner, running from obedience ring to show

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Roberts' Chip A Way's Image of Stardom, who has been producing lovely puppies for Natalie during his visit to Nova Scotia. He was also the sire of the Winners Bitch at last year's APC Specialty, Ch. Tynan Whispering Secret. Considering that Carolyn also bred Marlene Penney's newest Puppy in Show winner, Ch. Chip A Way's Mountain Man, she's really been doing a lot for Canadian Poms!

I ran across this quote from Anne Landers, I'd like to leave you with:

People with great minds talk about ideas;

People with average minds talk about events;

People with small minds talk about other people.

Nature, continued from p. 84.

the famous traveling wolf who was poisoned, giving the play signal, the bow, to a mutt. You, too, can give the play bow to the dog, and you should try it. Bow down, make eye contact, open your mouth, grin and pant. Watch your dog's response. Panting doesn't mean that you're hot, doesn't mean that you're tired - panting is dog laughter. Respiration, a change in breathing, is a very important signal.

They are now preparing children's versions of Understanding Your Cat and Understanding Your Dog, hopefully to get children hooked into communicating in dog language and understanding cat language. The good trainer will not use a militaristic approach, but will know the animal and much of the behavior that's there. Dr. Fox thinks that for a child it is a mind blowing experience to assume a particular display that the animal does and to get the animal to respond. This gets the child conceptually and physically into the animal's reality. It can establish a reverence for all life.

Total Dog, continued.

ring. You'll be a basket case by the end of the day!

Above and beyond the joy of learning together, and working as a team, there are some infinitely more practical reasons for this training. Let me mention several:

. . . the dog will stay on a "down-stay" when "non-dog-person" visitors come in the house. This is especially valuable if the visitor is elderly, very small, or terrified of dogs.

. . . around town, the dog can go wherever the owner goes, without the fear that the dog will bolt off when the door is opened. Heeling, coming on command, and "Stay!" prevent this.

. . . at dog shows, the dog can be taken into a large field and allowed to run freely with the owner resting assured that doggy will come happily and immediately when called.

. . . basically, the owner knows that the dog is now a companion who can be trusted to act "civilized" in a people situation of any kind.

I hope this brief discussion has helped clarify companion dog ("obedience, " if you must) training. It is a joy to feel that my dog and I are partners. It makes life very pleasant for us both whenever we travel or whenever anyone visits. I've always felt that an average dog deserves to be developed to his highest potential physically and mentally, but a superior dog demands it.

Goodies

Please bring a special "goodie" for the Hospitality room when you come to the National Specialty. (For more information, see Olga Baker's letter in the Yips and Yaps section of this issue.)

Yips and Yaps

Medical Concerns

Dear Phyllis,

I want to make our Pom owners aware of something that happened to us. It is possible that what happened to us is happening in other areas so I want everyone to be cautious. Thankfully my daughter caught a couple of mistakes before a disaster occurred with her beloved Pom who has a heart condition.

We had spent a fortune at a top rated vet getting a diagnosis and medication. A few months later we visited another in the area for a second opinion and the dog was put on the same medication, except this office ran out of the liquid lasix and called a prescription in to a local drug store. The dog did not do well and the medicine was liquid, but not in a syrup base as it was from the Vet office. My daughter called and was told by the vet to increase the dosage. Instead, she called the pharmacist and was told the lasix was for humans, not dogs. It was different and human pharmacies do not dispense animal drugs, although dogs do take some human medications. To increase the lasix on her 3 1/2 pound dog would probably have killed her.

So back we went to the original, top of the line, expensive vet clinic. A few days after getting her new animal lasix from him, my daughter read it only had a 2 month shelf life after opening, so she removed the label taped on by the vet to read the instructions for storing, etc. on the factory label. That label was glued on tight, but a small part was cut off - the part containing the expiration date. She then remembered that this was the only time she had not gotten the bottle of medicine in its original box. She was furious. Upon asking, she was told that someone's dog must have died before they used any and it was returned. NO WAY! A vet, like a pharmacy, cannot take back medication already dis-

pensed and sold.

We could only figure the lasix was out of date and the info cut off so it could be sold and the clinic wouldn't have to dispose of old medication, losing its cost.

So beware. Please make sure that your vet shows you the date on all pills, liquid medications, injectibles, etc., and watch him prepare it before your eyes so a disaster does not occur.

I have been told that there is a leeway after the expiration date of up to two months, but I don't want to take a chance. Do you?

Respectfully,
Barbara Nagy

True Hospitality

I am not writing as a Board member or an officer, but rather as a member of APC. Hopefully I speak for many of you.

Many of us fondly remember those wonderful Februaries at the National Specialties when we had delightful hospitality rooms; a simple get-together in a suite of rooms occupied by the show chairman. We have also had very lavish (and expensive) gatherings in a fancy conference room which cost the Club and every member lots of money, but didn't really provide what members want at the National Specialty.

Darrell and I are of the opinion that hospitality is just as much a part of a dog show as the formal dog show itself. It seems that in the past few years we have lost the camaraderie that is so vital at our Specialty. When we had a rather informal gathering where we all sat on the floor, giggled, loved being together and unwound from the hectic pace of the day, we really got close to one another. That hospitality room was wonderful. Many folks

brought special things. Someone had a special dip; someone else had a favorite salad . . . we even hauled stuffed jalapeno peppers from Texas (not for the weak at heart, I assure you!). But everyone brought something - even just a bag of chips, for pete's sake!. It was so lovely.

But in the past couple of years we have been obliged to drift into a big conference-room type place where we had very meager little snacks with an open bar and drinks at outrageous prices, and tables arranged so that no one could really integrate and mingle as we all love to do.

The Regional (Summer) Specialties, no matter who is hosting or where the show may be, always provide lots and lots of hospitality for every guest. Members chip in with food, drinks and the work to insure that everyone enjoys the event . . . and it works! Certainly for our big National Specialty we ought to be able to provide a place for everyone to get together, both before and after the show, for the visiting, sharing and fun that to me is as important as the show itself. After all, if we will only admit it, that is about half the reason for attending the National Specialty in the first place.

Of course, we must watch the cost and it has become obvious that the Parent Club can't foot the bill for everything, but by golly, we can call upon the members to chip in and bring something, put it all together in a room or suite and keep the room open more than just a couple of hours the night before the dog show! Hospitality means a great deal more than that.

We are a generous group of people and we enjoy sharing. One year Sally Baugniat brought cheese from her Wisconsin state; someone from around Portland brought smoked salmon to die for; Texans brought hot peppers and Mexican stuff; someone else brought special breads and treats. No one cared that we were all a little crowded and had to sit around on the floor. It beat the heck out of a "business conference-sized room" and nobody able to talk to each other. I hope

a note will go into the Premium List asking everyone to bring something special or favorite to our new hospitality room, done the "old" way. It will be very . . . well, hospitable! See you there.

Olga Baker

Trophy Donations

It was a last minute decision on my part to volunteer to be your Trophy Chairwoman when the Club found they were without one. Even at deadline for the January Review and long before deadline for Trophy donations, I feel compelled to let my fellow members and friends know how grateful I am for their early response.

This is a big challenge for me, many hours of work and many more to come, but the project is well on the road and I hope everyone will be pleased with the forthcoming results. I wrote many personal notes to insert in the flyers addressed to the people I knew. Also I dug up names of friends - some with Poms - and sent them fliers and a personal note. Fliers went out the first three days of the month and the early response is most encouraging.

I feel this is an opportune time to express a few of my feelings regarding our Club and what it should mean to everyone. I have had many years to observe and serve; on committees, in offices and as just a member. I am proud to have been given the privilege of being a life member. I would like to impress on all members that the APC is their Club to serve - not just as a member in writing, but one in action. Join in and help wherever you can. If you feel you are qualified in any one field - secretarial, accounting, management, crafts, whatever - don't cheat your club by not letting them know what you could do to help, and ask for a chance to give of your time. Then, maybe when the nomination committee is named, they will have some firm ground for making their decisions.

Also, I am disappointed with some of the dissention among members, for not cooperating, for pulling in different directions and for unwillingness to work together for the benefit of the breed they represent. Unity of thought, ideas, sharing and working as one benefits all. Share your knowledge, help one another, be the sportsperson this dog game is meant for, not giving anyone cause to say, "it's a dog eat dog business." If I took my losses as some do I would not have kept breeding and showing. We are supposed to get fun and enjoyment out of this sport, not have near heart attacks and be out for blood. This is punishment, not pleasure. I have had plenty of negative things happen to me in the past - dogs poisoned and stolen, tragic accidents, snubbed, envied, badmouthed - but I have stuck it out and in doing so, have reaped great rewards. Even my worst detractors, deep down, have great respect for me and to be able to command respect is a great boost to morale. Some of the people donating to the Trophy Fund say they are doing it for me.

Let me illustrate with a recent incident. A female pom was born September 1988. She was too small to nurse without help and shortly not at all. Bottle and dropper feeding every two hours finally failed and to keep her alive, saline with glucose and amino acids were injected under the skin every 4 hours. Being so tiny and frail, the amount had to be divided and injected on both sides. I did everything for her that her natural mother would have done. After ten days, she finally showed signs of improvement. With great patience, she was finally able to bottle feed, then eat soft food and finally choice people food. A frail little loner of 2 pounds, she could not go in with other pups so she became a kitchen resident. She was appropriately named Miracle. At 4 months of age she was given to Bob and Sue, a couple of young grandparent age. They had never been dog lovers, had no particular interest or knowledge of caring for a dog and only through encouragement, instructions and being just a telephone call away, were they willing to give it a try. It was

a touchy situation but a calculated one. Their children were grown and away from home and I felt this little spoiled girl could give them something they had missed in life and so she did. Almost immediately their hearts were won and a place made in their home never before occupied. She sleeps with them, shops, goes to restaurants and always travels in an assigned space in Sue's purse. Miracle has become an important part of her owners' lives. I have the opportunity to see her quite often and what a reward for all the hours and weeks I spent keeping her alive, to see how happy she is and her owners are to have her.

Bob and Sue sent a check for \$100 to the Trophy Fund, to be used as needed. They have made themselves and Miracle a part of our Club's success by their large donation, as a token of their appreciation and interest in our breed; the joy Miracle has brought them and me for making it possible. It is such miracles and people like Bob and Sue that keep us going. Let's be inspired by the joy Bob and Sue feel and pull together better, making our Club united in purpose.

Trying and failing is no disgrace; trying and succeeding gives one a mighty good feeling. I appeal to all of you as an "old timer," to get your act together and help our club run smoothly and successfully for the betterment of our breed.

Edna Girardot

P.S. If you would like to see Miracle's picture, she appeared in our recent Anniversary Issue on the last page under PFUN PHOTOS. She's the one with sunglasses and the purse on her arm (paw).

Overtrimmed Pomeranians

I have finally decided one must show an overtrimmed Pom to win nowadays. I do not overtrim the Poms I show because our Standard states overtrimming should be heavily penalized. I do believe in trimming to improve the looks of a Pom. Lately I have seen many Poms winning with bare rears, very little frill or mane, no chest coat and strange looking legs. The leg appears to have been trimmed small at the bottom and getting longer hair as one get closer to the body. For the lack of a better description, the leg is shaped like a funnel. Have you seen the Poms with the breeches or skirts cut off in a straight line across the hocks, like a window shade? Looks awful. The anus of some of these Poms looks as large as a silver dollar. The bare anus is so strange looking, one can't take their eyes off the rear end to see the overall dog. The front is just as bad, with a greater portion of the brisket hair trimmed off, too. It is difficult for me to realize that some Poms are born with too much coat and must be sculptured to look like a good conformation Pom. The sad part of this being that most folks do not have the talent to take scissors and sculpture a Pom. Consequently, there are a lot of strange looking Poms in the ring today. What can we do about this? If the judges would stop putting up these overtrimmed Poms, we would have a start in correcting this. The judges must be educated. Our Standard is mailed to all Pom judges only once a year. We, the APC, must let the judges know how we feel about a judge who will not follow our Standard. If an exhibitor complains to a judge who has put up an overtrimmed Pom, the judge will think the exhibitor is just angry because he did not win. The exhibitor does not have the privilege to reprimand a judge. I know the Parent Club cannot scold every judge who puts up on overtrimmed Pom for lots of reasons. First, and most important, would be the question, what is overtrimmed and what is a proper trim? Could the Parent Club send out a copy of our Standard at least twice a year, or more,

with the words on overtrimming in bold letters? Years ago judges did try to follow our Standard. Now most of them have forgotten the Parent Club frowns on overtrimming. This sure will be a challenge, because we are not in the ring to conform to the Standard any more. We are there to compete with the overtrimmed Pom. How do we do that? By doing the same thing, and I for one do not want to do that.

Marlene Scott Halsey

To Trim Or Not To Trim

This subject has been beaten to death, but I must have a say also. Newer breeders and exhibitors are completely at a loss seeing Poms with just the undercoat, plush and glamorous, sculptured to within an inch of their skin, wondering if this is correct. Should we do this to win? I wonder if this trend will spread to the Samoyed and Keeshond. When will we see those guard hairs shorn off and a new plush look emerge?

You see, no one seems to knock the dog that has this trendy trim, even though our Standard states it will be "heavily penalized." If everyone is going to ignore the trimming (judges, breeders and exhibitors alike) let's take the line out of the Standard and let the Pom appear as each individual exhibitor likes.

The trims accepted in the Poodle are explicit and you won't win with one of the trendy trims because the Poodle's coat is an important part of the beauty of the animal. The powers that be in the Poodle breed would not allow different trims to creep in. Years ago a harlequin poodle was evolved in Britain, but it was never accepted here by their Parent Club.

When it comes to the Group level and all the glamour of the other Toys, this trendy Pom trim stands out and many admit the dogs do look great. But when you look at a Pom with a thick glorious coat and shining guard hairs, it still is a much preferred thing of beauty in my book.

Trends come and go; Standards are ignored by breeders and judges. Judges put up what appeals to them on that particular day, apparently without thought for an overall picture. Trimming is a man made thing and hopefully that coat would return to its full beauty if let be, and there the trend could stop. But it has been talked about for years and few judges seem to have the guts to say, "I love your Pom but, let the hair grow and I will consider it again." This would be the ideal scenario, but what if the trimmed dog is structurally good and the Judge's choices are otherwise poor, but untrimmed specimens. He knows that the hair will come back on the superior, trimmed dog. It is a dilemma.

Many years ago I was told, "Do not bathe the Pom as they will never hold coat." This seemed to me to be unproved, as having dogs of another breed that were bathed added to their beauty (not to mention the pleasure of having them around). I did my own thing. I also trimmed more than was done at that time, however I never sculptured a dog. This type of trimming is an art and few can master it. So the professional handler is given the job and he, not having the specific concern for the breed as a whole at heart, choses to go for the win. After all, that's what he's paid to do. He does what he knows will work to win under certain judges.

So there it is. Either the clubs throughout the country join together, insisting that the Standard be followed or we need to change the Standard. But I doubt either will ever be done. Nothing has happened so far and winning seems to be the name of the game.

Jessie Stephens

The following position-statement has been authorized by the Board of the American Pomeranian Club and concerns observed abuse and irregularities in grooming the Pomeranian for show which are not permitted under the breed Standard.

"The American Pomeranian Club, Inc., wishes to call to the attention of judges,

handlers and exhibitors its deep concern over increasing violations of both the breed Standard and AKC "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" governing grooming and presentation of Pomeranians in the ring.

Pomeranians are appearing in the ring and in some cases winning top honors, on which the tail has been clipped or closely scissored as much as two inches upward from the base; on which whiskers have been removed, and on which the coat has been scissored, thinned and sculptured in an attempt to alter the natural outlines of the body. Hairspray is being used not only to hold coat in place after being shaped and sculptured, but also to make the coat appear and feel "coarse, harsh to the touch, profuse, standing-off straight hair."

The breed Standard section on "trimming and dewclaws" clearly states: "Trimming for neatness is permissible around the feet and up the back of the legs to the first joint: trimming of unruly hairs on the edges of the ears and around the anus is also permitted." When the present breed Standard was drawn up and approved in March, 1971, it was not felt necessary to specifically state that trimming in excess of that noted above constituted a violation and was to be penalized as such. However, the fastgrowing practice of such excessive trimming as that described above, and the use of holding and stiffening hairspray, if not stopped now may become such a common abuse that only the insertion of a directive in the breed Standard that the presence of either condition shall constitute a disqualification will put a halt to it.

The Pomeranian is, and should appear to be, a "natural" dog. Any alteration of its natural appearance beyond that permitted in the breed Standard must be penalized in accordance with the degree to which such unpermitted alteration has been practiced, up to and including disqualification of the dog under Chapter 16, section 9, of the AKC "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" which states that a dog "which has been changed in appearance by artificial means

except as stated in the Standard for its breed . . . will be disqualified."

The American Pomeranian Club considers excessive trimming to be ANY scissoring, thinning, shaping, clipping, tipping or sculpturing of the coat beyond that expressly permitted in the breed Standard. The American Pomeranian Club considers the use of hairspray, "lacquer" or any other agent applied to the coat which tends to hold or stiffen the hair, or which alters the natural texture or appearance of the hair, as a direct violation of Chapter 16, section 9, or the AKC "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" and to be penalized accordingly.

The American Pomeranian Club has attempted previously to make its position on these two practices known and heeded through its own publication, Pomeranian Review, and by notice to each licensed Pomeranian judge in the past. Through publications of this statement in the AKC Gazette, the American Pomeranian Club is grateful for the opportunity to reach an even wider segment of the Pomeranian fancy.

The Officers and Directors of the American Pomeranian Club, Inc."

If the foregoing statement has eluded you before now, I'm sure you will be pleased to see that the APC Board takes this matter so seriously and is addressing it directly with such a strong statement in the AKC Gazette.

The Editor.

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