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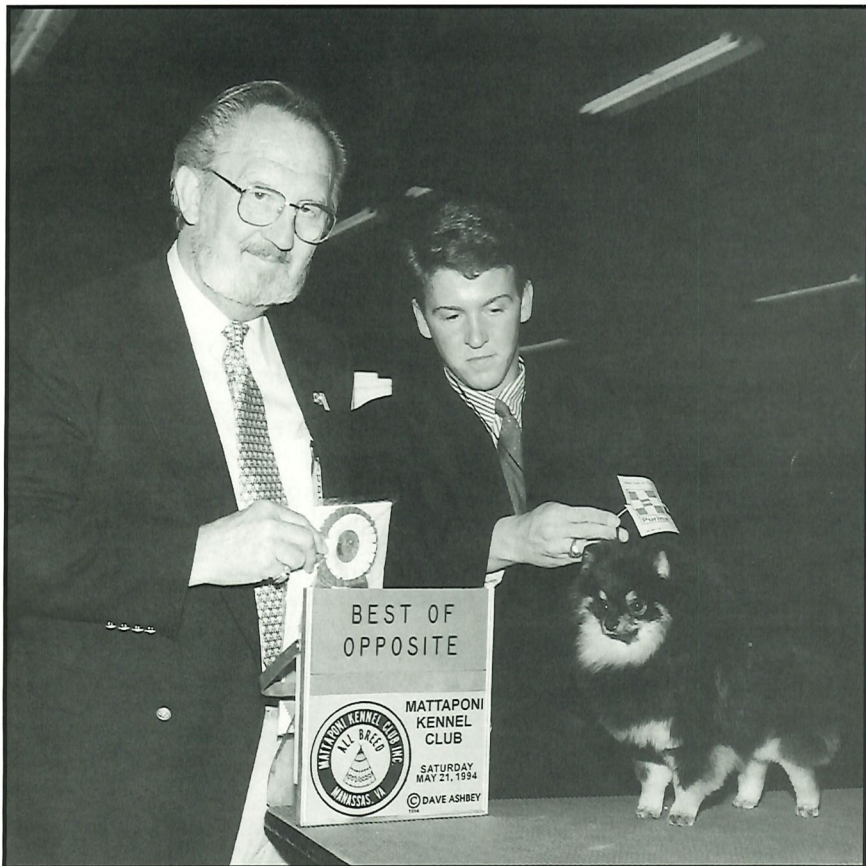
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She is pictured here with Judge Frank Oberstar and
Handler Jason Lynch.

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Ch. Linchris Genghis Pom

BISA, BISS Am., Int. Ch. Linchris Genghis Pom HOF, GC is pictured on the cover winning Best in Show with his friend Curtiss Smith and Judge Miss Diane L. Malenfant.

"Cubby" is a son of BISS Ch. Theldun's Diamond Teddy and out of Linchris Pom Pa Zazz. His father won a Specialty from the Veteran Class at eight years of age. Cubby and Curtiss have 7 Group 1's, multiple Group placements and a Specialty win with three Best in Shows--all this since March, '94. You bet we're PROUD!

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President's Message

by Dolly B. Trauner

Where's the Beef?

The **Pom Review** is the voice of the club--the entire club, not just of the Board and a couple of Chairpersons. We want to hear from **YOU**. We'd like to hear what **you** think is going right about the club. Equally important, we'd like to hear what **you** think is going **wrong**, so that your Board can try to fix it.

What do you think should be changed? In what way? Is there something you'd like to see added or canceled?

It is the nature of any Parent Club, with its membership spread across the lower 48, Alaska and Hawaii, that communications between membership and their Boards are not fluid. Management of APC is entrusted to the Board, and the Board conducts club business through the medium of monthly agendas prepared and mailed out to the Board by our hard-working Recording Secretary, Beverly Henry. We are a cohesive body that holds the good and welfare of the club and breed uppermost at all times in all of its deliberations. That is not to say there could be no improvements. So, let us know if there are improvements you would like to see effected.

Just write your ideas and suggestions down, and send them to me--or to our Corresponding Secretary, Fran Stoll, RR #3, Washington, IN 47501. Do it now while it's fresh in your mind. ☺

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by Jerrie Freia, Membership Chairman

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Performance News

by Lois Morkassel

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I was fortunate to meet Rob Byers and his Pom "Tonto" at the May shows in Winnipeg. I had read about them in the "Canadian 200's" column of February's **Front and Finish** and in "Club 200" in **Dog's in Canada's** February issue. I had also heard about this stunning little dog from a friend who had seen them work.

Rob is a tall, slender, quiet, intense gentleman, and Tonto is a lovely orange male with a fabulous personality. They presented a wonderful picture when they were working. Tonto is outgoing with both

people and other dogs. He is a "pistol." Tonto is intense when he is working. This spunky little dog works with a drive and vivacity that show what working with the "utmost willingness" means.

Their Novice career yielded many High in Classes and a High Aggregate (which is a cumulative score over all the days the trials are held).

Rob and Tonto started their Open training in November, 1992, with the goal of showing in the January show at Brandon, MB. They entered one trial and earned their first leg with High in Class and Highest Scoring Group 5 Dog in Trial (Toy Group) under noted judge Betty McHugh. With this auspicious start, Rob's goal was a 200 score.

Rob and Tonto earned numerous High in Classes and earned their second consecutive High Aggregate at Yorkton. They also earned five High in Trials in the 8 months after their first Open show before they earned 200 at Yorkton under Mr. John Fegan in Open B. When their score was announced, Rob let out, "All right!" and Tonto spun into his victory dance. Tonto spins and runs in circles when he gets excited and "Dad" was excited!

The following weekend, they earned a 199 1/2. the 1/2 point was for a slight slip of the dumbbell while picking it up.

Tonto was the Top Obedience Toy in Canada for 1993.

They continue to burn up the mats. Tonto is a crowd pleaser and works with incredible intensity and speed. Rob moves as at a quick pace and Tonto has no trouble moving out with him.

When I watched them in May, Tonto and Rob moved as one during heeling with enviable attention. Tonto's recall is like a rocket taking off. He has a lift off when he gets up and then you can see it engage as he moves forward. The drop is a slide because he is down, but his momentum takes him forward. The call to front brings another lift off and power-up to a snap sit square in front of Rob between his feet. Tonto's heel around finish is tight to Rob's legs--no wasted space or time.

Tonto jumps 10 inches and uses a plastic dumbbell. His retrieves are

spectacular--straight and fast. Tonto flows across the jumps. He is quite centered in clearing the broad jump.

Rob uses a key word between sits and downs so Tonto has to watch him between exercises. Tonto needs to see Rob's lips move on the down command. This is to prevent Tonto from going down on anyone else's command.

Rob and Tonto train with the Portage Club (Manitoba). They support and critique each other at shows. Rob said he hasn't used any specific books or video tapes for training Tonto. He does use food for a motivator.

Tonto was three in January. He is Rob's second dog; his first Pom, Joe, came from a pet shop and grew to be 18 pounds. Joe and Rob earned their CDX title. The third Pom is a two-year old black called Izzy. Rob calls Izzy his "Border Collie" because he is always moving. Rob hopes Izzy will slow down for obedience training. He claims Tonto is not as Joe and Izzy. They think too much and cause problems during training. Tonto only has to be shown what to do once or twice and he has it. Tonto's exercise is his obedience work, otherwise he thinks being a couch potato is just great.

What a crew! If you get a chance to watch them, you're in for a treat. When they're "on," they're awesome! Rob and Tonto are also a team that demonstrates good sportsmanship!

Ann Griffith Morris writes that Ollie Blue Bluster CDX continues winning out of the Open A classes with 193.5 for a third place (winning the run-off with a Golden), 193 for a first place, and 194 for a second place. Congratulations on your winning ways, Ann and Ollie!

Ann tells how she works to avoid automatic finishes (anticipation):

"I teach my dogs both finishes and then command them randomly to finish one way or the other. If they finish wrong, they get a small correction. If they anticipate, they get a small correction, and then I make them finish the other way. It seems like not knowing which way to go helps them not to anticipate. It's not fool-proof, but I find it really cuts down on the mistakes.

"It also helps straighten out the fronts, because if they sit aiming to the left, I make them finish to the right, and vice-versa. The only drawback is that it seems they always do one better than the other, so I usually use the best one in the ring. I think that's why Ollie finished automatically on Sunday--he had been shown so much with no practice. The solution is obviously to work until the finishes are equally good and mix them up in the ring if one is showing a lot. I find that if my show schedule is light with lots of practice in between, I can use only their best one in the ring with no problem."

Thanks for the tips. Understanding why the dog makes an error helps a person to fix it.

I use both finishes because Dande gets so excited to be working that she bounces off me on the recall (one point for each contact) and bounces on the way to heel during the swing finish (1/2 point for each contact). We don't go after high scores, but I don't want to get "pointed" to death either, so I use the heel around as a control during all exercises except the very last one. The "swing" becomes a reward and we expect the points off.

I've also noticed less anticipation of finishes now that we have been working on the moving stand with the "call to heel." While Dande was learning that, her anticipation of regular finishes increased, but with practice and just repositioning her to front (which she deems a correction), her anticipated finishes have dropped off. It seems like she is willing to wait for that "call to heel" signal, now that she knows it is in the vocabulary. It has almost become a random reward.

Practice footwork without your dog. If you are trying to get your footwork figured out for pivots, about turns, right and left turns, and the figure 8, don't include your dog until you know how to walk! It is hard enough for your dog to figure out heel position when you know how to walk, let alone when "Mommy Big Foot" is being clumsy. This can be the cause for dogs heeling wide and crabbing out. When you are practicing, grab a pillow or a stuffed toy to have on leash. It becomes easy to see if

you are turning too fast and swinging the pillow out like crack the whip. From this you can see it is not the dog's fault for going wide on heeling. It would just about be impossible to compensate for. Seeing what the dog is going through can make you a more sympathetic handler.

When practicing footwork, be sure to keep your body in line: feet under hips, and hips in line with shoulders.

Counting your rhythm while walking will make it easier for your dog to move with you. Fast time and slow time are smoother with counting. Remember for changes of pace, the length of stride remains the same, the count changes. If you are counting, it is easier to make a less abrupt change from normal to fast or slow, than by just trying to remember to do so. This makes a world of difference to your dog. This helps you to become predictable and helps create a visual unity. It is a lot like dance partners moving as one. They depend on the count and have to know how the other moves to look good.

Corners and about turns can become more vertical for the handle. This makes it easier for the dog to hold heel position. All the turns can be done in the same counting rhythm, but with smaller steps taken closer together to form smooth corners.

Once you feel comfortable with the area you were working on, put your dog back into the equation. Your dog will be pleasantly surprised!

Practicing Attention. This works well for rainy days, days too hot or too cold to work outside and for days that you just don't want to do the same old thing.

With your dog in heel position, stand in front of a full length mirror. Give your dog his attention command, and watch him in the mirror. If his attention wanders, correct. If not, praise. This exercise, like sits, downs, and stand stays will need to have the duration built up over time.

If you have a friend with a dog that is also working on attention, you can face each other with the dogs in heel position and one works while the other indicates when the dog's attention wavers. The person indicating to the working handler will be less obvious to the dog if they choose a

signal (like a nod) to cue the handler rather than a verbal cue.

Both of these methods appear to the dog to be magical. "How does Mom know that my attention wandered?"

Please share your training tips with the rest of us. We are working at all levels. It never hurts to have a memory jogged by a tip we have used and forgotten. All my tips have come from others: books, articles, conversations, seminars, video-tapes, and watching others. Learning that you don't want to use something can be as valuable as learning something you do want to use. Share those with us, too. It is so nice when someone helps you avoid an error that you made or can see happening. Under the heading of what to avoid: Do not use the uprights from the jumps for figure 8 posts. You will be teaching your dog to go around them, and it may come back to haunt you when you start jumping.

New Obedience titles from the May and June issues of the AKC Award magazine:

No new UD's

CDX

Annon's Peterbilt CDX (dog) owned by Jerusha Gurvin and bred by Ann Cannon. She only have one score to report: 195! (If they have others, I can print them later if they let me know. This must be a dynamic team to watch. Congratulations!

CD

Ch. Bojay's General Jackson CD (dog) owned by Linda Florer and bred by Janice and Robert Perna. They earned solid scores of 187.5, 188, and 182. Congratulations!

Linda Gallacher has some awful news. Panda's brother had to be euthanized at the end of March because of an autoimmune disorder. At the time when I am writing this column, Panda is sick with the same thing. Bizzy was placed when the repair to her cruciate did not take. Pogo has early onset arthritis and cannot jump. At this point in time, Linda has vowed not to have a Pom again. I can understand her feelings. How

devastating to have all this happen at once! Perhaps time will let Linda change her mind. Linda has been generous in sharing with the rest of us. If she chooses not to continue with Poms, we will lose someone special. Our hearts go out to you, Linda!

I hope you will help me with this column by telling me of Pom exhibitors in your areas. Write about your activities with your Poms. Are there any Therapy Poms out here (with or without the title)? Is there anyone working on or holding a versatility dog title? If you see a Pom working or showing off talents, write about them or get the handler's name and address, and I'll try to get the story.

There's **JOY** in Pom-de-monium!
Until next time....😊



Donna Machniak and Melissa Mellon



Dr. Renee McGrath

Congratulations,

Erika,

on

your Kennel Visit!

(Mine was many years ago,
October '76, but remains a
great memory)

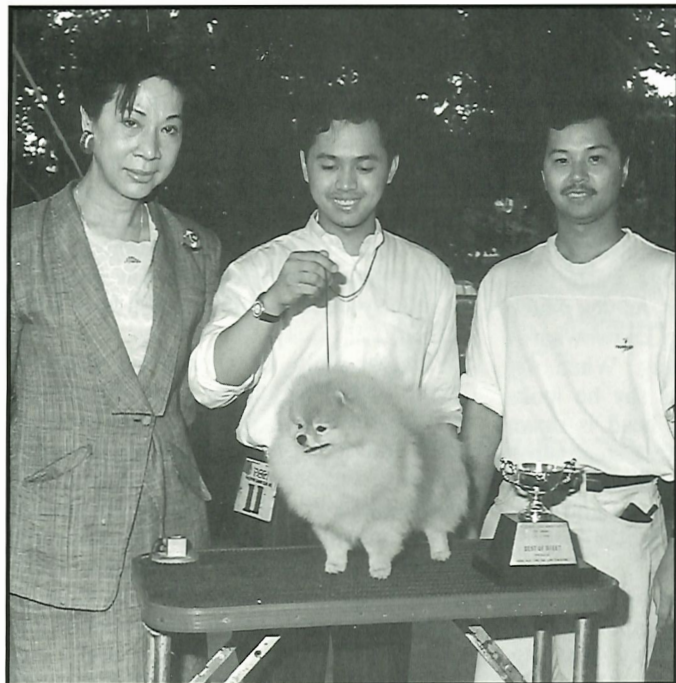
Thanks for breeding and
showing Killer, and kudos for
the many wonderful Poms you
have bred and shown!

I WISH YOU MANY MORE!

Norma C. Gad
—Chula Poms



Diane Keiffer and Glenetta LeGlise



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CAN. CH. TIM-SUE'S DISTANT BELL

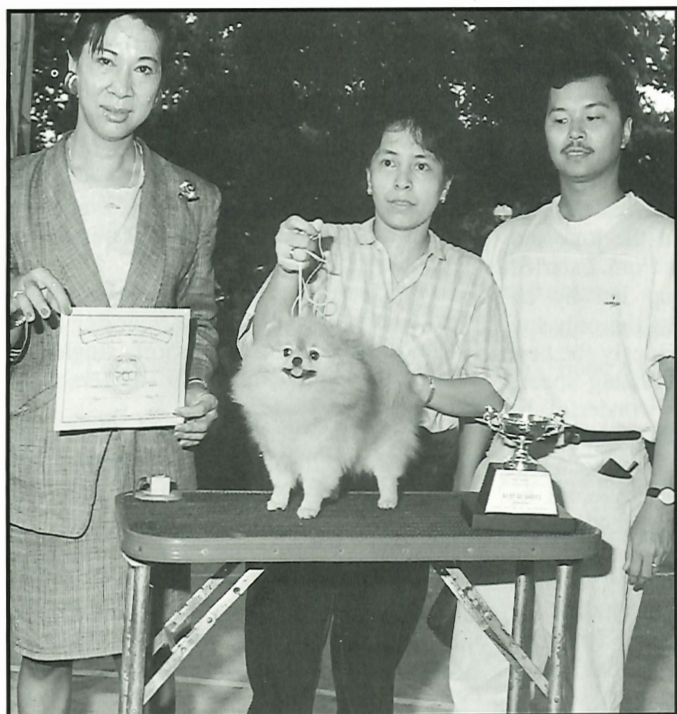
BEST IN SHOW

June 5, 1994

Judge: Ms. Tong Sue
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(Singapore)

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Bi-Mar Sunny's Gee
Whiz x Can. Ch.
Tim-Sue's Distant Bell

At 8 months of age
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**BEST OPPOSITE
SEX IN SHOW**

Sired by A/C/M Ch.
Tim-Sue's Distant
Lights x Tim-Sue's Tu
Mini Lights

Bell is nearing her
Phil. Ch. title with
just a few points to
finish.

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og is a special treat. For example, did you know that your Pom can track through hallow standing water? through snow? I ure didn't when I started, nor did I know llie could do a reliable underwater scent discrimination retrieve, even in running water. I have absolutely no idea how he loes it, but he sure can.

There are a number of excellent tracking ooks and publications available. For a uture issue, I may compile a list. For this rticle, I just barely touched on the training rocess. I also didn't address the whole omplex and interesting question of laying nd mapping blind tracks. The longer ublications are most helpful and will get ou into areas I am not able to address in a hort article.

There are also dedicated trackers in almost every area of the country. Working with a group is fun and also helpful. Don't oe intimidated by the size of your dog, and don't let anyone with a big dog tell you a Pom can't track. A Pom has a nose every bit as good as any dog (well, okay, we'll exclude Bloodhounds), and better than many. They also have the other characteristics of a good tracking dog.

So get your Pom, a glove, some flags, and get out there! You'll be hooked. Happy trails! ☺

Mission to Russia

by Dr. Alvin Grossman

As I look out the window of our sixth floor apartment, I can see the multi-colored domes of the various churches within the Kremlin. Good Lord, I am actually here and all seems "normal."

Doris and I are quite excited about this trip. Even though I have judged in 10 other countries, this one seems "different." I had always wanted to visit my father's homeland, but with the communist regime in power, it was just not possible. Now I was here. How did it all come about?

One day while I was working on one of Doral's manuscripts (my publishing company), I received a phone call from a

cocker breeder, Mary Ann Minks, asking me if I would be interested in judging in Russia. Taken aback for a moment, I quickly replied, "Yes, I sure would!" Mary Ann had been in touch with the president of the Zoo Practice Kennel Club in Moscow (the largest one in Russia) and had been asked to find a good judge. Mary Ann had sold a dog to the club president and had entered into a correspondence with her.

The next step was awaiting word from the president of the club, Ludmila Fomina. I must digress for a moment. In Russia it appears that each of the All Breed clubs have a "sponsor" and, Ludmila is a full time staff person to the sponsor for whom she runs the club. Within three weeks we had received our official invitation and details about getting a visa for Doris and me to go. What a lot of paperwork! They still seem to have a large bureaucracy and a paperwork trail to prove it.

Finally all the arrangements had been made, and we were to stay in an apartment with a cook, driver, and translator to help us. (Doris turned out to be the cook.) It all sounded great.

Off we went with all our cold weather clothes. We knew it was going to be cold in January, and we weren't mistaken. The first leg was a short flight from Portland to San Francisco on a United flight. Then an 11 hour hop to Frankfurt, Germany aboard a Lufthansa 747. For those of you who have not flown Lufthansa, let me recommend it. Great leg room and outstanding service. The food wasn't too bad either. Up until this time the trip had gone amazingly well. I knew from past experience that this couldn't last forever. And I was right.

The Frankfurt airport is the crossroads of Europe. Nearly all international flights touch down there. One would expect a modern airport. One would be mistaken. This place turned out to look like it had been designed by the Mad Hatter. It apparently has grown like topsy without much rhyme or reason. Let me just say it was difficult to find our way around. We had expected to be able to relax there for the three hours we had for our continuing flight to Moscow. We had flown Lufthansa because they had just entered into a

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cooperative agreement with United Airlines, my primary carrier. So, we expected to be able to use our Red Carpet Club card in the Lufthansa club as we had been informed. So bad no one informed the Lufthansa club as we had been informed. We wound up sitting on hard backless benches for the three hours. This is known to sweeten your disposition. However, it did do something positive. Never again will I bitch about O'Hare in Chicago.

As we checked into the lounge for our Moscow flight we found that it exited onto the tarmac where a bus was waiting to take us out to our plane. Now, I have traveled to and from Dulles airport in Washington and sort of enjoyed being taken out to the plane in their special buses. Dulles special buses rise to the level of the plane and you pass comfortably into the interior of the aircraft. Your luggage is on the lower level of the bus and is loaded aboard through a special door. In Frankfurt, we drove through assorted traffic to get out to our plane and then waded through slush ice to get aboard. This stopover proved a true adventure. We could hardly wait to get back there on our return trip. The leg of three hours to Moscow passed uneventfully. Customs was all that we had heard it would be. After about an hour we eased ourselves into the main reception lobby. There was Valentina Leontieva holding up a sign with our names on it. Valentina was our main link to the English language. It was she who had translated all of our faxes and called us with up-to-date information. She worked in the financial section of the sponsors business and handled all of his English translations. With her was Ludmila Fomina, the president of the club, Johanna Juk, another interpreter and our driver, who, incidentally was from the Chernobyl area and a Cocker breeder.

After a cheery greeting all around, they expressed some surprise at how young we looked. When we looked puzzled, they indicated that they had heard I took only 12 assignments a year they thought it was because I was becoming infirm and could not handle any more (I do really look younger than my years--oh, all right, I am plain). After a good chuckle all around, I

explained that Doris was non-doggy and we made a pact when we married that there was another life outside of dogs. Twelve assignments (excluding foreign ones) gave me the opportunity of keeping sharp and leaving enough time for our golf and other social/political activities. To be truthful, a full time job keeping a fledgling publishing company going is more than enough work for anyone.

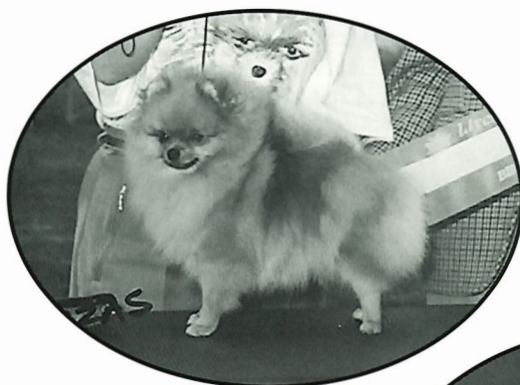
At this time of the evening (6:00p.m. Moscow time) the airport was a madhouse. Outside the snow was melting and there was a huge slush pile just in front of the terminal. It reminded me of LaGuardia at rush hour. Parking was at a premium. Our driver went to get the car and wasn't seen again for almost an hour. The girls went to look for him and found him not 100 yards away mired in traffic. We took shifts hauling the luggage to the car and finally all piled in for the trip to the city. It was now 8:00p.m. getting into a small car with six people and all our luggage was a definite challenge.

Off we went toward the Kremlin for it was in this area our apartment was located. No one had been to the apartment before. It was owned by the mother of one of the club members and she was moving in with her daughter for the duration of our stay. After 30 minutes of asking everyone in sight and a few phone calls, we found our way into a court just off the main thoroughfare that ran right past the Kremlin. It was about 10p.m. Moscow time but 9:00a.m. our time. We were pooped.

However, her son, Victor Elagin, an IBM employee, spoke quite good English and familiarized us with the apartments' idiosyncracies. It was a typical middle class apartment. It consisted of a living room, bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom. About 350 square feet of space. The refrigerator was fully stocked and we were told to use whatever we needed. Everything was neat and clean and showed love and attention. The only uncomfortable part was that we were only a stone's throw from KGB headquarters.

President Clinton was in town at the same time, but he didn't leave a message for us. It is important to note that when we arrived,

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**Australian Champion
Merimaur's Magic Word**

(Ch. Finch's He Walks on Water
x Apple's Traveling Jewel)

**Australian Champion
Merimaur's House Mouse**

(Ch. Merimaur's Metrognome x
Merimaur's Chocklit Bon-Bon)



Sending a special "G'Day" from "down under" to all my friends:

Maureen Quinlan (Merimaur), Dean Hebert (Treasured Dean's), Dr. Jim and Marit Hattori (Haiku), Darrell and Olga Baker, Christine and John Hartz, Jackie Rayner, Dudley Roach, Dr. Cheryl Jackson, Joel M. Taylor, Julie Moreno, Dolores and David Watts, Janet Manuszak-Lucido, Sam Zaneoff--and a special thank you to Carolyn Crocket for introducing me to "Treasured Dean's Lil Sampson" (Sam).

The American dogs have made a very big impact here in Australia, and for that I send a special thanks to Maureen Quinlan (Merimaur) for allowing me to have three very beautiful Poms all of which are now titled! They are **Merimaur's Magic Word** (pictured), **Merrimaur's House Mouse** (pictured) and **Merimaur's Three Wishes**. **Treasured Dean's Lil Sampson** and **Haiku's Valentino** are well on the way to their Australian championships. Thank you, everyone. It's been great fun showing the **Yankee** dogs. Hope to see you all in the very near future.



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the exchange rate was 1340 rubles to the dollar. During our stay, two cabinet ministers resigned and the rate shot up to 700 to the dollar with the promise of going higher.

The next morning we were up bright and early and made a breakfast of eggs and Russian salami. Never again! That salami was really potent! I was scheduled to do a seminar on Canine Genetics at 10 a.m. and worried about how I would hold up. We were picked up at 9:30 and whisked off to a cultural center where it was to be held.

It was a beautiful old building with marble floors. The auditorium was large and comfortable and it looked like a very workable setup. I thought I had made sure that everyone knew I needed an overhead projector and a 35mm slide projector to accommodate my type of slide trays. You guessed it...there was an opaque projector and no slide projector. I guess I had better start carrying my own. Well, finally they found an overhead projector and a slide at a dime projector and off we went. The seminar seemed to go well, and my two translators did themselves proud.

I had a very interesting experience during the noon break. A lady came up to me with an autographed copy of a book she had written about American Cockers. I thanked her for the gift as I looked through it. It seemed well done as it had numerous drawing from one of my books. By the way, there are no international copyrights acknowledged by Russia. Just to prove it, the next day at the show an exhibitor asked me to autograph a mimeographed copy of my 1985 Cocker book.

After the seminar, we were to attend a dinner at the home of Nickolaj and Ludmilla Roginskij where we were to meet all the judges. Four Brits and two other Americans. The British judges were Ron Carter of South Yorkshire, Bryn Cadogan, a high energy Welshman, Bob Gregory, the senior judge from Cheshire and Roy Metcalf from West Yorkshire. Our American partners were Mrs. Anna Harris of New Mexico and H.M. Cresap also of New Mexico. I had the pleasure of judging with Morris before. In fact, when he learned I would be on the panel with him he called

and shared his previous Russian experiences with us. As a result, we were warmly dressed and brought plenty of Kleenex with us and toilet paper with us. Anne had lived in the UK for a number of years and shared many moments with the English contingent. It was a real festive get together, and our British cousins turned out to be four of the most knowledgeable and likeable judges I have had the pleasure of knowing over the years. The party was held in an apartment not much larger than the one in which we were staying. A long table was set in the living area with all the goodies on it. Wine and vodka flowed like water as it did on virtually every occasion. This, as you might surmise, tended to loosen things up a bit. After introductions all around, we set about "working things out" for the show the next day.

Let me digress a moment and fill you in on some background. First off, there is no National Kennel Club like the AKC. Each All Breed and Specialty Club is a law unto itself. There are apparently thousands of clubs throughout the former Soviet republics. Each apparently sets up its own ground rules and procedures for shows. This time, the Zoopractice KC wanted to set the stage for a set of universal rules for all Kennel Clubs within Russia. To that end they contacted Bob Gregory in England for formal ribbons to be given at the show and asked him to meet with their sponsor to help draft a plan for a National Club.

That night, we seven judges with Ludmilla as club president, laid the foundation. We agreed that the show would be run by FCI rules and we would educate our stewards and translators in those procedures. We reasoned that if all clubs followed the Zoopractice KC procedures, there could be official Russian champions since all would achieve their championships in the same manner. Most importantly, these championships would have meaning. By today's practices virtually any dog who receives a series of excellent ratings could call itself a champion. Under the FCI rules the procedures were as follows:

- A class comes into the ring and the judge evaluates each dog by itself

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- Only those dogs which have been rated as excellent may return to the ring later after all classes of that sex have been judged. (In a sense, it is like our winners class except that more than one dog from a class may have been rated excellent and can compete for the CC award).
- When all the excellent dogs return to be judged, they are placed 1-4 or 5. The #1 is called Best Male/Female and is awarded the CC.
- A Champion class is also designated and the winner of the champion class, who must be rated excellent to continue to compete, competes with the Best Male & Female for Best of Breed or Variety.
- All of the Bests go on to compete for the group.

All of this sounded good in theory, but implementing it in an environment in which it is totally foreign brought some comic but well-intentioned results.

I was to start my assignment doing English Cocker. That seemed straight forward enough. My excellent interpreter, Johanna Juk, was not a dog person but was very willing and able to learn quickly. The ring stewards and secretary also caught on quickly. In fact, the breed went swimmingly. I thought it was too good to be true. It was!

As soon as I had given out the Best of Breed rosette, there were over 125 American Cockers ready to come into the ring. To my dismay, the secretary and stewards left the ring for they were only there for the English Cocker, and three new shiny faces made their appearance. There was the usual time spent while Johanna and I tried to orient them to the procedures and ring flow that I liked. And away we went--almost. They took it upon

themselves that we would judge the dogs by Variety instead of all together as in other FCI countries. No big deal I thought, this is how we do it back home. Blacks were first, and I completed judging all the males and was signing the final certificates. As I turned to face my ring and get ready for black bitches, there to my complete surprise, was a class of ASCOB males. I explained to my stewards that if we were going to judge by variety, I wished to complete judging one variety and award Best of Variety before going to the next. Some of the exhibitors were a bit disconcerted after being assembled and then told the ASCOB classes would come later and to go off and get their black bitches instead. There was some interesting arm waving on both sides. Needless to say, I was amazed by the whole thing. Well, blacks were completed in good order and a Best of Variety selected. Whew!

Now ASCOB puppy dogs finally came into the ring. Just when I was getting into the swing of things, Johanna, my steward, came to me with a sad story. There was lady outside the ring in tears. It seemed she had a train to catch back to St. Petersburg, and she had brought this Parti-color all the way to Moscow for me to evaluate. Because of the numerous delays in getting dogs entered on the day of the show, we were running about two hours late. "Couldn't the American judge, whom she had heard of, stop the judging so her dog could be judged and she could go home?" My interpreter and steward saw the logic in that so who was I to thwart their humanitarian generosity. I judged the dog. Luckily it wasn't one who could justifiably compete for the CC later on. I had a happy exhibitor who though I was a saint, and two happy ring executives. I still don't know what the ASCOB exhibitors thought.

Back to the judging. At least I thought that was what I was going to do next. Since I had been a nice guy once, I guessed others figured they could work a deal for themselves. In come my twosome again to say we had another lady in tears. Tears seem to turn them on. This time the story was that this person had a bitch at the show with a nursing litter and the bitch was

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ould go home. Oh, Oh, I thought, if I give
1 on this one the avalanche is under way.
My halo slipped as I told my two crestfallen
ood Samaritans that this time I would not
ield and explained why. I saw the saddest
air of eyes outside of an AKC hearing, but
hey understood. However, would I tell the
ady myself. I did, they translated, and I
lidn't feel virtuous any longer. However,
his action seemed to restore order and the
udging went on. From time to time, I could
ee them talking to exhibitors at ringside
nd throwing up their hands and pointing
oward me. I was officially the bad guy, and
hey were off the hook.

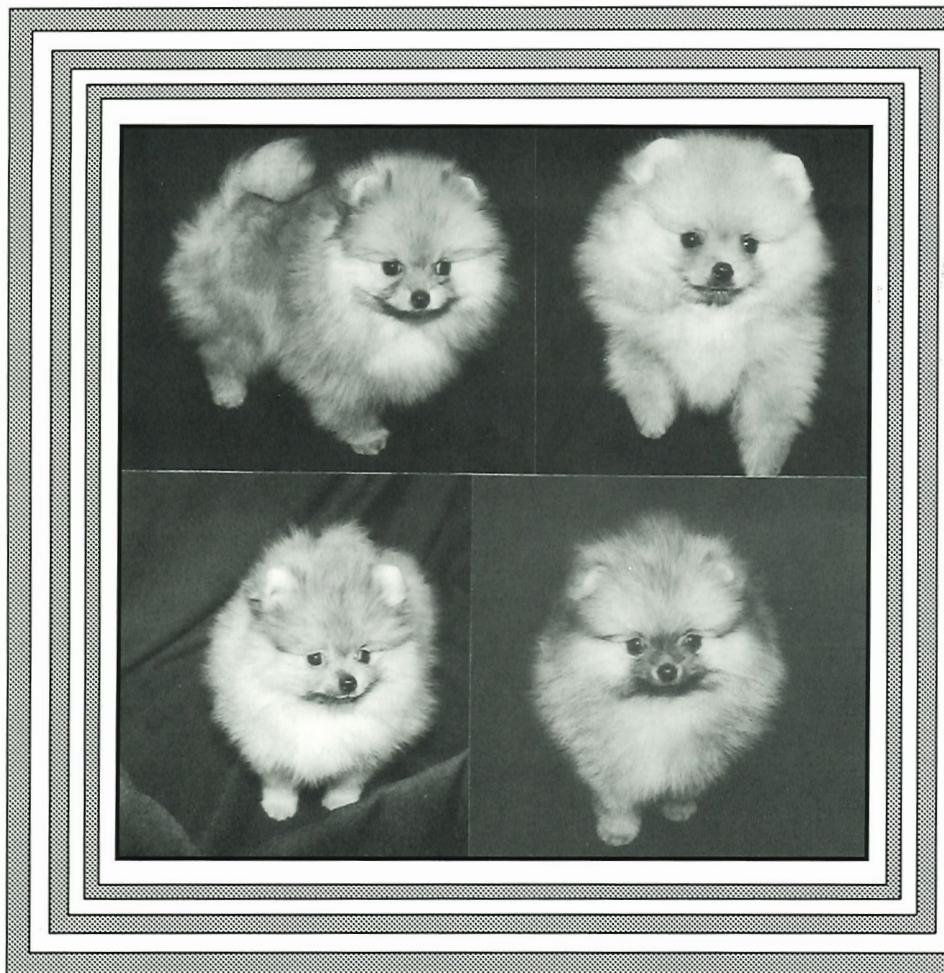
By 9:30 that evening, all of the judges had
ompleted their breed assignments and
were comparing the days war stories before
group judging. Most had had similar tactics
ulled on them. I guess we and the
xhibitors learned something about ring
procedure that day. The group judging was
straight forward enough. I got through the
Sporting (Gun Dog) group without great
nishap. The only surprise was to find an
English Toy Spaniel in the lineup. I acted
nonchalant about it as though I knew they
were sporting dogs.

Morris Cresap did one of the groups and
showed that he had judged in Russia before.
He declared a tie, and we had two winners
come out of that group to compete for Best
n Show. When we called him on it, he said
that he had been told this was a common
practice, and so he decided to try it. It
worked. No one was surprised or upset.
Best in Show was judged by Bob Gregory
of England, the senior British judge, and he
found a Black Russian Terrier for Best.
This is an interesting breed. It looks
somewhat like a cross between a Giant
Schnauzer and a Bouvier. These are real
tough dogs. So ended a long, frustrating,
out exciting day. Russia is, we hope, on the
way toward having a common judging
system. We shall see how long it takes to
spread to the other clubs and cities.

A further note on organization.
Remember when I said earlier that each
club is a law unto itself? Well, most large
clubs have a sponsor, translate that loosely

into an owner. The sponsor of the
Zoopractice KC is Victor Gordienko, and
industrialist and a dedicated dog person. In
his meetings with the Brits, and backed up
by me as a cheering section of one, he was
encouraged to lead the way and form a
National Kennel Club along the lines of the
United Kennel Club. This would be the
National registry and also would put out a
publication (like the Gazette). In our
discussions we described the Kennel Club
of Great Britain and the AKC and United
Kennel Club. We pointed out how by
taking the best of all these bodies, they
could form a club that would est serve
Russian needs. I think this effort has been
launched. I certainly hope it can succeed.
Oh, yes, before I forget...all seven judges
donated their fees (paid in rubles) toward a
perpetual trophy toward
Anglo/American/Russian friendship as a
Best in Show trophy for the Zoopractice
club.

Now for sightseeing and party time facts,
figures, and vodka. Among the wonderful
things we did as a group was to visit the
Kremlin, attend the Moscow Circus, and
watch a performance of Elenora put on by
the National Ballet Company. The Kremlin
is fascinating. It is a large fortress-like
enclosure within which are a myriad of
churches, all different. A museum, an
armory, army barracks, and a number of
office buildings make up the rest. This is
where the Politburo meets. Incidentally, we
were able to see the damage from tank fire
to the parliament building which is located
a bit away from the Kremlin. Just outside
the wall is Red Square, a vast expanse used
as a parade ground and for many official
functions. Bordering on Red Square is the
world famous GUMS department store.
Now this is not like a department store as
we know it. It is more like an Italian or
English Galleria with individual shops on
two main levels with an open courtyard. It
is, in a way, like an early American mall.
There are no anchor stores like May
Company or J.C. Penny. Every store is
relatively small. However, I wouldn't be
surprised to learn that a number of shops
are owned by one company. Street vendors
have also set up in the central courtyard



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ound a fountain and hawk their wares. You may be in a store shopping for a product when a street vendor (usually quite young) will pop in and offer you a product quite similar to one being offered by the storekeeper at a better price. The clerks are not upset and, who knows, it may be a ploy to keep you from bargaining. One great little toy we bought is a Boris Yeltsin doll. Take off its head and inside is a smaller Gorbachev doll, take off his head, etc., etc., the way back to Lenin. Clever!

Doris just had to price fur coats. The trip could have been an abject failure if she would not try on a Russian sable coat. In this exclusive shop, you had to look prosperous before they will buzz you through the locked door. She had seen a coat in the window and couldn't believe the price. So, we went and she tried on the coat. That wonderful price was in German marks, but even so, I am told by my furrier friend that it was a steal at \$8,000 American. Since Doris is not allowed to steal, no coat. We sheepishly walked out under the glare of the haughty manager.

In contrast to some of the Tony, high class stores within GUMS, there were many stores selling sundries, toothpaste, toilet paper, and the like. There were also banks within the complex with long lines waiting to turn in fast fading rubles for dollars, the hard currency of the country. It's nice to see our dollar worth something, somewhere!

Just off Red Square, there are numerous shops of all types. From Haute Couture towns to cookie and fish markets. Just outside these shops, standing in the snow and ice, was a line of about 20 well-dressed women holding up various articles of new clothing for sale. A mixed up scene of wealth and poverty.

Russia is a country in transition. The new has uprooted the old much to the bewilderment of the people. They have learned to be free but had no idea that freedom brought self-government and with it came responsibility for one's own actions. This is a totally foreign concept. They have never had to take responsibility just as they seldom had the opportunity to lead or plan, or even carry out a plan which

led to major decisions and venturing into new territories.

As we Americans know, it takes a bureaucracy to run a government. As much as we complain about our bureaucrats, they make our government work and carry out the will of the President and of Congress. Right now the only bureaucracy in Russia is that which is left over from the Communist regime. These people have no clear direction. The President issues on set of marching orders and the legislative arm another. These bureaucrats did not want to change in the first place. The current system got them where they were so why change a system that worked FOR THEM. Heel dragging, false starts, contradicting orders, all make the chaos of the dog show world seem trivial. However, the dog show world is a reflection of the world these people live in today.

The Russian people want this thing called democracy that make the West so rich. But what is it, and how does it work? If it's so good why is our economy in shambles? If it's good, why doesn't the West pour in money it has promised? For an outsider, especially an American, the people we met want to emulate freedom and our form of government but find it hard to kick-start a new democracy. Enough political insight, let's party!

The day after the show we were scheduled to take a trip to a small town of Zagorsk, about three hours drive from Moscow, for a shopping spree, sightseeing, and a big party. It was on this trip that we saw our first real homes. It seems that virtually all of Moscow that we saw consisted of huge apartment complexes. Once we were "museumed out," we went to a luncheon/dinner party at the home of Gennadij Ivanov, one of the club members who lived in town. We boarded our "bus," for want of a better name, I guess I can call it a bus. It was a box attached to a truck frame with seats inside. It looked to be war surplus, but I couldn't tell which war. We all called it the icebox because the heat from the truck cab didn't get back to the passenger box. Luckily, Doris and I returned to Moscow in a private car--more

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Anyway, off we went to Gennadij's home. It was on the outskirts of town. We plowed through the snow as far as the bus would take us and then hiked another couple of blocks through the snow to the house.

When we finally arrived, his wife and mother had laid out a spread that would have done the Czars proud. It was a small house, no bigger than some Moscow apartments. Gennadij was a contractor and had lived in the house for seven years, so far no running water and no indoor plumbing. He was too busy building for others--talk about your shoemaker and his kids. He said he would get around to it eventually.

We ate until we were ready to burst. Then came the speeches and toasts. Our Russian hosts were lavish in their praise for the British and American judges. Naturally we had to reciprocate. Do you know what ten toasts with homemade red vodka can do to you? Please, don't try it. What it did to our British cousins is to launch them into teaching all of us a "quaint" British dance called the Hockey Pockey. All I remember of that night is you roll up your pants and swing your partner. There was this tough Welshman who kept us doing it for what seemed like hours. And his fellow Brits encouraged him.

Sobering up a bit, we saw the kennels and the Black Russian Terriers and bid them a sad adieu and tramped back to where the bus was waiting. It was already late, but some of our group wanted to shop for Russian fur hats. Few shops were open by that late hour and what they were able to find Daniel Boone wouldn't bring home.

It was at this point that the driver who met us at the airport, Oleg Broslavskij, insisted that Doris and I and an Interpreter ride back to Moscow in his car. So Johanna was appointed as the official interpreter and off we went. We never exceeded 35 kilometers per hour so, as he put it, the trip would last longer. This man had an ulterior motive.

He was a frustrated Cocker breeder who it seems was never able to find reliable

information about breeding quality dogs. His purpose in this trip was to extract everything I knew about the breed gleaned in forty years during this now four hour trip home. The conversation ranged from gait to genetics. He asked questions for a full four hours. His bladder was a hell of a lot stronger than mine. Finally convinced he had pumped me dry of information, the speed of the car jumped to 80 kilometers per hour. So ended the day in the countryside and also began a king-sized red vodka hangover.

Our final night, after a great lunch at a major hotel, was to be spent at Victor Gordienko's office/warehouse complex at a party in our honor. Once again there was a major banquet laid on. Victor was late. He had been flying all over Russia with his aides trying to asses what would be the impact of the resignation of two key minister from Yeltsin's cabinet. When he arrived, he turned out to be a marvelous host. He talked at some length about the changes that occurred in the former Soviet Union, how the dog show business had grown so rapidly, and his hopes and aspirations for the future.

We drank, we ate, and the Hockey Pockey started again and again. This time, with Victor's attractive secretaries participating. These were good looking and talented gals. They also showed us some Russian dances and sang Russian songs. This Hockey Pockey thing reminds me, sort of, our square dancing. All eyes were on Victor's secretary who was a stunning blonde. She was his daughter-in-law.

Much, much more happened on the trip, but since I am not committed to writing a book, I will have to end it here. A wonderful trip, a wonderful people, great judges. Let us hope our two peoples working together can help bring peace to the world and organization to the Russian Dog World. ☺

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Mikki Comes Home!

by Kristi Shearer

I've just come back from my mother-in-law's--the same Judy Shearer we all know and love. Well...most of you know her, anyway. Because I just came from Judy's I have scratch marks on the back of my legs. These came from a Pom gentleman named Mr. Mikki Silver. Mikki gets mad when I leave. He loves me. But his same dog, when he came to live with Judy in 1992, would run and hide under the couch any time anyone came to visit. What a change we have seen in him in two years!

Mikki was whelped on August 8, 1983, and went home with Dorothy Silver on September 29. Judy was made co-owner on January 6, 1984.

"She made me promise to take him back if anything happened to her," Judy said.

Ironically, just two weeks before she passed away, Dorothy called Judy to confirm this. Dorothy died on September 27, 1992, and Mikki was delivered to Judy by a neighbor on September 28.

Mikki was at a loss. Dorothy had never married (smart lady) and never had children (even smarter lady). There had been no other pets. Mikki had visited Judy once and all he did was growl and snap at her. (I understand, Mik, there have been many times I wanted to growl and snap at her myself!)

So poor Mik, so used to being alone, had to come live in a house full of Poms. Add to this the steady stream of sons, brother, mother, and grandkids running in and out and Mik was bewildered, to say the least. He was unfriendly and when he finally did get brave enough to come near me, the other dogs gathered around and frightened him away. He became well known as the "under the couch grouch!"

Keep in mind, Mikki has two champion sisters, and one brother who has his CDX in obedience. However, this little bullhead had never been trained to do anything he didn't want to do, including housebreaking. (Sounds familiar. I mean, Judy could have at least potty-trained Kim before she let him marry me!)

What Mikki didn't understand, though, was that Judy was just as bullheaded as he. Eventually he was housebroken, though he still sometimes has to have his own way. (Typical male!)

I think of the Mikki today, compare to the Mikki two years ago. When he first came to live with Judy, he looked old and feeble; stiff and unhappy. He was unfriendly and shy. Now, he comes right to me; even growls at the other dogs to let them know it's his turn to drink in my beauty.

He looks healthier and happier. He is active and playful, more loving. He just seems to belong here. This is all good news, of course, except that my legs are still sore.

Mikki has definitely come home! ☺

Amish Dog Breeders Accused of Cruelty

by Michael deCourcy Hinds

Amos K. Stoltzfus is one of bearded, straw-hatted Amish farmers whose 19th century lifestyle has been romanticized nearly as often as the Amish's horse-drawn buggies have been pictured on postcards and photographed by tourists here in Lancaster County.

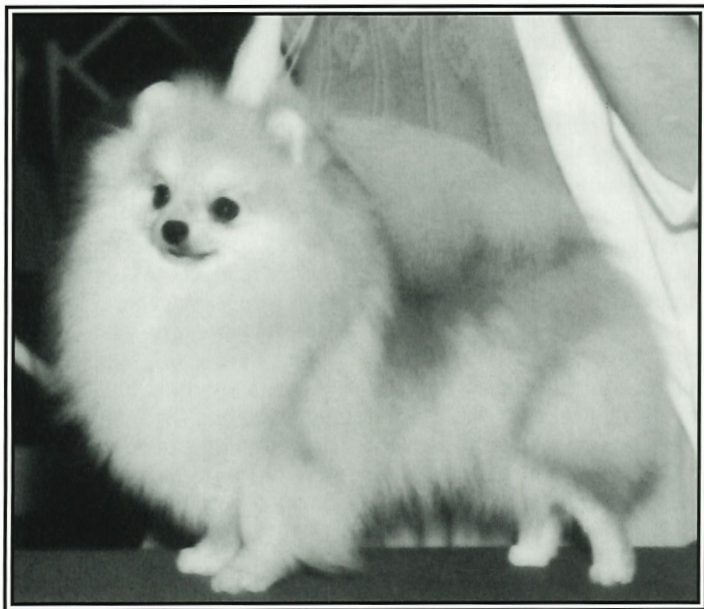
But now, animal-rights advocates--a bit nervous about challenging this popular image--have accused Amish farmers like Stoltzfus of breeding dogs in a cruel way and flooding the market with puppies that are sometimes maladjusted and sick.

Pennsylvania dog officers and humane agents say they have found many Amish breeders who violate health, shelter, and sanitary standards for kennels. And a national humane society has called for a national consumer boycott of pet store puppies that come from Pennsylvania's commercial kennels, many of them Amish-owned.

The Amish, a reclusive Christian sect with roots in Germany, are not the only kennel operators who have been cited by the state. "Englishmen," as the Amish refer to most outsiders, have also been charged with violating state laws.

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The Amish have previously had scrapes with the outside world when the biblical laws that govern their lives clashed with local zoning or building codes, but these plain-living, gentle people have never been accused of anything that goes so much against their reputation as animal cruelty.

The crux of this matter is again a clash of cultures. The Amish say they raise dogs much as they would any other livestock, restricting the dogs to small cages and killing the parents when they are no longer productive.

Animal-rights advocates say the dogs need more human contact because they are domestic animals that should be prepared to live as family pets. And the idea of killing dogs when their breeding lives are over is repugnant to many dog lovers.

State and federal laws are silent on the moral questions, but they do mandate some things that some Amish consider unnecessary, like a minimum cage size.

"I personally think some of these animal-rights people are more concerned about dogs than their own children," said Stoltzfus, 56, as he gave a tour of his immaculate kennel behind a field of corn.

Stoltzfus' 40 Doberman pinschers and Rottweilers, which are housed in a modern metal-clad building scampered about their caged pens and barked ferociously.

He sees nothing inhumane about his methods of dog breeding. And he dismisses criticism that a commercial kennel like his produces puppies with behavioral problems because the big kennels cannot give the puppies sufficient human contact.

He said he and his wife and two teen-agers work their 25-acre farm and spend time each day with the puppies, which number up to 25 at any one time.

Stoltzfus said he was not surprised that some Amish breeders have been cited repeatedly for badly mistreating their dogs: "You can have good and bad in any church."

The Humane Society of the United States, a nonprofit organization in Washington, first called attention to problems associated with mass-production breeding in Pennsylvania in 1991, when it called for a national consumer boycott of pet store puppies from Pennsylvania's "puppy mills," as the society calls them.

The boycott continues, with uncertain effect, against Pennsylvania and six other states with many commercial kennels--Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma--that the society had blacklisted in 1990.

Rachel A. Lamb, a humane society spokeswoman, said there were about 5,000 commercial kennels around the nation that breed dogs in cages. They produce about 500,000 puppies a year.

The female dogs are often bred twice a year and are routinely killed at about 6 or 7, she said, and the puppies generally receive only minimal human contact and medical care. As a result, she said, the puppies may develop behavioral and health problems.

In Pennsylvania, the worst kennels have breeding females dogs that are old, sick or have defects, said Thomas Bougher, a supervisor in the state Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. "I don't like to pick out a particular group of the problems," Bougher said. "Most people treat dogs as quasi-human, but a dog is the same thing as a chicken to them."

Last year, Bougher said, dog wardens in several southeastern counties closed down about 30 commercial kennels, including many Amish ones, when the owners refused to comply with state kennel laws.

Private agencies like the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have primary responsibility for enforcing the state's anti-cruelty laws. They are under-staffed, and they cannot inspect a kennel without the owner's permission. To obtain a search warrant, the agent must show a judge probable cause.

Over the last few years, after humane societies filed cruelty charges against a number of kennel operators, nearly all of the kennel operators have posted no-trespassing signs.

"We're shut out tight as a drum," Scott G.

BERRY'S POMERANIANS



Ch. Texican's Great Balls O Fire

Congratulations Erika Moureau on your Kennel Visit!

It seems so many years that I purchased Texican's Great Balls O Fire from you. There was a lot of happiness and a few tears showing our boy. But he went all the way to Best in Show. I miss him terribly. He died of cancer on July 10, 1992. Remember Susie? Everything she produced with Ch. Texican's Great Balls O Fire was made a champion. Thank you, Erika!

I now have a lovely breeding program of whites and creams--lots of Sun-Ray in the pedigrees.

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Barnes, chief humane agent for the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in nearby Chester County.

He said the private and state agencies receive relatively few consumer complaints about the kennels because most do not sell directly to consumers but sell their puppies wholesale to brokers for pet stores.

In March, Lamb said the humane society tried to draw attention to the related problem of canine over-population by calling for a national moratorium on breeding.

The society asked all breeders to reduce or stop breeding for one year so the supply of puppies can catch up with the demand. Last year, humane societies across the country killed an estimated 4 million unwanted dogs, including a million purebreds.

Commercial breeders in Pennsylvania say that the boycott has had no noticeable impact on their business and they have ignored the moratorium, saying that they view the humane societies as nothing more than sanctimonious competitors.

"All humane societies charge mandatory donation fees for their dogs, so they are a business," said Robert Yarnall, Jr., a commercial breeder and chairman of the Pennsylvania Kennel Committee for Higher Ethics, a trade group. He said the group represents most of the state's 3,000 commercial dog breeders.

Pennsylvania legislators proposed new laws this year that would address the most egregious problems by providing money for more kennel inspections and by providing some consumer protections.

The consumer legislation, modeled after laws in eight other states, would require Pennsylvania pet shops to provide buyers with a veterinarian's health certificate.

And should a puppy develop some genetic, parasitic or infectious illness, the pet shop would reimburse the buyer for non-routine medical expenses up to the price of the dog.

Yarnall also said that during the last two years his trade group began advising commercial breeders to restrict breeding females to once a year, instead of twice a year, and to socialize the puppies.

But no matter how much Stoltzfus and others adjust their large-scale breeding practices, they will never appease people like Dotsie Keith, who raises Dalmatians in her Bucks County kitchen.

"Puppies have to be picked up, fondled, hear the TV and the vacuum cleaner, and see the cat walking around," said Keith, who is a spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs. "You can't raise puppies in cages behind barns." ☺

Obedience Awards

by Judy Shearer
Chairperson
APC VIP Awards

My apologies to you Obedience people. I forgot to include the criteria for the VIP awards in my last article. So here you are!

Requirements are as follows:

Top Obedience Pomeranian

...to the APC member's Pom defeating the most dogs in Obedience

Top Novice, Open, and Utility Poms

...to the APC member's Pom in each category who has the highest average of any 3 scores allowed for that title.

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Ch. Great Elms Master Mark

Register of Merit Excellent

Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights

Hall of Fame

Ch. Linchris Genghis Pom

S O U T H L A N D



CH. SOUTHLAND'S TOAST TO BEV-NOR

"Poasty" is pictured with breeder-judge Mary Rosenbaum going Best Opposite Sex at the Dallas Pomeranian Specialty.

Thanks to all who appreciated a ten-year-old.



Rays of Sunshine

S O U T H L A N D

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KALEE POMS



CH. ROCK MUSIC OF OAKRIDGE

"Boxy" finished with a four-point major in Texarkana, AR, in June. During his limited showing, he went Best of Breed three times over specials. We look forward to starting Kalee's Tradition of Oakridge in the ring this fall. (See picture on opposite page.)

Thank you, Nina and Ray, for letting us bring these two "Jake" sons to Arkansas.

Congratulations to Dee and Charles McNeice for the recent majors on Patty, a "Jake" daughter.

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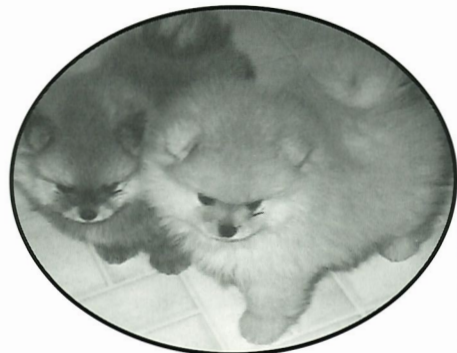


A/C Ch. Rock N Tradition of Oakridge

introduces some of his Oakridge sons...



KaLee's Tradition of Oakridge



**Traditions Legend of Oakridge and
Forbes Merry Rock of Oakridge**

Congratulations to David and Phyllis Fulmer on finishing Jake's son, Rock Music of Oakridge, with a four-point major!

Best of luck to Charles and Dee McNeice with their Jake daughter, Chas T Dee's Peppermint Patty, starting her career with a Best of Breed at the Manteno, IL show and Best of Winners the following day.

FLASH! Patty went to South Carolina and won two majors! Super start.

Congratulations to Erika Moureau and Texican Poms—a dear friend and super handler!

**Nina Epps
Rt. 5, Box 150**

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LEGENDARY POMS



LEGENDARY SING NOEL (Ch. Wee Robin's Dancer of Oakridge x Shady Park Tinker bell Rock)

Noel is pictured going Best of Breed in Cedar Rapids. Thanks to Dr. Esporte for appreciating her sweet face! Noel is looking forward to her own Jake babies.

Many thanks to Nina Epps and Oakridge Poms for helping me get started and supporting me along the way.

Congratulations to Erika Moureau, a lady that had time for a friendly word to a newcomer.

P.S. Special thanks to Vicky Doods and the Karasu Oka Akitas for being "partners in crime" with us.

Our newest addition, a Jake son, is pictured at the right.

LEGENDARY POMS
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Tradition's Legend of Oakridge

Texican Kennel Visit

by Patrick Farmer



Erika

This month's kennel visit to Erika Moureau of Tomball, Texas, is a little different. The kennel is basically empty; the Texican Poms are all but gone, except for clients' dogs, a few Poms, Papillons, and Japanese Chins. Only one Pomeranian belonging to Mrs. Moureau, Ch. Tim-Sue's Luck of Texican, is a very promising puppy geared to be her next special graces her kennel. Erika has retired from breeding and has devoted herself full-time to handling.

The kennel itself is a rectangular 12 by 36 foot affair with four spacious indoor/outdoor air conditioned runs. At night, the dogs are kept in 2 x 3 crates, each with its own bed. The floor is done in Mexican tile which continues up the wall coordinating with red, black, and white wall paper. Portraits of some of Erika's favorite exhibits are hung about the walls in a rather attractive manner.

Erika has been involved in dogs since,

according to her, the "dawn of creation." Actually, this Jurassic age exhibitor's first dogs were long-haired Dachshunds. She started showing dogs in the United States in 1968. Her first exhibits were Wire Terriers, Airedales, and Standard Schnauzers. This helps explain why soundness, correct movement as well as type are so important to her breeding program. Mrs. Moureau was charmed by a small red sable pet owned by John Metz, and started showing Pomeranians in 1981. Erika obtained her first Pom from Claire Hendrix, BISS Ch. Gold Gem's Ruffles Buttons N Bows. "L"Buttons" became a multiple group placer and specialty winner which Erika ranked in a mere eight weeks. Buttons was also the dam of Erika's first two champions, Texican's High N Might and Texican's Fame in Fortune. The rest of her foundation stock came from Lennis Raines and Sue Goddard. The first of Erika's foundation studs was Ch. Tomboy's Pico Chico ROM. He is the sire of 18 champions, among them are four BISA and two BISS, and numerous



Front view of Erika's home

group winners and placers. The other stud dog at Texican kennel was Ch. Texican's Primo De Pico, also and ROM, and sire



Kennel Entrance

of BISA dogs. A few of the stars at Texican haven been BISS Ch. Texican's Giant Killer Chula, BISA Texican's Great Balls O Fire and Int, Mex., Can., Am. Ch. Texican's Houdini. Both "Killer" and "GB" were handled by Erika to BISS and BISA wins respectively. "Houdini," a multiple BISA winner went off to become the number one dog all breeds in Mexico.

In the past few years, as her handling and traveling have increased, Erika has passed on her breeding program to Patrick Farmer and Robert Kennedy of Eastwyck Kennel. Now handling full time, Erika has also campaigned quite a few top winners. A few of these are BISA Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights, BISA Ch. Glen Iris Castle Rock, Ch. Tim Sue's Distant Lights, a multiple group winner, and the multiple group winning Papillon, Ch. Titian's Cammeri in Sable. For Eastwyck, Erika has helped campaign BISA/BISS Ch. Tim Sue's Electric

Lights, ranking him in the top ten in less than three months of showing. She is also the "Mama" to our #1 Japanese Chin "Damian," BISA/BISS Ch. Eastwyck's Evil Doings, putting his first group placement on him as a puppy.

Erika is equally renowned for her heart of gold, an acid tongue, a wicked sense of humor as well as her vast knowledge on almost any subject. She is one of the few true experts on the notorious "skin condition," having had unprecedented success in dealing with it. Always a professional in and out of the ring, Erika, though retired from breeding remains a dominant figure in the Pomeranian world.



Grooming Station

Tell Me Why?

When animals do things, we call it instinct. When we do things for the same reason, we call it intelligence.

Columbia Pomeranian

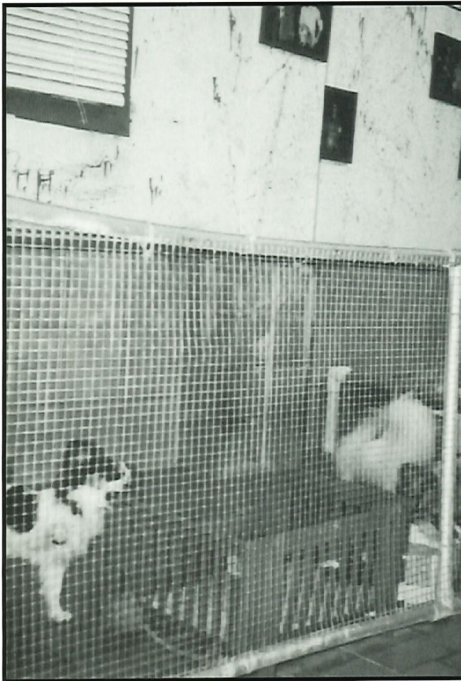
Specialty

July 15, 1994

by Jean Schroll



Inside View of Kennel



Girls' Run

What a pleasure it was to judge the 40th Anniversary Specialty for the Columbia Pomeranian Club. There was a total of 67 dogs with four in Obedience. It was the largest entry we have ever had. It was gratifying that so many dogs were entered for our 40th anniversary. There are not many Pom clubs as old as Columbia Pom Club. The trophies were special, all hand painted by Sandie Lovey, a local artist. They were lovely, and anyone who won one should treasure it.

Tom Stephens judged the sweepstakes classes, and because I was judging the regular classes, I did not watch so I hope Tom makes his own report.

Winners Dog, Hallmark's Maximum Attraction, owned by Geanene Hall, is a lovely orange, sound legs, and a good attitude. I understand this finished him. Reserve winners dog was a close second and could have been winners also. There were several classes that could have had 6 or 7 winners, and there are only four places. It looks as if our breed is doing well--good type, sound, and pretty.

Winners Bitch was a 6 to 9 months black girl, Gayel's Devilicious, owned by Gale Rivers. It was her first show and she was not too sure what was going on, but by the time she went in for breed, she had gotten it together and enjoyed herself. She has a lovely head, good coat, and a stylish mover. She should get better with age and practice. She was also Best of Opposite Sex. She is sired by a son of Ch. Finch's He Walks on Water, Ch. Valcopy Wakhan Valentino. Both are very nice black dogs. There were several move-ups to Best of Breed, making a large specials class. Best of Breed was a close call with the veteran dog Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights and Ch. Glen Iris Luckdragon fighting it out with the Luckdragon dog being the eventual winner. Luckdragon is owned by Tim and Sue Goddard.

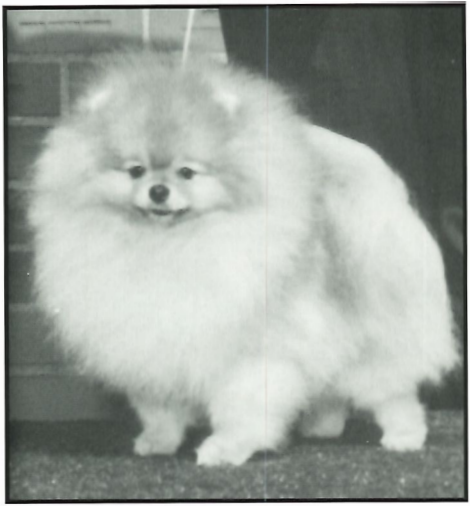
It was our third Obedience Trial. Ollie

Blue Buster CDX TD going high in trial. He is owned by Ann Griffith and Randy Morris. His score was 191 1/2.

For the first time, CPC had Junior Showmanship, and Angela Mooney was the first winner.

There were dogs from all over, including Maryland, Texas, Utah, California, and of course, local dogs. The Puget Sound Pom Club had a Specialty on Thursday at the same grounds with Darrell Baker judging. I'm sure there will be a report from PSPC as to their winners.

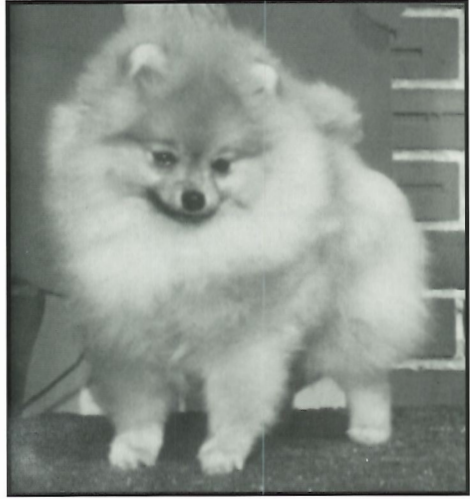
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**Winners Dog and Best of Winners
Hallmark's Maximum Attraction**



**Best of Breed
Ch. Glen Iris Luckdragon**



**Best in Sweepstakes
Tim Sue's Luck of Texican**



**Best Opposite Sex and Winners Bitch
Gayel's Devilicious**



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"We better let him in...those are swear
barks I ever heard them."

Top Poms List 1994

Group Points

Dog's Name	Owner	Group	Breed
01 Ch Glen Iris Castle Rock.....	Fetter/Taylor/Jackson	4346	656
02 Ch HHH Texas Two Step.....	H Ramirez	2035	214
03 Ch Creider's Prince Dom Perignon	M and M Koga.....	1930	124
04 Ch Valcopy-Wakhan Valentino	Plonkey/Gemmill	1725	100
05 Ch Jan Le's Willie Makit.....	J Lehtinen	1501	205
06 Ch Treasured Dean's Hi Hierarchy.....	D Hebert	1285	174
07 Ch Finch's He Walks On Water	D Finch	988	271
08 Ch Linchris Genghis Pom	L Brogoitti	927	136
09 Ch Starfire's I'm Too Sexy	J Cabrera	744	107
10 Ch Wee Paws Pure Gold	S Mulinax	735	128
11 Ch VIP's Dixieland Delight.....	Smith/Greedy	448	88
12 Ch Watts' Little Nicodemus.....	R Koppel	434	102
13 Ch Jan-Shar's I Feel Lucky.....	Sharon Hanson	397	171
14 Ch Odyssey's Keno wiz	Lucido/Machline	385	71
15 Ch Elan's Devil May Care	M and D Dahlenburg	297	32
16 Ch Jan-Shar's Doc Holiday.....	B and P Strand	273	90
17 Ch Mystical's I Dream Of Genie.....	J and D Owens	240	43
18 Ch Starfire's Armani	J Moreno	222	45
19 Ch McGuire's Wish Upon A Star	J Kern	206	19
20 Ch Kneisler's Maximum Limit.....	Breaux/Kneisler.....	188	38

Breed Points

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17 Ch Valcopy-Wakhan Hot Gossip	Strasburg/Gemmill/Plonkey	117	80
18 Ch Nanshadow Mark of Oakridge	Burnette/Epps	146	79
19 Ch Star-K Frankie Doux Bonte	D and B Stark	0	78
20 Ch Odyssey's Keno Wiz.....	Lucido/Machline	385	71

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Jean B. Schroll, Columnist

Janesa's Pomeranians

Salutes Cheaux Poms
for finishing...



Ch. Janesa's Showcase O' Fanfaire

Casey was sired by Ch. Wee Heart's Glen Iris Talisman and out of Janesa's Tanto. He finished in 12 shows and he is a perfectly marked black and tan, short, good movement. He is passing these traits on to his offspring. He is at stud in Oklahoma.

Congratulations to Erika Moureau on her Kennel Visit.

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Ch. Kneisler's Maximum Limit

**Bred by M. and M. Kneisler
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and M. Kneisler.**

**"Max" finished with three
majors, multiple breed
wins over Specials and a
group placement.**

Ch. Janesa's Sweet N Sassy

**Bred by J. Freia and C.
Jackson and owned by M.
Kneisler and J. Freia.**

**Sassy finished nicely with
two breed wins along the
way. Thank you, Nadine
Hersil, for finishing her
for us.**



Watch for our newest "kids" to be in the ring this fall. For those of you Black and Tan enthusiasts, we have several show prospect puppies for your consideration. Serious inquiries only, please.

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Ch Phynar Town Flirt

Black Female

Breeder: Dolly B. Trauner

Owner: Dolly B. Trauner

Ch Moonshadow's G Whiz Wee Bad

Ch Odyssey's Keno' Wiz

Black Cherries Jubilee

Ch Moreno's Tuff To Top

Ch Starlight Legacy Choco Bear

Moreno's Simply Bittersweet

Moreno's Copper Penni

Dal's Shoeshine of Nickey

Phynar Black Kobold

Audrey's Little Buffy

Phynar Town Trifle

Phynar Editor's Talisman

Phynar Lulu's Back in Town

Phynar New Girl in Town

Ch Janesa's Sweet N Sassy

Red Sable Female

Breeder: Jerrie Freia and Chery Jackson

Owner: Maria Kneisler and Jerrie Freia

Southland's Tar Baby Image

Doo-Shay's Mystic McGyver

Southland's Toasted Scarlet

Ch Wee Heart's Glen Iris Talisman

Annon's Ebony Mark II

Ch Wee Heart's Bearyl An Angel

Wee Heart's I'm No Angel

Great Elms Timstopper's Davy

Ch Great Elms Something Special

Great Elms Becky

Wee Heart's Chelsy

Anon's Ebony Mark II

Wee Heart's Belladonna

Lennis Muffet's Lil Tar Baby

Lil' Cherob's Courbette J'Son, CD

Black and Tan Male

Breeder: Cheryl Roseboom

Owner: Victoria Leitner

Ch Great Elms Timstopper Too

Ch Watts' Little Jo-Jo

Great Elms Honeybun

Ch Great Elms Presents

Cozy Nugget of Timstopper

Little Imp's Timstopper

Tum Tum's Little Imp

Ch Southland's Toasted Fudge

Oda's Lil Toasty's Shadow

Ida's Lil Peachy Girl

Courbette's Toasty Fire

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"That's my number! I've won the lottery!
Now I've got to find that ticket!"

SUNGOLD'S BLACK TALON PHYNER

BEST OF BREED OVER SPECIALS
from 9-12 Puppy Dog Class

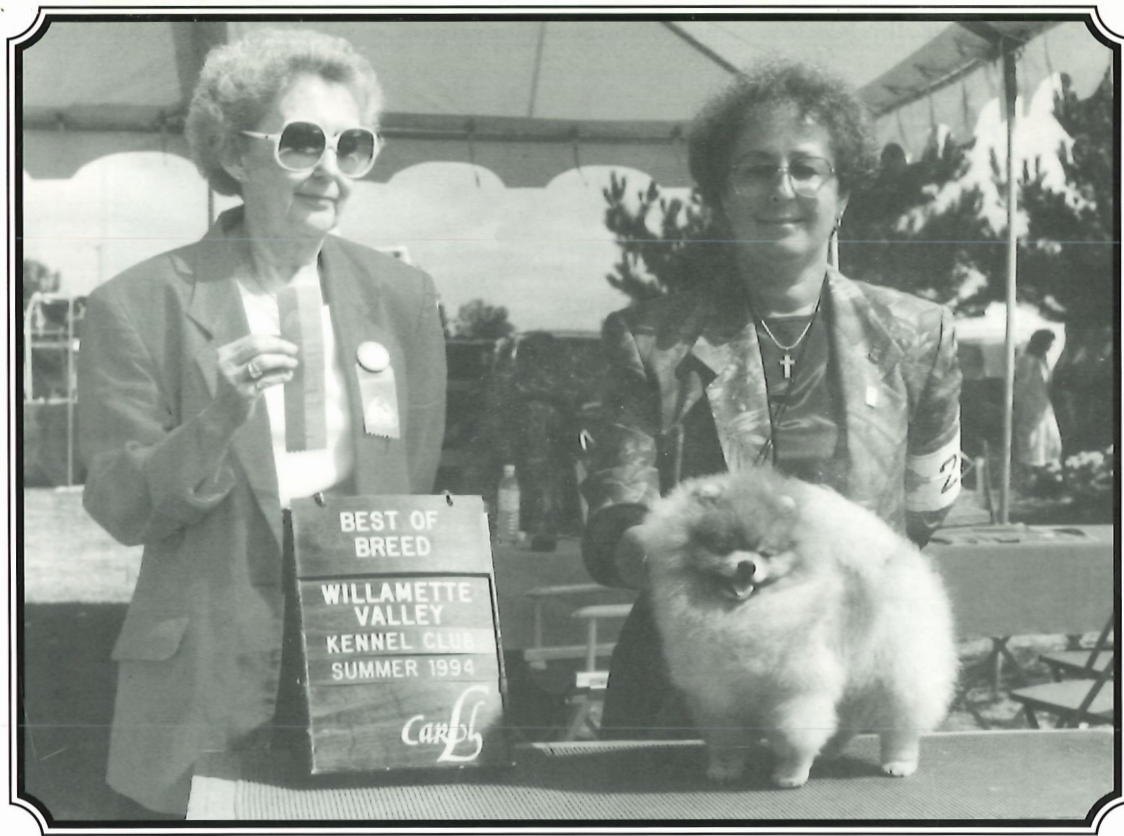


Congratulations and Best Wishes to Erika Moureau and all her Texican Poms from the Phyner Poms and their owner.

Breeder: Anna LaFortune (thanks, Anna for letting us have him!)

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Handler: Jeff Nokes
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CH. TIM SUE'S HIGH LIGHTS

It was the final day of five dog shows--two specialties and three all-breeds in Brush Prairie, Washington. Sue had won 4 Veteran Classes and a Best of Breed with Am, Can, Mex, Int Ch. Tim Sue's High Lights when she knew that she had to see the winning combination of Erika and High ONE MORE TIME. Congratulations, Erika, with continued love and devotion from your favorite guy, High Lights, now 8 years young.