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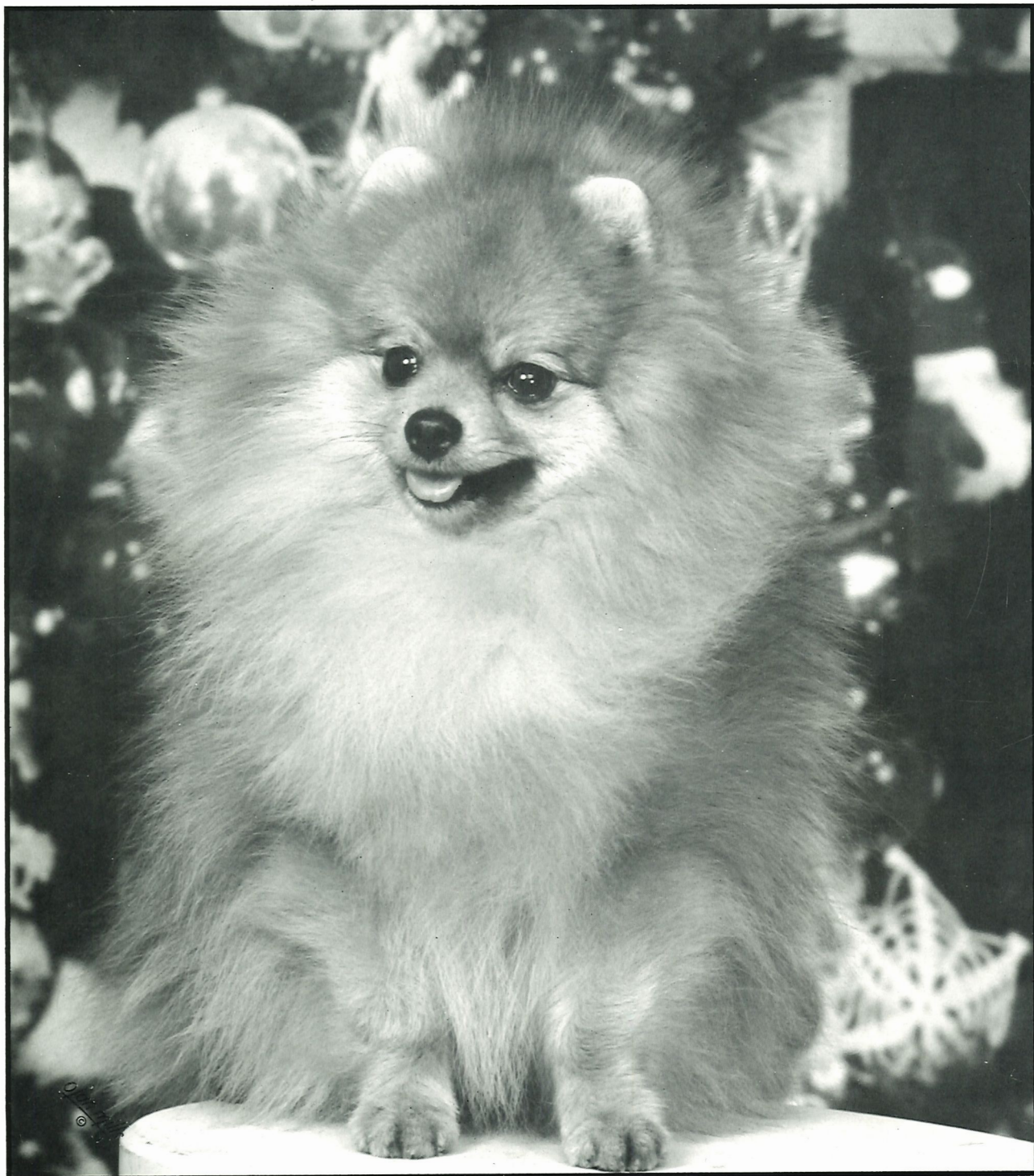


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CH. JOART'S GOLDDUST (DUSTY)

Jan-Shar

Sharon Hanson
304-497-2446



***Ch. Jan-Shars Catch A Rising Star**
(Ch. Bev-Nor N Southland Rambo x
Jan-Shars Southern Star)
Proudly owned and loved by George &
Mae White pictured here with judge, Ruth
Tongren and handler, Joy Brewster.



Jan-Shars Starlight Express
(Ch. Blake's Sir Robert John x
Just A Sample of Jan-Shar)
Owner handled and truly loved by Gail
Durniak, pictured here with Gail and
judge, Mr. A.C. Schwartz, Jr.



For Sale:

Male on left sired by Ch. Blake's Sir Robert John, dam: Ch. Jan-Shar's Sayde. Male on right sired by Ch. Bev-Nor N Southland Rambo, dam: Jan-Shars Whitney (Rambo daughter).



For Sale:

Female puppy on left sired by Ch. Jan-Shars In Living Color, dam: Ida's Little Tina Precious. Female on right sired by Ch. Bev-Nor N Southland Rambo, dam: Shell Barks Flash Dance.

We are also offering for sale:

Ch. Rhea-Na's Country DJ of Jan-Shar (D)
Sire: Ch. Bev-Nor's Statesman
Dam: Rhea-Na's Rhapsody in Red (Statesman daughter)
D.O.B. Nov. 21, 1988

Ch. Jan-Shars Fuzz Buster (D)
Sire: Ch. Great Elms Prince Charming II
Dam: Hanson's Just Noel
D.O.B. Oct. 5, 1986

Also for sale, these quality brood bitches:

D.O.B. Feb. 25, 1991, org sable, sired by Ch. Rhea-Na's Country DJ of Jan-Shar, dam: Jan-Shars Foggie Notion (Rambo daughter)

D.O.B. Feb. 9, 1991, org sable, sired by Ch. Bev-Nor's Toastmaster, dam: Jan-Shars Semi Sweet (Rambo daughter).
Also show prospect male out of this same litter.

D.O.B. Apr. 9, 1991, org, sired by Ch. Bev-Nor N Southland Rambo, dam: Blake's Ashley of Jan-Shar

My deepest regrets to David and Melissa Dahlenburg on the tragic loss of Ch. Jan-Shars Southern Style.

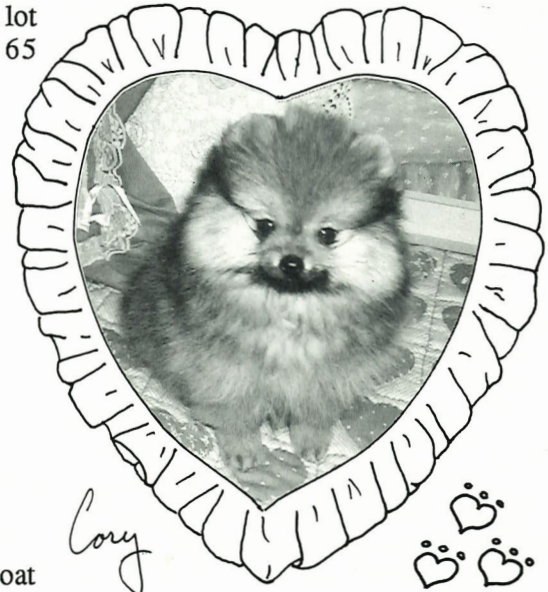
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COVER STORY

CH. JOART'S GOLDDUST (DUSTY)

Luv-N-Poms is very proud of our boy, Dusty. He is very sound with a lot of coat. He is linebred from the Sun Ray line which has over 65 champions.

Ch. Fury's Bullet of Sunray
Ch. Sun Ray's Ambassador ROM
Ch. Sun Ray's Lil Rosette
Am. Mex. Ch. Sun Ray's Batman
Ch. Sun Ray's Ambassador ROM
Sun Ray's Lil Dovie
Sun Ray's Lady Ora Tan
Ch. Fury's Bullet of Sun Ray
Ch. Sun Ray's Ambassador ROM
Ch. Sun Ray's Lil Rosette
Joart's Madonna
Ch. Scotia President Jim
Ch. Joart's Camille
Ch. Joart's Treasure of Penron



"Dusty" is a very prepotent male and does produce himself with heavy coat in his offspring as you can see in "Luv-N Will Be of Joart" (Cory). "Cory" won his first points with a 4 point major under Mrs. Dorothy Welsh, a very prestigious judge. I want to thank all my friends for all the fun we have had, Mary, Gene, Fern, Jonathon, Joy, Art, Glen, Dorothy, Sue, Kim, Richard, Judy, Julie, Bob, Kitty, Penny, Dawn, Cande, Margaret, & Daniel.

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Luv-N-Prints

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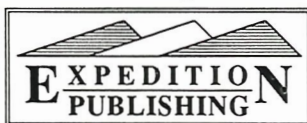
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Carrell's Pomeranians



Carrell's Autumn Afterglo

(Lennis's Red Denim Levi, UD, OTCH ptd. x Dendy's Sugar)

Shown winning her first point, owner handled. Below is her puppy winning BOB at his first match.



Carrell's Sprout O'Th Grt Elm

(Ch. Garton's King of Bavaria (BIS) x Carrell's Autumn Afterglow)

CONGRATULATIONS, Kirsten Carrell, owner/handler/trainer and only 6 years old!

Great job! A first time in the ring ever for Kirsten and Sprout.

Tammy Carrell
5272 Old Va. Springs
Roanoke, VA 24014
703-427-0152 days or
703-427-0669 eves



- Regrettably, Carrell's Poms is going out of the breeding business and has the following for sale:
1. **Carrell's Autumn Afterglo** - \$1,500, free whelped, pointed, very sound, whelped 10/26/88 (pictured above).
 2. **Carrell's Sprout O'Th Grt Elm** - \$1,000, whelped 10/27/90, show trained, ring experience, 4lbs. (pictured above).
 3. **Carrell's Make My Day** - \$900, orange, tpy male, whelped 8/7/89, animated, show & obedience trained, conformation ring experience, reserve wins, limited showing.

UPDATES

from the
president

By Mary Vickers

It's Fall. Multi-colored leaves flood the ground. There is a nip in the air. Time to put on sweaters and in some places coats are necessary. Dog show go-ers relish the fact that the Fall Show season has started. Pom, and other toy obedience people, enjoy the fact that trials are now indoors. Breeders anticipate upcoming litters.

It is Fall though. It is a time to curl up with a good book -- a good magazine. I strongly suggest this issue. The *Pomeranian Review* is back on track! Enjoy!



Recording Secretary Report

By Happeth A. Jones

July and August Agendas

Where a motion is marked "motion pending" it means that it either needs a second or the mail in vote has not been received in time to post in this report.

Several items were left out of the last Secretary's report.

They are included here:

At the Oklahoma meeting the Board voted to dedicate the 1992 Specialty in memoriam to Edna Girardot.

The Board worked out a list of Pomeranian colors for AKC to use on the registration forms.

Happeth Jones moved that a letter be sent to Marlin Presser requesting receipts and bills for the Show Chairman's expenses and the hospitality expenses to be submitted to the Board by June 20th or charges will be pressed. Motion adopted.

The Treasurer's reports for the past two agendas have shown that the financial situation for APC is improving.

The Board had previously voted to hold jurisdiction in a case of a member bringing charges against another member. The hearing committee set a date and place for the hearing. A notice was sent to the complainant and the defendant. The defendant then sent in his resignation. The Board no longer had jurisdiction, therefore the validity of the charges was not determined. Happeth Jones moved that in view of the defendant's resignation we cancel the hearing. Al Williamson seconded. Motion adopted.

A letter was received from Diane Johnson asking the Board to dedicate the Annual Specialty to Bob Goodrich of Model's Kennels. Happeth Jones moved that we dedicate the 1993 Specialty to Bob Goodrich. Seconded by Tony Tellez. Motion pending.

The Board received a letter from AKC asking for a donation for the Canine Defense Fund. Because the club is short on funds Sally Baugniet moved that we ask the editors to print the AKC appeal for Canine Defense Funds in all three Pom publications and ask contributors to do so in the name of the American Pomeranian Club. Motion pending.

Sally Baugniet pointed out that we cannot implement the motion to charge \$15.00 to the disabled or those on Social Security. She says this is a constitution change and cannot take effect until approved by membership.

Happeth Jones moved that any person who writes bad checks to APC should have to pay by bank check. Mary Vickers then moved to amend the motion to read: "Any person who writes more than two bad checks to the APC in a period of six months have to pay by bank check, bank or postal money order if in the US or by postal money order if foreign. Seconded by Happeth Jones. Motion pending.

Sally Baugniet moved that a report on show preparations be submitted to the Board as they progress. Seconded by Happeth Jones. Motion pending.

Sally Baugniet moved that names of both those making and seconding a motion be recorded in our minutes. Seconded by Happeth Jones. Motion pending.

Sally Baugniet moved that the President appoint a committee, approved by the Board, composed of one Board member and 2 non-board members from different areas of our country, to make a list of people who might deserve to be recognized for exceptional contribution to the Pomeranian and the APC, and who have/had been a member of the APC for twenty or more years. A brief history of their contribution must accompany each name submitted. Three to five names will be submitted to the general membership for a vote in the same mailing as the vote for Sweeps and Breed judge. This would take place only if there is a qualified name to submit. This person would not be allowed to exhibit a dog at this Specialty show. Motion pending.

Sally Baugniet moved that the President appoint a committee, approved by the Board, composed of one Board member and two non-board members from different areas of our country, to make a list of members who might deserve a kennel visit in the *Pomeranian Review*. A brief paragraph about each person should be submitted, with the name. A minimum of five names should be on the list at all times. The Board will vote on the person to be visited. Notification of the kennel visit should be given to the kennel and published in the Review, by the editor, two editions previous to the visit, with a reminder, in the edition before the visit. Motion pending.

Sally submitted a list of names to consider.

Sally moved that we eliminate the APC copyright clause in the *Pomeranian Review* and put in its place, "Permission to quote is given, provided credit is given to the *Pomeranian Review*." Motion pending.

Pinyon proudly presents new champion...



Ch. Tim Sue High Lights Chablis
(Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights x Tim Sue's Pink Champagne)

Owner:
Pinyon Pomeranians
Jean Focke
641 Robinson Dr.
Prescott, AZ 86303
602-778-2082

Thank you to **Sue Goddard** for her help and encouragement including when she showed *Chablis* for me at the Hustion Kennel Club's August 1990 show, to win a 5 point major. *Chablis* sends her "Patti-Cakes" too.

Breeder:
Tim Sue Pomeranians
Tim & Sue Goddard
Rt 2, Box 54C
Opelousas, LA 70570
318-543-6622

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

A few months ago the Board voted on the issue of whether or not Board members should be allowed to contribute articles to the other Pomeranian magazines. Sally Baugniet wrote an article about this issue and U.S. Amendment rights and submitted it to the Review. The editor of the Review refused to print the article.

Sally Baugniet moved that if there is a question about printing an article, the Board, only, has the right to refuse article. If the article is refused, it will then be sent back to the Author. Seconded by Happeth Jones. Motion pending.

Sally Baugniet mentioned that due to the lateness of the July/August Review there was no time for anyone to submit anything for the issue dedicated to Edna Girardot. Mary Vickers mailed a letter to the editor regarding the lateness of the July/August Review.

Sally Baugniet moves that we send a copy of each issue of the Pom Review to the AKC library. Motion pending.

Sally Baugniet moved that 20 consecutive year membership members be recognized and given an award or certificate at each annual banquet. Motion pending.

At the time of this report the records from Beverly Poplar, the former membership secretary, have not been received. The Board has been getting many calls from applicants who are waiting for their applications to be voted on. The delays have been considerable.

Mary Vickers moved that we vote on them as presented and waive the two month thinking period. Seconded by Happeth Jones. Motion pending.

The voting results for all the motions in this report will be counted in the Sept. agenda and results will be published in the January Review.

Happeth

Editor's Note: *Concerning the paragraph on an article, "Freedom of Speech," submitted by Sally Baugniet, a sentence states, "The editor of the Review refused to print the article." Mary Vickers, APC president was advised of this controversial article, and left the decision to run it with the editor. Informally, the article was also discussed with Happeth Jones, APC Recording Secretary, who opposed running the article. Disregarding those two opinions, we'll explain our own decision.*

As a non-APC member it is difficult for us to believe that any active APC member that is a true supporter, or promoter of the club, would actively participate in activities that would directly result in income loss to the APC. We believe that elected club officers and board members would hold this opinion as an unspoken rule. As editor and publishing house for the Pomeranian Review, it is our opinion that those members and officers who would

put more effort, or more advertising dollars into competing magazines, are not acting in the best interest of the American Pomeranian Club, especially in view of the current financial hardship. The article submitted did nothing to further the advancement of the APC, nor the Pomeranian Review. Instead, it tried to justify actions that we believe hurts the APC financially. We never refused to print anything. We merely used our better judgment, common sense, and acted in the American Pomeranian Club's best interest. We believe the general membership expects nothing less from us. □

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Thanks so much,
Ways & Means Committee

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PO Box 207
Ward, Arkansas 72176-0207



Glen Iris Distant Winner

(Ch. Tim Sue's Distant Lights x Wee Hearts Carolina Calling)

Kneisler Pomeranians

Ch. Primrose City Limits

(Am/Can Ch. Chriscendo City Lights x Rosewood Goldmite Brass Ring)



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'Chip' is pictured here taking WD at the APC Summer National Specialty. Many thanks go to the two fine ladies who made this possible, **Judy Hartell & Patsy Wade**. *Chip* went to them as a 'wild child' and came home a proud, finished "Gentleman."

"We feed Science Diet"

American Pomeranian Club, Inc -- Financial Statement

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Income	1990 Actual	1989 Budget	(+)under/ (-)over budget	
Bank interest to club	12.04	177.27	165.23	93%
Bank income	12.04	177.27	165.23	93%
Membership dues	3734.00	4078.00	344.00	8%
Refund of dues	-10.00	-45.00	-35.00	
Membership income	3724.00	4033.00	309.00	8%
Pom Review advertising	11508.00	19718.70	8210.70	42%
Pom Review 1st Class P	2990.00	2660.00	-330.00	-12%
Pom Review Member Subs	5005.00	5980.94	975.94	16%
Pom Review Refund	-60.00	-40.00	20.00	
Pom Review Loose Copy	12138.35	11568.92	-569.43	-5%
Pom Review Charge For	20.00			
Pom Review Bad Check	193.00	-482.00	-675.00	
Pom Review Income	31794.35	39406.56	7612.21	19%
Specialty advertising	598.50			
Specialty Banquet & Fe	3604.23	1860.20	-1744.03	-94%
Specialty Trophy Dona	1024.50	3414.50	2390.00	70%
Specialty Misc Income	0.00	159.00	159.00	100%
Specialty Income	5227.23	5433.70	206.47	4%
Total Income	40757.62	49050.53	8292.91	17%
Expenses	1990 Actual	1989 Budget	(+)under/ (-)over budget	
Bank Routine Charges F	100.03	93.99	- 6.04	-6%
Bank Charges for Overd	18.00	72.00	54.00	75%
Bank Expenses	118.03	165.99	47.96	29%
Outside Audit Expenses	597.45			
Corresponding Secrty	924.97	564.76	-360.21	-64%
Circulation Manager Ex	1055.36	1076.01	20.65	2%
Membership Secretary	124.96			
Past President Expense	0.00	1098.46	1098.46	100%
President Expenses	699.39	209.13	-490.26	-234%
Treasurer Expenses	1077.33	475.71	-601.62	-126%
Misc Officer Expenses	180.91	6.85	-174.06	-2541%
Admin Expenses	4660.37	3430.92	-1229.45	-36%
Pom Review Editor	5715.41	15181.20	9465.79	62%
Pom Review Mailing & H	1490.00	4083.27	2593.27	64%
Pom Review Printing Ex	17039.01	14457.00	-2582.01	-18%
Pom Review Misc.	63.94	92.79	28.85	31%
Pom Review Expenses	24308.36	33814.26	9505.90	28%

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Specialty Awards & Tro	708.14	4317.07	3608.93	84%
Specialty Meeting Exp	5182.39	4649.64	-532.75	-11%
Specialty Insurance	480.00	280.00	-200.00	-71%
Specialty Judges Exp	803.05	710.50	-92.55	-13%
Specialty Publicity &	0.00	890.92	890.92	100%
Specialty Misc Exp	1334.43	724.35	-610.08	-84%
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Specialty Expenses	8508.01	11572.48	3064.47	26%
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Club General Postage	524.00	207.75	-316.25	-152%
Club Printing & Roster	831.20	2516.01	1684.81	67%
Club General Publicity	1041.25	380.80	-660.45	-173%
Club Telephone Exp	708.41	822.18	113.77	14%
Club Misc Exp	123.26	455.47	332.21	73%
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General Expenses	3228.12	4382.21	1154.09	26%
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Total Expenses	40822.89	53365.86	12542.97	24%
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Net Income \$	-65.27			

Shady Park Poms

Presents another new champion

"Jessica" finished with a 5 pt. major on 7/6/91. Many thanks to all of the judges.

Mrs. M. Renihan	BOW & BOS	1 pt
Mr. K. Miller	WB & BOS	3 pts
Mr. Al Treen	WB & BOS	2 pts
Mrs. R. Sturm	WB & BOW	4 pts
Mrs. M. Bryant	WB	5 pts

Thank you **Nina Epps** and **M. Deane Rinehart** for letting me purchase this darling female and for all of your help.

Owner/Handler
 Diana L. Nolan
 5122 N.W. Parkdale Rd
 816-741-1650

Pedigree in Behind New Titlists

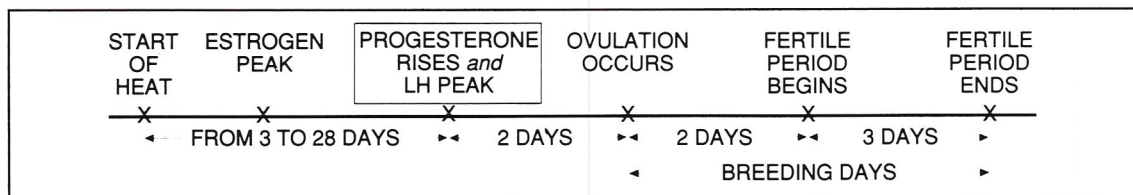


Ch. De Artas Rock N Jessica
 (Ch. Millamor's Mark Tradition x Rock Dancer's Little Rock)

REPRODUCTIVE PHYSIOLOGY - UNDERSTANDING THE BITCH'S CYCLE

by Melissa F. Goodman, D.V.M.

(reprinted from icg newsletter, volume five)



The estrous cycle of the bitch involves three important hormones: luteinizing hormone (LH), estrogen and progesterone. Changes in the levels of these hormones determine when ovulation and the fertile period occur, and also cause the observable signs of heat (vaginal swelling and discharge, standing behavior, etc.). An understanding of these hormonal changes will enable you to better evaluate a bitch's cycle, understand the utility and limitations of ovulation timing tests, and optimally plan breedings.

LUTEINIZING HORMONE (LH)

Normally LH is present in very small quantities. During the estrous cycle, a 20 to 40 fold increase of serum LH, followed by a return to baseline values, occurs rapidly over a period of 24 hours. It is this peak of LH that triggers ovulation, and thus determines the fertile period of the bitch. All events subsequent to the LH peak are consistent between bitches, regardless of breed and age. Therefore LH is considered the central event of the estrous cycle, and is the most accurate diagnostic tool for timing breedings. Unfortunately, no easily observable clinical signs, such as vaginal discharge or standing behavior, correlate with the LH peak. Although LH levels can be performed by specialized veterinary laboratories, the high expense and long wait for results make LH measurements impractical for ovulation timing. The LH peak may occur anywhere from 3 to 28 days after the first observable signs of heat although the average is 9 days. (Editor's Note: ICG has just completed development of an at-home LH test. It is now available).

PROGESTERONE

Blood progesterone stays at a low baseline level early in the cycle, and begins to rise on the day of the LH peak. Progesterone then remains elevated for two or three months, at which point levels decline gradually in a non-pregnant bitch, or abruptly just before whelping in a pregnant bitch. This elevation in progesterone is necessary to maintain pregnancy; it will also cause the signs of false pregnancy commonly observed in the non-pregnant bitch, regardless of whether she has been bred or not. Measurement of blood levels of this hormone is consistent between bitches and easy to perform. Although many veterinary laboratories run progesterone levels, few have

standardized their results for canine values, most require several days before results are available, and the tests are usually costly. ICG's Ovulation Timing Test has solved these problems however, by making available a simple, inexpensive progesterone assay that your veterinarian performs in his office, with results available in less than an hour. By performing serial blood tests using this kit, your veterinarian can identify the first day progesterone rises, and the LH peak. Since the LH peak triggers ovulation, the exact fertile period can thus be determined.

ESTROGEN

Estrogen levels rise slowly, starting at the beginning of the heat period, continue rising for 10-14 days, and then decline rapidly. Peak estrogen levels usually occur several days before the LH peak. Changes in estrogen levels result in many of the observable signs of heat, such as swelling of the female reproductive tract, vaginal discharge and behavioral changes, as well as the changes seen with glucose test tape. Rising estrogen levels also cause and increased turnover rate of vaginal epithelial cells (the cells lining the wall of the vagina). This process results in the changes seen in vaginal cytology.

Although changes in estrogen levels and the signs they cause can give general guidelines, they do not correlate to the time of ovulation, and thus do not give accurate information for timing breedings.

OVULATION AND THE FERTILE PERIOD

Ovulation is triggered by the LH peak, which causes the ovaries to release the developing ovocytes (eggs). Ovulation occurs 48 hours after the LH peak. The ovocytes cannot be fertilized upon their immediate release from the ovaries. A subsequent maturation step, requiring 2-3 days, must occur before sperm penetration and fertilization can take place. Once the eggs are mature they remain viable for approximately 2 to 3 more days before they begin to degenerate. Thus, the actual fertile period of the bitch is only 2 to 3 days long and begins 4 or 5 days after the LH peak (2 to 3 days after ovulation). Once the fertile period is over the bitch can no longer become pregnant. Observable changes in vaginal discharge, vulva and vaginal swelling, and standing behavior, as well as the changes seen on vaginal smears can begin anywhere from 3 to 10 days before the LH peak, or even several days after

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"Fresh Express™ gives me access to studs all across the country that can benefit my breeding program. This breeding was important—the stud lives in North Carolina and I don't like the risk of shipping my bitches. Besides, Texas storms frequently force planes to be diverted...and where does that leave my bitch? I also own studs, and Fresh Express is a lot less hassle than hosting a bitch in heat and being responsible for her.

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the LH peak. Therefore, hormonal assays are the best method to accurately predict the true fertile period.

TIMING BREEDING

In most cases, the stud dog and the bitch will breed naturally, on the days nature signals to them, and the bitch will get pregnant. These dogs do not need our help. With purebred dogs, however, human beings have intervened to plan which dog will be bred to which bitches, and when. In most situations, the bitch is being transported to the stud dog. Sometimes over long distances. Often the number of breedings that will be performed is limited, making it even more important that they be performed on the correct days. Sometimes, the stud dog has several bitches to breed at the same time; since he can't breed every bitch every day, it is important to know which bitch to breed on which day. Other times, a bitch will never stand -- when should she actually be bred? Semen quality can also determine the necessity for accurate ovulation timing. Remember that the true fertile period of the bitch is short -- it lasts 2 to 3 days before she goes out of season. These are the only days that fertilization can take place. And yet most breedings can take place days before that time, and the bitches conceive. Why? This is because a young, healthy stud dog's sperm cells live 5-7 days inside the bitch's reproductive tract, so sperm will still be alive during the fertile period, even when the breeding took place days previously. With poor quality sperm or low sperm

numbers, such as in an older dog, a dog stressed by a heavy show schedule, or a frequently used dog, properly timed breedings can make the difference between conceiving and missing. When using chilled or frozen semen, the lifespan of the sperm is reduced, and so accurate ovulation timing is crucial to successful breedings. Breedings that occur significantly before the fertile period often result in a lack of conception or reduced litter size, since few sperm cells remain viable when the ovocytes are ready to be fertilized. Likewise, breedings that occur at the end of the fertile period also often result in small litters, since the number of fertilizable ovocytes is decreasing. Accurate ovulation timing will optimize the chances of conception with normal litter size.

SUMMARY

Three main hormones - luteinizing hormones (LH), progesterone, and estrogen - play key roles in the estrous cycle of the bitch. Changes in estrogen levels may cause many of the signs traditionally used to time breedings, such as standing behavior and the changes seen on vaginal smears, but do not correlate with ovulation or the true fertile period. The LH peak, vulva sometime between days 3 and 28 of the bitch's cycle, is the central event triggering ovulation and determining the fertile period. The initial rise in progesterone, occurring at the same time as the LH peak, can be used to identify the LH peak and the fertile period. □

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New Solutions For Your Old Breeding Problems

by **Melissa Goodman, DVM**

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In an era when scientific knowledge is growing explosively, we enjoy some wonderful advantages. One is that enterprises small and large are continually applying science in new ways that make our lives easier, less hazardous and more rewarding. Examples we're all familiar with are the microwave oven, medical treatments that replace surgery, and the personal computer.

In the late 1980's, such liberating strides were finally made in the art of dog breeding. It is now easy and inexpensive to determine the ideal times for breeding -- with a simple, accurate ovulation timing test. Other technical innovations make it possible to conduct breedings reliably through long-distance artificial inseminations (AI) -- using fresh semen or frozen semen. Properly carried out, such breedings not only avoid the traditional risks, difficulties and costs of transporting bitches, they also have a very high rate of success.

This review is intended especially for the dog breeder who may be curious about the technologies and services newly available for dog breeding, and their performance record. Scientific matters are dealt with in the context of practical breeding issues, to help you judge the value of recent developments for your own breeding program. But first a little history.

Who Cares About Dog Breeders?

Despite dramatic progress in the study of reproduction since the 1960's, little technical progress was made on behalf of dog breeders before 1986. Advances in AI had long since brought new convenience, cost savings and productivity to breeders of cattle and other livestock. Associated technical advances had brought joy to otherwise childless couples. But related problems in canine reproduction remained unanswered.

Why? Because canine reproductive physiology differs from that of cattle and people just enough to make reliable results from artificial insemination impossible without techniques tailored precisely to the dog. And dog breeders represent too small a market to interest large, technically powerful corporations in pursuing the development of dog-specific solutions.

In the mid-1980's, the unmet needs of dog breeders first came to the attention of Grady Rankin, a dog lover whose former employer, American Breeders Service, had helped to revolutionize the breedings of cattle through AI. (Two thirds of all cattle are now bred via artificial insemination and/or embryo transfer, which have helped over the years to improve the breeds and virtually double the milk production of the typical cow.)

While arranging to buy a Cocker Spaniel for his family, Rankin inquired about technologies available to dog breeders. He soon realized that the state of the art had

been improved very little in recent decades. At the same time, he was impressed with the evident commitment by most dog breeders to producing high-quality animals.

Rankin decided it was time for someone to make a difference. Internationally Canine Genetics (ICG) was born.

At the Risk of Blowing Our Own Horn

To create a company dedicated to serving dog breeders, it was first necessary to understand their needs. Rankin spent months conferring with breeders throughout the United States. He tapped the expertise of leading researchers in the fields of animal reproduction and veterinary medicine. He organized boards of scientific advisors and governing directors for ICG. He secured the financing and recruited the talent for an intensive program of research and development.

ICG's first years were eventful. A leading semen physiologist developed the firm's technology for canine artificial insemination. Clinical trials proved the new AI technology safe and effective. Only in 1989, after a full three years of scientific investigation and technical development, did the company begin to offer its products and services to breeders and veterinarians.

I became ICG's third employee, in 1987. I was drawn to the company because I knew firsthand how little assistance the veterinary profession had been able to offer the serious dog breeder. As a breeder as well as a vet, I felt strongly about the need for better methods.

I joined a tiny group of professionals utterly dedicated to delivering new products and services helpful to you, the dog breeder. We have become a successful small company through our commitment to customer service, superior breeding techniques and the well-being of your dogs. All of us who make up International Canine Genetics are determined to maintain that single minded focus on your needs.

Wanted - An Accurate Ovulation Timing Test

Left to their own behavior, and responding to nature's signals, the bitch and the stud dog will normally breed at the right time, and normally the bitch will conceive. That is what we at ICG believe. Nevertheless, improper timing is the most common reason that breedings fail. For that reason, additional medical information is often desirable or necessary to help ensure a pregnancy.

Sometimes the signals given off by the bitch do not correlate as they should with the female's fertile period. The stud dog's interpretation of those signals can also be in error. In either case, the bitch probably will not conceive if the dogs are left to breed on their own.

Specific breeding circumstances also may make timing procedures necessary. For example, timing becomes more

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crucial when semen quality or quantity is compromised. That is often the case in an older stud dog, a dog with a low sperm count, or a heavily used stud.

Correct timing is similarly more important when using fresh-chilled or frozen semen for an artificial insemination. In either procedure, sperm cells do not live as long as in a natural mating or when semen collected from a stud dog is used right away.

Aside from such special circumstances, a bitch owner simply may want to identify the fertile period to facilitate travel plans, or for convenience and peace of mind.

Why Traditional Timing Techniques Aren't Reliable

In the past, the best technique for timing breedings that the veterinary profession could offer was vaginal cytology -- examination of cells from the vaginal wall for a change in cell structure called cornification. Unfortunately, the vaginal cytology technique reflects changes in estrogen levels, and estrogen is not the hormone that determines ovulation. The role of estrogen is to prepare the reproductive tract for ovulation, and then for mating.

The greatest cornification occurs before ovulation (sometimes even ten days before the fertile period!). It remains at its maximum until the end of estrus. That is, the vaginal-wall cells change before ovulation, and don't return to normal until after breeding is finished.

As a result, even when vaginal cytology is performed and interpreted expertly, it gives very general information at best. The bitch will ovulate at some point during the period of maximal cornification, but it is impossible with vaginal cytology alone to predict exactly when.

The Changes that Really Signal Ovulation

Research has shown that a surge of Luteinizing Hormone (LH) is what actually triggers ovulation. If the time when LH reaches a peak in the bloodstream can be identified, the bitch's fertile period can be determined. Unfortunately, it has been difficult and expensive to measure the Luteinizing Hormone.

Research has also shown, however, that another hormone - progesterone - is at a relatively low level in the dog's bloodstream before the LH peak, and that progesterone begins to rise at the time of the LH peak. (figure 1) This means that if the initial rise in progesterone can be predicted -- even without direct measurement of LH. This concept is now uniformly accepted by veterinary reproduction specialists.

Laboratory tests for progesterone are easier to run than LH tests. The problem is that such tests (called radioimmunoassays) require highly sophisticated equipment available only at veterinary schools. Although many clinical laboratories also perform the tests -- for human progesterone levels -- their results are often inaccurate for the canine. Because radioimmunoassays are time consuming and laborious, labs normally perform them only on certain days. Consequently, test results are often not available to the breeder when they are most needed.

Such costs and difficulties generally combine to limit

the use of progesterone radioimmunoassays to exceptional infertility cases.

Reliable, Low-Cost Timing At Last

To meet the needs of breeders for a quick and inexpensive progesterone test, our company introduced in 1989 the first practical alternative to canine radioimmunoassays. The ICAGEN™ Canine Ovulation Timing Diagnostic Test, supplied in kit form, makes knowledge of progesterone levels immediately available to all veterinarians. Many researchers and specialists in canine reproduction are also using the ICAGEN diagnostic because of its greater convenience.

How accurate and useful is the test? According to the results of independent research, "The ICAGEN test is highly statistically accurate as an assay for canine progesterone when accompanied with radioimmunoassay values." The study that produced this conclusion was carried out according to strict scientific procedures by a theriogenologist (veterinary reproduction specialist) at a leading U.S. veterinary school. More than 50 bitches were tested in the study, which was completed in the spring of 1989. (Under the agreement between ICG and the veterinary school where the test was validated, we may not give the name of the school or of the research until the study is published. When it is published, we will supply copies on request.)

ICG's own experience confirms the independent research. In more than 50 breedings, conducted in our own beagle colony and with client's bitches, our staff has used the ICAGEN test to predict the fertile period. Some of these breedings were performed naturally, others with fresh-semen AI, with fresh-chilled semen AI, and with frozen-semen AI.

I am happy to report that our rate of success in accurately predicting the LH peak using the ICAGEN test was approximately 95%.

High Reliability, But Not Foolproof

Since the ICAGEN progesterone test became available in May, 1989 it has been used by hundreds of veterinarians worldwide to pinpoint the LH surge and determine the period of fertility in the bitch. The happy phone calls, letters and puppy pictures that flow steadily into our office attest its success.

Time and diligent testing have shown that the ICAGEN test is a valuable tool. Even so, it is crucial that each step of the test be performed according to a procedure described in the kit's literature. Otherwise human error may occur at some point -- while sampling, during testing or in the interpretation of test results. Such an error could compromise the planned breeding.

We encourage every veterinarian to let us know as soon as possible about any question, problem or difficulty that may come up in connection with the ICAGEN test. Our responsibility does not end with the distribution of test kits. Timely feedback from your vet will allow us to provide maximum support for your breeding program and take further steps to ensure that the test will work well for

Allayn's



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Natural Breeding or Artificial Insemination?

Different circumstances call for different breeding plans and different services. Although advances in technology have widened the options for breeders, a natural breeding or a fresh-semen AI remains optional. The choice of an alternative should be based mainly on considerations of safety, practicality, offspring quality and convenience.

Both frozen and fresh-chilled semen are useful for long-distance breedings. Frozen semen permits long-term storage, preservation of a stud's genetic line, and use of a stud's semen even if he himself is not available. Fresh-chilled semen should be used while a stud is available and producing semen, to accomplish long-distance breedings without shipping either the bitch or the stud dog.

Taking the Fresh-Chilled Route

To make certain you have access to experienced professionals with a particular interest in innovative canine reproductive services, we have set up the ICG Fresh-Chilled Semen Breeding Network of trained independent veterinarians.

For fresh-chilled semen AI, one vet collects the semen and adds a special buffer to protect the sperm cells. He or she then ships the semen by air or express delivery service to another network vet, who artificially inseminates the bitch. ICG's buffers are formulated to maintain sperm viability for as long as possible, and designed for ease of handling by the veterinarians.

ICG supplies all the necessary materials and specifies proven procedures for both veterinarians. The procedures for chilled-semen AI are not complicated, but they are somewhat different from those used in routine AI. If not performed properly, a chilled-semen AI is unlikely to succeed. Even veterinarians who routinely perform fresh AI will need to acquaint themselves with the specifics involved. Practice is often necessary.

Accurate ovulation timing is crucial, as mentioned earlier, because even under the best conditions, chilled semen will not live as long as fresh semen. To ensure success, therefore, insemination must be done as close to the fertile period as possible.

The quality of a stud's semen can vary tremendously, and so can the success of a collection. For these reasons, we recommend that a test collection from the stud **always** be performed before one commits to a fresh-chilled semen breeding. A test collection lets the dog learn what is expected of him and provides an opportunity to test semen viability. The veterinarian, whether experienced in collection or not, can become familiar with the procedure and with the individual animal, without the pressure of timing.

ICG's responsibility does not end when the semen is shipped. If necessary, we provide additional support by telephone to the vets on both ends of a long-distance breeding. The veterinarians themselves make the final

professional decisions, of course.

A Kind of Suspended Animation

Freezing a stud dog's semen can preserve his genetic qualities indefinitely. Researchers have estimated that bull semen will last over 10,000 years. There is every reason to expect a similar lifespan for canine semen.

Immediately after a collection, we evaluate the semen microscopically. We then extend it with a buffer solution containing cryoprotective elements that enable the sperm cells to survive the freezing and thawing process. The semen is divided into several straws and labeled with great care to prevent any confusion. After a four-hour freezing process, we thaw one straw to verify the quality of the collection and freezing. In this way we guard against a disappointing surprise when thawing the remaining straws in the future.

Because the cycle of freezing and thawing is more traumatic to sperm cells than simply chilling them, prescribed thawing and insemination techniques must be strictly adhered to. Exact ovulation timing also is essential.

ICG recommends that frozen-semen breedings be planned well in advance, to allow time for the semen to be taken out of storage, packaged, and shipped to a veterinarian trained in the procedures necessary.

The Proof is in the Puppies

ICG's advanced technology and support services have brought new reliability and convenience to natural breedings. They have produced unprecedented success in frozen-semen and fresh-chilled semen breedings: Clinical trials in our research beagle colony have consistently given conception rates between 70 and 80 percent. Both AI techniques used in conjunction with the ovulation timing diagnostic have produced many litters that would not have come into the world without the advanced systems we have developed. ICG now has 17 people on staff dedicated to help you. We have offices near Philadelphia and Los Angeles, plus 7 freezing centers around the U.S.

All of us at ICG are grateful to your editor for this opportunity to express our pride in our company and in the unique products and services we offer. We welcome your comments and inquiries, as well as any opportunity to be of service.

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VAGINAL CYTOLOGY

by Sherri Mullen, CAHT and Melissa Goodman, DVM

(reprinted from icg newsletter, volume five)

Vaginal cytology is a quick, easy-to-perform tool that can be used to provide general information about the estrous cycle of the bitch. To use this information properly, it is important to understand what vaginal cytology is, and how the changes seen relate to different stages of the cycle.

Vaginal cytology is the examination of the cells that line the vaginal wall (the vaginal epithelium). As the estrous cycle progresses, these epithelial cells change in size, shape, and nuclear configuration. Identification of the cell types seen and their relative proportions to each other characterize the stage of the cycle.

Cells should be obtained from deep within the vagina, as this area best reflects important changes. Cells are gently transferred from the vaginal wall onto a long handled cotton swab, and then transferred once again from the swab onto a glass slide. The slide is stained to allow easy visualization of the cells, and then examined under a microscope. Slides should be saved and compared from day to day, to note progressive changes.

When a bitch comes into season, the first hormonal changes that occurs is a rise in estrogen. This rise is responsible for many outward signs of heat, such as vaginal discharge,

vulva swelling, and attraction of male dogs. Internally, the rise in estrogen is preparing the vagina for breeding, by increasing the number of layers in the vaginal wall. As the wall thickens, the top layer gets further and further from the blood supply; cells in this layer mature, begin to die, and then slough off. These cells are referred to as "cornified" cells.

When estrogen reaches peak levels, greater than 90 percent of vaginal epithelial cells will be cornified. This state of maximal cornification can begin quite early in the cycle, and remains until the bitch goes out of season, when the cells abruptly change back to the immature, noncornified type. Maximal cornification can last anywhere from 5 to 14 days; ovulation will occur during this period, but the exact date cannot be determined from vaginal cytology alone. Therefore, maximal cornification cannot indicate when the fertile period occurs.

Keeping this limitation in mind, vaginal cytology can give general guidelines for breeding plans. Since the fertile period will occur during the phase of maximal cornification, covering this entire period will ensure that a breeding will take place while the bitch is fertile. Thus, the first breeding should occur when maximal cornification is reached, and then

breedings should be repeated every two to three days until the bitch's vaginal smear shows that she is out of season. Unfortunately, many breedings may have to be performed to effectively cover this period. When using an older dog or one with poor quality semen, this schedule may significantly lower his sperm count during the fertile period.

Vaginal cytology may also be used as a general guideline when following a bitch's cycle with progesterone assays for more accurate ovulation timing. The initial rise in progesterone that coincides with the LH peak, and determines the time of ovulation, will not occur until cornification has progressed over fifty percent. Thus, vaginal smears may be performed early in the cycle; when cornification reaches 50-60% the bitch is close to the LH peak and progesterone levels should then be monitored every other day.

Whether performed by a breeder or a veterinarian, vaginal cytology can be a useful tool in a breeding management plan. It is important that vaginal smears be obtained correctly, slides be prepared and stained properly and cytology interpreted accurately. However, the limitations of the information gained from this procedure should be considered when planning breedings. □

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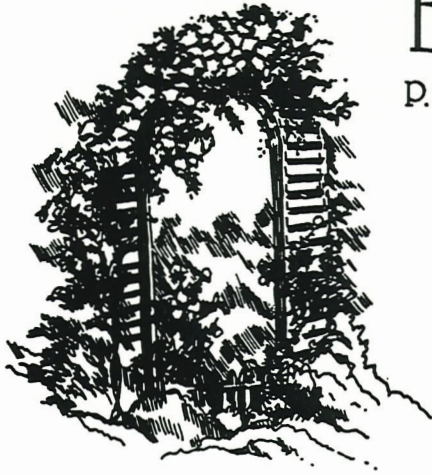
by Dolly B. Trauner

I hope not too many of us have suffered the sudden, shocking tragedy of losing one of our little Poms while under anesthetic. Any time an anesthetic is used, there is a threat to life. It is bad enough, if death from anesthetic occurs during needed, or emergency surgery -- setting a broken leg, or for a c-section. It is heart breaking when it happens while under an anesthetic for pulling of baby teeth. This has happened to promising young

Poms owned by two of my friends; different vets, different times.

A third vet does not pull baby teeth. Apart from the dangers of anesthetics, he worries about breaking that tiny, fragile jaw while using the strength necessary to pull one of those stubborn canines with unbelievably long roots so firmly set in the bone. He uses a different method, and has taught it to a number of breeder-clients who now use the method and find it entirely satisfactory.

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Canine Mycoplasma, Ureaplasma, and Bacterial Infertility

By Dr. Priscilla Stockner

Submitted by Dolly B. Trauner

Sterile Bitches? Bitches Resorbing/Aborting? Losing Litters? This article and survey by Dr. Stockner were obtained from the doctor in response to the announcements made by several Pom breeders that their bitches were not conceiving, and that pups were being born dead or dying soon after birth, all for no apparent reason. The bitches were in fine health and excellent condition. Many were proven and had suffered no problems raising healthy litters previously.

The treatment recommended by Dr. Stockner has been to administer a very small daily dose of Chloromycetin Palmitate calibrated to the weight of the dog and continued over 30 days. Medication should be completed well before the bitch is due to come in season for breeding.

Diagnosis must be done by your veterinarian, and treatment carried out under his/her supervision.

Mycoplasma and ureaplasma organisms are the smallest free-living organisms. Like bacteria, these organisms can be grown on synthetic media. They are frequent contaminants of mucosal membranes, like the nasopharyngeal cavity and urogenital tract with no clinical symptoms until the right conditions or numbers or organisms are present.

Urogenital disease has been recognized for years in cattle and humans. The infertility caused by these microorganisms can result in male or female genital tract disease, poor conception, early embryonic death, abortion, postparturient septicemia, or weak or fading newborns.

Carrier states and venereal spread are common and reported in both humans and cattle. Poor quality semen has been associated with these organisms in both cattle and humans.

Eleven species of Mycoplasma affecting the dog; *M. canis*, *M. spumans*, *M. maculosum*, *M. opalescens*, *M. edwardii*, *M. cynos*, *M. molare*, *M. feliminutum*, *M. gateae*, *M. arginini*, *M. bovigenitalium*, *M. Acholeplasma laidlawii*. Four serological species of Ureaplasma affect the dog Mycoplasma tend to be species specific.

M. canis can induce epididymo-orchitis and endometritis when artificially inoculated into the reproductive tract. Canadian workers have isolated these agents from cases of infertility in male and female dogs. Significantly higher numbers of organisms are found in these animals than in health, fertile controls (100% vs. 30% respectively in one study).

Cornell University Diagnostic Laboratories confirm the findings of the Canadians. Clinical studies recognize a

syndrome of infertility characterized by poor conception, early embryonic death, embryonal or fetal resorption, abortion, stillborn pups, weak newborns, and neonatal death. This syndrome is frequently recognized in breeding kennels where close, intensive living conditions and the environment provide an opportunity for large numbers of these organisms to develop and affect the bitch and stud dog. This tends to be true for opportunistic infections such as the beta hemolytic streptococci, *haemophilus canis*, *Escherichia coli*, and species of *Pseudomonas* and *Proteus*. At times mycoplasmal and ureaplasma infections are mixed.

Bitches and stud dogs may be infertile and show no overt signs of disease.

Diagnosis is made by isolation of the organisms. Deep vaginal swab for culture of the affected bitch and preputial swabs, semen or prostate fluid culture can be used for analysis in the male dog or cat. Transport to the laboratory must be on Amies media/without charcoal.

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PRISCILLA K. STOCKNER, MS., DVM., MBA
330 NO. ANDREASEN DR.
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Mycoplasma Survey - 1991

Since June of 1989, we have been collecting data on vaginal, preputial, semen, and placental cultures working with Michigan State University Microbiology Laboratory. They have identified the species of all the Mycoplasma found on the cultures we have submitted. The laboratory is also providing a colony count as part of the assessment. They measure quantity in colony forming units, CFU. This quantitative evaluation will help us determine if the number of units is correlated to the signs of infertility.

I have summarized the data as follows: Total number of cultures submitted to date (1-1-91), 1,144.

Mycoplasma canis	60 isolates	*46 infertile signs
Mycoplasma cynos	6 isolates	2 infertile signs
Mycoplasma spumans	2 isolates	1 infertile sign
Ureaplasma sp.	1 isolate	1 infertile sign

6% of all cultures submitted contained Mycoplasma, less than 1% Ureaplasma.

*In all cases with demonstrated signs of infertility, potentially pathogenic bacteria were also present in the cultures; *E coli*, *Pasturella* and *Pseudomonas* species.

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Primrose Pomeranians



Tim Sue's High Dee Ho

(Am/Can Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights x Jolly Wee Lil Pizazz)

"High Dee" is well on her way to her championship! Showing she is a natural show girl, winning WB & BOS under judge Alex Schwartz. High Dee is currently being expertly handled by **Jane Lehtinen**.

Congratulations to **Marie & Matthew Kneisler** owners of Ch. Primrose City Limits. What a super way to finish with WD at the APC Summer Specialty.

A special THANK YOU goes to **Sue Goddard** who trusted me with some excellent quality girls, and gave me support and encouragement.

FLASH! ... TIM SUE'S DISTANT DREAMS is a dream come true! Winning WB & BOS at Lawrence KC under judge Dr. Leon Seligman. Her first time out and first major.

Thanks **Maria Kneisler** for a great job!

"We feed Science Diet"

Donna L. Parkerson ☞ 2100 N. 25th Broken Arrow ☞ OK 74014 ☞ (918) 355-2571

The National Specialty 1992

by Mary Vickers

Pretty soon the leaves of Fall will be turning and after that it's time to "deck the halls with boughs of holly." Then the calendar changes to 1992 and the APC Annual Winter Specialty will be here.

There are several changes in store. The Specialty will be back at it's 1989 - 1990 site, the Marriott Hotel at La Guardia Airport in East Elmhurst, New York. Those of you who were here before, remember the spacious rooms, the courteous and attentive staff and good food from their two restaurants. I doubt if any of us got to enjoy either of their pools (indoor & hydrotherapy), let alone the saunas, exercise room or the electronic game room. Maybe this year!

The Marriott is truly a hop, skip and jump from the airport, but those carting dogs and equipment can take the Marriott's shuttle from front door to front door. For those driving, parking at the hotel is complimentary. Room rates are still in the beginning stage, but they will be no more than \$95.00 per room, per night (plus tax) if you mention you are with the APC when making your reservation.

To obtain all sorts of special deals with the hotel, like free parking, lower room rates and such, the APC entered into a contract with the Marriott. We guarantee them certain things and they guarantee the APC certain things. For instance, we said we would have 30 rooms in use on Friday night and 70 rooms occupied on Saturday/Sunday. Because of this the APC's use of the ballroom went down in price approximately \$5000.00. That is not a misprint! Holding a Specialty in this day and age is a costly venture, especially if the club is lucky enough to find a place that still allows show dogs. Therefore, it is to all member's benefit to stay at the Marriott. If such guarantees are not met, the APC has to pay more. As the APC is YOU, in the end you actually wind up paying for this. If the guarantee is met, then the APC has more money to put in another place. Perhaps for use for education, health problems, and yes, even the *Pomeranian Review*.

As the Big Apple is right across the bridge, some will want to play tourist. For those wishing to visit the City, it is only 20 minutes away. Transportation arrangements will be announced later. Although the Westminster Kennel Club will be held as usual at the Garden on Monday and Tuesday, remember that beginning this year only the Champions of Record can be entered.

Early Saturday morning is when the show starts - Puppy Sweepstakes, our first ever Veterans Sweepstakes and also another first, the APC Obedience Trial. New on the agenda is a Parade of Champions & Obedience Title Holders. For this event the Pom in the Parade must hold an AKC title. Dogs need not be entered in any Regular or Non-Regular Class to participate. An entry form must be filled out and have "PARADE" listed as a class on

it. If your Pom is participating in the Parade, please include a resume about the dog with the entry. This will be read during the Parade. Neutered dogs and spayed bitches are eligible to participate in the non-competitive Parade. Each participant will receive a commemorative Rosette.

Regular conformation classes, as well as Veteran regular classes, and Stud Dog & Brood Bitch classes will occur on Sunday. Junior showmanship will occur before the judging of Best of Breed. Don't leave yet, as when judging is completed all Winners of this Specialty will be called back into the ring. An exhibition called the PARADE OF WINNERS will immediately follow the conformation non-regular class judging. Included will be the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Award of Merit winners, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best in Veterans Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex in Veterans Sweepstakes, Best in Puppy Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes, High in Trial, High Combined in Trial, and Best Junior Handler. If you missed who won what, this will be your chance to see all those



Armetha Reynolds (1), President of the Natural State Pomeranian Fanciers of Benton, AR, presents a Pom quilt to raffle winner Fran Hutchinson of Benton AR.

1st Annual Pom Review Puppy Photo Contest Winners!!!

Congratulations to our three lucky winners, they are entitled to a free full page ad in any issue of the *Pomeranian Review*!

THE POM REVIEW SWEEPS (conformation)

And the winner is

Allayn's Miz Scarlet

owned by *Maria Kneisler*
(pg 17 Sept/Oct Review)



PUPPIES DO THE CUTEST THINGS

And the winner is...

Tresstique Dawn of Merimaur

owned by *Bonnie Harris*
(pg 45 Sept/Oct Review)



BEST PHOTO

And the winner is

Kingdoms Sinderella Romance

owned by *Rachel Capps*
(pg. 23 Sept/Oct Review)

Do you have any puppies at your house? Keep those cameras handy. Next September's "Puppy" issue of the *Pomeranian Review* will be holding its **2nd Annual Puppy Photo Contest!** All Pom puppies born between July 1, 1991 and July 1, 1992 are eligible.

gorgeous Poms again.

Shopping at a dog show is something we all look forward to. The POM SHOPPE will be manned and promises to present many special items of interest to fanciers. Liz Ozelis, who is providing many of the trophies presented during this two day event, will again as in past years have a booth. Limited space for other concessions is available. Jackie Raynor from NJ has information on this. No one will be permitted to offer any items for sale except by prior arrangement with Jackie.

But what about those one of a kind Pom items that are on display throughout the show area? These were crafted by APC members and have been donated for the Pom/Dog Art show and auction. You get to view them during the show. After the Awards Banquet they will be auctioned off. Al Williamson, as treasurer, and Lisa Smart, who is in charge of the Art show and auction, promises to accept checks as well as good old green US dollar bills. If you have an item that you wish to donate for the Art show/auction contact Lisa.

On display during the show is something that you surely will want to carry home with you. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn following the Parade of Winners on Sunday for a beautiful hand made Pomeranian quilt. This fantastic piece of useful artwork was donated by the Natural State Pomeranian Fanciers. Armetha Reynolds designed the quilt that was shown throughout the Southern

area of the country (yes, the one in Oklahoma). Armetha, Carolyn Carter & Phyllis Fulmer, all from the NSPF, have been busy sewing this labor of love.

Susan Conlee has taken on the tremendous job of Show Chairman and has Mike Jones as her able assistant in NY. Elizabeth Dupuis has been working for months finding the perfect articles to use as trophies. As always they will be one of a kind items. Joel Taylor is who you contact for placing an ad in our keepsake catalog.

If you can't be in New York this February, don't despair. Marked catalogs and videos will be available. More information to come in future issues.

REMEMBER - the 1992 Annual Specialty is in memory of *EDNA GIRARDOT*. Trophy donations and catalog ads will be accepted in her memory. This will be a lasting tribute to a legendary figure who bred and taught the Pomeranian world so much. See ad below for details on where to send donations.

The quilt pictured on page 24 is the same quilt that everyone wanted in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas & Oklahoma!

The rest of the country will soon have a 'chance' at one very similar and just as lovely. The Club is presently making another quilt to be given to the American Pomeranian Club to use in a fund raising effort at this year's National Specialty.

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REMEMBER GANG...

Our '92 Specialty weekend needs **YOUR** support!
Even if you cannot be at the Marriott in person for
the Specialty, you can be there in thought!

Please send your trophy donations to:

Elizabeth Dupuis

Box 328

Alexandria, Ontario KOC 1A0

(postage to Canada is \$0.40)

Advertise your Poms in a catalogue full page ad, for the money saving cost of only \$25.00 (\$5.00 extra per photo), \$15.00 for a half page, \$10.00 to be in the Breeder's directory and \$5.00 to be on the Booster page.

Send to: Joel Taylor, 1038 16th Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35205

This February promises to be one of the best yet!!!

Stolanne Pomeranians



Ch. Stolanne's Classique Comet

(Ch. Bea Mary Hazy Day x Ch. Stolanne Mystique Starlet)

"Comet" was a smash in the show ring after he decided that showing wasn't so bad, and finished in 6 shows with 4 majors. A special thank-you to those who admired him and encouraged me to never give up on him; Mary Keeling, Dr. Renee McGrath, Adrian Alford, Nadine Hersil, and Terry & Suzann Henderson.

Thank you to the judges who recognized his quality and awarded his points:

June 02, 1991	Mrs. Victor M. Olmos-Oliver	3 pts
June 03, 1991	Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark	3 pts
June 29, 1991	Mrs. Betty Moore	4 pts
June 30, 1991	Mr. Frank E. Oberstar	5 pts

Comet is a proven stud with several of his puppies already major pointed.

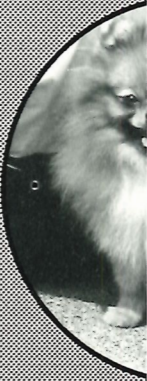
Breeder/Owner/Handler

Frances J. Stoll * RR #3, Box 429 * Washington, IN 47501 * (812) 254-3857

Season's Greetings

"Reflections"

*Diane & Gary Ward
14673 Cloverdale Road
Dale City, VA 22193
(703) 670-DOGS*



From Adine Pomeranians

1 -- Yoyo -- 1956 -- Our 1st Pom!

2 -- "Dee Dee" -- Ch. Adine's Dee Dee Dyna
Sire: Ch. Annon's Magnum Force of Scamp
Dam: Ch. Annon's Lit'le Bit Of Dynamite
Breeder/Owner/Handler

3 -- "Dyna" -- Ch. Annon's Lit'le Bit Of Dynamite
Sire: Ch. Peterson's Scamp of Lennis
Dam: Adams Rona of La Calvados

4 -- "Danee" -- Adine's Chasing Rainbows
Sire: Moe-Best Two Time N Man
Dam: Ch. Annon's Lit'le Bit Of Dynamite)

5 -- "Dance" -- Adine's Dance To My Beat
Sire: Ch. Great Elms Prince Charming II
Dam: Adine's Chasing Rainbows)

6 -- "Devin" -- Adine's Sweet Dream Devin
Sire: Ch. Great Elms Prince Charming II
Dam: Adine's Chasing Rainbows)

7 -- "Beau" -- Virginia Beaudette Belle, CD
Sire: Spot Omar
Dam: Nita's Golden Gina)

8 -- "Poppy" -- Adine's Uptown Girl of Annon
Sire: Kennor's Mightie J.R. Ewing
Dam: My Lady Darlene)

9 -- "Cheater" -- Moe-Best Two Time N Man
Sire: Ch. Mike Mar's Golden Duke
Dam: Ch. Moe-Best Constant Attention)

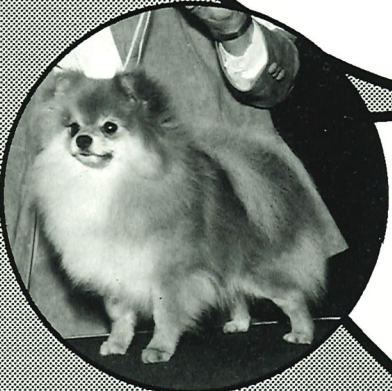
10 -- "Summer" -- Ch. Adine's Summer Secret
Sire: Moe-Best Two Time N Man
Dam: Adine's Uptown Girl of Annon)

11 -- "Do-Si" -- Ch. Watts-Scotia Little Do-Si
Sire: Ch. Watt's Little Do-Si-Do
Dam: Ch. Scotia A Bit of Consolation)

12 -- "Cheyenne" -- Adine's Cheyenne Autumn
Sire: Ch. Watts-Scotia Little Do-Si
Dam: Ch. Adine's Summer Secret)

13 -- "Dee Dee", "Summer", "Poppy"

14 -- "Cheater", "Summer", "Poppy"



To: Diane
From: Santa

To: Gary
From: Santa

Why Are We Breeding and Showing?

by Alesha Marie

Which is more important: Breeding dogs for sound temperament, type and structure; or finishing as many champions as possible and being willing to settle for less than the best?

Over the years, I have been an observer at many dog shows -- both in the United States and Canada. I have, on far fewer occasions, competed with my dogs for championship points both in the United States and Canada and have American and/or Canadian champions in two breeds. When I first began showing dogs, I wanted to finish as many as possible -- to add to my "prestige." After all, I saw many others striving for the same recognition. At some point though I became very concerned about what I was seeing, both in my own dogs and in those of other exhibitors. There was and continues to be a lack of soundness in structure and "iffy" temperaments in our breed (and other breeds as well). An overall lack of quality that is disturbing. It is generally acknowledged it is possible to finish any dog, if you're willing to spend some time, money, and perhaps enlist the services of a handler, (though the reputable handlers will only take quality animals) but what's the point?

In the beginning of the "Dog Show Game" breeders came together to 'show' their best animals. It was truly a success story repeated over and over again for many years. The breeds improved in quality and type, written standards were developed and those breeding dogs were continually striving to better that which came before. A championship meant that the animal was of superior type for its breed. My, how times have changed.

It's a shame, really, that we have come to the stage where points are everything and a championship at any cost is better than no championship at all. Dog shows are not competitions for the best groomed and trained, but for the best specimen of the breed. Perhaps it is time to re-think our

motives and take a deeper look at why we breed and show dogs.

The last three pups I placed went to homes where they will make a definite contribution to the families that have them. The first went to a 14 year old girl who had recently arrived from Poland and spoke no English. She needed "someone" to talk to her and be her friend. She has that now. The second went to a 12 year old boy who has an exceptionally high IQ. He is very shy and wanted an outgoing pup to take with him on walks, in hopes that people would come up to him and talk. Reports are that this has indeed happened and he is beginning to make friends -- again because of a little friendly dog. The third pup I had fully intended to keep. Structurally he was very good and had many things I have been striving for in my breeding program. He is also a blue. At his first and only match, he not only took the breed over older Poms, but a Group I over a good entry. He was five months old at the time. However, I received a call from a friend who, in turn, had received a call from an elderly woman whose 13 year old Pom had died in his sleep on her bed. She was distraught, in tears and wondering whether she had anything to live for any more. Did I have a pup available? Toby is a warm, loving little soul and perfect for this lady. As I was leaving, I heard her say to Toby, "Now that you're here, I won't cry anymore." How can that woman and those two children be denied when I have two other pups who are better and will be shown beginning in the Fall? Paco (the sire), and Tara and Maggi (the dams) don't care whether they have two or five champion children and neither do I. I have made a commitment to the breed and the positive contribution my dogs can make to people. Championships are wonderful and exciting, and a worthy goal to strive for -- but they are not an all encompassing priority, people are! Lets face it -- people deserve beautiful, sound, healthy pets, not

ones that are frail, crippled or unsound in temperament. Those aren't much fun to live with nor do they bring joy and happiness to a family.

Each dog I show is truly better than the last -- or I don't bother showing it. Each dog in my limited kennel has a quality I need in my overall long term breeding program. Each is, in some way a contributor to the betterment of the breed. I am distressed at some of the animals who achieve their championship -- some are truly appalling. Like a bitch I saw recently at a show in Canada she was long in body and short on leg. She had stifles that luxated from here to the moon and back, large round eyes, and a flat, open coat. The handler repeatedly told anyone who would listen that this was an American Champion and was quite miffed because all three judges placed this dog last or not at all. What is the point of showing such an animal? Just so a breeder can say -- "I've finished yet another dog this month?" Is it any wonder our breed is in such poor shape?

Why are there not more all-breed BIS Poms or more Poms winning Groups? It is relatively easy to get the Breed on an unsound animal when others in the ring are unsound as well, but I can guarantee you, it is quite a different matter when it comes to winning Groups and all-breed BIS's. Judges generally agree it is impossible to ignore a beautiful, sound specimen of any breed, including Poms, and will always consider such an animal for Group I and Best in Shows. Have our standards dropped to such a level that we are content with just winning points or, if we're lucky, the Breed? I want a Best in Show on my Poms -- both in the US and Canada. I'm striving for that goal, albeit slowly. What do you strive for? Just the points -- are you content with mediocre? I hope for the sake of our breed you want more. I wish every one of you the greatest of successes!

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Claire's Notes

by Claire Flesner

(taken from the Bay Colony Pom Club Newsletter)

The following article contains my opinions and comments. The APC is not in any way responsible for them.

In the letter from the American Pomeranian Club's President Mary Vickers, it is noted that the AKC is getting rather "picky" in its interpretation of dog colors for registration. One comment the AKC stated really got to me. It said that for cream sable dogs the registration must state the color is cream with black markings. The AKC left itself wide open on that one! Supposing I was a novice, registering my first dog or someone who just wanted to test the AKC on that statement, I could register a cream dog with black feet, ears, tail, or muzzle, whatever. That would meet the AKC ruling for cream sables -- cream with black markings!

Why is the AKC making such a fuss over definition of colors? Why can't it just be as before, when the dog was registered. The owner wrote in the color, red, orange, red sable, etc. The previous ruling on colors had been in effect for many years. There might have been a few problems, but are there enough problems to change the way of registering dogs and their colors to present this present color ruling? To me it will cause more problems and confusion.

In Mary's letter there was also a statement that the APC now recognizes 26 varieties of colors for the Pom. That really floored me! I did not realize that Poms came in that many colors. I have no quarrel with these 'exotic' colored Poms. Those of you who know me know that I own a blue Pom. A breeder recently told me that she had two puppies, a beaver and a blue and silver Pom. I am anxious to see them. They must be lovely.

The only "different" color Poms I have a problem with are the parti colors. I honestly must say that I have not seen that many and with the exception of one I did not care for these Poms. It is not because of their color, although I personally have a problem getting used to it, but because of their poor coats. They were too soft and flat with no undercoat.

There, my friends, lies my concern about our breed. Are the breeders now breeding only for color, or the new "baby" face Poms? What happened to the foxy look? I have now noticed at the shows that the overtrimmed Poms are still being given the winning points even though our Standard reads "overtrimming should be heavily

penalized." The smaller Poms are also getting the nod from judges. I am not just being overly critical on the weight problem because I have a sound 6 1/2 pound Pom and I am having problems getting points, but the Standard reads the showable Poms are from 3 to 7 pounds. Therefore all the Poms in this range should be judged equally. They are not! Those of us who do show know they are not.

We hear practically nothing these days about the structure of the Pom, the wedge shaped face, the foxy look, the straight legs, the sound body, the correct tail set, the right pigmentation, the correct size eyes and ears. Are we losing all this to breeding first to colors, baby faces and smaller dogs?

So what is my point in all this? Just this -- The American Kennel Club with the help of the American Pom Club has a standard of what a show Pom should look like. The Pom video put out by the AKC is excellent in showing what a show Pom should or should not look like. It has guidelines for us to follow in evaluating our Poms. Are they show quality or not? Yet, I see at show after show judges and exhibitors who are ignoring the standard in many ways.

So, if this trend continues, what is going to happen to our beloved breed? Does our standard need changing? I think so. To me as a novice exhibitor the standard is getting more confusing as it is amended or changed. In a recent Pom Pow Wow I printed the Samoyed standard (submitted by Victoria Lovely). It was short, precise and exact. When you read it you know what the breed should look like. I think it is time for the Pom standard to get back to the basics. The APC and its members should make up their minds once and for all what they really want the Pom to be like and enforce it. We should all work together toward obtaining that beautiful "perfect" Pom that we all want.

Note from the editor: The Bay Colony Pom Club has been very kind in sending me a copy of their very interesting and informative newsletter called the POM POW WOW. They have given me permission to reprint in the Review any of the articles I may find of interest. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter then contact Claire Flesner: 38 E Aldea St., Lowell, Mass., 01851

Ch. Moreno's Tuff To Top

Sire: Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz
(light orange)

Dam: Moreno's Simply Bittersweet
(dark chocolate brown)



Shown finishing his title, being awarded a 4 point major
under judge Mr. J. Robert Jacobson.

Breeder/Owner

Julie Moreno

Co-owner

Dolly B. Trauner

Handler: Jeff Nokes

12450 S.E. 352nd Ave.

Boring, OR 97009

(503) 663-6899

Ch. Phyner Carmella

Sire: **Ch. Phyner Bust My Buttons**
(black w/Group placings)

Dam: **Phyner Black Sorceress**
(Choco Bear daughter)



Proven - dam of Phyner Murphey Brown and Moreno's Phyner Dolly Brown, two brown girls that will be making their ring debut this Fall. The sire was Phyner Jubilee Brown Study (lacks 1 major). Carmella has now been bred to Ch. Moreno's Tuff To Top, and we hope for puppies in late September.

Breeder/Owner: Dolly B. Trauner

Handler: Nokes/Walker
Boring, OR

Dear Diary - Part 1 (Molly's Arrival)

By Lois Hamill

22 Feb 91

Dear Diary,

The big day is here at last! After all this time of waiting, wondering, hoping and planning, I'm impatient and excited. I can't wait to get the errands done and for it to be 10:30 am. Finally, we finish at the dentist, go get Bert and are on the way to the airport. We arrive a little before noon and find the Delta counter easily. A quick glance at the arrivals' monitor shows no flight from LA (Louisiana) arriving at 12:09 pm, no flight #130 either. I go to the small package counter and ask about flight #130 coming from Louisiana via N.J., with a 45 minute layover there, due in at 12:09 pm by PDQ with my puppy, my teeny tiny fragile puppy. Well, flight #130 goes from LA (Los Angeles not Louisiana) to Alaska, there is no flight due in at 12:09 pm via N.J. or anywhere. Delta doesn't have a PDQ service and anyway, where is my freight number? I have no freight number. As a matter of fact, I have left the breeder's work phone number at home (1 hour away). The lady at the counter suggests that I find out which airline which airline ships PDQ. I'm starting to get a bit anxious. I use a payphone to call Continental, the only other airline the breeder mentioned. I ask the fellow who answers whether he has a flight due shortly from New Orleans with a small puppy on board shipped PDQ. He says that he had one in at 10:30 this morning, but the plain went on to Martha's Vineyard. When I asked whether the puppy stayed on the plane or not, he asks for the freight number. I tell him that I don't have it. He says he can't tell me anything more in that case. Now I'm feeling worse. Suppose the puppy is in Martha's Vineyard? What am I going to do? Will she even be alive if I should ever find her? We decide to go over to the Continental terminal in person. I charge off leaving my husband and children to keep up if they can. Bert is trying to calm me down. I'm kicking myself for leaving the breeder's telephone number at home and envisioning a two hour roundtrip home to fetch it. Meanwhile of course, Molly's plane would arrive with me nowhere in sight. Thank goodness Bert is here. We reach Continental's small package counter. I tell them that I'm looking for a puppy and with less confidence go through the litany of flight number, arrival time, place of origin etc. Nothing. The lady suggests we try the air cargo building. She shows us where it is on the map. Eventually we get to Delta's (it is on the way to Continental's). We

troop in. Finally an old fellow takes pity on me and asks if he can help. He re-verifies what was said previously, flight# is wrong, arrival time etc. I tell him that I don't have the freight number; I didn't ship the puppy. I tell him that I'm worried because the puppy is so little. He says they haven't lost one yet. I say that it is my first to ship and it is like having your first baby. He says there is one last possibility, he asks my name. I spell it for him. He starts reading off my address, the breeder's name, her address, puppy signed for at 4:30 am. I say yes, yes, yes, that's it! He has located her. She is on Delta flight, #864, but it isn't due until 1:35 pm. That is an hour's wait, but at least we know where she is now. What a relief for me, now I can go back to being impatient again. What a long flight for the puppy. Six hours is a lot longer than I ever wanted her on a plane. Oh, and we have to pick her up at the same place we first started at!

Finally it is about 1:15 pm. I go in and tell a man at the counter that I'm here for the puppy on flight #864. I sit down and wait for the flight to land and unload. All of a sudden Bert says, "There she is." I go in and get her. I take her out of the crate and finally hold her. The trip home is anti-climactic.

23 Feb 91

Dear Diary,

I'm about as far down tonight as I was up last night after getting Molly home. I thought her name was going to be Hope, but it just didn't seem to fit. She is such a little thing, but she feels like such a big responsibility. I want to show her in obedience, and of course breed, but I'm already wondering if I'm doing things right regarding housebreaking, where she sleeps at night, crate training, etc. When she started cried last night, she had been out to potty as well as fed and watered. I was afraid I was teaching her to be a whiner like Mishka. When I got up in the morning, I realized she was trying to tell me that she had to go back out again.

We went to the vet this afternoon so he could meet Molly and check her over. The breeder had suggested that I give Molly her shots myself as the vet probably wouldn't give them according to the schedule she recommended. I couldn't afford his bill even if he did. I took my Foster and Smith catalog with me to show which shots I was thinking of using. I have been going to this vet nearly four

years. I have three other dogs. Mostly it is shots and heartworm, routine stuff, but Shadow did get her leg hurt by a car. That went well. Then Mishka broke his leg one morning. I was less satisfied with that, but it wasn't my vet who treated Mishka. It was an associate. I never did discuss it with my vet, but I did have an orthopedic specialist give me an independent opinion.

Well, the vet was not happy when I brought up the subject of giving Molly her shots myself. I told him that I had confidence in his work, but that another dog meant increased vet costs for me. Also, that I was a novice at this stuff, but thought that I could learn and that I liked to do what I could do for myself. I had even lined up a nurse to teach me to give shots and would keep epinephrine on hand. He didn't approve of ordering vaccines by mail, and didn't want to have to fix problems caused by people who didn't know what they were doing, weren't conscientious etc. The breeders whom he felt comfortable working with didn't do any of their own medical work. I didn't have the nerve to ask him whether he would refuse to see Molly should I give her a shot myself and she has a reaction. I didn't have the nerve to ask him whether he would refuse to see my other dogs for routine stuff either. I felt sick inside. We agreed on when Molly should have her next shot, I went out, paid my bill and left.

The sense of responsibility for this little creature weighed even more heavily upon me. I told Bert what happened. We debated back and forth. If the vet gives a shot/operates etc. and an animal dies, he isn't liable. I still have to pay the vet's bill too. If I give a shot and Molly reacts and dies, I still have a dead puppy, but no vet bill. I have no guarantee that shots given by the vet are any safer for Molly than if I give them. The vet wants my money, yet accepts no liability/responsibility for his errors. What kind of deal is that?

At that point a friend called to see how my new puppy was. I told her that the puppy was fine, but that I wasn't. We went over the conversation at the vet's. Maryann's opinion was that the vet was concerned about losing business, ie money, so of course he would discourage me from giving my own shots. He wasn't worried about my dog or my competence. Maryann isn't at the mercy of a single vet. She has developed a relationship with several vets and through experience has decided where their expertise lies. Which vet she sees depends upon what she needs done for her dogs.

After I spoke to Maryann, I called Nancy, an experienced Min Pin breeder who lives an hour away. I asked what she gave for shots and when. She gives all her own shots except for rabies. We talked about when a dog was going to travel by plane for breeding or to another country. She suggested letting the vet give any shots that

might be due so that he could indicate it on a health certificate. Nancy has a very good relationship with her vet. He believes her when she says that there is something wrong or different about one of her dogs. He realizes that she sees more of them and watches them closely. Therefore, she should know when there is a change. He respects her opinion and is willing to work with her. Some vets think they know everything since they went to school, and you, the humble pet owner, know nothing. He doesn't recommend surgery as a panacea for everything, or all sorts of unnecessary tests or treatment, he will admit to what he doesn't know and try to find out what he needs to know to treat your dog or answer your questions.

Then I called Pamela a breeder who lives further away. Again I asked what shots she gave and when. She described her relationship with her vet. It sounded similar to what Nancy had said. Pamela's vet had learned to trust her if she said something was wrong with an animal, even if it didn't immediately appear that way to his trained eye. He trusted her if she said he could or could not do a specific thing to a particular animal. Certainly it took time for the vet to have confidence in Pamela's experience, but he was open to trying things her way or willing to believe that she just might know what she was talking about. He was also willing to share his knowledge with her so that she could make better informed decisions or even treat some things herself. None of these vets sound like my vet.

By now some of my confidence in myself was restored. My vet wasn't objecting so much do to my incompetence, or because I really needed medical training to give shots. He was most likely concerned about losing some money. I sat down with the lists of shots to give and time schedules from the breeder, Nancy and Pamela. I wrote them all out and compared them. I was leaning more and more towards giving my own shots. However, I decided it would be prudent to have a back up vet in case my own threw me out the door the next time I saw him.

I called and made an appointment to see Nancy's vet.

2 Mar 91

Dear Diary,

Today I saw Dr. B. I told him that I wanted to give my own shots, that my own vet was not too keen on the idea, that Nancy had strongly recommended him, that I was looking for a relationship more like what Nancy had and that I had doubts about that happening with my current vet. We discussed vaccines, a general schedule, the fact that breeders, show people might boost a schedule suitable for the average pet owner, when they might boost and why. We discussed immunity and which shots might be more or less vital. Dr. B. also explained that he had two different fee schedules.

One is for the dog owner who probably only uses one vet, him, and does none of his own medical work. The other is for breeders/show people etc. who may not have Dr. B. do all their vet work either because they do some or they also use other vets. This fee is based on the amount of time the vet works rather than by the specific job he does. This seems reasonable. I hadn't told Dr. B. who my vet was, but he saw the name on the records I brought. He encouraged me to go back to my vet, if I had been happy with our relationship before the shot incident. He had a good opinion of my vet. He also had no need to steal me away from my current vet as his own practice was going well. I think that indicates how satisfied his clients are.

By the time I had finished talking to Dr. B., I had decided to go ahead with giving shots myself. When I got home I looked at my lists and schedules again, considered the medical point of view Dr. B. had given me, and decided myself what I wanted to give and when.

9 Mar 91

Dear Diary,

Today Molly got her first shot. My friend the nurse actually gave her the shot. I watched while she explained what she was doing and why. Molly yelped, but quickly recovered. Within a short time she was playing and eating. Lo and behold, she was just fine.

IS YOUR POMERANIAN: JUNIOR, PROFESSIONAL, FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER, OR OWNER HANDLED?

Then **NOW** is the time to take out an ad in the January issue of the Pomeranian Review which is themed towards "HANDLERS."

Show your HANDLER how much you care about them. Your handler may be a PHA member, a junior, a friend, a member of your family or another dog person. They take such good care of your Poms in your absence. Honor them with an ad. It is a great way to start off the New Year and say thank you for past efforts. Remember, the *POM REVIEW* goes to all judges who appreciate the qualities of our breed.

If you are an owner/handler or an owner/breeder/handler, give yourself a pat on the back and tell the Pom world how proud you are!

Deadline, November 1st for the January issue

10 Mar 91

Dear Diary,

Now that I feel comfortable with the idea of giving shots myself, and the schedules I've worked out, I want to be sure to keep records of what I'm doing. I sat down with all the receipts I'd gotten every time I saw the vet. I organized them by dog and date. I made up a health record and information I wanted readily available. For example, I have dogs tattooed, so I put their tattoo number with their AKC number, DOB, sire, dam etc. Besides shots, the record tracks heartworm tests, stool samples and has a place for accidents, illness, other. I transferred all the information the vet's records provided onto a separate record for each dog. Then I took a blank piece of paper, divided it up by month, consulted my shot schedule, and each individual health record. I marked when shots and tests were due with the appropriate dog's name in the appropriate month. For rabies shots I also indicated the year due next to the dog's name. I keep the list by my master calendar and consult it each month.

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(to be continued)

The Pom Query

JUNIORS tell us about yourselves...

1. (a) How did you get started? (b) What breed did you start with?
2. Why did you choose a Pom?
3. Do you show your Pom in conformation, or just obedience?
4. (a) Do you feel as though you would do better in Junior showmanship if you had a different breed? (b) If so, what breed?
5. Do you see yourself as an adult -- breeding, showing, or even still "in the dog game?"
6. Tell us about your "partner" (your Pom)?
7. Have you done any obedience training with your Pom?

Send your responses to the editor, c/o *The Pom Query* by November 1st. All responses received by the deadline will be included in the January issue of the *Pomeranian Review*.

A Tribute To Nancy L. Fry



Nancy & her favorite, Ch. Fry's Magic Kamehameha

"Come on Fran, get one of yours and go with me." These words from Nancy introduced me to the exciting sport of dog showing and I shall always be grateful. That first show in March, 1986 in Louisville was hilarious -- Nancy was the groomer, Jenny (her daughter) was the handler, and I was the spy -- running back and forth from other Pom handlers to Nancy, reporting their grooming techniques so she could get "Trinkie" looking just right. As Nancy always said, "we couldn't have been any dumber." I didn't even know what a catalog was and definitely knew nothing about ring procedure! I remember our tears of joy later when Trinkie won her first points in June, 1986 in Cape Girardeau.

After that addicting first show, we invested in show equipment and bought a stud dog, Ch. Flame of Wright Way that we co-owned. We planned that with careful breeding we may have a homebred champion in 5 years. Needless to say, we were both more successful than we dreamed, and each had more than 10 champions at the end of this time frame.

Nancy never wanted to be in the show ring so she and her daughter, Jennifer, made a great team with Nancy taking care of the breeding, whelping and grooming, and Jenny was the trainer and handler. Shopping trips, vacations, and dog shows were interrupted to whelp a litter or keep the special tube-fed puppy on a 4 hour schedule. Her Poms were her pride and joy and were treated as royalty.

Although Nancy had chronic health problems, she didn't let her illness get her down until she suffered a heart attack on August 11th and passed away August 13, 1991. In the Pom world she will be most remembered as the breeder of Ch. Fry's Magic Kahehameha, Ch. Fry's Magic Li'l Angus, Ch. Fry's Magic Pru, and Ch. Fry's Magic Hollybelle, but I shall always remember her as a wonderful friend who was honest, generous, candid, caring, sharing and cooperative.

Thanks, Nancy, for the memories -- you will be missed at ringside

Your Pom friend,

Fran Stoll

The Visit

By Linda A. Teresko

Pine Hills Residential Care Home was situated on a lovely hillside in the Pocono Mountains of Eastern PA. Today's visit was a real trek, since it snowed the evening before and twelve inches of the white stuff blanketed the roads. For a real dogger like Susan, the trip to Pine Hills this morning was no sweat. Her four-wheel drive Cherokee drive plowed through the snow like a champ and the tape deck was blasting tunes of the Big Band Era, which always put her in an up mood. The day was beautiful. Birch and spruce trees lined the driveway. A picture perfect postcard scene displayed itself on the countryside for her enjoyment.

On the passenger seat lay Annie, an orange sable Pomeranian, who upon feeling the bumpy road, got excited and started barking. Tuesdays and Thursdays were visiting days for Susan and Annie to Pine Hills. Annie always knew when they entered the grounds. Since she finished her championship two years ago, Annie didn't travel as much. The retired show girl was now a brood bitch who already produced some lovely results in the whelping box. Susan felt the little Pom deserved to get out. She always enjoyed traveling and meeting people.

For about six months, Susan had been active with the home, visiting residents with Annie, as part of a community project for the aging. The volunteer work was rewarding. She didn't know who enjoyed the visits more. The elderly looked forward to the activity, and Annie simply had a ball. She got to meet people and received more attention than any dog could imagine. Being she was so tiny, she could be placed on the resident's beds -- the ones who couldn't get around so well. She would gingerly walk up to them and

beg to be petted. If a resident showed signs of approval to the little dog, she knew instantly it was O.K. to wiggle into their arms and plant a small lick on their face. The response was overwhelming. Laughter and lots of pats for Annie filled those special mornings at the home.

Today was Thursday, and upon entering the small lot in front of the home, Susan noticed an incoming resident. An elderly woman was being wheelchaired up the ramp to the facility. She had just arrived; not looking too thrilled to be coming to her 'new home' at Pine Hills.

"Come on Annie" Susan said. "Let's go have some fun." She picked her up and placed her up and placed her on the cleared parking lot. Annie ran to the front door.

Upon entering the foyer, she noticed the bustle of activity that usually accompanied the arrival of a new resident. Annie ran to the large kitchen where Beth, the home manager, always had a treat waiting for her -- a small biscuit or a tiny piece of chicken.

"I see we have a new guest here at Pine Hills" Susan said.

"Yes we do, but Mrs. Hull is not too pleased with coming here" said Beth. "She's gone through a lot the past month. Her husband passed away, and he took care of her. She can't get around too much. Her daughter was here last week and felt it was best to relocate her here, rather than move her suddenly to California, where she will live. The daughter is in the process of making arrangements for Mrs. Hull to live out there permanently. Until then, this is the best place for her to be."

"What's Mrs. Hull's first name?" Susan asked.

"Sara, and I don't think Annie should visit her today. She just

moved in, and is dealing with a lot of stress right now. Give her a week or two to settle in."

"No problem. I'm sure the last thing she wants to see is a little dog on her bed."

Annie and Susan made their rounds and ended back in the kitchen. Beth and Susan had coffee while Annie chewed on a rawhide toy under the table.

A voice suddenly bellowed from down the hall. It was coming from Mrs. Hull's room. Beth and Susan rushed down the hall and into the room. Annie raced behind them.

"Where's my daughter?" Sara cried. "I want to talk to her. And where's my knitting? I want my yarn and needles. I'm in the middle of making a sweater for my grandson."

"Your daughter's in California, Mrs. Hull, she will call you tonight."

"I want my knitting" the old lady said.

Annie jumped up to Sara's bedside and started to bark. Sara looked down and saw the Pom.

"My goodness, what kind of dog is that?"

"She's a Pom, a Pomeranian, Mrs. Hull, her name is Annie, mine is Susan."

"What kind of place is this? Dogs running loose, and you've misplaced my belongings. I don't like it here and I want to speak to my daughter."

"Calm down Sara," Beth plainly said. "I have all your things right here by your dresser. I just haven't unpacked them yet. Look, here's your knitting right here. What a lovely shade of green you're working with. Would you like me to purchase some more for you tomorrow when I run my errands?"

"Well, I suppose," Sara replied.

"Your daughter will call you this

evening, Sara. She already explained to you that you're only here for a little while. She's making arrangements for you to go out to California and stay by her. We will make things as comfortable as possible for you while you are here. We are all glad that you are staying here, and we want you to be happy."

Sara pursed her lips and folded her hands on her lap. Susan was silent and Annie stretched her front legs up on the old woman's bedside and whimpered. She looked down at the Pom and said, "What kind of dog is she? She's so tiny, and why is she here?"

"She's a tiny sled dog, Mrs. Hull," Susan said. "A Pomeranian. Annie and I come here every Tuesday and Thursday to visit with the residents. Everyone enjoys our visits as much as we do. I hope you and Annie become friends. She certainly seems to want to meet you."

Sara put her fragile hand down to the bedside and Annie gave it a tiny lick.

Beth and Susan exchanged glances in the silence. The only thing you could hear was the clicking pant of the Pom. Sara's hand cupped the full frill of the tiny dog's head. Her brow unfurrowed as she felt Annie's coat.

The moment was broken by Sara's voice.

"She does have a lovely coat, and she's so tiny and friendly."

Beth interjected. "Well Sara, it seems you've already made a new friend your first day here at Pine Hills. We hope you can join us for supper this evening in the kitchen, so you can meet some of our other residents."

Sara stiffened up at the thought of eating at a large table with a group of strange people.

"Well, if you don't mind, I'd rather have my meals in my room by myself, thank you."

"I understand," said Beth. "We'll just let you get settled in for now. Here's your knitting."

Susan, Annie and Beth left Sara's room.

"She's a tough one," Beth said to Susan. "She's going through such a tremendous change right now, and just wants to be left alone so she can sort things out for herself. Annie seemed to be the only one who made real contact. Let's see what happens on the next visit."

The following Tuesday was a cold and rainy day. Susan and Annie made the trip in good spirits.

"Well Annie," Susan said, "I think I'll leave you by yourself to work your charm on old Mrs. Hull. She certainly has no use for me, but she seems to find you a friend in her new world."

Susan parked the Cherokee and she and Annie walked toward the home. Upon entering the kitchen, Beth had a big pot of steaming soup on the stove. She also had a tiny piece of turkey waiting on a saucer under the kitchen table for Annie. Annie zeroed in immediately.

"Hi, Susan. I see Annie is ready to do her rounds today."

"You bet. By the way, how's Sara doing?"

"Well, she's antisocial. She still wants her meals in her room and she refuses to make friends. All she wants is her knitting. Her daughter talks to her every night, so that is a big help. She's such a loner."

"I have a plan," Susan said. Let's make our rounds today and when we get to Sara we'll let Annie visit her by herself. Sometimes, Annie does her best work when she goes solo."

When Annie and Susan got to Sara's room, Susan peeked in. She was knitting away and watching the TV. Susan let Annie in the woman's room and stood behind the door.

Annie ran toward the bed and barked. Sara looked down. She smiled at the Pom.

"I haven't seen you since I arrived here," Sara said.

The old lady bent down and scooped up the little dog. Annie walked carefully on her bed. Sara

gently placed her hands on the dog's back. Annie crept up closer to the woman's face and planted a kiss on her soft cheek.

Sara laughed and carefully put the dog down on the floor.

Susan waited outside the door. Annie trotted out of the room toward the kitchen.

Susan and Sandy sat at the large kitchen table enjoying steamy bowls of homemade soup. Annie lay at their feet crunching on a biscuit.

Susan explained to Beth, "Sara did crack a smile when Annie visited her. She even picked her up and petted her. I was peeking from outside the door."

"Well, I'll be," Beth said. "That's the most social she's been since she got here. Leave it to that little dog to break down her barrier. She won't even come out to the activities room to watch the soaps with the other ladies. She just lies in bed, knits and stares at her TV. I try to get her involved in projects with the others, but she insists on being alone. I can barely get a conversation out of her. Looks like Annie put me to shame today."

"Never underestimate the charm of a Pom" Susan laughed.

They're my own therapy, and I've got seven of the little rascals."

"Well, Susan, at least we know there's hope for Sara. We just want her to be happy while she's here. It seems like a simple thing, but making someone happy is harder than anything, when you don't have the key to their heart. I think Annie turned her key a touch today. Are you coming by Thursday morning?"

"You bet" Susan said. "See you then."

A week and a half rolled by. Linda and Annie's visits to the carehome came and went. Annie visited Mrs. Hull every time by herself while Susan waited outside the woman's door. As each visit passed, she noticed Sara spending more and more time with the Pom. Laughter was now turned into full

conversation between the old lady and the little dog. She remained antisocial towards the others, but as soon as Annie entered her room, the silence was broken.

Departure day finally came. Mrs. Hull's daughter was wheeling the woman down the hall.

"Thank you so much for giving my mother such good care while she was here," the young lady said to Beth.

"Humph" replied Sara under her breath. The old woman looked stubbornly at Beth. Beth smiled at the gray haired lady and said, "Mrs. Hull, we have two visitors that want to say goodbye to you before you leave today. They're waiting for you in the kitchen."

Sara was wheeled into the kitchen where upon Susan stood with Annie in her arms.

"You can't leave yet, Mrs. Hull, Annie has to say goodbye. She wanted to wish you the best of luck on your journey to California," Susan said.

The old lady's face beamed. Her hands shook excitedly.

"Well here's my little friend" Sara cried out. "I was hoping to see her one more time before I finally got out of this place. Come here Annie. Come to Grandma!"

Annie practically leapt out of Susan's arms and into Sara's lap. She

lavished her with kisses. Beth and Susan stood back.

"I have something for you under my bed," Sara cooed to the Pom.

"I want you to be a good girl while I'm gone and listen to that snoopy owner of yours, who eavesdrops behind people's doors. She thinks she's so clever!"

Susan and Beth exchanged smiling glances.

Sara planted a big smack on Annie's head and put her down.

"I'm ready to go home now," she instructed to her daughter.

Susan, Annie and Beth watched the van climb down the gravel. Beth heaved a sigh of relief.

"Well, there goes one happy old lady. Let's go see what she has under that bed."

The two women and Annie entered Sara's room. Susan felt under the bed and brought out a small package wrapped in tissue paper. A tiny notecard read, TO ANNIE FROM SARA WITH LOVE.

Susan unwrapped the package and pulled out a lovely green doggie sweater which looked like a custom fit for her little dog.

"Well, I'll be a monkey's aunt!" cried Beth. "Can you believe it?"

Susan just stood there -- a huge grin on her face. She looked at Annie and replied, "Never underestimate the charm of a Pom."

THE FACTS ON ANIMALS AND THERAPY

In 1982, the AVMA Executive Board recognized the human/animal bond as an emerging discipline, although the concept is as old as veterinary medicine itself. They saw the important role animals play in the lives of people and established the Human/Animal Bond Committee.

Earlier than 1982, this bond was recognized by the establishment of the DELTA Foundation. In 1977, three veterinarians, Dr. Stanley Diesch, R.K. Anderson and William McCulloch, founded the DELTA SOCIETY. They had been exploring the interactions between people and animals and coined the term human/animal bond.

DELTA helped many programs and organizations form to share the special relationship of human/animal bond and to make that relationship available to those who would benefit. DELTA took the lead in funding and publicizing research that shows that companion animals enhance our psychological and physical well being. As a result pets are welcomed in more place.

For more information, contact DELTA at: (206) 226-7357 or write, PO Box 1080, Renton, WA 98057 (excerpted from JAVMA, July 15, 1991).

Fry's Magic Pomeranians

As a result of the untimely passing away of my mother, Nancy Fry; **Fry's Magic Poms** will be having a near complete dispersal of our kennel. Several quality champion brood bitches & also several puppies will be offered for sale. Millamor & LLL line breeding.

Please call or write for more detailed information.

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City of Angels Pomeranian Club

Summer Specialty

by Glenn C. Bernardo

June 23, 1991, a picture perfect day for a dog show! We were blessed to have such wonderful weather -- sunny skies, cool breezes, and NO SMOG! Dorothy Keller and I scurried to get the trophy table together before the judging commenced at 9 am sharp! The silver and crystal masterpieces gleamed in all their glory as each was carefully positioned in their honorable place on the trophy table.

Spectators and the judges themselves were astounded with the breathtaking pieces that were awarded. Exhibitors hurried to make every detail on their entry perfect.

Mrs. Sheila Gordon entered and asked her first class to approach. The entries were magnificent. Glorious specimens made their way class by class. Mrs. Gordon did an excellent job passing her judgement for the quality and competition was very intense!

Ka Mi's Star of Harbor Lites, owned by Karen Crawford and bred by Manual Avita, took center stage. This lovely 9 month old male strutted his stuff from 1st place in his class to Best in Sweepstakes! Del Sol's Fantasy Harbor, bred and owned by Susan Conlee, glided her way to Best Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes. Then came the big thrill -- THE REGULAR CLASSES!!

The honorable Mr. Derek Rayne came forth and the first class commenced. Winners of each class were outstanding representatives of the breed. The very knowledgeable judge made his way through the tough competition that was present! With excitement mounting, and adrenaline pumping, shouts and applause rang through the auditorium

as Winners Dog and Bitch, Best of Winners Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Breed were chosen. Winners Dog was garnered by Sharians Rockin Robin, bred and owned by Carolyn & David Berry. This gorgeous example of the breed was extremely well deserving of his award. Beautiful conformation, type, and show personality to boot! Winners Bitch was awarded to Moreno's Buttercup Blossom, bred and owned by Julie Moreno. This bitch was outstanding -- a breeder/exhibitor's dream of a show bitch. Best of Winners was awarded to Sharians Rockin Robin. Best of Opposite Sex garnered by Ch. RC's Truly a Cuddle Bear, bred and owned by Mr. Ron Call. This exquisite lady pranced to her royal position with excellent carriage and a gorgeous head.

Best of Breed the coveted crown that every entry -- champion or class dog -- dreams of garnering was bestowed to Ch. Phyner Gold Jackpot, bred and owned by Mrs. Dolly Trauner, co-owned by Mrs. Julie Moreno. This little champion showed his qualities to the utmost!

After the awards were given and the people exhausted from the ups & downs of competition, all gathered to have a delicious luncheon put together by the members of the club.

We give thanks to the many exhibitors from Northern California, Arizona, Texas, Nevada, San Diego, and special thanks to our Canadian entry who departed with a 4 point major!

We thank our judges, Mrs. Sheila Gordon & Mr. Derek Rayne for the fabulous task of judging. To our hard working members, Jack & Dorothy

Keller, Jerry & Connie Brown, Glenn Bernardo & Kelly Rogers, Ron Call, Susan Willingham, Penny Dees, and many others who contributed in making our Specialty a total success. A heartfelt thanks to the San Diego Pomeranian Club for their tremendous help in doing their best to accommodate us at their motorhome -- thanks Margaret & Dan Ontiveros! Last but not least, we were very fortunate to have the honor of the American Pomeranian Club President, Mary Vickers, attend our Specialty. We were all surprised for the visit and thank Mary for coming out to California to attend both the San Diego Pomeranian Club and City of Angels Club Specialties.

Puppy Sweepstakes

Puppy Dogs 6-9 months

1st place - Forever No Money Down
Od'sey

Puppy Dogs 9-12 months

1st place - Ka Mi's Star of Harbor
Lites

2nd place - Goldcrest's Crown Prince

3rd place - Possum of Point Loma

4th place - Odyssey's Jose Cuervo

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months

1st place - Jan-Shars Forever
CountryGal

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months

1st place - Del Sol's Fantasy Harbor

2nd place - Butterfly of Point Loma

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES

Ka Mi's Star of Harbor Lites

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

Del Sol's Fantasy Harbor

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Od'sey

Puppy Dogs 9-12 months

1st place - Goldcrest's Crown Prince

2nd place - Possum of Point Loma
3rd place - Prism Mr. Risky
4th place - Ka Mi's Star of Harbor
LitesOdyssey's Jose Cuervo

Open Dogs, ROCS

1st place - Sharians Rockin Robin
2nd place - Teakwood's Oliver Twist
3rd place - Sue's Magical Magic
4th place - Odyssey's Jose Cuervo

WINNERS DOG

Sharians Rockin Robin

RESERVE WINNERS DOG

Teakwood's Oliver Twist

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months

1st place - Butterfly of Point Loma
2nd place - Del Sol's Fantasy Harbor

Open Bitches, ROCS

1st place - Moreno's Buttercup Blossom
2nd place - Traildusters Lady Houdini
3rd place - MNM's Gold Si-Ren-A O'Striker

Open Bitches, BBB

1st place - Moreno's What A Doll

Open Bitches, AOAC

1st place - Jan-Shar's Forever CountryGal

WINNERS BITCH

Moreno's Buttercup Blossom

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

Moreno's What A Doll

BEST OF BREED

Ch. Phynor Gold Jackpot

BEST OF WINNERS

Sharians Rockin Robin

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

RC's Truly A Cuddle Bear

The Houston Specialty

by Pauline B. Hughes

I was thrilled and honored to be asked to judge your Poms at the huge Astrohall in Texas. I kept it in my heart for a long time, remembering my experience when asked to judge at Westminster back in '72. They asked me to tell no one until the premium lists were out. It was hard to keep to myself, but still I thought it no doubt a very good idea.

We arrived in Houston on the day before. Best, I thought because there was a schedule of sixty-five dogs entered and I wanted to be fresh.

We were met at the airport by the show chairman, Tony Tellez, a handsome, considerate man who took on the duty of seeing that we got where we were supposed to be at the right time. He didn't miss a trick. Thank you for me, Tony and everyone in your club.

(I remembered the time long ago when I sat in the hotel lobby while the clock went round and round -- and round, past the starting time, and round. Someone in the show finally asked what happened to the judge and a car was dispatched in a hurry. It seemed everyone left it for everyone else. We started an hour late!).

Luis and I had time to visit some of the concessions while the Sweepstakes was being finished and then began the pleasure of going over more beautiful Poms at one time than I have ever done in my lifetime. A lovely corsage from the club gave me the added lift to feel adequate.

I was proud of my winners in every class, although several times another made it difficult to decide.

When the Best of Breed class came in the ring, I was amazed. They were so beautiful! My first thought was, "How can I ever find the BEST, the closest to the standard?" On examination I found hardly a fault in

any of them. The two class winners were holding their own as well. WD - Mac's Lucky Legend, and WB & BOS - Dignity's Texican's Teaser. Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz, was my choice for Best of Breed. He is a cream Pom with outstanding carriage, marvelous texture of coat, just the right size, a floating rhythmical gait and the "I love you expression." He came to a halt in a perfect pose and held it. Irresistible! Breeder/Owner is Janet Manuszak. He was deftly handled by Joanne Reed.

In judging the dogs, I found it necessary to fault several for being trimmed too much, especially around the anus. Poms are not Poodles. The standard definitely gives directions but many groomers do not heed it. Why step down a place at a show for something that can be helped?

Since I first exhibited in Dog Shows in 1945, I have seen many changes in our breed. At the time the consensus of opinion was that the smaller the better regardless. Certain colors were almost prohibited like black & tan. Parti-color was never seen. There were few handlers in the Pom ring. The luxuriant coats we see today were not there. Gaits were often not important. After all, our dogs were only TOYS!!

I have often seen a class of today's Poms when I could truthfully observe that any one of them could have taken Best of Breed in 1945. Today's breeders are truly meeting the challenge. Today's show Pomeranians are sound and beautiful.

I have propagated since I first wrote for POPULAR DOGS that any color be allowed as long as it is

BEAUTIFUL!!!

San Diego Pomeranian Club Specialty

by Glenn C. Bernardo

On June 22, it was an absolutely lovely day -- blue skies, just enough clouds to shade, and a perfect combination of humidity and wind to make our Specialty a load of fun! The morning rush started as exhibitors hurried to get their entries as perfect as possible. Then the big moment arrived as Mr. Richard Lackey, Puppy Sweepstakes judge, entered the ring and the first class was called in by our ring steward, Mrs. Fern Rodrigues. The puppies were gorgeous; type, soundness, and pretty heads were evident in Mr. Lackey's entries. All puppies showed their best -- just like mature cultured adults. Best in Sweepstakes was garnered by Sun Ray's Rider's Tornado, a brilliant orange 7 month old male with a lovely combination of head, type, and movement. This beautiful boy is owned and bred by Mrs. Blanche Rider. Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes was won by Moreno's Buttercup Blossom, an exceptional orange sable bitch, pretty, sound and a show personality to die for! This lovely girl is owned and bred by Mrs. Julie Moreno. Mr. Richard Lackey did an excellent job judging such wonderful entries.

Puppy Sweepstakes

Puppy Dogs 6-9 months

- 1st place** - Sun Ray's Rider's Tornado
2nd place - Forever No Money Down Od'sey

Puppy Dogs 9-12 months

- 1st place** - Possum of Point Loma
2nd place - Odyssey's Jose Cuervo
3rd place - Prism Mr. Risky
4th place - Ka Mi's Star of Harbor Lites

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months

- 1st place** - Marantha's Precious

Cherub

- 2nd place** - Marantha's Amazing Grace
3rd place - Jan-Shar's Forever CountryGal

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months

- 1st place** - Moreno's Buttercup Blossom
2nd place - Butterfly of Point Loma
3rd place - Del Sol's Fantasy Harbor



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPSTAKES
Moreno's Buttercup Blossom

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES

Sun Ray's Rider's Tornado
(Blanche Rider)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

Moreno's Buttercup Blossom
(Julie Moreno)

Tension, anxiety and euphoria mounted as the Regular Class competition was about to begin and the honorable Mrs. Joy Davison requested her first class to enter the ring. It was an exciting moment to watch as the most brilliant specimens paraded and showed their stuff. The audience stood in awe to see each class of beauties enter, compete, and exit the ring. What a sight to see -- the competition was excellent and I would not have liked to be in the judges' shoes. Spectators, being



BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
Sun Ray's Rider's Tornado

judges of their own, whispered amongst each other trying to pick what they thought as the Best of the Best and they had a feat doing so with what was competing! Mrs. Davison was very courteous, kind, and patient; examining each dog thoroughly and putting her great knowledge of the breed to practical use. She did a very commendable task of judging.

I later spoke to Mrs. Davison and she asked me to quote her as follows: "I was very pleased to see all the beautiful Poms entered. My 1st to 3rd placements in many classes were not much different because of their closeness to excellence. I am very proud of the breeders for the improvements they have accomplished and see a bright future for the Pomeranian breed as a whole with what I saw in the beautiful entries. I was also pleased with the supported entries from various states and countries, specifically Northern California, Los Angeles areas, Arizona, Nevada, Texas and most especially Canada. Thank you all for your continued support and most especially great thanks to the San Diego Pom Club for all their graciousness, kindness and fun! Keep up the good work."

After the judging, the City of Angels Pom Club had a raffle that was just as exciting as the class competition. Everyone present won something or other, some more so than others

We were pleased to see everyone having a great time. The luncheon that Margo Holingsworth put on was delicious! Everyone I knew had their fill. It was also a great pleasure for everyone to have met Mary Vickers, APC President, and a greatly appreciated surprise for most. We thank her for coming to our shows and supporting those of us who are proud members of the American Pomeranian Club. By the end of the day, we were all exhausted and we all bid each other farewell till the next show. We thank all the people from Northern California, Arizona, Texas, Canada, L.A., ect. for making our Specialty a most wonderful event. The trophies were beautiful, the people as friendly as can be, the dogs were gorgeous, and our judges were professionals -- an excellent culmination that made a PERFECT SPECIALTY!! Till we meet again.



BROOD BITCH
Marantha's Lil Petunia

Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs 6-9 months

- 1st place - Sun Ray's Rider's Tornado
- 2nd place - Forever No Money Down Od'sey

Puppy Dogs 9-12 months

- 1st place - Goldcrest's Crown Prince
- 2nd place - Ka Mi's Star of Harbor Lites
- 3rd place - Prism Mr. Risky
- 4th place - Possum of Point Loma

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs

- 1st place - Taff's Wicket Ewok

Open Dogs, Red, Orange, Cream & Sable

- 1st place - Sharian's Rockin Robin
- 2nd place - Astartes Dandi Lyon
- 3rd place - Sharon's Emerald Supreme
- 4th place - Odyssey's Jose Cuervo



BEST OF WINNERS
Sun Ray's Rider's Tornado

Open Dogs, Any Other Allowed Color

- 1st place - Lor Di's Rook
- 2nd place - Mcphie's Popie Pop King

WINNERS DOG

Sun Ray's Rider's Tornado

RESERVE WINNERS DOG

Sharian's Rockin Robin

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months

- 1st place - Marantha's Precious Cherub
- 2nd place - Jan-Shar's Forever CountryGal

Puppy Bitches 9-12 months

- 1st place - Del Sol's Fantasy Harbor
- 2nd place - Butterfly of Point Loma II



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
Chricscendo Classica



BEST OF BREED
Ch. Odyssey's Keno Whiz

Novice Bitches

- 1st place - Meaghan O'Flaherty

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

- 1st place - Moreno's Buttercup Blossom
- 2nd place - Linchris A Moving Violation
- 3rd place - Marantha's Amazing Grace
- 4th place - Goldsun Cameo Kewpie

Open Bitches, Black, Brown & Blue

- 1st place - Moreno's What A Doll

Open Bitches, Red, Orange, Cream & Sable

- 1st place - Chricscendo Classica
- 2nd place - Sun Dee's Copper Penny
- 3rd place - Trailduster's Lady Houdini
- 4th place - Sue's Delight of Harbor Lights

WINNERS BITCH

Chricscendo Classica

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

Moreno's Buttercup Blossom

BEST OF BREED

Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz
(Janet Manuszak)

BEST OF WINNERS

Sun Ray's Rider's Tornado

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

Chricscendo Classica (new champion)
(Christine Hartz, Robert & Douglas Stratton)

Behind The New Titlists

Three generations of new Pomeranian titlists belonging to members of the American Pomeranian Club will be printed free, if sent by the owner. Please send the dog's name, color, sex, breeder's name and owner's name, on a separate sheet of paper, typed or printed neatly. Pedigrees will not be returned! Send copies only. Mail all information to the editor, Gail A. Garvey, Expedition Publishing, PO Box A, Mastic Beach, NY 11951.

Ch. De Artas Rock N Jessica

Orange Female
Breeder: Nina K. Epps & M. Deane Rinehart
Owner: Diana L. Nolan

Ch. Millamor's Mark of Dixieland
Ch. Millamor's Trademark
Millamor's Music Box
Ch. Millamor's Mark Tradition
Ch. Millamor's Rock Music
Millamor's Sparkling Music
Millamor's Molly Brown
Ch. LLL Charming Gold Brandywine
Ch. De Artas Rock Dancer
Little Judy of Wright Way
Rock Dancer's Little Rock
Ch. LLL Moongold Trapper
De Artas Dancing Moongold
Ch. Dancing Gold Muff of Oakridge

Ch. Phyner Gold Jackpot

Orange Male
Breeder/Owner: Dolly B. Trauner

Ch. Model's Bit-O-Whiz
Ch. Moonshadows G Whiz Wee Bad
Queenaire Ruby-Ruby
Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz
Queenaire Whiskey Tenor
Black Cherries Jubilee
Jubilee Darin' Do
Ch. Moreno's Critics' Choice
Ch. Phyner Bust My Buttons
Phyner Kitchen Witch
Ch. Phyner Sweet Success
Ch. Phyner Night Editor
Phyner Morgana Le Fey
Phyner Morticia

Ch. Phyner Sweet William

Orange Sable Male
Breeder: Dolly B. Trauner
Owner: Betty Aona

Ch. Model's Bit-O-Whiz
Ch. Moonshadows G Whiz Wee Bad
Queenaire Ruby-Ruby
Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz
Queenaire Whiskey Tenor
Black Cherries Jubilee
Jubilee Darin' Do
Ch. Moreno's Critics' Choice
Ch. Phyner Bust My Buttons
Phyner Kitchen Witch
Ch. Phyner Sweet Success
Ch. Phyner Night Editor
Phyner Morgana Le Fey
Phyner Morticia

Ch. Phyner Carmella

Chocolate Female
Breeder/Owner: Dolly B. Trauner

Ch. Queenaire Gambling Dude
Ch. Moreno's Critics' Choice
Jubilee's Rebel
Ch. Phyner Bust My Buttons
Ch. Phyner Night Editor
Phyner Kitchen Witch
Happy Dancer
Ch. Bonner's Lisastar Legacy
Ch. Starlite Legacy Choco Bear
Starlite Editor's B'Witched
Phyner Black Sorceress
Ch. Moreno's Critics' Choice
Phyner Spellbinder
Phyner Kitchen Witch

Ch. Moreno's Tuff To Top

Black Male
Breeder/Owner: Julie Moreno
Co-owner: Dolly B. Trauner

Ch. Model's Bit-O-Whiz
Ch. Moonshadows G Whiz Wee Bad
Queenaire Ruby-Ruby
Ch. Odyssey's Keno Wiz
Queenaire Whiskey Tenor
Black Cherries Jubilee
Jubilee Darin' Do
Ch. Bonner's Lisastar Legacy
Ch. Starlite Legacy Choco Bear
Starlite Editor's B'Witched
Moreno's Simply Bittersweet
Phyner Editor's Talisman
Moreno's Copper Penni
Phyner Rave Reviews

Ch. Moreno's Buttercup Blossom

Orange Female
Breeder/Owner: Julie Moreno

Ch. Great Elms Timstopper Too
Great Elms Bobby Beam
Great Elms Dolly
Ch. Sharel's Southern B And B
Ch. Emcee's Texas Pete
Sharel's Southern Belle
Dupre's Sunshine Tulip Too
Ch. Model's Bit-O-Whiz
Moreno's Mr. G. Whizz
Moreno's Summer Rose
Moreno's Blossom Elegance G.W.
Phyner Editor's Talisman
Moreno's Sable Temptress
Moreno's Black Lace By Choice

Behind The New Titlists

Ch. Tim Sue High Lights Chablis

Orange Female
Breeder: Sue & Tim Goddard
Owner: Jean Focke

Am/Can Ch. Millamor's Rock Concert
Am/Can Ch. Chriscendo City Lights ROMX
Can Ch. Chriscendo Chattelaine
Am/Can Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights
Ch. Jolly Wee Macho of Moon Rock
Ch. Tim Sue's Angel Sabrina
Tim Sue's Charlie's Angel
Ch. Millamor's Trademark
Ch. Millamor's Copyright
Millamor's Rock Rosette
Tim Sue's Pink Champagne
Jolly Wee Tops For Mr. Tuffy
Jolly Wee's Lil Pizazz
Ch. Jolly Wee Peppi's Pizazz

Ch. Stolanne's Classique Comet

Orange Sable Male
Breeder/Owner: Frances J. Stoll

Ch. Theldun's Almond Fudge
Ch. Bev-Nor's Double Fudge
Bev-Nor's Tarred And Feathered
Ch. Bea Mary Hazy Day
Ch. Mar-len's Toby D of Browns
Bea Mary Trinka of Early Day
Mar-Don's Spice
Ch. Millamor's Moon Rock
Ch. Dixieland Rock of Millamor
Dixieland's Veronica
Ch. Stolanne Mystique Starlet
Ch. O My Patty's Touch-O-Pepper
O My Starmist Minuette
Joda's Starkist of Patri-Ark

Yips & Yaps

Submitted by Lois Hamill

I was glad to see Sally Baugnet's piece on Sebaceous Adenitis (SA) in the July/Aug issue. The Genodermatosis Foundation Sally mentioned is the same one I wrote about in my Yips & Yaps letter of May/June. Any interested dog person can ask to be put on the GRF's mailing list by using the address Sally mentioned: GRF, Inc., 1635 Grange Hall Rd., Dayton, OH 45432. Two newsletters have been issued to date with another due in the Fall.

While the GRF was started primarily through the efforts of Poodle people, they were farsighted enough to focus on genetically inherited skin diseases in all breeds. The GRF is continually trying to reach out to people with dogs of all breeds. Initially, they contacted representatives of the national breed clubs. However, very little response has been received from non-Poodle people.

As I wrote previously, Diane Laratta is the chair for the GRF's Education Committee. She is also the newsletter editor. Diane and I have been corresponding since January. I had offered to act as a liaison between GRF and the APC. This offer was accepted. I'd like to share a few interesting pieces of information. I told Diane about our Skin Disease Seminar and sent her a copy of the booklet that accompanied the talk. She has passed a copy of this booklet on to Dr. George Padgett of Michigan State University. Dr. Padgett is a well known, well respected geneticist and veterinary dermatologist. He is working on the GRF's test breeding regarding SA as well as a five year study on inherited diseases mentioned previously. Diane also wrote to Dr. Lothrop, our Seminar speaker, with no reply as of late July. The GRF met in April. A summary of the meeting is in the next newsletter. Apparently Dr. Padgett reported that SA is carried by a

recessive gene (is passed on by both parents rather than just one). A large dermatology conference was held out west the end of April. At least one day was devoted to SA. So far no further news on what other topics were covered.

The GRF has not selected its next project, as of late July. Diane mentioned a fatal skin problem in Bernese Mountain Dogs and a smelly skin problem in Cocker Spaniels as possibilities. Chances are the GRF will study what it gets the most demand for. "If the GRF starts getting letters from breeders regarding a particular problem, that may steer the GRF in that direction." I would add dog owners to that statement. Well, how about it? Are Pom people interested in having research done into skin problems? If so, which skin problem? Do we have multiple skin problems, or do we have a variety of symptoms and names for the same condition? Are we willing to take the time to write the GRF requesting research, describing symptoms, and collecting pedigrees? I would hope so. Please take the time to respond. I received only one response to my last letter. A desperate young woman from Arkansas called me regarding her 4 yr old male. He was losing skin off his elbows and footpads as well as teeth and fur. He couldn't walk because of the problems with his legs. His skin was also turning black. I hope he is finding some relief from his condition until they figure out just what it is that he has.

If you would like to see the GRF study Pom skin problems write to either the GRF (address above), the APC Skin Disease Chair, Cheryl Jackson, 1038 16th Ave., Birmingham, AL 35205 or me, the GRF liaison to the APC, Lois Hamill, 4 Domenic Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824



Columbia Pomeranian Club Specialy by Jean Schroll

A very warm day greeted Pom exhibitors on July 12, but everyone was cheerful since it was our first warm day in some time.



BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
Aija's Lil Town Hustler

Judging started promptly at the appointed hour with our Sweepstakes judge, Mrs. Phyllis Andrews getting right down to business. Her winner of the 6-9 mos puppy was Scatter Creek's Clown Prince owned by Alicia & Jerry Heggerston. 9-12 mos puppy dog was Aija's Lil Town Hustler owned by Ingrida Gasaway.



BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPSTAKES
Patchwork's Smidge of Rodi's

6-9 mos puppy bitch was won by Nabob's Talk About Harlem owned by Nan Shartel, nice to see her entry here since she is a transplant to Oregon, 9-12 mos was won by

Patchwork's Smidge of Rodi's owned by Diana & Robert Solano. Smidge (as she is known) also went Best of Opposite Sex to Aija's Lil Town Hustler's Best In Sweepstakes.

Mrs. Erin Hundley then took over the ring to do the Futurity judging. Her choice for Best in Futurity went to Marantha's Precious Cherub owned by Gloria Carlin from Southern California, up here visiting



BEST OF WINNERS
Jestom's Something Special

friends with this stop on her agenda. Best of Opposite Sex went to members Ray Mooney & Gladys Von Horn with Raintree Masterpiece.

Mr. Ken Miller, who judged Regular Classes, started right on time and since you will find the winners elsewhere, I will only mention the big winners. Jessie & Tom Stevens took Winners Dog & Best of Winners with their homebred, Jestom's Something Special, a clear bright orange, something we seem to be losing. It is rare to see a brilliant orange these days. Winners Bitch was won by Nabob's Talk About Harlem, who is a nicely coated black.



BEST OF BREED
Pince's Ebony Circus Bear

Best of Breed was won by a heavily coated black veteran, Pince's Ebony Circus Bear owned by Carol Pince.

Both Winners Dog and Winners Bitch got 5 point majors. This win finished Tom & Jessie's dog, Jestom's Something Special.



WINNERS BITCH
Nabob's Talk About Harlem



Please don't forget to send payments with your ads, it makes it much easier for all involved!

Puppy Auction Atrocity By Elizabeth Dupuis

On Sunday, August 11, 1991 a puppy auction was held in Cornwall, Ontario. This was the first in Canadian history! What was on the auction block? Well, over 50 AKC registered puppies! They obviously crossed the border with little if any opposition. Yes, they were products of the Mid-West, but that's no news to any of us.

Demonstrations were plentiful, but didn't succeed in stopping the event, yet they were able to disrupt a somewhat financially successful auction! Members of the Canadian Humane Society, local clubs and caring veterinarians did what they could to help the cause.

At least 10 puppies were confiscated by the Humane Society with the help of Dr. Janet Lalonde, a local vet. Most of the dogs were in serious distress and were forced to share a 2' x 3' area with as many as eight puppies -- varying sizes! Their eyes were running with pus, was one news reporter's statement!

CKC Director (Eastern Ontario), Cathy DeBruyne was joined by a representative of the AKC, whose name was not given, and they both thoroughly checked the "paper work" on each puppy. Surprise, Surprise! All was in order. There were absolutely no records of inoculations available for viewing ... one of the rescued dogs, a Shepherd, died the next day of distemper. But the owner of the pet shop establishment, which was the host for this

repulsive side show, insured everyone that his vet had personally examined every puppy he's ever purchased from reputable breeders! Dear sir, I beg of you, who is your vet???

The media coverage was terrific. After all, who doesn't feel empathy for a living carcass? They played on the people's emotions and were less than fair towards the puppy broker. Letters to the editor, in over 5 newspapers continue to pour in! Hopefully this exposure will finally stir things up!

Yes, there were two Poms available in the auction. They were black with white feet, they brought in \$50.00 a piece! Need I say more?

So what next? This is what I want to know. Federal involvement is the ideal solution, but why haven't they already done so, years ago? How can responsible dog enthusiasts, like ourselves, be so heavily scrutinized concerning our health papers when crossing the 49th, and these five week old pups cross in masses without a glance? Perhaps we should travel at 3:00am in the morning!!! The irony here is painfully felt. Cities throughout North America can freely ban various breeds but they won't do a thing about this! Our governments lead us to believe that dog legislation is a municipal, state and/or province area of concern. What a joke! Once those puppies leave the USA for Canada or vice versa it's FEDERAL responsibility!

Well, enough said, for some reason I seem to have a headache. Please give this message some thought. See if there is anything you can do that might help. After all, hundreds of little pups will be grateful, so will their mothers. □

APC Membership



The **American Pomeranian Club** is devoted to encouraging the owning, breeding and exhibiting of the Pomeranian dog and the protection and advancement of this breed.

Those who are interested in these principles and aims are encouraged to contact the Membership Secretary for details regarding membership.

The increase in membership dues goes into effect for current members as of November 1, 1991.

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Equipment, supplies, puppies, showdogs. If you've got the need to move it, this is the place to do it! (see page 56 for rates and information)

HALLMARK'S has puppies available, sired by Ch. Chriscendo Contraband and Hallmark's Light and Music (a Ch. Chriscendo City Lights son). Also a one yr old male, sired by BIS, BISS, Can, Am., Ch. Tim Sue's Highlights. Geanene Hall, 259 E. Sage Creek Circle, Springville, UT 84663 (801)489-7943.

Ch. Bev-Nor's Toasted Fudge (sire) #1 Pom 1981, 1982, 1983, 24 Best in Shows, 5 Specialties, sire of 20 chs, and sire of the only black & tan to ever go Best in Show, announces the arrival of 2 new litters.

Ch. Bev-Nor's Statesman - multi group winner, sire of 14 chs. announces the arrival of a new litter, dam is Ch. Bev-Nors N Southland's Who Me, group placer, Specialty Winner. 5 month old sable male sired by Ch. Bev-Nor's Statesman out of a Ch. Southland's Toasted Fudge daughter, Bev-Nor Poms, Beverly & Bill Norris, 7747 Meadow Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122 (301) 255-1343.

Photo info: APC Summer Specialty
May 24, 1991, Midwest City, OK
judge, Roger Pritchard
Class: Stud Dog Class

Hoozier's Homeplace Kennel & Fame

present: *Ch. Wee Rambo of Coy's Top Mark* and his family.
Thanks to breeders *June Coy* and *Jane Johnston*.



- (l-r) Stud Dog, *Ch. Wee Rambo of Coy's Top Mark* and Brenda Segelken (Geneva Pennock, owner)
(D) *Ch. Fame Piece of the Rock* and Diana Nolan (Brenda Segelken, owner)
(D) *Ch. Rambo's Double Rock Top Mark* and Ann Walker (Geneva Pennock & Brenda Segelken, co-owners)
(D) *Ch. Fame King Linus* and Leslie Segelken (Brenda Segelken, owner)
(B) *Fame Gold & Glitter* (mj ptd) and Donna Riehm (Geneva Pennock & Brenda Segelken, owners)

Thanks Diana, Ann, Leslie and Donna for helping out at the Specialty.

Thanks to the folks in Oklahoma! It was a great weekend!

Watch for "Valentine" and "Sweetheart" (a repeat breeding of Rocky) in the ring this Fall.

Limited stud service available and puppies due soon.

Fame

Phil & Brenda Segelken
Rt 2, Box 79 A-1
Percy, IL 62272
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Hoozier's Homeplace (kennel)

Geneva Pennock Long
Rt 1
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
(317) 794-4086

Our deepest heartfelt condolences to Dick Fry and Jim and Jennifer Carlton on the loss of their wife and mother, Nancy Fry. We have lost an avid Pom lover, breeder and good friend.

"Will Hold Till Christmas"

by Laurie Semple

(reprinted from the January 1985 Pomeranian Review)

I was a bouncing, furry and adorable Christmas puppy. I came bounding out of a big, funny-looking box with a giant red bow on Christmas morning. I missed the warmth of my mother and my littermates that morning, but I soon forgot about them in all the fun playing with my new human owners. They were small and a little bit rough. Sometimes those tiny fingers pulled my hair a little too hard... but I forgave them and licked them in my happiness at having so much attention lavished upon me.

But soon I grew tired, and they wouldn't let me rest... they kept squeaking toys at me, and pushing me into boxes. This wasn't too bad for a while... I just tried to remain cheerful through it all, even though I was ever so tired. Finally when the smallest one started pushing doll clothes onto me, I just couldn't bear it any longer. I let out a growl and showed her my teeth, like I did to my playmates when they got too rough. Well this seemed to upset the larger humans terribly. They grabbed me by the scruff of the neck and spanked me, then put me in a large box which I realized was supposed to be my bed.

How cold it was that first night without my canine family to snuggle up to. But, I was so tired I managed to sleep despite the cold. In the nights that followed, as the small humans began giving me some time to myself, I napped enough during the day that I wasn't so tired when night came. I became very lonely at night, and I couldn't help crying out for my mother and brothers and sisters. This upset the humans even more. They began yelling at me and smacking me with newspaper, the same thing they did all the time when I did my business.

I just couldn't understand these dumb humans... every time I turned around they were screaming at me and throwing things at me. It just made me more and more frightened, and when I became frightened I wet, and when I wet they screamed at me. It seemed that there was no pleasing them. And the small ones, well, they soon grew tired of me, which was just as well because they were often so cruel, dropping me on the floor, pulling my ears and tail and trying to make me jump off of high things that were very scary. Then there was the teasing... they often liked to dangle tasty tidbits in front of me, but keeping them just out of my reach. How they laughed when I whined and jumped up and down.

After a while I began to dislike these little humans, I even began to shudder when they came near. I took to hiding under furniture. Sometimes they would grab me brutally by the foot and try to drag me out. That's when I

remembered my mother's lessons about how to defend myself. I used my little teeth to pinch their fingers and make them let go of me. Every time I did this there was a lot of screaming and crying, and then the family would ignore me for a while... but I could sense their feelings of displeasure. They grumbled at me a lot, and shouted at me most of the time. Now when I wet they really hit me hard, then tossed me outside in the freezing cold. Sometimes they would forget me for hours, and there were times when I thought I would die out there in the cold. But it didn't happen, they eventually remembered me.

However, I didn't always get food and water when I wanted it. I grew, but I grew thin and scraggly. My beautiful fluffy coat that my breeder had washed and so carefully fluff-dried on that day I left, was now filthy and matted. I itched from the dirt, and could hardly see because of the dirt and hair crusted over my eyes.

It doesn't matter now, that I can't see. There isn't much to see here, except for ugly rusting bars and large empty walls, and lots of big ugly dogs barking at me. The smell and the noise in here are unbearable, and once again I find myself longing for my mother and the rest of my canine family. But I'm sure that I will never see them again. In fact I fear now for my very life, for last night my people took me to this terrible place, they called it "the pound."

To me it is a dreadful canine prison. The dogs in here are all sad, desperate and lonely, but none of them are friendly to me. I don't understand what has happened to me or what I have done to deserve this horrible punishment. I tried to do all that was expected of me, but I'm just a baby, you see, and I don't understand everything. I can't help crying now. I can still hear my breeder's voice on the phone, saying, "Yes, we'll hold him for Christmas...."

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Are you concerned with
the well being of the
Pomeranian?
If so, turn to page 48 for
more details on how to
put that concern to use!

Lyn-Lee Presents



This adorable little guy has personality to match his sweet face. Our thanks to the judges who loved him too. *Nugget* needs only single points to finish.



Owner/Handler

Evelyn Conley
20075 Vining Rd.
New Boston, MI 48164

Stentaway's Gold Nugget

Co-Owner

Mary Hechinger
2942 Demorest Rd
Grove City, OH 43123



Neujahr Introduces



Teddy is a welcome addition to our kennel. He is half brother to our first Champion -- Silver Meadows Ricochet. All our Neujahr Poms are loved and shown by Rollie & Evelyn Conley.



Co-Owner

Evelyn Conley
20075 Vining Rd
New Boston, MI 48164

Silver Meadows Jus' A Lil Teddy

Owner

Evelyn Newyear
4478 River St
Willoughby, OH 44094

Breeder

Jacquelyn Klein
4146 W. Lake Rd
Silver Springs, NY 14550

Sebaceous Adenitis (continued)

by Sally Baugriet

To review the first article I wrote on this subject: The Genodermatosis Research Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized in 1990 by a group of dog breeders, owners and veterinarians. The information contained in these two articles was taken from printed material of this foundation.

SA is an inherited disorder in which there is inflammation and destruction of the sebaceous gland. This results in the thinning and loss of hair, etc. on an SA affected dog. SA is not contagious.

The Poodle Club of America is very active in SA research. The PCA has funded a test breeding of two Standard Poodles moderately affected with SA. The resulting litter of three males and one female are now in the homes of volunteers who are committed to caring for the pups long after the project itself ends.

Punch skin biopsies are being taken on this test litter. This is the method currently being used to diagnose SA, although other methods are being explored.

"If all four puppies (in this test litter) develop SA, the mode of inheritance can be established with certainty as a simple (one gene) auto-somal (not sex-linked) recessive (required both parents to be carriers) genetic disease. If one or more dogs do not develop SA, the disease will be identified as polygenic (more than one gene involved)."

"Knowing the mode of inheritance is essential to eliminating any heritable disorder. In addition, the systematic longitudinal study should reveal whether early diagnosis of SA is possible, and whether some treatments are more effective than others."

Several veterinarians are working with experimental treatment of SA. Dr. Patrick Breen and Dr. Alice Jeromin of Cincinnati, Ohio are experimenting with the medical management of dogs affected with SA. Experimentation includes the use of Nizeral in the very early stages of SA. Nizeral reduces the production of Keratin which can plug hair follicles, causing hair loss. "Nizeral is expensive (10 pills cost \$28.00). A dog must be on Nizeral at least two months to derive benefit."

"Dr. Laurie Stewart, Tufts University and Dr. Steve White of Colorado State University are examining treatment of sebaceous adenitis with vitamin A analogs (primarily in Vislas)....."

"Dr. Helen Power, of Santa Cruz, California, is also working with vitamin A analogs and was an early pioneer with Accutane."

"Lynn Brucker (publisher of GRF Progress in SA Research) continues to seek pedigrees and biopsy reports

of dogs with or without SA. She is putting together a comprehensive picture of the genetic disease and its spread. The resulting data base includes over 150 dogs with SA, and more than 120 pedigrees. The data are being analyzed statistically to answer the question "what are subclinically affected dogs?"

"Subclinical - In the biopsy of a subclinically affected dog, we will see subtle, mild inflammation around some of the sebaceous glands. These are interspersed with normal appearing sebaceous glands. These dogs usually have no clinical symptoms of SA."

"Genodermatosis Research Foundation continues efforts to contact and educate fanciers and breeders in other breeds in which SA has been reported. An Akita breeder has submitted photographs of SA affected Akitas. One Akita owner disclosed she had spent \$4,000 to diagnose SA in her Akita. The veterinarians who saw the dog were not familiar with SA."

Pomeranian breeders and owners, if you would like to participate in contributing to SA research through monetary support and/or through submitting skin punch biopsies on suspected SA Poms, please contact:

The Genodermatosis Research Foundation, Inc.
1635 Grange Hall Rd
Dayton, Ohio, 45432
Tel. 513-426-7060

*Those wishing to contact Sally may write to her:
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The
American Pomeranian Club
would like to wish everyone a happy
Holiday Season!

For our Pom lovers, we hope you enjoy the holidays with your favorite family member, your pom. How could you not? We all know Pomeranians have the BEST personality of ANY BREED!

Drive defensively throughout the holidays, and may 1992 bring you all the champion stock and obedience titles your heart desires!

Obedience News

by Brenda Hutton

This article opens with lots of wonderful news from a class we don't hear from real often, UTILITY. It looks like lots of those dogs that have been working hard for years are really getting it together and showing the rest of the dogs how its done.

UTILITY

A really big CONGRATULATIONS! to Jimmie Lawrence and CRICKETTES MIDNIGHT SONG CS CDX (breeder: Renee Lawrence) for their new Utility Dog title. Previously reported was a 182.0 and a 177.0 with two placements from the Utility A class. They finished their title March 24 with a 191.0 and 4th place from Utility B under Mrs. S.K. Fulkerson. Their next passing score came April 7 with a 196.5 and 2nd place in Utility B under Mrs. P.A. Weaver. Not only did they place, but since they were entered in the B class, earned their first two OTCH points. Way to go, Jimmie!

Speaking of OTCH points, Roz Goltz and CH. PENRU'S SUGAR PLUM FAIRY UD, CAN/BER UD (breeder: Roz Goltz & Jessie Young out of CH. Jabil's Pinto Hi-Tone CD x Penru Prima Ballerina O'Jabil CDX) have been out there plugging away in both Open B and Utility B. Although they've been earning scores in the mid 190's, it's been difficult to earn those coveted placements. They broke a dry spell April 14 with a 190.5 and 1st place in Utility B at the Rhode Island KC under Linda Scanlon. This was good enough to earn them an additional 4 OTCH points; the total in my records to-date is 15 OTCH points. Keep it up, Roz. Show those Goldens how it's done!

Another Pom earning it's way to an OTCH is I FIDGET IN STYLE UD owned by Joann Geeslin and Donna Crain Eddins (breeder: owners, and his dam is OTCH TWINKLE LITTLE SUPER STAR UD). They worked their way to a 197.5 and 2nd place in Utility B at the Greater Columbus Mississippi KC under P.A. Gjevre. This was enough to earn an additional 7 OTCH points, and I show them with a total of 36 points to date.

Not at all to be outdone by all these OTCH prospects, Alice Lessard phoned me recently to tell me of her latest accomplishment with Zanny, CH. LESSARD'S SHANGRILA OF JUBILEE CDX (breeder: Lorene Bradbury & Sandra Logan and sired by CH. Moonshadows Mica). They showed in Utility A at the Lompac Valley Kennel Club, earned first place and HIGH IN TRIAL from Utility A no less. Phew!!! I get dizzy just thinking about it. Keep up the outstanding performance Alice and Zanny!!!!

OPEN A

Sherri and Joyce James have gone on to earn a CDX on SHERRI'S SUMMER DELIGHT CD (breeder: Mary

Woodall). While earning placements all the way, they heeled their way to a 183.5 and 1st place, at Skyline KC, a 188.5 and 2nd place at Merrimac DTC, a 190.5 and 1st place at Chesapeake KC of Maryland, and a 187.5 and 4th at Virginia KC as an insurance leg. Nice job!

Timothy and Horace White have completed three legs for a CDX on SOPHIE MARIE AKHENATEN (breeder: Charlotte Miller). They began in January with a 186.5 and 1st place at Acadiana KC under Mrs. J.A. Brown and finished in April with a 191.5 at Columbus KC and a 185.5 at Birmingham KC.

NOVICE B

Pat Krause and CH. POMIRISH CHANCE'S DINA MITE (breeder and co-owner: Sally Baugniet out of CH. Pomirish Cr Puff's Only Chance x Pomirish Squirt's Come Again) recently earned a Companion Dog title. Their very fine record includes a 193.5 at Fox Valley DTC, a 195.5 and 1st place at Northwest Obedience Club of Suburban Chicago under K.F. Schmidt, a 195.0 at Greater Louisville TC under K.A. Buxton, a 192.5 at Louisville KC and a 187.5 at Bloomington Indiana KC.

APC membership chairman, Jerrie Freia, has earned another CD, this one on JANESA'S SOUTHLAND TANNER (breeder: Jerrie and Charlotte Creed and out of CH. Southland Toasted Fudge x Janesa's Bev-Nor Tanner). They did a wonderful job earning a 192.5 and 1st place at the Pomeranian Club of Greater Baltimore under Hal Cash, a 195.0 and 1st place at Upper Marlboro KC (and winning a run off) under Mrs. E.L. Knight, a 177.5 at Montgomery KC, and a 192.0 and 2nd place at Cahaba Valley KC. This is a truly remarkable performance considering Jerrie lives about two hundred miles from any obedience club and has learned almost everything she knows about training Poms from either books, or more likely, discussions and video tapes from Mary Vickers. At one time she was showing two Poms in Novice A at the same time, until one took time off for maternity leave. Congratulations Jerrie and Tanner!!

NOVICE A

Chuck and Jackie Inzerillo completed their first CD with CAESAR AUGUSTUS INZERILLO (breeder: Meghann West). They began with a low score of 172.0 and followed up with a 187.5 and 4th place and a 192.5 and 3rd place. Very nice improvement.

Earning their first CD title is Kimberly Smith and FIFI'S GOLDEN CHILD-TOOTSIE (breeder: Larry R. & Karol J. Smith). Their very fine record consists of a 195.5 and 1st place at April 6 at Greater Ocala Dog Club under R.H. Mullen. The following day earned them a 191.0 and another 1st place at Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers'

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We don't know if "Dara" stol' *Betty Moore's* heart, but we do know that she stol' a 5 point major and BOW award her first time in the show ring!

It was a year ago at Christmas time that this much awaited for girl came into the world, and she has been a spirit of Christmas ever since. Many thanks go to the unselfish help of *Renee McGrath* and *Frances Stoll* for making this spirit a reality!

Congratulations to Fran for finishing "Dara's" father, **Ch. Stolanne's Classique Comet**, in such fine style!

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