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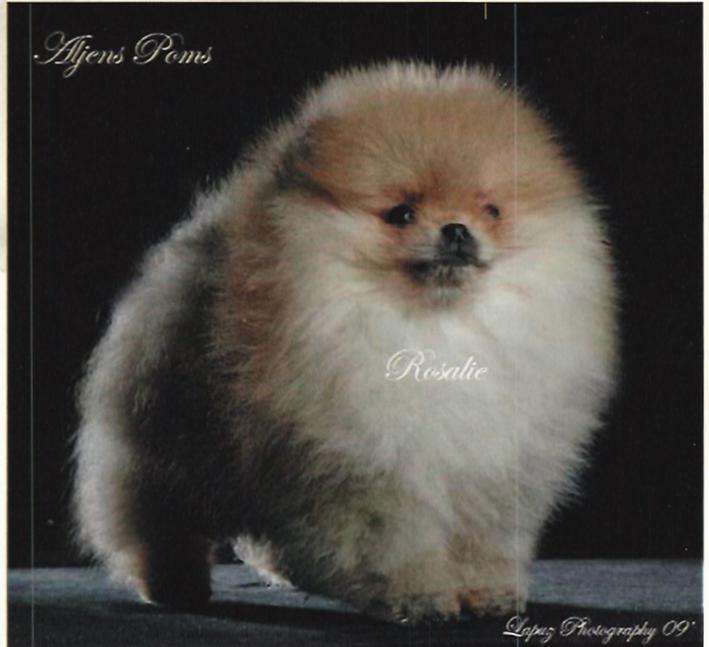
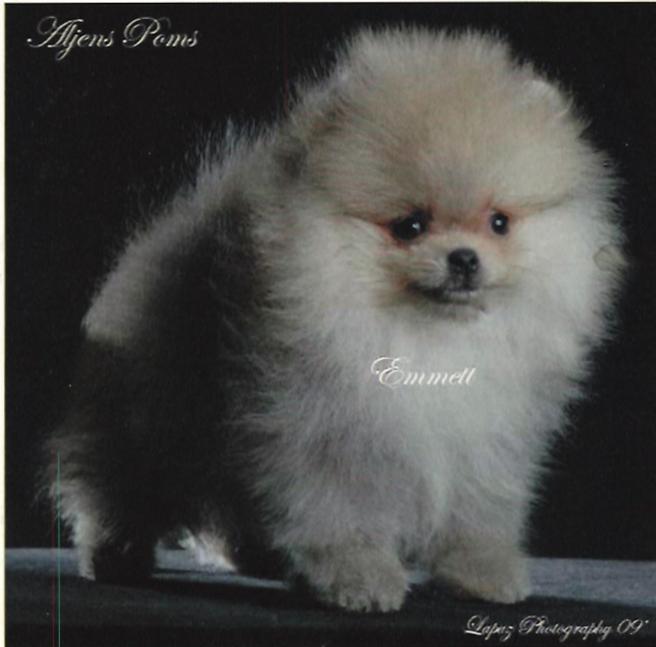
Apollo

BIS Ch. Castile's Endless Love, HOF

Introducing our new show hopefuls for 2009

ALJENS TWILIGHT EMMETT
"Emmett"

ALJENS TWILIGHT ROSALIE
"Rosalie"



(CH Band Of Gold Of Lenette ROM & Cinderella Of Lenette)
Photo courtesy : Jen Lapuz (Lapuz Photography)

These gorgeous kids were bred by Aljens Pomeranians, Al and Jen Lapuz. Thank you so much Al and Jen for Emmett. I can't wait for Emmett to be shown together with his litter sister Rosalie on the show circuits. As the proud owner of Emmett, I cannot hold back my excitement and feelings of heartfelt gratitude to you for entrusting me in owning this lovely little guy! To our mutual friend Marissa Capelouto, my heartfelt thanks in helping me network with Al!

Congratulations Arlene, Hazel and Robin on your kennel visit. Best wishes!

Happy Majors! With much aloha,

Amy Matsuoka, CHIC Petite Poms, Hawaii

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“Justin”

Fall in Love with Justin!

Char's Poms at the National

"Brandy" Char's Brand New Girl Friend goes winners bitch to finish her Championship "Stiletto" Char's Hell-on-Heels goes winners bitch the following day from the 9-12 class.

And of course we were thrilled with our Award of Merit!!

"Justin" then goes on to a Group 1 and Group 2!



Justin is exclusively handled by Lynn Meyer

CH. CHAR'S BRINGIN' SEXY BACK



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Best Junior in Sweepstakes
at the APC National Specialty.

Fancy's Peruvian Wins include:

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"JOJO" GOES BISA...



BISA CH. WOODROSE'S CAUSIN' A COMMOTION

(CH. Razzle Dazzle Hat Dance ROM X Woodrose's Jenni)



Show: Orchid Isle Dog Fanciers Club

Date: February 15, 2009

BIS Judge: Dr. Harry Smith

Toy Group Judge: Mrs. Polly Smith

"JoJo" is our
6th homebred
BISA champion and
5 of them being
Pomeranians.

Congrats to Arlene Otaguro
and the Howlene Teahra gang.

"WHERE QUALITY COUNTS"

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Howlene Teahra Drambuie ("Bu")

Mika Jordan Matsuda

On behalf of our humans (Kenneth and Takako Matsuda), Bu and I would like to congratulate his beautiful sister, Ch. Howlene Teahra Dolce Meta and all the "other" Howlene Teahra dogs on their first kennel visit. Special mention should also be made of their humans – Arlene Otaguro, Hazel Miller (Bu's whelpers) and Robin Watanabe (Bu's 1st mommy). Bu brings so much love, laughter and crazy energy to our home. We were so proud of him when he brought home the 1st place trophy in his obedience class. He's still a work-in-progress but we hope to get a CD on him soon.

We are eternally grateful to the humans at Howlene Teahra for entrusting us with Bu's care. Many thanks for lovingly hand-scissoring Bu once a month. You make him look so good (and cute!)

Continued success and may God bless you all – dogs and humans.

Aloha, Mika
(Now can I have my dollar?)

Litil Kisses Pomeranians



Congratulations to all the Winners and Placements at the 2009 APC Nationals .

We are proud to announce Elton's 2nd place win in American Bred, Thank you, Judge Sandra Goose Allen.

We would also like to Thank, Vikki Oelerich for breeding Elton, expertly grooming him for the Nationals, and her support.

On a somber note I would like to Thank all the Owners, Breeders and Handlers who made Vikki Highfield's last National such a Joy for her. She was my dearest friend and show traveling buddy. She will be deeply missed by all.

Wishing everyone a bright and successful future for the 2009 show season.

**Paulette and John Smith
Byram, MS**

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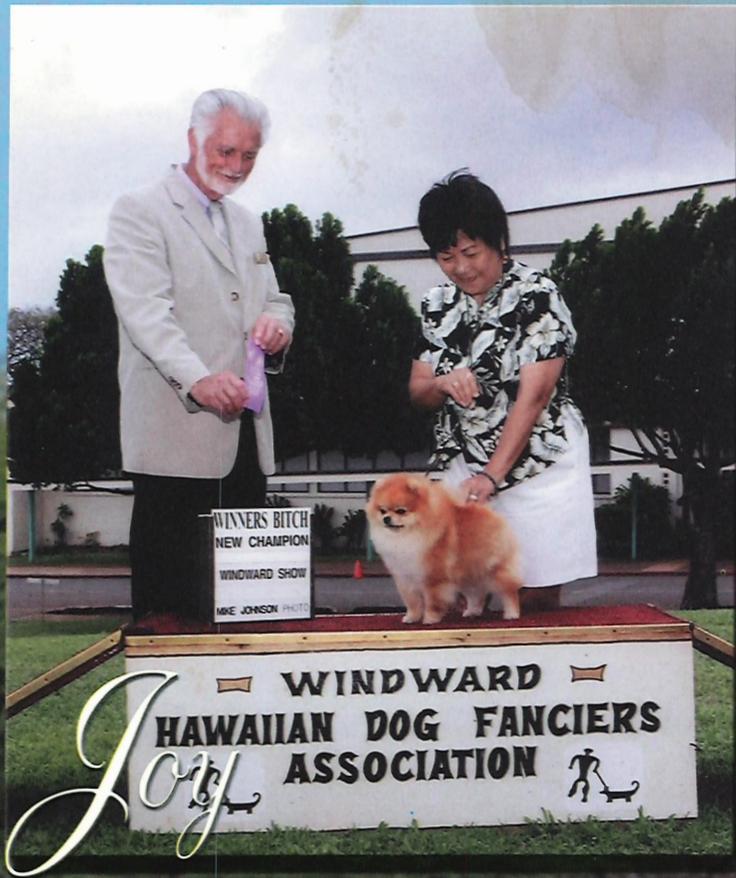
Viktres Puddle Jumper

CH Jaken's Splashing in the Rain at JanLe

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CH Windsor's Darling Debutante

Ch. Howlene Teahra Almond Joy Yuki

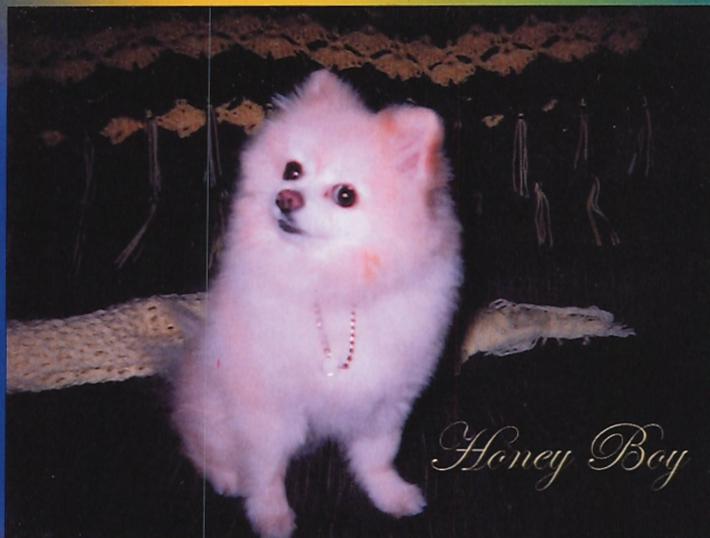


Congratulations

Arlene, Hazel and Robin
on your kennel visit. Our friendship has endured for many years beginning in the Miniature Poodle ring. When I met your Poms and got to know them, I, too, fell in love with the breed. Thanks to all of you for helping me with the grooming and for showing my girl. Joy continues to live up to her name and is truly my pride and joy.

Yuki Kennels
Eleanor Goto - Honolulu, Hi

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Thanks to all who bought and enjoyed the leads at Nationals

IN MEMORY OF

Vikki Highfield



On Friday, March 13 2009, Vikki Highfield died while having kidney dialysis, apparently from a blood clot. She had been on dialysis about six months and had trouble from day one. I think she knew she did not have too much time to live. She had surgery and was in the hospital around two weeks before she left for the APC National Specialty in Louisville. I spoke with her just a couple of hours before her death. She was so excited that she had gotten to go to the Specialty. She said, "It was like being revived again." Vikki had a ball meeting people; she never met a stranger when it came to talking Pom talk.

Vikki's career in Poms started about three years ago when her beloved husband of many years died. She was having trouble coping with life and thought a new interest in dogs would help. Years ago she was a very successful Afghan Hound breeder and exhibitor. She acquired a few Poms from other breeders, but most of her stock came from Eleanor and me.

I don't think I have ever had a client who impacted my life as much as Vikki. She and I just hit it off immediately. There were not many days that we did not talk on the phone, sometimes twice a day. Her life story was so interesting that Hollywood should make one or two movies about her family. I have never known anyone who loved Poms and loved to show as much as Vikki. Had she started in Poms at an early age, she would have been one of our premier Pom breeders.

The shows will not be the same without Vikki. Everytime the phone rings I look to see if it is her Alabama number. I miss her terribly. She will always have a special place in my heart. I never had a sister, but if I had I would have wanted one just like Vikki. Over the next few years I will look down at the four lovely Poms I bought from her estate and think of her. Every time one has puppies I will think how Vikki would have loved to have seen them. When one finishes their championship, I will say, "This one is for Vikki."

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HIGHFIELD I WALK THE LINE OF LENETTE (DOB 11/26/08)

Ch. Smoky Mtn. Rain of Lenette x Brenda Lee of Lenette

It is with much sadness we tell you the above puppy is now available for sale to a show home. He was bought by our dear friend Vikki Highfield and is now being sold by her estate. Please contact Scarlett King (daughter) - scarlettking@nehp.net - 256-728-7001 or 256-293-4291

For sale to show home only and someone who would special him if he turns out to be specials quality. This is what Vikki wanted. There are also several champions and nonchampions available for sale.

Best wishes to the Hawaiian Howlene Teahra team of Hazel, Arlene and Robin on your kennel visit.

ARNETTE CAUSIN' A COMMOTION



(CH. STARFIRE'S DBL TROUBLE X ARNETTE DONE CRYIN')

THANK YOU JUDGE SANDRA GOOSE ALLEN FOR THE NICE COMPLIMENTS ON CAUS'.

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CH TABLETOP'S RETURN TO SENDER



CH Tabletop's Black Mail Sender X CH Rodi's Aldea

*Pippin has started 2009 with a bang.
Thank you to all the judges who awarded Pippin with a Best of Breed.*

I also want to say THANK YOU to everyone for the congratulatory ads on my kennel visit.

*And of course: Congrats to The Howlene Teahra Hawaiian trio of
Hazel Miller, Arlene Otaguro and Robin Watanabe.*

*Breeder/Owners/Handlers:
Jan Stachurski & George Landry
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Malashel Poms and Shelties



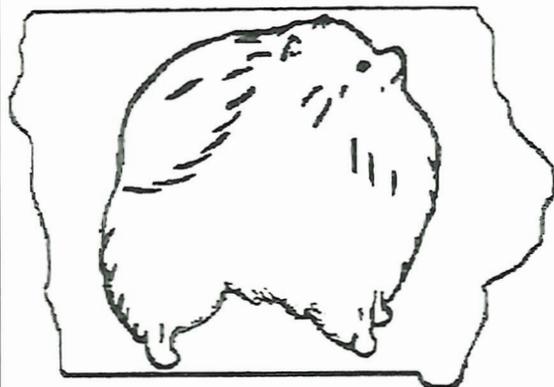
*Malashel's Incredibly Irresistible CD, RAE, CGC, TDI, HOF
Received First Place in Rally Excellent and Advanced,
and received her 3rd RAE2 leg at the APC National!*

*Great River's Meg Rules Malashel CD, RAE, CGC, TDI, HOF
Placed Second in Rally Excellent and Advanced,
to make her 4th RAE2 leg at the APC National!*

*Thanks to Judge Mrs. Paula P. Barras and to my girls, who showed well, for making my trip to the APC National great fun!
Both girls will be taking a rest after the Maryland Specialty to have some beautiful babies.*

Elaine Wishnow

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The Pomeranian Club of Greater Des Moines

Invites you to join us in Des Moines on Friday,
September 4, 2009 for our 32nd Annual Fall
Specialty Show, Obedience Trial & Rally Trial.

Bonnie Hodson - subonny@crosspaths.net

CARARAY POMERANIANS

CH KARNAN'S LEADER OF THE PACK



(Amberglovs Chip Of Confection X Hylan Acres Papricka)

Back to Back **BEST OF BREED** over Specials
Camden, Arkansas weekend.

Thank you Judge Peggy Lloyd and Judge Bradley Jenkins.
Thank you Daron Newcomb for presenting Packer to perfection.

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Co-Owner & Breeder: Nancy Reed

Handled by: Daron Newcomb
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FROM THE EDITOR

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank the APC Board of Directors for the honor of my APC Life Membership. This means more than words will ever express.

Happy Mothers Day and Happy Fathers Day.

CHAMPION CASTILE'S ENDLESS LOVE



APOLLO

**CASTILE POMERANIANS
PRESENTS ITS FIRST AMERICAN BEST
IN SHOW WINNER
CH. CASTILE'S ENDLESS LOVE,
"APOLLO."**

**THIS FEAT WAS ACHIEVED AT MAURY
COUNTY KENNEL CLUB ON MARCH 22,
2009. I AM SURE DUCHESS WAS SMIL-
ING DOWN ON THIS DAY! THANK YOU
BREED JUDGE PAULA HARTINGER,
GROUP JUDGE RAYMOND FILBURN, AND
BEST IN SHOW JUDGE BEVERLY
BONADONNA-VICS FOR THIS IMMENSE
HONOR.**

**THANK YOU TO ELLEN AKERS PERRY
(AND MATTHEW) FOR THEIR PRESENTA-
TION OF APOLLO, AND TO APOLLO'S
MANY FRIENDS AND FANS FOR THEIR
CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

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Where's Patrick?



Howlene Teahra Fiat of Joy

Here I am!

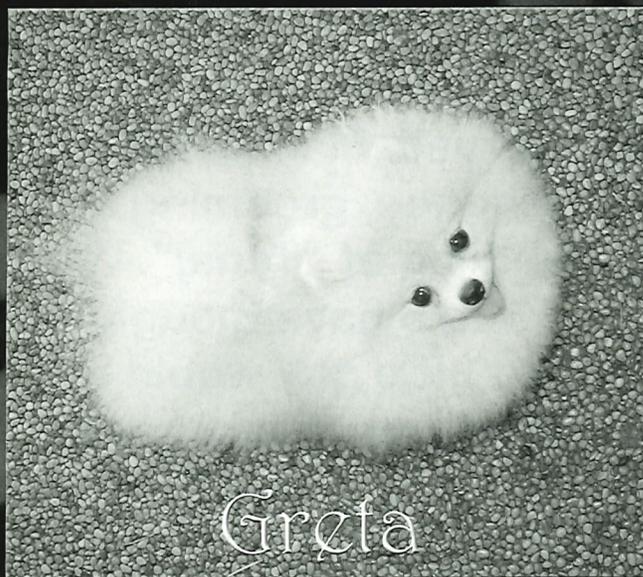
Congratulations to
Howlene Teahra Poms
on their kennel visit.

To Arlene, Hazel and Robin,
Thank you very much
for Patrick and welcoming
us into your family.
We love you!

Wendy Yokoyama

macwen@hawaii.rr.com

Vintage Vintage Pouilly Fuisse



Greta

(Ch. Shyacres Our Man Samson x Vintage Blended Margarita)

I am proud to announce that "Greta" picked up her first points at the Tropical Tog Dog Fanciers of Hawaii Show on Sunday, April 5, 2009. Mahalo to judge Mr. Michael Heflin, for appreciating Greta's qualities.

I had a great time at the APC Nationals and it was so nice to see many old friends and make so many new ones. I just loved seeing all the beautiful Poms there.

Congratulations to the Howlene Teahra gang on their kennel visit. Mahalo for doing such a good job showing the Poms I shared with you and keep up the good work on your own breeding program.

Vintage - Ellen Takayama

vintagehawaii@yahoo.com

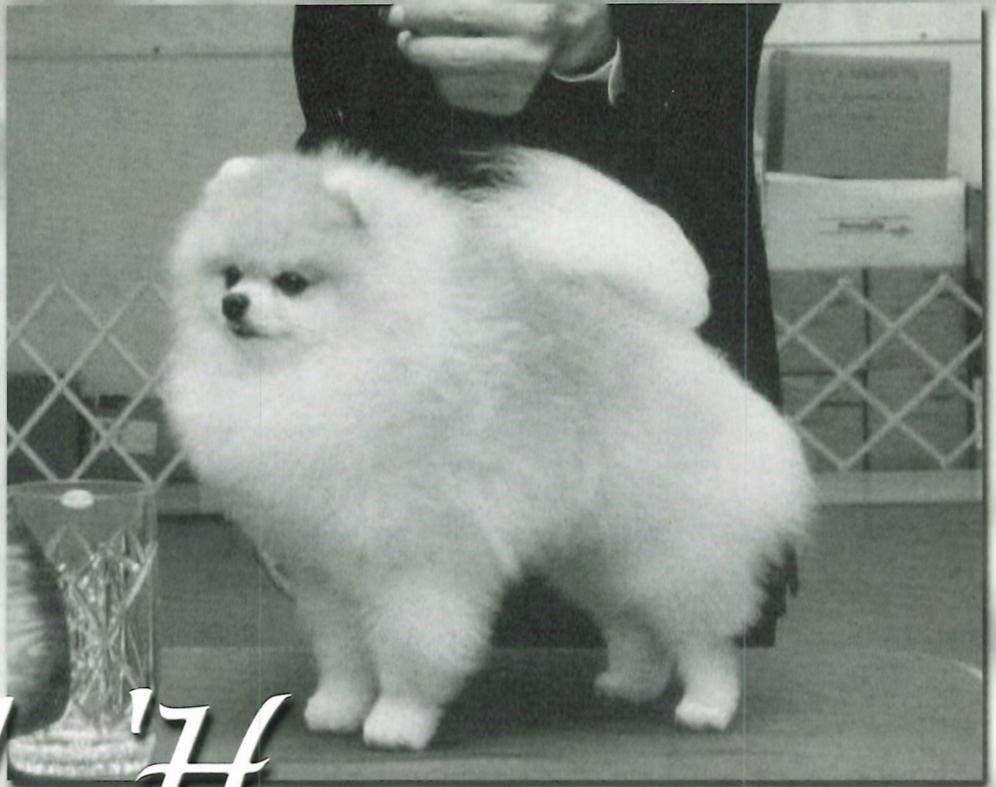
BRYELLE HOWLENE TEAHRA 'L HUMMER

Congratulations

Arlene, Hazel and Robin

on your kennel visit. May you have many more years of success with your outstanding Howlene-Teahra bred Pomeranians. Special thanks for your many years of friendship and for the recent support campaigning 'L Hummer in Hawaii.

Thank you Hazel Miller, Arlene Otaguro, Robin Watanabe and Kosei Inoue for your exquisite handling of 'L Hummer.



Ann K. Aotani

annaotani@hawaiiantel.net

L'Hummer



Ch. Howlene Teahra Tenaj

**Congratulations!!
Howlene Teahra**

Your kennel visit is well-deserved. Mahalo for your guidance, grooming and handling of "Tenaj". Who would have thought our little guy would be a champion and place in Groups!

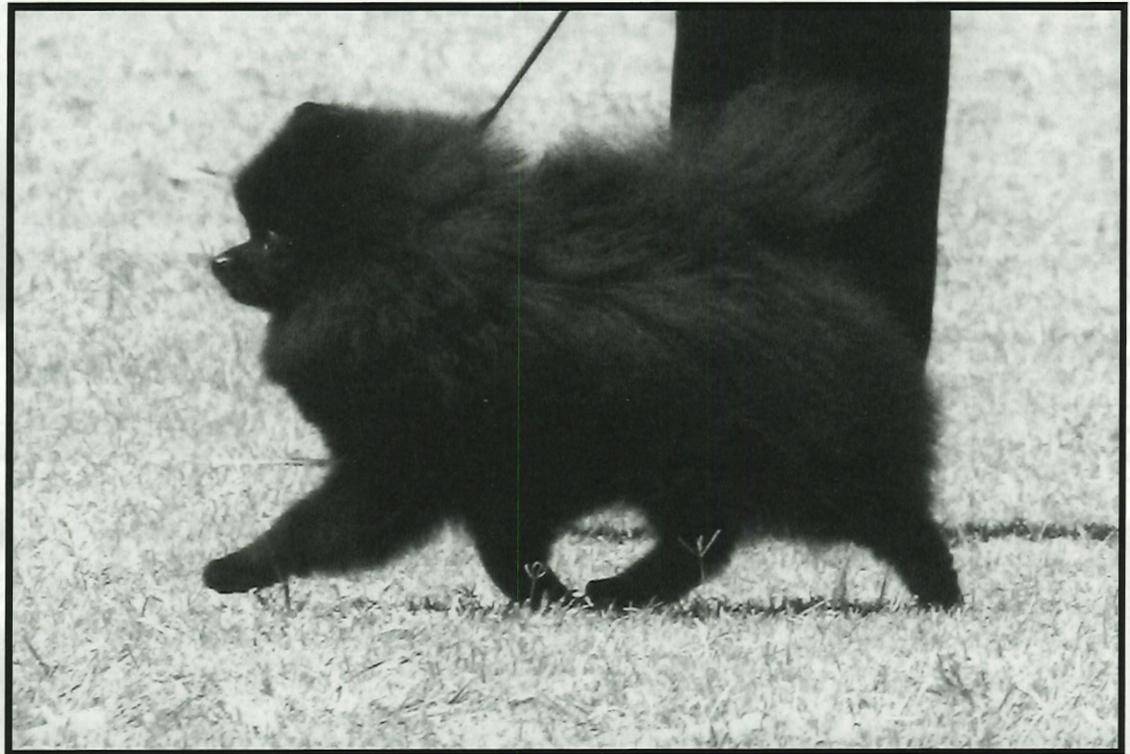
Thanks to all of you,

Helen Yoshimi
Honolulu, Hawaii

Howlene Teahra Bar None

Congratulations to
Arlene, Hazel & Robin
of Howlene Teahra on
their kennel visit!

Thank you for all your
help with grooming of
my Pom and your
support of my Aussies.
Most of all, thank you
for my "Bed-Buddy".
DJ only needs five
single points for his
championship.
Good luck in 2009!



"DJ"

Lily Bhalang
Aumoehoku Kennels
Honolulu, HI

KENNEL Visits

July/Aug Pom Review
Advertising Deadline
June 4, 2009

Christine Creasey
Holly Pomeranians

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

Congratulations

Arlene, Hazel and Robin
on your Kennel Visit, home of
Amour's That's Hot to Trot, "Hottsie".

Thank you for sharing Danta,
Am/Can Ch. #7 Baccarat For Amours,
with me.



Congratulations from Riser
to his daughter, Dolce.

Shirley-Ann K. Leu

P.O. Box 493
Blaine, Washington 98231-0493

Congratulations

Howlene Teahra on your kennel visit



To My Aunties,
Since I am a 15lb Pom I know it isn't easy to groom me but thank you for making me always look handsome. Strangers will stop and tell me how handsome I am and I want to say 'Yes, I know' but I was raised to be humble.
Love ya, Chacha



To Our Former Mommies,
I moved out 6 years ago and "Shali" joined Chacha and I last year. We are having fun. We go on excursions and occasionally have gourmet foods.

XOXO,
Duchess (R) and
Ch. Howlene Teahra Dab
O'Shalimar "Shali" (L)

Congratulations and THANK YOU! I am so grateful for having met you guys and the help/advice I received throughout the years. Knowing I'm not a show person, just a pet lover, thanks for accepting me into your 'family'. Arlene, due to your extensive knowledge and advice on 'Chit-O-Power' supplement, my health, as well as the dogs, really improved. I want to thank you for letting me support "Mikey" through the last 3 years. I was so proud of him during his reign as #1 Pom of Hawaii.
From the 3 Cs (chef, chauffeur and caregiver of the 3 Poms), Bev

Congratulations to Howlene Teahra



A heartfelt congratulations to

Arlene,

Hazel and Robin

on your kennel visit.

Your record of many successes in the showing can attest to your accomplishments in your breeding program.

Your mentoring and unstinting help you have given to so many people in and out of the showing is truly a tremendous credit to your character and humanity. I will always value and cherish your friendship.

Wishing you all the very best and continued success.

Judy Leadbeater
Honolulu, Hawaii

Congratulations

on your kennel visit

Arlene, Hazel & Robin of HOWLENE TEAHRA



L-R: Robin with Ch. Howlene Teahra Dolce Meta "Dolce", myself with Bryelle Howlene Teahra 'L Hummer' "L Hummer" and Arlene with Howlene Teahra Guinnevere "Win" at the Spring 2009 Hawaiian Kennel Club Show.



Ch. Gourmet Howlene Teahra Caviar "Denzel" Ch. Howlene Teahra Precious Cargo "Mikey"

"Dolce"

Arlene handling "Dolce" and myself with "Mikey"

I appreciate your warm welcome for me and my family into your 'crazy and fun' group since we moved to Hawaii from Japan three years ago.

I have come to admire your breeding program and am honored to handle your 'super' Poms.

I look forward in continuing our friendship and having FUN at the dog shows.

Also, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for letting us include Ch. Gourmet Howlene Teahra Caviar, "Denzel", to our family. He has brought us so much joy!

Kosei Inoue

Kahala Super Grooming Ph: (808) 735-9934

Howlene Teahra

Hazel Miller

Robin Watanabe

Arlene Otaguro



Charmez

Our warmest Aloha to the staff of The Pomeranian Review and Pom lovers everywhere. Thank you, Brenda, for this honor. You are gracious, always willing to give a helping hand and we sure do appreciate your friendship.

Howlene Teahra is really a partnership of three friends; Hazel Miller, Robin Watanabe and myself, Arlene Otaguro. It has been a lasting union based on mutual respect, loyalty and common goals. Without them and our “doggie” friends, I’d be “lost”.

We’ll begin by introducing ourselves individually; ending the feature with those wonderful “bundles of joy” known as Pomeranians.

Arlene’s story:

I will be first, because, yes, I am the eldest of this trio. My initial introduction to the dog shows was in the mid 50s when I met one of Hawaii’s first professional handlers. At that time they were licensed by the AKC and could judge and award points at certain shows. Junior handling was not in existence – they were titled Children’s Handling Classes and were not a formal part of the AKC. I even entered some of them with my first show dog, Polynesian Gay Melody, a Cocker Spaniel, who was the start of my “obsession” with the sport. She was my constant companion, always patiently listening to my school or boyfriend woes. I mourned her passing for years.

Gay Melody was followed by a white Miniature Poodle named “Bo-Peep”.

She was a whiz at obedience, attaining her CD with very little training. She produced my first litter that I creatively prefixed with “Arlene’s” (remember, I was still young!). I didn’t continue obedience as my interest in dogs was switched to an interest in the opposite sex (human).

The prefix changed when I married and it became, again very creatively, Howlene’s. You guessed it – his name is Howard. Our first and only “litter” (human) produced our precious son, Travis. Both father and son have been extremely tolerant and long-suffering of my involvement with this passion.

In the late 60s, I imported a black Miniature Poodle puppy from the world famous Montfleuri Kennels in England. Hoo-ray! “Super” became my first champion! A beautiful Montfleuri female followed, but was

never bred. She was struck by a car while in the company of an employee who begged to take her home for the weekend.

In the 70s, I began breeding Toy Poodles. It was also then, that Hazel became a friend, then a partner of Howlene’s and eventually a partner of my grooming salon. Robin, the “baby” of the group, joined us a few years later, when she groomed at the salon and had purchased a black miniature show puppy. She didn’t know what was in store for her!

We were very successful with our Poodles, however maintaining and show grooming them became too labor intensive. Over the years, I have met a host of people: notable, knowledgeable, sharing, interesting, fun. They have taught me much.

So much for me. Here's...

Hazel's story:

First, I would like to thank the PR for the invite to this kennel visit.

I was born in a small town called Rahway in New Jersey and moved to Hawaii in 1969. I have lived with dogs all my life, but my only pure bred at that time was a St. Bernard that stayed with my dad when I moved to the islands.

While working at a boarding/grooming kennel in Hawaii, the owner generously gave me a 6-year-old Standard Poodle. "Cissie" was a retired show dog and my best friend, until I lost her at age 15.

Before I got Cissie, I said I would never own a Poodle; boy, did I have to eat my words! I met Arlene at a show in 1973, where she was handling a beautiful black Miniature Poodle she imported from England. Arlene and I became very good friends and before I knew it I was the proud owner of 6 Miniature Poodles!

In the early 80s, I became a partner of Ar-Dan's Grooming Salon, which had been established by Arlene in the 60s. Robin also started to groom at the shop and became the third party of Howlene's.

For many years, we had the top Miniature Poodles and continued to show them until 1998. Grooming them was getting too physically difficult for us. Since Arlene still loved showing dogs, and since she had always wanted a Pomeranian, that became our chosen breed.

Currently, I also work at nights at an animal hospital to make ends meet and to support my hobby, which of course, is showing dogs. I have been a vet tech for 37 years, 15 of those as an emergency technician.

I was president of the Pomeranian Club of Hawaii for nine years and President of the Poodle Club of Hawaii for two. I am also an APC member. I do love both breeds, but I think my Poms have won over my heart!

On to you, Robin.

Robin's story:

I was born in El Paso, TX, but, raised in Hawaii. As far back as I can remember, my family has owned dogs. We had a Boxer, a few German Shepherds and my sister raised Skye Terriers. But, a Bull Terrier mix named "Skippy" was mine alone. It wasn't until I started working at Ar-Dan's, right out of grooming school, that I got my first purebred dog. It was then that I was introduced to the show world. Ch. Howlene's Midnight Waltz CD was an amazing first show dog. "Velvet" was a black Miniature Poodle, beautiful, but most of all, patient. She had to endure many hours of standing on the table while I learned how to groom a show Poodle. Thankfully, I had a great teacher in Arlene. Showing Poodles was a lot of hard work but now that we have Poms I sometimes miss it. I loved my Poodles, but, there is something about these Poms; maybe it is because they are little creatures with big hearts.

I worked at the grooming shop full time for seven years, until a fire destroyed the shop and tragically, Arlene's Toy Poodles. Because Arlene and Hazel are so well liked and respected in the dog show community, the fanciers held a "special" match to raise money so they were able to reopen in a different location. Currently, I work for a wireless company and only help out at the shop on Saturdays. I sure do miss working there all week long because we had so much fun. Many visitors claimed that we put glue on the seats because they ended up staying for hours!

I was a member of the Poodle and Pomeranian clubs in Hawaii, am a member of the APC and a board member for the West Oahu Kennel Club, one of the three all breed clubs we have on the island of Oahu.

"Teahra" means together and I have been working with Arlene and Hazel for many years now. We each have our own strengths and weaknesses, but, we have found a way to blend our talents. I am so blessed to be able to really enjoy this hobby because of these two great friends.

Dogs' Story:

Here comes the section that is very boring to everyone except us, but, we are just so proud of their accomplishments!

Miniature Poodles:

In spite of a very limited amount of shows in Hawaii, we were elated to have some of our dogs ranked nationally several times. Our first BISA was won by Ch. Clarion Concert Master. His daughter, Ch. Howlene's



BISA Ch. Clarion Concert Master



Multi BISA Multi BISS
Ch. Midnight Fantasy

Midnight Fantasy “Mandy”, became the top winning Miniature Poodle in all Hawaii’s history! Her wins included multiple BISAs, over 20 group wins and multiple BISSs. All of these wins were owner handled except for our last Poodle to win a BISA, Ch. Howlene’s Spellcaster, who was expertly handled to this win by Pom’s own, Curtiss Smith.



BISA, Ch. Howlene’s Spellcaster
with handler Curtiss Smith

The majority of our puppies finished, and “Mandy” was listed as a Top Producer (ROM). We bred very sparingly, as we became too attached to our puppies and did not want to part with them.

For a few years, we also enjoyed breeding and competing in bird shows with canaries and finches. It was interesting and the shows were full of camaraderie. In spite of our success with the birds, we decided to focus our time and energies on the canines.

Pomeranians:

Enter the delightful Pomeranian! At the end of 1997, we purchased a handsome puppy from Ellen Takayama of Vintage Kennels. Ch. Vintage Hot Edition of Howlene was co-owned with Ellen. “Robbie” attained his championship and went on to win a BISA as well as a BISS.



BISA BISS
Ch. Vintage Hot Edition of Howlene

Through the generosity of Roger Lau of Sandalwood Kennels, we acquired a female puppy. Ch. Sandalwood’s GH Howlene Charm attained her championship in short order and became the love of Arlene’s life. Extremely intelligent, funny and wonderful; that was “Charmez”.

We were looking for a female to start our breeding program and purchased



Ch. Sandalwood’s GH Howlene Charm. Charmez at her first show

Pinnacle’s Holly of Howlene, bred by Roger Lau and Joan Kaneshiro. “Holly” was a fantastic brood bitch, attaining the title of ROMX, and needs only two more champions for her ROMS.



Pinnacle’s Holly of Howlene ROMX

In the meantime, another female puppy was purchased from Ellen Takayama. Ch. Vintage Howlene Dresden Doll got her champion title at one year of age and was another BISS winner.

With our first Pom litter in 2001, we added “Teahra” to our prefix to symbolize the dawn of our breeding program. “Teahra”, loosely translated, is an ancient word meaning “together”. This first litter produced two puppies. Ch. Howlene Teahra Impero HOF, GC,



BISS Ch. Vintage Howlene Dresden Doll

ROM and Ch. H T You Go Girl surprised us by going BOB & BOS their first weekend out at 6 months of age! The entry was large with several champions (one of them being their sire, "Robbie"). "Pero" continued on



BISA Ch Howlene Teahra Impero HOF GC ROM pictured winning BIS at 11 months

to an illustrious career, winning a BISA at 11 months of age and his multiple group placements placed him as Hawaii's #1 Pom and in the Top 10



Pero winning All Breed Best Veteran in Show

All Breed for four consecutive years. His wins also include an All Breed Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show and in March 2009, an All Breed Best Veteran in Show. He was three weeks shy of age 8!



Pero with daughter Ch. Howlene Teahra Jante



Ch. Howlene Teahra Tenaj

Like father like son, following in his dad's paw prints, Ch. H T Precious Cargo GC "Mikey", was the #1 Pom for the next three years and has placed in the Top 10 All Breed twice. His claim to fame also includes an All Breed Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show, just like his dad.



Ch. Howlene Teahra Precious Cargo GC. Mikey pictured winning BOW at 9 months



Mikey winning All Breed Best Bred By in Show

Ch. Gourmet H T Caviar, sired by "Pero", was a pick of litter bred by Patricia and Al Salvador. "Denzel" is a gorgeous black Pom whose wins include a BISS and a Toy Group BISS. His son Am/Can Ch. H T Baccarat for Amour's placed in Canada's Top 25

Poms of '08. "Donta" is owned by Shirley Leu of Washington State. Congratulations, Shirley! "Denzel" now lives with Kosei Inoue and family – all spoil him shamelessly! Kosei is a professional handler from Japan who also owns a grooming shop in Hawaii. He enjoys working with our dogs and has been exceptionally generous to us in many ways, including, the handling of some of them.



BISS and Toy Group BIS Ch. Gourmet Howlene Teahra



Ch. Howlene Teahra Dolce Meta winning Specialty Best In Sweeps

Another one, that should be recognized for her achievements, is Ch. H T Dolce Meta. She was whelped in March 2006 and at 8 months of age won the Best in Sweepstakes at the Pomeranian Club of Hawaii Specialty, then went on to Winners Bitch and BOS over specials. "Dolce" finished at 10 months of age



Howlene Teahra Guinnevere

and has been the top bitch for the last 2 ½ years. She needs four more wins to be awarded the GC title! In 2008 she was ranked nationally #8 in the Top 10 Breed Bitches and #6 in the Top 10 All Breed Bitches as published in the Pomeranian Review. So far this year we've had seven shows – "Dolce's" record stands at two Group 2 placements and five BOSs.



Kosei with our latest litter L to R: Winn, Finn & Gala

We were fortunate, indeed, to meet Pete and Patty Barnett of PJ Kennels at our first Nationals, and thoroughly enjoyed what little time we had together. We were lucky to obtain a male and a female from them. PJ Windfall of Howlene Teahra is the sire of our latest litter of three promising

puppies whelped February 2008: H T Guinnevere "Winn", H T Glorfindel "Finn", and H T Galadriel "Gala". We finished 2008 with a BANG! "Winn" at 9 months of age, showed her little heart out and captured the BISS Sweepstakes. Amazingly, she also won BOW and Best Bred By. At the same specialty, "Dolce" won her third consecutive BOSS, she was still 2 years old! "Winn" needs only one major to finish. Her littermates are "waiting in the wings" for their debut.



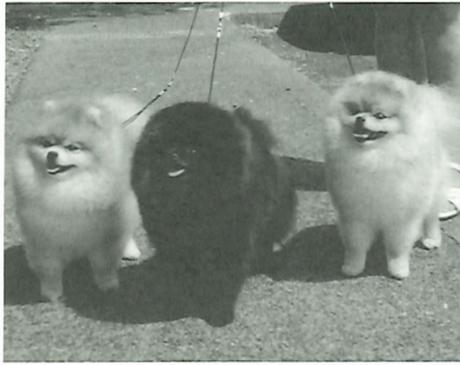
Arlene, Dolce and Winn taking a coffee break at the show



Hazel with her arms full. L to R: Mikey, Denzel, Pero, Dolce and Tenaj

Out of the 21 puppies we've whelped, 11 have completed their championships. With 10 finishing from the Bred By Exhibitor class. Two others are major pointed, with only a few points to go. All of our Howlene Teahra dogs, whether kept, placed or sold, live as family members.

We end our feature by thanking our extended Howlene Teahra "family".



Ch Howlene Teahra Impero, Ch Gourmet Howlene Teahra Caviar and Ch. Howlene Teahra Precious Cargo in Hilo

Without each and every one of you we wouldn't have accomplished or enjoyed our shows as much as we have. Mahalo to Beverlyn Kanakuri, Kosei Inoue, Wendy & Vince Yokoyama, Noelle Sasaki, Ann Aotani, Eleanor Goto, Helen & Burt Yoshimi, Lily Bhalang, Suzanne Matsuda, Patricia & Al Salvador and Shirley Leu.

Aloha and Good Luck to all – Arlene, Hazel, and Robin



Ch. Howlene Teahra Abcde



Joy. All dressed up and nowhere to go.



At Hawaii's Annual Award Banquet for 2008.
L to R: Hazel, Arlene and Robin



Mikey groomed and ready to go



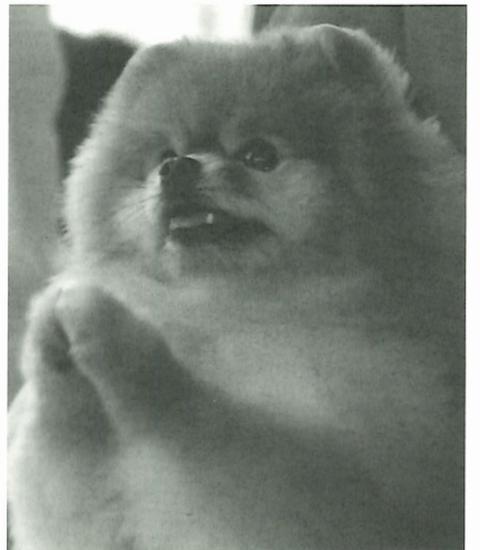
Dolce in the group ring. "I love to show!"



Buddies. Kosei's daughter, Julia, bonding with Winn



Ribbons Hangin' Around at Ardan's Salon Office



Dolce begs, PLEASE say you enjoyed our story.

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CH Glen Iris Duchess Of Castile (B)

Owner: Dr. Geno Sisneros

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Jane Lehtinen
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From The Desk Of The PREZ



Our National Specialty was a great success this year with so many beautiful dogs presented from all over the world. It was such a joy to watch all the wonderful dogs gaiting down the mat. Congratulations to all the winners and continued successes throughout the year. The Top Twenty Event showcased last year's top twenty dogs. Each was presented individually and strutted their stuff for all to see.

Now that the 2009 National Specialty is over and the winners have been crowned, it is time to plan for next year. We are excited that after 2008 and 2009 when we were not able to hold a Summer National, we have several clubs who have offered to host the 2010 show and also future Summer Nationals. These events take time and effort to organize and we appreciate all of the advance work that goes into hosting one.

The karaoke night was one of the highlights of the week. Aly Bell and Christine Crane have two of the most wonderful voices heard. With your talent, why are you not singing on "American Idol"? We had so much fun thanks to the effort of Bob Kennedy, Chris Lewis and Audrey Roberts. We hope you will be there next year to host this fun event. You should not miss it.

Our Specialty volunteers outdid themselves and deserve a big round of applause for their great job. Thanks to Janice Russell for her great work as Show Chairman. Thank you to Wendy Donnelly, Obedience and Rally Chairman. She helped put on a great event by supplying our equipment. Thank you to Margaret McKee for taking the time to do the wonderful trophies. Christine Creasey and her committee did a wonderful job of putting on the Top Twenty Event. And last but not least Mary Latimer and Erika Moreau for doing the ring stewarding for all three days.

Our Committees outdid themselves this year and we are grateful for their help. The board wishes to thank our Ways and Means committee chair, Donna Riehm, and her assistant, Marilyn Heestand for their outstanding job fundraising for our club. Without their help, events like this cannot take place. Thank you both. Our hospitality this year was provided by our wonder subcontractor Carlene Gilstrap who covered for Kelly while we were in the board meeting and did a wonderful job with the assistance of Charlene Waters when she and her husband Gregg were not manning the grounds. Thank you again to Carlene Gilstrap for doing a great job with the ads in the catalog. That alone is a major job. Also thanks to Committee Chairman, Joan Behrend for our Awards and Top Ten Awards. That takes all year to compile and Joan does a wonderful job. Our Judges Education Committee Chairman, Fred Bassett has taken on a challenge and came to the board with our illustrated standard and is going to rewrite it and get it on line. Thank you, Fred, for coming up with such a wonderful idea.

Our board met for long hours and we worked our way through all the club business in record time. We now have a Health and Genetics Committee up and running chaired by Alane Levinsohn and are already a member of CHIC and we are already in the CHIC database. We have set up a Legislative Committee headed up by Geneva Coats to help keep us informed of pending legislation nationwide. We are starting a Fundraising Committee to help us raise money for various projects including health and rescue. We are looking for volunteers for this and other committees. Please look on the American Pomeranian Club web site and you will find the list of committees. You are also welcome to contact me and I will put you in touch with the Committee Chairman. We have many committees that need volunteers in this exciting time.

Next year our National Specialty will be held in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky an hour and a half northeast of Louisville, away from the dog laws that kept so many from attending this year. Our new show chair will be Pat Barnett and if there is anyone out there that wishes to help please contact Pat at barneybarnett1@suddenlink.net.

Please welcome new member Dawn Freeman to the American Pomeranian Club.

Congratulation to George and Janice Smith on their being the first Mach Champion Pom In our breed. I watched them run in Louisville and they are a wonderful team.



Annette Davis, CN

Ask Us Anything

The question for this issue is: **What is hypoglycemia and how can I prevent my Pom puppy from experiencing it?**

Hypoglycemia or low blood sugar is a common problem with all toy breed puppies. Veterinarians who don't regularly treat toy puppies in their practice may mis-diagnose the condition as viral hepatitis or encephalitis. As a toy breeder or pet owner, it is important to recognize the symptoms of hypoglycemia and know how to treat it. Hypoglycemia is easily treatable in the early stages, but fatal if allowed to progress. Many puppies are lost needlessly to hypoglycemia because of ignorance on the part of their owner or veterinarian.

The first sign of hypoglycemia is the puppy slowing down and then acting listless. The puppy will then begin to tremble or shiver. This is a reaction caused as the brain is starved for glucose. The trembling is followed by a blank stare and the puppy lying on his side. He may also experience convulsions. After a time, the puppy will become comatose. His body will be limp, lifeless, and the tongue and gums will be a grayish/blue color. The body temperature will be subnormal. The puppy may even appear to be dead.

If caught in the early stages, treatment is simple. Rub Nutri-Cal or Nuri-Stat (Karo syrup will do if you have no Nutri-Cal/Nutri-Stat) on the puppy's gums, under the tongue, and on the roof of the mouth. Warm a heating pad or heating blanket and slowly warm the puppy to his proper body temperature of 101-102 degrees F. If the puppy responds, all is well. Feed a quality canned food right away (you may want to mix it with egg yolk) and then monitor the puppy to be sure that the condition does not recur. Be sure to eliminate the stress that caused the episode if at all possible.

If caught in the more advanced stages, treatment is more complicated. Always assume that the puppy is alive. Rub Nutri-Cal, Nutri-Stat or Karo in the mouth, and carefully insert a small amount in the rectum. Slowly warm the puppy to normal body temperature and keep him warm continuously with light heat. If the puppy still does not respond, carefully eye dropper dextrose solution or Karo water into the mouth, a little at a time. Call your veterinarian and inform him that you have a hypoglycemic puppy. He will prepare a warmed dextrose solution to inject subcutaneously and may put your puppy on an IV drip.

Request a fecal exam. Your puppy may have intestinal parasites such as worms, coccidia, or giardia that need to be eliminated immediately. A bacterial or viral infection may also be present and antibiotic treatment necessary. If your puppy has been given glucose injections, it is probably a good idea to treat him with antibiotics so that infection does not occur. Your vet will likely recommend a prescription canned food such as A/D to give as your puppy recovers. You can finger feed the A/D 'as is' from the can and add Pedialyte to the drinking water. You must also keep the puppy warm at all times. Of course use prudence, and do not overheat or dehydration will occur. In severe cases you may need to force feed a/d for a time and give Pedialyte with a dropper. Give B

vitamins to stimulate appetite. As your puppy improves he will begin to eat on his own and then you can gradually phase back in his regular food.

It is important to understand that just because a puppy has an episode of hypoglycemia, it does not mean that the puppy is truly "hypoglycemic." True hypoglycemia is a chronic condition caused by overproduction of insulin by the pancreas. Even though the pancreas may normally function properly, toy puppies can still have an isolated hypoglycemic incident in reaction to stress. Hypoglycemic incidents are almost always preceded by a stress of some kind. Some examples of common stresses include: weaning, teething, vaccinations, a change in environment, shipping, over-handling, cold temperatures, intestinal parasites, infections, anorexia, etc. Puppies may simply play too hard and stress their system or forget to eat.

Tiny dogs do not have the fat reserves to supply adequate glucose in times of stress or when they do not eat regularly. Hypoglycemia most often occurs when the puppy has not eaten for several hours. This is not always the case, however. A puppy can have eaten recently and still show signs of hypoglycemia if his system is stressed and the food has not been digested and assimilated. It is important to "free feed" toy puppies a high quality food. Toy puppies simply have too high of an energy level to be restricted to scheduled feedings. Most do fine if switched to scheduled feedings when they reach adulthood, but they must have access to food and water at all times when they are puppies. If you like to give your puppy canned food, you can schedule the feeding of the canned, but allow access to kibble at all times.

A summary of important reminders is as follows:

- 1) Always keep Nutri-Cal, Nutri-Stat or Karo (Corn Syrup) on hand. This is the quickest way to revive a hypoglycemic puppy. Caution: Honey may contain botulism spores and therefore should not be given to puppies under 6 months of age.
- 2) If you ever see your puppy becoming listless, or lying on his side and acting unresponsive IMMEDIATELY rub Nutri-Cal, Nutri-Stat or Karo on his gums, under his tongue, and on the roof of the mouth. Slowly warm him to normal body temperature with a heating pad. Feed him as soon as he responds. Call your veterinarian if the puppy does not quickly respond.
- 3) Keep your puppy from chilling, free of parasites, and minimize stress.
- 4) See that your puppy eats often and maintains a proper body weight.
- 5) Do not over-handle your puppy. Be sure to allow him rest time and alone time. Like all babies, puppies need to have a regular schedule of rest, meals, play and potty.

Our question for the next issue is: What is open fontanel?

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

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American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes
Conference Call 6:30 p.m. CST
February 17, 2009



Kelly D. Reimschiissel

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Present

Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Gilstrap, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano.

Absent

Cindy Boulware, ex-officio President

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. President Mrs. Jane Lehtinen and Recording Secretary Mrs. Kelly D. Reimschiissel were present. Copies of the January 20th meeting were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting and upon a motion made by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mrs. Leemhuis the January 20th Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

President's Report

A request that a certified letter be sent to Cindy Boulware, certified and return receipt requested asking for a current email contact.

1st Vice President's Report

None

2nd Vice President's Report

Advised everyone impacted by board business, ordered new title ribbons, requested committee reports.

Recording Secretary Report

Two boxes of records were received from the previous recording secretary, Janice Russell which included the club records from 2005 through 2008, club contracts for Rau and *The Pomeranian Review* editor and the club seal. Standing Rules have been converted to Policy & Procedures Manual. Board of Director job descriptions have been completed. The following committee chair descriptions have been completed: Archivist/Historian, AKC Delegate, AKC Gazette Columnist, and Annual Awards.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reimschiissel, seconded by Mrs. Green and it PASSED to accept the changes and additions to the Policy & Procedure Manual making it effective as of February 17, 2009. (VOTED IN FAVOR: Mr. Gilstrap, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, and Mrs. Solano. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Barnett)

Corresponding Secretary Report – through February 15, 2009

1. Answered emails from the public
2. Ongoing updating of the Membership database based on the changes sent in for members regarding addresses/phone numbers & emails
3. Forwarded information regarding an old issue of an individual wanting a Top 20 ribbon from 2007 to the current Top 20 Chair to get prices on the ribbon
4. Emailed the Florida APC members regarding the Animal Planet filming in Florida
5. Forwarded emails received to the Board List:
 - a. Toy Club Of Greater Houston
 - b. Complaint regarding *Pomeranian Review* report from Judges Education with information regarding the Standard Revision Committee.

Treasurer's Report

A written report was submitted by Erika Moureau, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

AWARDS

A written report was submitted for the Annual Meeting by Judy Green on behalf of Joan Behrend, Chair.

BREED ADVISORY/REFERRAL

An oral report was given by President Jane Lehtinen, Chair.

HEALTH & GENETICS

A written report was submitted by Celeste Solano, Director on behalf of the Health & Genetics Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Solano, seconded by Mr. Sisneros and it was VOTED (unanimously) to accept the recommendation of the H&G committee and join CHIC by approving CERF, Patellas, and Cardiac as the recommended tests and including the optional tests both Hips/LCP and Thyroid.

HISTORICAL AWARDS

An oral report was given by Carol Leemhuis, Chair.

JUDGES EDUCATION

An oral report was given by Vikki Oelerich, Director on behalf of the Judges Education Committee. Vikki Oelerich was requested to contact the Chair, Fred Bassett to come up with a process to meet AKC's requirements to test individual's who do not meet the club's requirements for mentors.

MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Oelerich and it was VOTED (unanimously) to suspend the complaint process in the Policy & Procedures Manual until further review.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

A written report was submitted by 2nd Vice President Judy Green on behalf of the Performance Events Committee.

POMERANIAN REVIEW

A written report was submitted by Geno Sisneros, Director on behalf of the *Pomeranian Review*.

RESCUE

A written report was submitted by Pat Barnett, Director on behalf of the Rescue Committee.

WAYS & MEANS

A written report was submitted by 2nd Vice President Judy Green on behalf of the Ways & Means Committee.

WEBSITE

A written report was submitted by Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Chair.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE 2007

A written report was submitted by 2nd Vice President Judy Green on behalf of the Audit Committee.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

A written report was submitted by 2nd Vice President Judy Green on behalf of the Bylaws Committee.

STANDARD REVISION COMMITTEE

A written report was submitted by Erika Moureau, Chair on behalf of the Standard Revision Committee.

SHOW SITE COMMITTEE

An oral report was given by 1st Vice President David Gilstrap, Chair.

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SHOW COMMITTEE

SHOW CHAIR

A written report was given by President Jane Lehtinen on behalf of the Show Committee.

OBEDIENCE CHAIR

A written report was given by Corresponding Secretary, Carol Leemhuis on behalf of the Obedience Chair.

GROUNDS

An oral report was given by Pat Barnett, Director on behalf of the Grounds Committee

HOSPITALITY

A written report was submitted by Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Chair.

TOP 20

An oral report was given by Betsy Owens, Director on behalf of the Top 20 Chair.

TROPHY CHAIR

An oral report was given by Erika Moureau, Treasurer.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A motion was made by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mrs. Reimschiessel to go into executive session. It was reported from executive session that William and Erika Paviglianti were voted in as members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Moureau, seconded by Mrs. Barnett and it was TABLED until the March meeting and further discussion that we offer the position of Delegate to the American Kennel Club to Mr. Gilstrap, if Mr. Gilstrap refuses the offer then the same offer be made to Mrs. Green.

Committee Liaison/Advocate Assignments

Jane Lehtinen: Show Chair

David Gilstrap: Show Site Committee, Breed Advisory

Judy Green: Membership, Constitution & ByLaws, Audit

Kelly D. Reimschiessel: Website, Hospitality

Carol Leemhuis: Historical Awards

Erika Moureau: Standard Revision, Ways & Means

Pat Barnett: Grounds, Trophy

Vikki Oelerich: Judges Education, Performance Events

Betsy Owens: Top 20, Rescue

Linda Pelz: Awards, Historian

Celeste Solano: Health & Genetics, Legislative

Geno Sisneros: Pomeranian Review, Gazette Columnist, Delegate

Westminster Kennel Club PA

A motion was made by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Moureau and it was VOTED (unanimously) to ask Chris Hartz if the photograph of Calvin Klein can be used for the Westminster Kennel Club Pomeranian page.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Reimschiessel, seconded by Mrs. Moureau amended by Mrs. Solano and it was VOTED (unanimously) that the APC form a Legislative Committee and appoint Geneva Coats the Chair.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reimschiessel, seconded by Mrs. Solano and it was VOTED (unanimously) that the APC add a health page to the APC website.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lehtinen, seconded Mr. Sisneros and it was VOTED (unanimously) that the APC purchase Adobe Acrobat 9 Standard for club use.

THANK YOU!

We would like to congratulate all the winners of the 2009 Nationals and extend our best wishes to each of you for a successful show year.

The Show Chair and Committees would also like to thank everyone who supported the APC National Specialty with your entries, trophy donations, catalog ads, hospitality donations, auction donations and bids. Without the support of APC members, friends, and Regional Pomeranian Clubs it would not be possible to hold this costly event each year.

We extend a big THANK YOU for all the work of the many volunteers without whom the show could not happen.

Janice Russell, Show Chair

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Upon a motion made by Mrs. Reimschiissel and seconded by Mrs. Green the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. CST.

Adjourned

Attest



Kelly D. Reimschiissel, Recording Secretary

Approved, March 8, 2009 kdr

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



American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

Committee Reports
Conference Call 6:30 p.m. CST
February 17, 2009



Kelly D. Reimschiessel

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AWARDS - JOAN BEHREND

End of year Report received for Annual Meeting.

BREED ADVISORY/REFERRAL - JANE LEHTINEN

We have received very few calls for breeder referral.

HEALTH & GENETICS - ALANE LEVINSOHN

The CHIC Chair and Committee have recommended the following tests to join CHIC: OFA Heart, OFA Patella. The Committee also recommended the following optional tests: OFA Hip Dysplasia/Legg-Calve-Perthes (same x-ray with two tests), OFA Autoimmune thyroiditis.

The committee also would like to suggest adding an article to the APC website about using health testing to improve the breed by breeding with knowledge, not eliminating dogs from our programs based on tests alone.

We currently have a dynamic group of 18 APC members from all walks of life who have an interest in the health of the breed. I am impressed daily by the wealth of knowledge our fanciers have and their dedication to the health of our breed. Any board member wanting to "drop into" the list conversation is welcome to join, please e-mail and I'll sign you onto the list.

Health Studies

University of Tennessee (Coat Loss) - Dr. Linda Frank not currently working on a coat study. She will be working on something after this semester.

University of Missouri (Coat Loss) - Dr. Gary Johnson is expecting some new technology in March or April 2009. He is ready to run the DNA on the Pomeranian samples he has received. He will be needing \$20,000 to \$30,000 to do this and I have put him in touch with the Morris Animal Foundation for a "Pilot Grant" (\$10,000) reminded him of the CHF grants due on 3/1/09 and suggested an "Acorn Grant" from CHF. The Pom Charitable Trust has also been contacted for funding.

University of Missouri (DM) - Dr. Gary Johnson has also identified a DM (Degenerative Myelopathy) gene in Pomeranians, however it is unclear at this point if it is a widespread problem. This is the disease commonly known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease in people. We may put on an alert and request for samples from suspected affected poms and their immediate relatives.

University of Bern (Coat Loss) - Sent a Reminder that preproposals for the Canine Health Foundation are due by March, 1, 2009.

The University of Washington (Cardiac) - Dr. Kathryn Meurs is currently studying hearts (Pulmonary Stenosis) in poms. Thank you to APC member Julie Clemen for organizing a heart clinic in Washington for her. Dr. Meurs is open to conducting clinics in other areas of the country if there will be enough participation. This is a non-invasive test and would be a good study to do at either summer Nationals or another big show. (It is too late to organize for this years Nationals)

The Morris Animal Foundation

The Morris Animal Foundation contacted me and has funded several projects that may relate to Pomeranian health. The Health Committee will be looking into these to see if they relate to Pomeranians and if so, if they need familial DNA samples to assist with the research.

D08CA-002 Year 1 of 2 \$41,948

“Canine Atopic Dermatitis-Relation to Epidermal Antimicrobial Gene Expression”

Dr. Mark S. Rutherford & Dr. Sheila Torres, University of Minnesota

Atopic dermatitis, which is skin inflammation caused by environmental allergens, affects many dogs and most will develop secondary skin infections that aggravate suffering and require antibiotic treatment. In addition to cost, repeated antibiotic use can lead to antibiotic resistance. The skin's immune system contains small antimicrobial peptides that defend the skin against infections. Humans with atopic dermatitis along with secondary bacterial infections are deficient in expression of certain antimicrobial peptide genes. This study will investigate whether allergic dogs also lack these peptides. The findings could help veterinarians predict disease risk and monitor therapies of dogs with atopic dermatitis and secondary infection.

Here is one of the studies that the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America and Foundation are cosponsoring:

D08CA-001 Year 1 of 2 \$106,949

“Genetics of Portosystemic Vascular Anomalies & Microvascular Dysplasia in Small Breed Dogs”

Dr. Sharon A. Center, Cornell University

Small, purebred terrier-type dogs are at risk of developing two genetically related disorders that cause abnormal liver function. These disorders, known as portosystemic vascular anomalies (PSVA) and microvascular dysplasia (MVD), can occur either alone or in combination. Dogs with PSVA suffer from the liver's inability to remove toxins from food and many are overtly ill, while dogs with MVD may only demonstrate intolerance to standard drug dosages. The researchers hope to identify genetic markers for these disorders and use these markers to develop a test for detecting at-risk dogs. This test would help breeders eliminate these disorders from affected breeds.

Two heart studies which may be of interest:

D08CA-065 Year 1 of 2 \$16,837

“Polymerase Chain Reaction Detection of Bacteremia in Dogs with Bacterial Endocarditis”

Dr. Allison M. Heaney, Washington State University

Infectious endocarditis is a serious infection that affects the valves of a dog's heart and can lead to congestive heart failure and sudden death. It is most frequently caused by a bacterial infection. Early diagnosis is critical to effectively treat dogs, but current blood tests have poor success rates in detecting infection. Researchers will explore a molecular biology technique that may improve the ability to diagnose patients, allowing veterinarians to treat dogs more quickly and with an antibiotic specifically targeted toward the bacteria that is causing infection.

D06CA-059 Year 3 of 3: \$24,516

“Altered Intercellular Communications, Arrhythmias and Sudden Death in Boxer Dogs”

Dr. N. Sydney Moise, Cornell University

Boxers are highly susceptible to an inherited heart disease, called arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC), that causes an abnormal heartbeat, fainting, heart failure and eventual death. The researchers conducting this study believe a gene mutation in dogs with ARVC prevents the cells of the heart from communicating properly. Currently the genetic mutation is unknown in dogs, but a mutation that causes similar heart disease in people has been identified. This study will examine whether boxers that develop this disease undergo the same genetic mutation as humans. Understanding this mutation will help scientists develop more effective therapies for this fatal disease.

HISTORICAL AWARDS- CAROL LEEMHUIS

Received applications for awards via email and US mail. Verified validity of applications. Mailed eligible applicants a certificate of the award. Sent bi-monthly report to Editor of *The Pomeranian Review* for publication. Received reports from AKC of new titlists monthly. Preparing to begin the annual compilation of twelve AKC documents into one and then compiling that into the 1980 to 2007

Continued

spreadsheet. Once 1980 to 2008 is complete I can search for new ROM/ROMX/ROMS awards that were not applied for.

JUDGES EDUCATION – FRED BASSETT, NADINE HERSIL, Vikki OELERICH, CURTISS SMITH

During the past month I got all of the invitations out for Mentor candidates, modified the list to remove a couple of people that declined, and sent the list off to Kelly for updating the website. Goals for the next month are to get the website updates done, and to prepare for and present the Judges Education and Mentor Education presentations at the Nationals.

MEMBERSHIP – JUDY GREEN

We received three applications, one was withheld because it had not been properly filled out and signed.

We will be voting on one household application tonight.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS – MARGARET MCKEE

Nothing to report.

POMERANIAN REVIEW – BRENDA SEGELKEN

All components of producing the Mar/April 2009 Pom Review and 50th Anniversary Edition of the Pom Review are being completed in a timely manner to assure all deadlines are met. Please remind the APC Board to set up a time with Thomas Photography to have the group photo taken for the Pom Review in Kentucky. Board members who have reports published in the Pom Review are asked to have their photo taken separately, also.

RESCUE – LINDA LEWIS

We have a tiny ad coming up in the April issue of Dog World Magazine featuring Pomeranians. It reads:

American Pomeranian Club supports Pom Rescue
Adopt a Rescue Pom for Love & Life
www.americanpomeranianclub.org
707 658 1486

It cost \$29.00 for one time. Just getting the word out that APC supports rescue!

The number of individuals contacting us to relinquish a Pomeranian has remained steady. The largest number of requests are from the eastern seaboard states and Florida. I have referred them to our members listed under Rescue Contacts in the member directory. If there is no Rescue Contact in their area I have suggested that they search on www.petfinder.com. Once on the Petfinder website I suggest they contact the rescue groups listed as currently having poms available for adoption to see if they will accept the pom in need of re-homing. I have also asked for feedback but received very little. So I'm not sure if it's working. The same suggestion is made for individuals looking to adopt a rescue pom. First sending them to the APC Rescue person in their area, if there is none then suggesting they go on www.petfinder.com and look for a pom to suite their needs and follow up with the listed rescue group.

The poms needing homes are about 2 for every 1 adoption request.

I am continuing to contact by phone the members listed under Rescue Contacts to determine if I should send requests their way or exclude them in the future.

I had sent out a questionnaire back in October 2008 but only 3 were completed and returned. However after contacting members via phone and resending the questionnaires the responses have been immediate!!! As of this writing I have responses from the following states:

San Diego, California (it's so big there are several groups)

Georgia

Arkansas

Indiana

Virginia

Oregon

Louisiana

Texas

I'm looking forward to continuing this outreach with the same positive results. I am also pleased to discover that most are operating in the same general fashion!!!

I would very much like to see public acknowledgement for the people doing rescue now and in the future. This is something I hope can be discussed at the Board Meeting.

I find many of the members who are doing rescue are on their own out there!!! I would like to try to find some way for our club to support them with getting help such as more foster homes for the poms waiting for new homes. I do believe this can be accomplished with a bit of free advertising and participation in the offers of free booth space at the dog shows.

My local rescue group requested and received free booth space at the 4 day "Spring in Solano" dog show in April. We are very excited at the prospect of sharing information about rescue and having people meet some of our little rescue poms. I also received a great offer of free booth space from Trudy McLain at the Hampton Virginia Memorial Day dog show via the APC rescue e-mail address. I will be passing that on to the appropriate person in that area.

As you all know we now have a Rescue Committee with me as the Chair and Pat Barnett as the Liaison to the Board and Alane Levinsohn as the single committee member! Alane has set up a Yahoo Group for us to use to discuss and plan for the future of rescue. I'm looking forward to having more members on this committee.

Website – Kelly D. REIMSCHÜSSEL, ELIZABETH HECKERT, JENNIFER MUNN,

The website was updated to include an email link to all board members, a button for pending motions, a link to the Westminster Kennel Club, committee reports uploaded, meeting minutes uploaded, page created for pending motions, and committee openings.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee 2007 – CHRISTINE CRANE, ELIZABETH HECKERT, JENNIFER MUNN,

Bank statements have still not been received. Some paypal statements received.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE – JUDY GREEN, MARGARET MCKEE, Kelly D. REIMSCHÜSSEL

The committee has gone through the Bylaws sending and receiving input and should have them ready to submit to the board at the board meeting at National's.

STANDARD REVISION COMMITTEE – ERIKA MOUREAU, JERRIE FREIA, KATHY NOREM, TERRY ROTHELL, FRAN STOLL

I have rewritten the sections of the standard that needed to have the changes requested by the membership. I sent it to my committee members for comment. I have heard from 2 of them, still waiting for response from the other 2. When they all sign off, I will send it to Kelly to put on the website and put it in *The Pomeranian Review*.

SHOW SITE COMMITTEE – DAVID GILSTRAP

We are looking at sites and hope to have a recommendation in March.

SHOW COMMITTEE

SHOW CHAIR – JANICE RUSSELL

The Corgi Club is having their show following ours and will be sharing the expense for the plastic on the Grooming Rooms. They will take it up when they finish. Have made arrangements with Erika to bill them after the show. The Karaoke equipment and person to run it is going to run \$595.00. The Hospitality Room has been extended to include Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at \$139.90 per day additional via email from Kelly Reimschiessel. The hotel room block has been reduced twice. I reduced it by 15% in January and again 10% February. The expected attendance for the banquet must be turned in 3 working days prior to function or we will be billed for 175 meals. The last changes for trophies sponsors, hospitality sponsors and the Presidents message have been sent for the catalog. Entries close this Wednesday February 18th. The last information I have on Top 20 is a few entries were in at that time. This report does not contain any Grounds or Trophies information since I saw you have made them separate committees.

PURINA PARENT CLUB PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The American Pomeranian Club is a participating member in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCP).

Members of Purina Pro Club whose national parent club participates in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program may earn funding for canine health studies, education and/or rescue efforts that will benefit their breed. Since 2002, the first year of the PPCP program, there has been more than \$710,000 generated for health research, education or rescue. As of 2005, there are 149 National breed clubs participating in the program.

Here's how the PPCP Program works: Pro Club members redeem weight circles from bags of participating Purina brand dog foods. Purina tracks these weight circle submissions, and for every \$100 of qualifying weight circle points earned by Pro Club members, Purina donates \$10 to the participating national parent breed club.

Points are accumulated throughout a calendar year, and in February, a check representing 10 percent of the value of the submitted weight circles for the year is evenly split between the participating national parent breed club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The donation that goes to the AKC Canine Health Foundation is eligible to be matched up to 100 percent by the Canine Health Foundation if it meets the Foundation's funding guidelines.

OBEDIENCE CHAIR – WENDY DONNELLY
Agility proposal letter received.

GROUNDS – GREGG WATERS
Everything is fine. We are receiving booth rentals.

HOSPITALITY – KELLY D. REIMSCHÜSSEL
We have received more donations for hospitality, rented a room for morning hospitality which will have coffee, donuts, etc. for exhibitors and will be less expensive than having the hotel provide coffee and donuts in the show room. David Gilstrap has generously offered to bring a 60 cup coffee pot. Banquet reservations are coming in a bit slowly this year with a total of 80 to date.

TOP 20 – CHRISTINE CREASEY
Catalogs are being printed, entries are coming in, everything seems to be going okay.

TROPHY – MARGARET MCKEE
Erika noted that trophy donations were down this year.

WAYS & MEANS – DONNA RIEHM
Currently reminding all I can that we need donations for the National fundraising. Have several items already that have been sent or given to me directly. Need to complete the framing of the original logo art for presentation at the National. Completing all signs for our ways and means tables for the Silent Auction and Buy It Now and also the donation logs. Have confirmation that Marilyn will again assist on a daily basis so the booth should be covered. Received phone message from the Fiddicks that they would not be attending, which means we need a "talented" auctioneer to replace Bob.

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

Secretary's Record
Holiday Inn Hurstbourne
1325 S. Hurst Bourne Pwy, Louisville, KY ~ Derby Room
1:00 p.m.
March 8, 2009

Present

Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Gilstrap, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiüssel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano.

Absent

Cindy Boulware, ex-officio President

Visitors

Christine Creasey, Margaret McKee, Brenda Segelken, Gregg Waters

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. President Mrs. Jane Lehtinen and Recording Secretary Mrs. Kelly D. Reimschiüssel were present. Copies of the February 17th meeting were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the and upon a motion made by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mrs. Leemhuis the February 17th Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

As Mr. Gilstrap had to leave the meeting at 3:00 to attend the AKC Delegate meeting in New York, a motion was made by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mrs. Solano to go into executive session, it was unanimously approved. Visitors left the room. Executive Session lasted from 1:25 p.m. – 2:55 p.m. The report from executive session is in Election of New Members.

A break was taken after executive session and the meeting was reconvened at 3:16 p.m. with President Mrs. Jane Lehtinen and Recording Secretary Mrs. Kelly D. Reimschiüssel present. Mr. Gilstrap was excused to leave for the AKC Delegate meeting and Mrs. Green was absent at the beginning of the meeting and arrived at the beginning of the Annual Awards Report.

President's Report

I am very pleased with the way the board is working as a team and that the hotel will be resolved this week.

1st Vice President's Report

Excused

2nd Vice President's Report

Excused

Recording Secretary's Report

Copies of Reports were prepared for the board and annual meeting.

Mrs. Solano made and Mrs. Moureau seconded a motion and it was PASSED that the APC pay for a P.O. Box for the recording and corresponding secretary's in their respective areas. (IN FAVOR: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiüssel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano. ABSENT: Mr. Gilstrap, Mrs. Green)

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Answered emails received and sent letters requested.

Treasurer's Report

A written EOY 2008 report was submitted as well as a balance sheet. Balance as of March 6, 2009, \$87,128.00. *The Pomeranian Review* Anniversary Issue is paid for.

An amended report for January was submitted. A motion was made by Mrs. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Barnett and it was PASSED to accept the amended report. (IN FAVOR: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano. ABSENT: Mr. Gilstrap, Mrs. Green)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Archivist/Historian

Newly appointed, no report submitted.

Awards

A written report was submitted by Mrs. Green on behalf of Joan Behrend, Chair.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reimschiissel, seconded by Mrs. Leemhuis and it was PASSED to amend a previous motion changing Policy & Procedure Application section 6.5.2.1 with the addition of Fly Ball and adding the NAFA running number and qualifying points to the required submissions. (IN FAVOR: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano. ABSENT: Mr. Gilstrap)

A motion was made by Mrs. Reimschiissel, seconded by Mrs. Leemhuis and it was PASSED to amend a previous motion changing Policy & Procedure Fly Ball section 6.5.9 to read: The APC shall give a Certificate of Award for the Top Fly Ball Pomeranian. (IN FAVOR: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano. ABSENT: Mr. Gilstrap)

A motion was made and amended by Mrs. Solano, seconded by Mrs. Reimschiissel and it was PASSED to donate \$50 to www.bestjunior.com for using their statistics. (IN FAVOR: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano. ABSENT: Mr. Gilstrap)

Breed Advisory/Referral

The board has chosen to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Breed Advisory Committee. Jane Lehtinen, Chair with Deronda Sharp and Teresa White.

Delegate Report

No report submitted.

Fundraising

Position is posted on the APC website and in *The Pomeranian Review* for members who wish to serve on this committee.

Gazette Columnist

No report submitted.

Health & Genetics

An oral report was given by Mrs. Solano on behalf of Alane Levinsohn, Chair.

A motion was made by Mrs. Solano, seconded by Mrs. Green and it was PASSED that all Pomeranians qualifying for CHIC be published in *The Pomeranian Review* and on the APC Website with the names of the owners. (IN FAVOR: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano. ABSENT: Mr. Gilstrap)

There was discussion on the Health & Genetics article in *The Pomeranian Review*.

Historical Awards

Written and oral reports were submitted by Carol Leemhuis, Chair.

Judges Education

A written report was given by Mrs. Oelerich on behalf of Fred Bassett, Chair.

Logo Apparel

Still waiting to hear back from proposed chair.

Legislative Action Committee

An oral report was given by Mrs. Solano on behalf of Geneva Coats, Chair.

There was discussion on having a Legislative article in *The Pomeranian Review*.

Membership

There have been no applications received this month. Three applicants were listed in the March/April Pom Review and on the website. One application was incomplete (no signature) but I have since received it.

Performance/Companion Events

A motion was made by Mrs. Oelerich, seconded by Mrs. Solano and it was PASSED to change the title of the committee from Performance Events to Companion Events. (IN FAVOR: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiessel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano. ABSENT: Mr. Gilstrap)

Pomeranian Review

A written and oral report was submitted by Brenda Segelken, *APC Review* Editor.

Rescue

No report submitted.

Ways & Means

An oral report was submitted by Brenda Segelken on behalf of Donna Riehm, Chair.

Website

The website was updated with committee reports, meeting minutes, for pending motions, and committee openings.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee 2007

An oral report was submitted by 2nd Vice President Judy Green on behalf of the Audit Committee.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

A written and oral report was submitted by Judy Green, Kelly D. Reimschiessel and Margaret McKee on behalf of the Bylaws Committee.

There was discussion regarding adding Associate Membership to the Bylaws.

Standard Revision Committee

An oral report was submitted by Erika Moureau, Chair on behalf of the Standard Revision Committee.

Show Site Committee

Several presentations were given to the board by several prospective hotels.

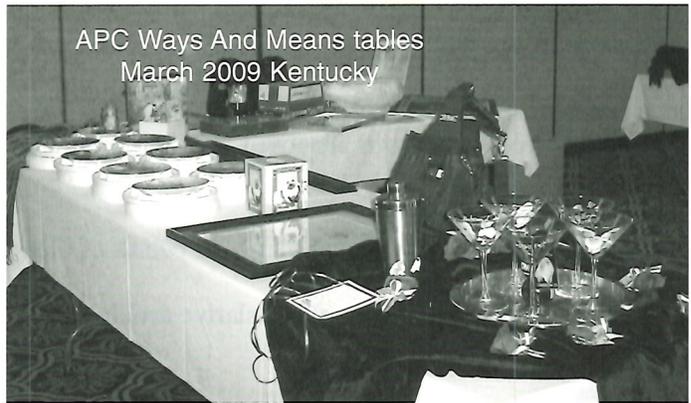
SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair

No report submitted.

Obedience Chair

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Adjourned

Attest

Kelly D. Reimschiessel

Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Recording Secretary

Approved, March 8, 2009 kdr

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

Committee Reports ~ Board & Annual Meeting
March 8 & 10, 2009

STANDING COMMITTEES

Archivist/Historian – Leesa Molina

Newly appointed, no report.

Awards - Joan Behrend

End of year report will be printed in the APC Roster. Pomeranians are doing quite a bit of performance. Please pick up your certificates while you are here.

Breed Advisory/Referral – Jane Lehtinen

This year showed more of a decline in calls coming in for breeder referral. We are now being referral more by AKC for other questions pertaining to color, size and how to sell puppies. I have seen a increase in complaints from people buying dogs off the internet. We average about 3 to 8 calls a week where as we use to get an average of 20 calls a week. More and more people are listing and selling dogs off the internet as more and more people are getting computers and looking for dogs on the many web sites that are out there.

Delegate Report – Darrell Baker

No report submitted.

Fundraising

Position is posted on the APC website and in the *Review* for members who wish to serve on this committee. The suggestion of several e-books was brought up of older dogs and pedigrees, and a book on Pomeranians to be available online when this committee is formed.

Gazette Columnist – Olga Baker

It is going good.

Health & Genetics – Alane Levinsohn

The H&G committee decided on a Mission Statement.

Promoting the health of the Pomeranian through breeder education about health, health testing and genetic issues. Advocating research into genetic problems that affect the health of the breed.

CHIC

Tests have been submitted to CHIC and we are now a CHIC breed. Thanks to everyone who made this possible. We received a report of the initial CHIC dogs and will receive quarterly updates. We produced a FAQ style flier that explains CHIC to the membership. It was sent out in e-mail, to be posted on the APC site and submitted to the *Review*. I would like to request that dogs qualifying for CHIC be listed in the *Review* with their owners.

Health Clinics

For the education and information of our membership, we are posting available health clinics once a month on the Pomeranian lists. Health testing can be done at clinics at a reduced rate.

Health Survey

The health survey is in the final proofing stage. After it is checked over, it will be sent to OFA for feedback from them and put into an online survey. From there it will need to be advertised to get as much participation as possible from all Pomeranian breeders and owners

Historical Awards – Carol Leemhuis

I will go through and compile and add all the data from last year to find the new awards that can be granted and will write my report for the *Review*. If anyone has awards they are eligible for please apply for them. Joan Behrend has permission to go to AKC Library and copy books. I went through the books Bonnie Stetson got

from Ruth Beam. I went through the AKC AWARDS from 1930 to 1980. They are not all there and I will donate them to Ways & Means.

Judges Education – Fred Bassett, Nadine Hersil, Vikki Oelerich, Curtiss Smith

We had a particularly busy year this last year because the cycle of Pomeranians was in the Judging Seminars this year. I want to thank Vikki Oelerich, Curtiss Smith, Erika Moureau, Carol Leemhuis, and all of the members who have come and brought dogs to help me out with the seminars. Without their help we would be unable to do this. This year we won't do as many seminars because the judges organizations cycle through the breeds every couple of years. At the Houston Seminars the attendees were asked to grade the performance of the seminar and out of a possible 55 points Fred got 50 points. End of year report will be printed in the APC Roster.

Mentor Committee/Parent Club Approval. There is some confusion regarding mentors. AKC has specific requirements for mentors and the Parent Clubs were asked to also provide a list of Club approved mentors. The committee went through the APC Roster and chose the members that they felt were very qualified and they were sent invitations and published on the website. The committee will have yearly reviews. If you feel that you were missed please contact the committee member you feel you may know the best. You can still be qualified by the process in the Standing Rules. We are trying to find the best way to handle the Mentor Seminar to help keep attendance up at Nationals. There are around 120 club approved mentors including breeder judges and life members. Mentoring is not just ringside. You can be contacted and do kennel visits for prospective judges to study the breed.

Logo Apparel

Still waiting to hear back from proposed chair.

Legislative Action Committee – Geneva Coats

Our newly-formed committee is in the developmental stages.

Some immediate priorities of the Legislative Action Committee are:

Formulate official mission statement or goal specific to our committee. Example: "Promote ethical and responsible dog ownership by working proactively with state and local legislators"

Solicit members from all regions of the country. The optimal membership roster would include representatives from all 50 states.

The current members (pending board approval) are:

Geneva Coats (Chair) - California
Becky Jackson - Alabama
Jean Elting Rowe - California
Sally Baugniet - Florida/Wisconsin
Cheryl Kerr - New Hampshire
Kathy Norem - Indiana
Debbie Carr - Colorado
Celeste Solano - Washington
Brenda Segelken - Illinois
Sandra McCutcheon - Texas
Kelly Woods - Kentucky
Teresa White - Oregon

Appointment of an official legislative liaison between AKC and APC is also needed. We would also like to invite APC's AKC delegate to join the Legislative Action Committee.

The eventual addition of some non-APC members to this committee may be beneficial in an advisory capacity, if that is permissible.

Formulate position statements for APC. These can be similar to official position statements currently in use by AKC.

Construct letters (based on these position statements) to be sent from the APC to legislators in areas proposing restriction of dog ownership and/or breeding. We will need access to an APC letterhead stationery. All such letters will be sent to the board for preliminary review and approval upon completion and prior to being distributed.

Form effective channels of communication. This is needed for both information-gathering as well as dissemination of action alerts to all APC members in a timely manner. This could be accomplished via a contact page on the APC website, so that individual committee members can be consulted regarding activity in their area. Another idea is to post "action alerts" in the Pomeranian Review. We would also like to request permission to consider the option of using the APC announcement list to post important information.

Add to the page in the APC website entitled "Be Proactive". We could add educational and informational pages on, for example, the threats to dog ownership by animal rights groups; important pending legislation by region, information on how to be a responsible dog owner; etc. We could also have some standardized letters available for individuals to click, print and send to their representatives.

These are some of the ideas that we have discussed and hope to refine and expand as needed.

Membership – Judy Green

There have been no applications received as of this board meeting. Three applicants were listed in the March/April Pom Review and on the website. One application was incomplete (no signature) but I have since received it and it will be published in the next issue of *The Pomeranian Review*.

Performance Events – Margaret McKee

Pomeranians do not participate in Performance Events – hunting tests and trials, lure coursing, etc. We do participate in Companion Events – obedience, tracking, and rally.

Pomeranian Review – Brenda Segelken

The Review has had its most successful year continuing to show a profit. I continue to have great writers and workers that work with me and dedicated advertisers. Numerous regional clubs ask for the Review for their specialties and I changed how I mail them out because USPS has a flat rate box and we save \$5 per box. The Anniversary Issue showed a profit as of Thursday of \$10,356.65 before anyone had even seen the issue. The issue will debut at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 2009. Hardbound issue has 25 of everything to do another hardbound binding.

The storage unit for the Review is working very well. We are third on a waiting list for a climate controlled unit. Anniversary Issues cannot be stored in the unit until we get a climate control unit. The printer is currently storing the Anniversary Issues for us. One-third of the issues were brought to Nationals.

End of year report will be printed in the APC Roster.

Rescue – Linda Lewis

No report submitted.

Ways & Means – Donna Riehm

This year we ordered \$400 less in t-shirts, sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts than last year. We still should show a profit. This year we have collector bags. There was a donation for \$15 and \$100 for contents of the welcome bags which will include a bottle of water, tissues, and trash bag. We have also had 200 Pomegranate drinks donated. Brenda Segelken indicated she will be unable to do the logo items for the Nationals in the future.

Website – Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Elizabeth Heckert, Jennifer Munn

The website was updated with committee reports, meeting minutes, for pending motions, and committee openings, and JEC. End of year report will be printed in the APC Roster.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee 2007 – Christine Crane, Elizabeth Heckert, Jennifer Munn

Bank statements have still not been received. Some PayPal statements received. Treasurer has sent all statements to the audit committee.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Judy Green, Margaret McKee, Kelly D. Reimschiessel

The 3 committee members have been working on the bylaws and have made significant progress. A preliminary copy was submitted to the board to see the progress that has been made. It has been a monumental job. When complete it will go to the board, then AKC, then the members. There are still a few changes to be made.

Standard Revision Committee – Erika Moureau, Jerrie Freia, Kathy Norem, Terry Rothell, Fran Stoll

Committee members were sent the revisions of the revision, size back to original size, a few other word changes so each could sign off prior to being published on the website and *The Pomeranian Review*. One member requested more description of anatomy. Still waiting for sign off from all. There is a rough draft on the website of what has been done. This is not a final version. The membership wanted the size left the same, the size was left the same. The color section is beginning and that is going to be a tough section. The standard needs to be written for the best dog we can all have.

Show Site Committee – David Gilstrap

Several presentations were given to the board by several prospective hotels.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair – Janice Russell

The show is in progress.

Obedience Chair – Wendy Donnelly

Agility Letter and Survey sent out. Once licensed we can hold agility trials of any type in conjunction with the national special Single Breed, Toy Group, or All breed. The cost of application for the agility trials \$100. Rental of Equipment if included in use of bldg \$850 daily. Keep in mind this bldg has enough space for 3 rings. When not doing agility you can hold all events under one roof. Judge Fees Ribbons for all classes (Standard, JWW, Preferred, Preferred WW, FAST Prizes (you will save money on this if you ask if anyone wants to recycle trophy prizes). Agility folks mainly get dog toys. Keep in mind 1 judge can judge 330 runs for all classes in one day. Judges meal which would need catered (exhibitors are on own for lunches) and you can do a boxed lunch for relatively inexpensive.

Grounds – Gregg Waters

We used all three rooms for grooming so we would have enough space. Wendy has the ring equipment. Plastic is down. Hotel has been very helpful. Juanita Fiddick fixed the table topper for the grooming table.

Hospitality – Kelly D. Reimschiessel

Our banquet numbers are down; this year we have 115; we may not break even on the banquet. We have 10 comp dinners. Preliminary financials were given to the board. End of year report will be printed in the APC Roster. Hospitality should overall cost us less than previously since we had a hospitality room instead of using hotel catering.

Top 20 – Christine Creasey

The rosettes are in, catalogs are in. Judges are a secret and cannot be revealed until the Top 20. A small candy hand made flower for each board member. The catalog cover was shown to the board. We did not have sponsors this year. Christine agreed to chair Top 20 next year with Betsy Owens helping raise money.

Trophy Chair – Margaret McKee

We are all set. Challenge trophy is here as well. Will need a sit in for when Margaret is in the ring.

DVD Narration – Margaret McKee

Will need a sit in for when Margaret is in the ring if anyone will volunteer.

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

Annual Meeting Secretary's Record
Holiday Inn Hurstbourne
1325 S. Hurst Bourne Pwy, Louisville, KY
7:30 p.m. ~ March 10, 2009

Board Members Present

Erika Moureau, Linda Pelz, Celeste Solano, Betsy Owens, Judith B. Green, Jane Lehtinen, Carol Leemhuis, Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Geno Sisneros, Pat Barnett, Vikki Oelerich.

Members Present

Joan Behrend, Charlotte Creed, Suzanne Berney, Charlene Waters, Gregg Waters, Nancy Smith
Olga Baker, Fred Bassett, Christine Creasey, Jan Stachurski, Linda Lewis, Sherri Alspaugh, Juanita Fiddick,
Robert R. Fiddick, Kathy Launderville, Cheri McDonald, Beth Hawthorne, Jackie Youkers, Katy Stalnaker,
Charlotte Meyer, Brenda Heimbach, Gina Williams, Nancy Coddington, Becky Sabourin, Norma Smart,
Carlene Gilstrap, Rebecca B. Jackson, Lloyd Franques II, Cathy Driggers, Mark A. Driggers, Margaret
McKee, Christine Surtees, Larry Surtees, Lisa Goodman, Ron McKim, Ellen Takayama, Daniel Yona, Noble
Inglett, A. Margo Koga, Bette Meredith, Judy Stone, Dawn Freeman, Kelly Woods, Lavonne (Vonny) Beard,
Stephanie Pinault, Wendy Donnelly, Janice Russell, Fran Stoll, Marilyn Heestand, Audrey Roberts, Donna
Riehm, Bronya Johnston, Barbara Moore, Lorinda Vasuta, Darren Lane, Linda Mulso, Nadine Hersil, Bonnie
Harris, Carol Kivch, Curtiss Smith, Deronda Sharp, Cindy Onoskos, Patricia Inman, Brenda Segelken.

Visitors Present

Amybeth Perry, George Landry, Shelli Tradup, Joanne Melbostad, Aly Bell, Kathy Stewart, Barbara Meyer,
Carole Medige, Laurie Otis, Lisa Caudill, Bobby Caudill.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. President Mrs. Jane Lehtinen and Recording Secretary Mrs. Kelly D. Reimschiessel were present. Copies of the March 11th Annual Meeting were made available to all members via the Membership Roster. Upon a motion made by Gregg Waters and seconded by Christine Creasey the March 11th Annual Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

President's Report – Jane Lehtinen

Welcome everyone to the Annual Meeting. The new board members were introduced to the membership.

We are in the process of looking for a new place to hold our National. We have hotels coming to us this year providing us with presentations on their potential site to host our National. When we are finished going through the proposals, we still have a few left to go through, we will hopefully make a decision by the end of the week.

We have new committee chairs and new committees that have been appointed and we are so excited. Our new Chairpersons are:

Archivist/Historian: Leesa Molina
Health & Genetics: Alane Levinsohn
Membership Chair: Judy Green
Rescue Chair: Linda Lewis
Performance Events is now Companion Events

We have the following new committees:

Rescue Program Committee: Linda Lewis

Legislative Committee: Geneva Coats

New Show Site Committee: David Gilstrap

Fundraising Committee: If you are interested or know of anyone interested, please contact us.

Logo Apparel Committee: Chair has been asked and we are waiting to hear back.

The AKC has approved that clubs can send their membership newsletters, meeting notices and dues notices by email with a signed waiver from each member. These can be revoked at any time. The APC dues notices had a

waiver at the bottom. For those members that signed and sent the waiver back thank you. We will be sending out a waiver to each member so you can decide if you would like to receive email notices from the club. Copies were made available to members at the meeting.

1st Vice President's Report

Excused

2nd Vice President's Report

Duties are to let members and committees know what is happening on the board.

Recording Secretary's Report

Thank You to Janice Russell for the hard work she has done for the past years as the Recording Secretary. She shipped two boxes to me.

Recording Secretary Records have been received, end of year reports have been copied for the meeting. A course was taken on how to take correct minutes by a recording secretary through the National Association of Parliamentarians. Minutes published from January 2009 forward are published using this format.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

End of year reports were distributed. Roster were put together with the help of Kelly D. Reimschiissel. Rosters, ballots and letters were mailed. All changes requested for addresses and emails have been done. If there are any additional changes please send them in.

Treasurer's Report

Income	\$155,388.58
Expenses	\$147,790.02
Balance	\$87,128.00

Review Income	\$107,688.13
Taxes Paid on	\$14,598.56

This included the cost of publication of the 50th Anniversary Issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Annual Awards

An oral report was given by Joan Behrend, Chair that certificates need to be picked up. The Annual Awards end of year was also distributed

Delegate Report

No report submitted.

Gazette Columnist

An oral report was submitted by Olga Baker, Chair. She would like to continue being the Gazette Columnist.

Historical Awards

An oral report was given by Carol Leemhuis, Chair. The end of year report was distributed.

Judges Education

An oral report was given by Fred Bassett, Chair. The end of year report was distributed.

Pomeranian Review

An oral report was given by Brenda Segleken, Chair. The end of year report was distributed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Owens and it was VOTED that the APC complete the 25 unfinished anniversary issues to hardbound copies unanimously.

Website

An oral report was given by Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Chair. The end of year report was distributed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

An oral report was given by Judy Green, Committee Member on behalf of the Committee.

Standard Revision Committee

An oral report was given by Erika Moureau, Chair.

There was discussion about the color section of the standard. It is noted that AKC helped write the color section for the last standard revision. AKC has said they will not add a letter to the registration number of merles because you can purchase a pedigree that shows the colors. We have to work with the membership and AKC as regards the Standard Revision.

There was discussion about eye color.

Show Site Committee

Excused

SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair

An oral report was given by Janice Russell, Chair.

Hospitality

An oral report was given by Kelly D. Reimschiessel, Chair, End of year report was distributed.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Any club interested in hosting the Summer Specialty next year please contact the Board.

Life Members

The following individuals have accepted Life Membership. Life members cannot hold office, do not pay dues, and have gone above and beyond for the club.

Brenda Segelken

Bob & Juanita Fiddick who were presented with a 50th Anniversary Issue Hardbound copy

Upon a motion made by Brenda Segelken and seconded by Betsy Owens the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

Secretary's Record Special Meeting
Holiday Inn Hurstbourne
1325 S. Hurst Bourne Pwy, Louisville, KY
4:30 p.m. ~ March 12, 2009

Present

Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Gilstrap, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Leemhuis, Mrs. Lehtinen, Mrs. Moureau, Mrs. Oelerich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pelz, Mrs. Reimschiissel, Mr. Sisneros, Mrs. Solano.

Absent

Cindy Boulware, ex-officio President

The special meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. President Mrs. Jane Lehtinen and Recording Secretary Mrs. Kelly D. Reimschiissel were present.

Show Site Committee

Several presentations were given to the board by several prospective hotels. The board reviewed the information and had in depth discussion.

A motion was made by Mrs. Leemhuis, seconded by Mr. Gilstrap and it was VOTED (unanimously) to hold the 2010 APC National at the Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, KY the week following the Kentuckian Cluster.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Owens and it was VOTED (unanimously) to appoint Pat Barnett the Show Chair.

Show Secretary will remain Jane Lehtinen.

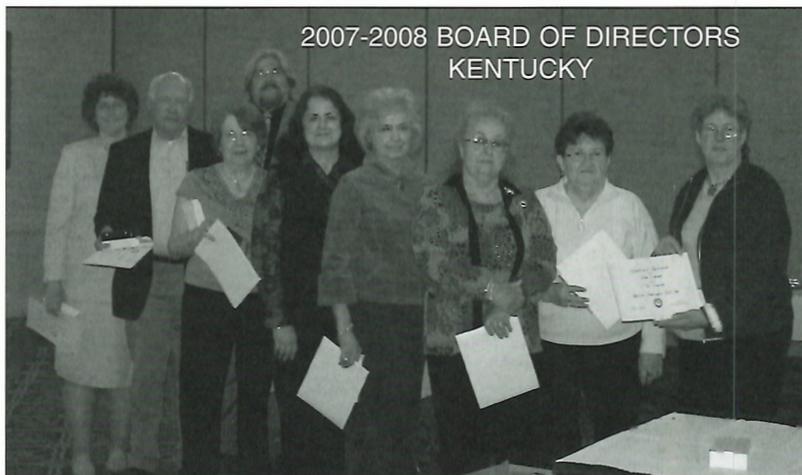
Upon a motion made by Mrs. Solano and seconded by Mrs. Owens the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

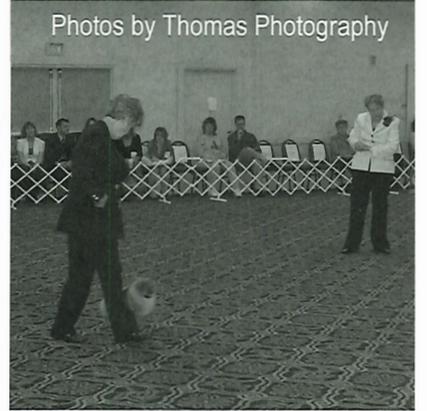
Adjourned

Attest



Kelly D. Reimschiissel, Recording Secretary





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2009 APC National Specialty Sweepstakes Judge Critique - Betsy Owens



2009 Sweepstakes Betsy Owens

When I arrived in Louisville on Saturday it was a warm spring day. The hotel was very nice and the room accommodation was clean and spacious. I had a meeting that took most of Sunday.

I got up early Monday morning had breakfast and everything was going as scheduled. I had looked forward to this day for over a year. Then it happened! The zipper on my skirt broke, Ok no problem I'll just change. Well, it wasn't quite that simple. The zipper broke at the top and I couldn't get it to move up or down. A friend of mine Nancy Smith, and I were sharing a room, so I asked her to see if she could get the zipper to move. It didn't happen. I'm running out of time, so I call the front desk and asked if they would send maintenance up to my room with a pair of pliers. There was this silent on the phone, so I said I broke the zipper on my skirt and I have to get out of it now. Maintenance brought up the pliers and we still couldn't get the zipper to move. We didn't have any scissors, so couldn't cut the skirt. I looked out in the hall and there was a housekeeper in the next room, so I go out and motion for him to follow me. I gave him the pliers and asked that he get me out of the skirt, break the zipper. About this time Celeste Solano walks by and I'm standing in the doorway telling this man to get me out of my skirt. I'm not sure if she heard us or not. Finally the housekeeper was able to break the zipper and I was able to change clothes. I walked into the ballroom with about five minutes to spare and found out Obedience was running a little behind, so I had time to take a deep breath and look around the ballroom. I was very pleased to see the size of the room and ring.

When the Ring Steward (Erika Moureau) brought the first class in my hectic morning disappeared. The class was wonderful and my first thoughts were if all the classes are like this, I'm going to have a fun day. Well, all the classes were like the first, quality throughout. Any of the entries could have taken home the ribbons that day.

To the breeders and exhibitors, my hat is off to you. I saw beautiful bite, good coats and good head carriage. Good movement. So many improvements since 2002 when I last judged the sweeps. The one thing I would like to see worked on is higher tail set.

My Best Junior in Sweepstakes was a lovely bitch from the 9-12 Class that I kept going back to. She was in beautiful coat, movement was good and lovely head. I checked when I was given a catalog and she was Animation's Dragon.

My Best Senior in Sweepstakes was from the 12-18 class. His name was Aphrodite's Topo Gigio. As soon as this dog walked in the ring, I could not take my eyes off him. Beautiful sable with tiny ears and head that was beautiful. His side profile on the go around would make you stop and take a second look. I picked him for the Grand Sweepstakes Winner. This dog truly asked to be picked that day

In the Veteran Sweepstakes, these dogs were out standing for any age with beautiful coats; most still had all their teeth, and still loved to show. My pick for Best Veteran in Sweepstakes was Apricot Sweet Bonbon Magic Poms a lovely orange with a coat to make anyone proud to own this dog. Beautiful head with a soft expression, this dog could look at you and almost say I'm the One.

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes was Ch Darlin's Birthday Wish, a beautiful sable girl and here again tons of coats with a beautiful head.

I want to thank APC's membership for giving me the opportunity to judge this year and to the exhibitors for bringing me the quality of dogs I had, it was truly a pleasure to judge each.

2009 APC National Specialty

Judge Critique - Sandra Goose Allen



March 17, 2009

Magnificent! Awesome! Fabulous! The American Pomeranian Club, Inc. National Specialty show and the honor to have been selected to Judge the Specialty and the privilege of being able to go over so many beautiful Pomeranians was overwhelming. When I was first notified that I would be judging the Pomeranian Specialty in Louisville, KY, I was ecstatic.



I have always believed judging a National, of any breed, especially one that I have loved and admired, is the pinnacle of a judge's career. I took this assignment very seriously, and I knew ahead of time there might be some tough decisions to make. I was right! The depth of quality was heartwarming.

My sincerest gratitude to Janice Russell for asking me to judge this prestigious event. I will always remember her kindness. To my wonderful ring steward Erika Moureau who organized me throughout the two days. And a huge thank you to all the hard working club members for making my weekend a dynamic and never-to-be-forgotten one. I cannot truly convey what an incredible job these hardworking people achieved.

And to every exhibitor who took my decisions in such a sportsmanlike way and were so kind and friendly to me – You have set a very high standard to show by! Your sense of professionalism and commitment to your Pomeranians made this judging assignment one of my most enjoyable and one that I will not soon forget. Your kindness touched my heart! The classes, specials and veterans class were deep with quality. It was a breathtaking group of sound, happy Pomeranians presented with skill by their breeders, owners and handlers.

I don't think that an individual report on each dog, which I placed, would serve any useful purpose. First of all, every dog was full of energy and love. After having each Pomeranian taking a trip around the ring, I was able to evaluate the total dog as he presented himself. As I examined each dog on the table, I was able to judge each attribute to the Standard. From the bottom of the feet, I examined to find straight and parallel legs of medium length. I looked for a brisket that was fairly deep. I then examined for the correct shoulders and up to wedged-shaped head, dark eyes medium in size and small erect ears. Correct muzzle and bite were evaluated next. Moving to the side of the table, I was able to look and feel the neck and the important short, level topline. The tailset is sent high and carried flat. After examining the dogs on the table it was truly a treat to watch them move! I enjoyed being able to put the whole package together as I watched each gracefully move up and back. I was impressed with so many with perfect stifles and rear movement. My top Pomeranians moved with grace and elegance. In many, the movement helped to show off their beautiful, double coat. This was an exceptional National show.

Sandra Goose Allen

Winners Dog - Foxworth Fair Play
Reserve Winners - Windsor's Fasten UR Seatbelt
Winners Bitch - Char's Brand New Girl Friend
Reserve Winners Bitch - Hickory Bend's Camilla
Best of Breed - CH Velocity's Shake UR Bon Bon
Best of Winners - Foxworth Fair Play
Best of Opposite Sex - CH Reignings U Wish U Were Mia
Best Puppy - Foxworth Fair Play
Best Bred By Exhibitor - Springwoods Top of the Rock
Best Veteran - CH Oakrose One For the Money
Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran - CH Darlin's Birthday Wish

2009 APC National Specialty

Judge Sandra Goose Allen - Louisville, Kentucky



BEST OF BREED
NATIONAL SPECIALTY

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CH. VELOCITY'S SHAKE UR BON BON



AWARD OF MERIT

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CH. STARLIGHT'S SMILE FROM SIAM



AWARD OF MERIT
NATIONAL SPECIALTY

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NATIONAL SPECIALTY

CH. C&R TUFF GUY OF ISABELLA



AWARD OF MERIT

MARCH 11, 2009

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NATIONAL SPECIALTY

CH. DOGGY PINK'S DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER



AWARD OF MERIT

BEST VETERAN
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CH. OAKROSE ONE FOR THE MONEY



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CH. MOUNTAIN CREST U DON'T OWN ME



HIGH IN TRIAL
OBEDIENCE
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TOM KELLY AND ROYAL TEE BALL O'FIRE, CD

AMERICAN POMERANIAN CLUB
2009 National Specialty
 Judge Sandra Goose Allen - Louisville, Kentucky



CH. REIGNINGS U WISH U WERE MIA



FOXWORTH FAIR PLAY



CHAR'S BRAND NEW GIRL FRIEND



**STEPHANIE HENTSCHEL WITH WYNDLOR
 TISHA DARLA DORIGHT**



SPRINGWOODS TOP OF THE ROCK



WINDSOR'S FASTEN UR SEATBELT



HICKORY BEND'S CAMILLA



CH GLEN IRIS CASTILE IN THE SKY

APC SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS

Louisville, Kentucky - March 9, 2009

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES Judge: Betsy Owens

6 months and under 9 months, Dogs

- 1 FANCY A MAGIC POMS**, Breeder, Owner. By Fidelinche Del Panades - Starfire's Go Go Dancer. Owner, **Luisa Leon**.
- 2 FOXWORTH FAIR PLAY**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Foxworth Five Card Stud - Ch. Finch's See 'Em Comin'. Owner, **Pamela Dodsworth & Larry Fox**.
- 3 KOWBOY'S O MY S'PRIZE ME**, Breeder, Carol Wittrock By Ch. Oh My Wham Bamb - Ch. Reba Mcentirley Allridge. Owner Gina Williams, Carol Whittrick.
- 4 DEE LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME**, Breeder, Christine Crane & Robert & Celeste Solano. By Ch. Chriscendo Comunicado - Ch. CR Classic Charm. Owner, **Christine & Cindy Crane**.

9 months and under 12 months, Dogs

- 1 HORIZON'S A FLY ON THE WALL**, Breeder, Laurie Otis. By Witt-Elle's Shoot To Thrill NAJ - Ch. Horizon's Wishful Thinking. Owner, **Carol R. Leemhuis**.
- 2 JOLVIN WISKEY RUN**, Breeder, Joan & Mel Beech. By Ch. Sapphire's Night Moves - Ch. Jolvin Crown Jewel. Owner, **Beth Shattuck & Joan & Mel Beech**.
- 3 STARFIRE'S KISS ME BIG**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Showin's Thunderball - Ch. Starfire's Hot T Molly. Owner, **Jose Cabrera & Fabian Arienti & Natalie Roberts**.
- 4 ARN-ETTE CAUSIN' A COMMOTION**, Breeder, Geri & Wm. Arnold. By Ch. Starfire's DBL Trouble - Arn-ette Done Cryin'. Owner, **Geri & Wm. Arnold & Darlys Flaata**.

12 months and under 18 months, Dogs

- 1 APHRODITES TOPO GIGIO**, Breeder, Linda DeCicco. By Ch. Aphrodites Thank You Daddy - Ch. Aphrodites Heaven Sent. Owner, **Beverly A. Allen & Linda DeCicco**.
- 2 STARLIGHT'S SOMETHING SPECIAL**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Starlights Fun Time - Ch. Chriscendo Career Girl. Owner, **Suradej Ekviriyakit**.
- 3 CHAR'S MASTER TITLEIST TIEGER**, Breeder, C. Meyer & L. Meyer. By Ch. LT Cherubs Meet The Press of Lenette - Ch. Char's Forbidden Fruit. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer & Lynn Meyer & Kathleen Stuart**.
- 5 KARNAN'S RUB-A-DUB-DUB**, Breeder, Karin Goad & Nancy Reed. By Ambergloves Chip of Confection - Karnan's Momma Mia Mai Mai. Owner, **Carol Kiveh & Nancy Reed**.

6 months and under 9 months, Bitches

- 1 MOUNTAIN CREST NO MISTAKE**, Breeder, David & Carlene Gilstrap. By Ch. Mountain Crest Rock Star - Ch. Moretoy's Ain't She Fancy. Owner, **David & Carlene Gilstrap & Jeri Freia**.
- 2 CHAR'S IMAGE IS EVERYTHING**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Finch's Bettin' On Char's - Ch. Char's Play To Win. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer**.
- 3 SPRINGWOODS TOP OF THE ROCK**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Mountain Crest Hard Rock - Springwoods Grace Kelly. Owner, **Rebecca B. Jackson**.
- 4 JAN-SHARS SHOP TILL YOU DROP**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Jan-Shars Deal Or No Deal - Jan-Shars Bippidi Poppidi Boo. Owner, **Sharon L. Hanson**.

9 months and under 12 months, Bitches

- 1 ANIMATION'S DRAGON**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Animation's Rufus - Ch. Animation's Comet. Owner, **Lorinda Vasuta & Darren Lane**.
- 2 CHAR'S HELL-ON-HEELS**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Char's All That Jazz -

Alden's N Char's Sabrina. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer**.

- 3 POMHAVEN'S TO CUTE TOO SHOOT**, Breeder, Colleen Beland. By Jan-Shar's Have Gun Will Travel - Pomhaven's Sweet Summer. Owner, **Lee-Ann Lambert & Colleen P. Beland**
- 4 BRITISH LANE N FAME MZ ATTITUDE**, Breeder, Wendy Chambers. By Ch. Music Maker of Lenette - Ch. British Ln Mz Liberty of Lenette. Owner, **Brenda Segelken**.

12 months and under 18 months, Bitches

- 1 CR DREAMS COME TRUE**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Bachman's Brightest Star - CR Tuff Country Girl. Owner, **Robert & Celeste Solano**.
- 2 CHAR'S I BELIEVE**, Breeder, Charlotte Meyer. By Ch. Char's Strike 'N Gold - Ch. Char's Walk N A Winnin Way. Owner, **Gail Bertran**
- 3 PANACHE'S INFALLABLE FALLON**, Breeder, Laura Meineke. By Ch. Panache's Tresor Trove O'Joayne -Panache's Barely Bashful. Owner, **Wendy Lane & Laura Meineke & Charlotte Meyer**.
- 4 SUGARLAMB'S NEXT TOP MODEL**, Breeder, Lee-Ann Lambert. By Ch. Pomhaven's Il Divo - Daystar Life's Little Pleasure. Owner, **Nathalie Belanger & Lee-Ann Lambert**

Best Junior in Sweepstakes ANIMATION'S DRAGON

Best of Opp Sex to Best Junior FANCY A MAGIC POMS

Best Senior in Sweepstakes APHRODITES TOPO GIGIO

Best of Opp Sex to Best Senior CR DREAMS COME TRUE

Grand Sweepstakes Winner APHRODITES TOPO GIGIO

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

7 years and under 9 years, Dogs

- 1 APRICOT SWEET BONBON MAGIC POMS**, Breeder, Owner. By Starfire's Timoteus - Eva Lache Viva Del Panades. Owner, **Luisa Leon**.
- 2 CH. KALO'S ROCK N MUSIC CITY**, Breeder, Owner. By Marbil's Rock N Chicago - Kalo's Sparkling Gemstone. Owner, **Carolyn G. Brandenburg**.
- 3 CH. SUNDOWN'S KEEGAN XAVIER**, Breeder, Owner By Ch. Sundown's Little Casino - Ch. Janesa's Southern Sundown. Owner, **Camilla Knight**.
- 4 CH. OAKROSE ONE FOR THE MONEY**, Breeder, Joan Rose. By Foxworth Frontier Spirit - Cinnakees Serenity. Owner, **Joan Rose, Gail Stewart**.

9 years and over, Dogs

- 1 CH. GOLDKIST ROCKIN KNIGHT**, Breeder, Beverly Bottoms. By Ch. Fame Chip of The Great Rock - Whid-Don's Knighting Gail. Owner, **Barbara Meyer**.

7 years and under 9 years, Bitches

- 1 CH. DARLIN'S BIRTHDAY WISH**, Breeder, Laurie Otis, Donna Machniak. By Ch. Jan-Shars Topsy Turvy - Ch. Heartland's Precious Gift. Owner, **Laurie Otis**.
- 2 CH. CASCADE-LACUEVA PANACHES TINKER**, Breeder, Doris Wheeler. By Ch. Lacueva's Peppered Palomino - Cascade Bev-Nor Black Velvet. Owner, **Laura B. Meineke**.

9 years and over, Bitches

- 1 IDLEWYLD CAMEO, CD, RA**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Twin Pines Chico - Idlewyld Rich Man's Gold. Owner, **Margaret R. McKee**

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes APRICOT SWEET BONBON MAGIC POMS

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes CH. DARLIN'S BIRTHDAY WISH

APC NATIONAL RESULTS

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REGULAR CLASSES Judge: Mrs. Sandra Goose Allen

Puppy 6 months and under 9 months, Dogs

- 1 **FOXWORTH FAIR PLAY**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Foxworth Five Card Stud - Ch. Finch's See 'Em Comin'. Owner, **Pamela Dodsworth & Larry Fox.**
- 2 **DEE LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME**, Breeder, Christine Crane & Robert & Celeste Solano. By Ch. Chriscendo Comunicado - Ch. CR Classic Charm. Owner, **Christine & Cindy Crane.**
- 3 **RAZZLE DAZZLE PANIC AT THE DISCO**, Breeder, Elizabeth Heckert & Judith B. Green. By Ch. Chriscendo Comunicado - Razzle Dazzle BlueGrassMusic. Owner, **R. & C. Solano & E. Heckert & J. Green.**
- 4 **FANCY A MAGIC POMS**, Breeder, Owner. By Fidelinche Del Panades - Starfire's Go Go Dancer. Owner, **Luisa Leon.**

Puppy 9 months and under 12 months, Dogs

- 1 **JAN-SHARS CISCO KID**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Daystars Little Red Caboose - Jan-Shars Women of Scandel. Owner, **Sharon L. Hanson.**
- 2 **HOTIZON CARLEEZ PICK UP STICKS**, Breeder, Laurie Otis & Carol Leemuis. By Ch. Sundown's Hide N Zeke - Edens Having A Blonde Moment. Owner, **Paula Clark.**
- 3 **STARLIGHTS STORM KICKER**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Starlights Fun Times - Venus of Hang Hang. Owner, **Suradej Ekviriyakit.**
- 4 **CHAR'S GOLD RUSH**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Char's Strike 'N Gold - Char's Looney Tune. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer.**

12 to 18 month, Dogs

- 1 **APHRODITES TOPO GIGIO**, Linda DeCicco. By Ch. Aphrodites Thank You Daddy - Ch. Aphrodites Heaven Sent. Owner, **Beverly A. Allen & Linda DeCicco.**
- 2 **JAN SHARS STUD MUFFIN**, Breeder, Sharon Hanson. By Ch. Jan Shars Code Red - Jan Shars Pick Me Pick Me. Owner, **Howard Sklar & Sharon Hanson.**
- 3 **STARLIGHT'S SOMETHING SPECIAL**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Starlights Fun Time - Ch. Chriscendo Career Girl. Owner, **Suradej Ekviriyakit.**
- 4 **SO FINE'S REPEAT PERFORMANCE**, Breeder, Mary Latimer. By Ch. Damascusroad Dream Buster - Ch. Sofine's Legally Blonde. Owner, **Susan Lucas.**

Bred-by-Exhibitor, Dogs

- 1 **TRUDY'S WORTH THE WAIT**, Breeder, Nancy & Robert Coddington. By Ch. Trudy's Woody Win - Trudy's Top of The Line. Owner, **Nancy Coddington**
- 2 **ARN-ETTE CAUSIN' A COMMOTION**, Breeder, Geri & Wm. Arnold. By Ch. Starfire's DBL Trouble - Arn-ette Done Cryin'. Owner, **Geri & Wm. Arnold & Darlys Flaata.**
- 3 **LA CUEVA-DHCREW PRIDE-N-PREJUDICE**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. DHCrew Ruff-N-Ready - LaCueva-DHCrew Patti's Legacy. Owner, **Sherrilynn Rogers.**
- 4 **STARFIRE'S KISS ME BIG**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Showin's Thunderball - Ch. Starfire's Hot T Molly. Owner, **Jose Cabrera & Fabian Arienti & Natalie Roberts.**

American-bred, Dogs

- 1 **CHAR'S RENDEZVOUS ROMEO**, Breeder, C. Meyer. By Ch. Finch's Char's Spellbound Parti - Char's Red Neck Parti Woman. Owner, **Kathleen Stuart & Charlotte Meyer.**
- 2 **VIKTRES PUDDLE JUMPER**, Breeder, Victoria Oelerich. By Ch. Jaken's Splashing In The Rain At Jan Le - Ch. Windsor's Darling Debutante. Owner, **Paulette Smith.**
- 3 **SHOWCASE N STARLIGHT ROYAL FLUSH**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Cheyennes Kodiak Bear Second - Showcase TQMEM Elizabeth. Owner, **A. Levinsohn & R. & M. Smith & C. Smith.**

Open, Red, Orange, Cream & Sable, Dogs

- 1 **WINDSOR'S FASTEN UR SEATBELT**, Breeder: Shauna Jenkins. By Ch. Babydoll's Buckle Up UR Jean's - Ch. Windsor's Wild Orchid. Owner, **Gail & Bill Bertrand.**
- 2 **TOKIE N DOME DOI TALKE NO PRISONERS**, Breeder, C. Tangkaravakun. By Ch. Tokie's Mercury - Tokie Teen Princess. Owner, **Saree Vichitphisal.**
- 3 **STARLIGHTS DREAMS COME TRUE**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Pufpride's Sweet Dreams - Ch. Sunterra Supermodel. Owner, **Suradej Ekviriyakit.**
- 4 **SANTEE'S SINGULAR SENSATION**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. JJ's Victorian Angel - Ch. Firebrook's Aim To Please. Owner, **Stephanie J. Pineault.**

Open, Black, Brown & Blue, Dogs

- 1 **REDHOTS EBONY ANGEL HAIR**, Breeder, Cynthia Sickler. By Redhots I'm No Angel At Sincity - Redhots Sweet Tootsie Roll. Owner, **David T. Verdi & Chadwick Stalvey.**
- 2 **JANESA'S CHOCOLATE SENSATION**, Breeder, Jerrie Freia. By Ch. Heartland's Knight N Day - Janesa's Sassy Also. Owner, **Laurie Otis & Geno Sisneros.**
- 3 **HER-SHE'S WHAT WOMEN WANT**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Heartland's Knight N Day - Her-She's Cocoa Kisses. Owner, **Ann M. Berryman.**
- 4 **BLACKJACK BAKER RAMIREZ**, Breeder, Ownes. By Ch. Jeribeth Mostly Tim Sue - Ch. Jeribeth Lil Tazmanian. Owner, **Olga Baker & Humberto Ramirez.**

Open, Any Other Allowed Color, Dogs

- 1 **LIL-PONDEROSA DARE TO STARE**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Rise N Shine's He's A Hottie - Li'l Ponderosa Design O'Flair. Owner, **Sherry L. Cartwright.**
- 2 **HER MAJESTY'S EAT MY SMOKE**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Rodi's Black Gold — Majestys Princess Ellie Mae. Owner, **Randy Houston & Charles Whitemore.**
- 3 **CHAR'S YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN YET**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Char's I Wanna Talk About Me - Ch. Char's Wild and Free. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer.**
- 4 **EAGLE CREEK'S CHOCOLATIER PARTI**, Breeder, Kathryn Norem. By Ch. Finch'sChar'sMakinWavesParti - Heartland's A Flash From Heaven. Owner, **Laurie Otis.**

Winners Dog FOXWORTH FAIR PLAY

Reserve Winners Dog WINDSOR'S FASTEN UR SEATBELT

Puppy 6 months and under 9 months, Bitches

- 1 ANIMATION'S FIONA**, Breeder, Owners. By Animation's Nemo — Animation's Dory. Owner, **Lorinda Vasuta & Darren Lane**.
- 2 KACEE'S MIKA**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Mountain Crest Let Mikey Havit — Ch. KaCee's Gone With The Wind II. Owner, **Katy L. Stalnaker**.
- 3 JAN-SHARS SHOP TILL YOU DROP**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Jan-Shars Deal Or No Deal — Jan-Shars Bippidi Poppidi Boo. Owner, **Sharon L. Hanson**.
- 4 DEE LITTLE DAISY DUKE**, Breeder, Christine Crane & Christine Heartz. By Ch. Chricendo Call To Arms — Ch. Chricendo Come Closer. Owner, **Christine & Cindy Crane**.

Puppy 9 months and under 12 months, Bitches

- 1 HICKORY BEND'S CAMILLA**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Making A Splash At Lenette — Hickory Bend's Ideal Ida. Owner, **Tom B. Davisdon & David L. Lamb**.
- 2 ANIMATION'S DRAGON**, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Animation's Rufus — Ch. Animation's Comet. Owner, **Lorinda Vasuta & Darren Lane**.
- 3 POMHAVEN'S TO CUTE TOO SHOOT**, Breeder, Colleen Beland. By Jan-Shar's Have Gun Will Travel — Pomhaven's Sweet Summer. Owner, **Lee-Ann Lambert & Colleen P. Beland**,
- 4 CHAR'S HELL-ON-HEELS**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Char's All That Jazz — Alden's N Char's Sabrina. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer**.

12 to 18 month, Bitches

- 1 POWER POM YOUNG LOVE**, Breeder, Owner. By Power Pom Special Edition — Valcopy Marlene D. Owner, **Pongsacorn Pongsak**.
- 2 SUGARLAMB'S NEXT TOP MODEL**, Breeder, Lee-Ann Lambert. By Ch. Pomhaven's Il Divo — Daystar Life's Little Pleasure. Owner, **Nathalie Belanger & Lee-Ann Lambert**.
- 3 RYMS W FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION PLZ**, Breeder, Russ Martin & Shelley Weimer-Martin. By Ch. Ryms W Focus On Fashion — Greenetides Focus N' On Janie. Owner, **Lisa Stasiuk & Shelley Weimer-Martin & Michael Carbno**.

Bred-by-Exhibitor, Bitches

- 1 SPRINGWOODS TOP OF THE ROCK**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Mountain Crest Hard Rock — Springwoods Grace Kelly. Owner, **Rebecca B. Jackson**.
- 2 POMHAVEN'S CASA DORA**, Breeder, Owner. By Cheyennes Tinstopper's Buddy — Pomhaven's Tiger Lily. Owner, **Colleen P. Beland**.
- 3 SERAFINA'S CRY ME A RIVER**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Serafina's Luc Lessard — Ch. Serafina's Torch Song. Owner, **Margaret R. Nance**.
- 4 DREAMWEAVER'S CREME BRULEE**, Breeder, Michael Wells & Linda Pelz. By Ch. Desert Thunder of Lennette — Letitia of Lennette. Owner, **Elizabeth & Michael Wells & Linda Pelz**.

American-bred, Bitches

- 1 GEEBEARS DREAMIN OF RED N BLACK**, Breeder, Gina Williams & Lisa Goodman & Linda Pelz. By Nan's Echo In The Wind — Ruby's Dreamin of Black Gold. Owner, **Cheryl Kerr**.

Open, Red, Orange, Cream & Sable, Bitches

- 1 CHAR'S BRAND NEW GIRL FRIEND**, Breeder, Owner. By Finch's Havin A Blond Moment — Ch. Finch's Nicely Packaged Deal. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer**.

- 2 CUDDLE INN'S FASHIONABLY LATE**, Breeder, Donna Smith. By Ch. Heartland's Knight N Day — Sundown's An Eye For Fashion. Owner, **Camilla Knight**.

- 3 CHAR'S TELL ME A STORY**, Breeder, Owner. By Soldier of Fortune of Haase — Ch. Finch's Chars Walk This Way. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer**

- 4 PINECREST'S PRIVATE EYE**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Pinecrest Smoke and Fury — Ch. Pinecrests Shimmer. Owner, **Catherine & Paige Bolahood**.

Open, Black, Brown & Blue, Bitches

- 1 SIGNATURE'S SWEEPASWREMEMBRANCEOFAMIDNIGHT**, Breeder, Gary Mullinax & Karen Brooks. By LA-Normandie Ice Man Cody Boy — Wee Paw's Silk Stalkings. Owner, **Karen Brooks**.

- 2 HORIZON'S A FLY ON THE WALL**, Breeder, Laurie Otis. By Witt-Elle's Shoot To Thrill NAJ — Ch. Horizon's Wishful Thinking. Owner, **Carol R. Leemhuis**.

- 3 CHAR'S SUPER MODEL PARTI**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Finch's Rockin' Parti — Char's Parti Illusion. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer**.

- 4 CHAR'S I BELIEVE**, Breeder, Charlotte Meyer. By Ch. Char's Strike 'N Gold — Ch. Char's Walk N A Winnin Way. Owner, **Gail Bertrand & Charlotte Meyer**.

Open, Any Other Allowed Color, Bitches

- 1 HI STYLE'S FANCY PANTS**, Breeder, Carolyn Carge & Diane Finch. By Ch. Mountain Crest Traveling Man — Ch. Finch's Outa Sight Sweetness. Owner, **Elena Turbina**.

- 2 PAUGH PRINT'S MOONLIGHT MAGIC**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Moretoys Tak'n Care of Business — Paugh Print's Dark Mistress. Owner, **Sherri Alspaugh**.

- 3 CHAR'S FANCY THAT**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Char's I Wanna Talk About Me — Ch. Char's Wild and Free. Owner, **Charlotte Meyer**.

- 4 FAYRWYNE'S WE CAN AND WILL**, Breeder, Owner. By Denes's Trey At Pulliman's Paradise — Ray-Joy's Painted Princess. Owner, **Heidi C. Torrey**.

Winners Bitch

CHAR'S BRAND NEW GIRL FRIEND

Reserve
HICKORY BEND'S CAMILLA

Veteran Class 6 to 9, Dogs

- 1 CH. OAKROSE ONE FOR THE MONEY**, Breeder, Joan Rose. By Foxworth Frontier Spirit — Cinnakees Serenity. Owner, **Joan Rose & Gail Stewart**.

- 2 CH. SUNDOWN'S KEEGAN XAVIER**, Breeder, Camilla Knight. By Ch. Sundown's Little Casino — Ch. Janesa's Southern Sundown. Owner, **Camilla Knight**.

- 3 CH. KALO'S ROCK N MUSIC CITY**, Breeder, Owner. By Marbil's Rock N Chicago — Kalo's Sparkling Gemstone. Owner, **Carolyn G. Brandenburg**.

- 4 CH. IDLEWYLD PRECIOUS GEM**, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Idlewynd Tourmaline — Ch. Idlewynd Piper of Lenette. Owner, **Margaret R. McKee**.

Veteran Class 9 and older, Dogs

- 1 CH. GOLDKIST ROCKIN KNIGHT**, Breeder, Beverly Bottoms. By Ch. Fame Chip of The Great Rock — Whid-Don's Knighting Gail. Owner, **Barbara Meyer**.

Veteran Class 6 to 9, Bitches

1 CH. DARLIN'S BIRTHDAY WISH, Breeder, Laurie Otis & Donna J. Machniak. By Ch. Jan-Shars Topsy Turvy — Ch. Heartland's Precious Gift. Owner, **Laurie Otis**.

2 CH. CASCADE-LACUEVA PANACHES TINKER, Breeder, Doris Wheeler. By Ch. Lacueva's Peppered Palomino — Cascade Bev-Nor Black Velvet. Owner, **Laura B. Meineke**.

Veteran Class 9 to 12, Bitches

1 CH. BAR-JON'S RAVE REVUE, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Sun-Dots Command Performance — Bar-Jon's Summer Revue. Owner, **Barbara Messmer**.

Best of Breed CH. VELOCITY'S SHAKE UR BON BON, Breeder, D. Yona. By Ch. Razzle Dazzle Hat Dance — Velocity's Simply Stunning. Dog. Owner, **Margo Koga**.

Best of Winners FOXWORTH FAIR PLAY

Best of Opposite Sex CH. REIGNINGS U WISH U WERE MIA, Breeder, Owners. By Ch. Babydolls Buckle Up Ur Genes — Debonaire's Cubby Bear. Bitch. Owner, **Gail & Bill Bertrand**.

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CH. OAKROSE ONE FOR THE MONEY, Breeder, Joan Rose. By Foxworth Frontier Spirit — Cinnakees Serenity. Owner, **Joan Rose & Gail Stewart**.

CH. MOUNTAIN CREST U DON'T OWN ME, Breeder, David & Carlene Gilstrap. By Ch. Damascusroad Dream Buster — Mountain Crest Just Perfect. Dog. Owner, **David & Carlene Gilstrap & Ann Parman**,

CH. C&R TUFF GUY OF ISABELLA, Breeder, R. & C. Solano & L. Drew. By Ch. Rain Trees Tuff-E-Nuff — Ch. CR Classic Attitude. Dog. Owner, **R. & M. Smith & C. & R. Salano & P. Pongsak**.

CH. STARLIGHT'S SMILE FROM SIAM, Breeder, Suradej Ekviriyakit. By Starlight's Dream Comes True — Windmist Copa Cobana. Dog. Owner, **Louie Chan**.

CH. DOGGY PINK'S DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER, Breeder, Somsak Kitcharoenpaisal. By Sunterra Style Stepper — Ch. Finch's Tailored To Win. Bitch. Owner, **Runchana Lertsirisumpun**.

Best Puppy

FOXWORTH FAIR PLAY

Best Bred-by-Exhibitor

SPRINGWOODS TOP OF THE ROCK

Best Veteran CH. OAKROSE ONE FOR THE MONEY, Breeder, Joan Rose. By Foxworth Frontier Spirit — Cinnakees Serenity. Owner, **Joan Rose & Gail Stewart**.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran

CH. DARLIN'S BIRTHDAY WISH, Breeder, Laurie Otis & Donna J. Machniak. By Ch. Jan-Shars Topsy Turvy — Ch. Heartland's Precious Gift. Owner, **Laurie Otis**.

Brood Bitch Class

1 CH. GLEN IRIS CASTLE IN THE SKY, Breeder, Cheryl Jackson. By Ch. Glen Iris Castle Rock — Thistle Magic Kira of Glen Iris. Owner, **Geno Sisneros & Cheryl Jackson & Larry Myers & Isabel Taylor**.

Brace Class

1 SUGARLAMB'S NEXT TOP MODEL, Breeder, Lee-Ann Lambert. By Ch. Pomhaven's Il Divo — Daystar Life's Little Pleasure. Bitch. Owner,

Nathalie Belanger & Lee-Ann Lambert.

1 SUGARLAMB'S R'U' PAYING ATTENTION, Breeder, Lee-Ann Lambert. By Ch. Pomhaven's Il Divo — Pomhaven's Don't Talk Back. Bitch. Owner, **Nathalie Belanger**.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

OPEN SR. 15-18 CLASS

1 WYNDLOR TISHA DARLA DORIGHT, Breeder, P. Dieball & B. Sabourin. By Ch. Heartland's Bosa Nova Dancer — Ch. Wyndlor Daisy Doright. Bitch. Owner, **Becky Sabourine & Stephanie Hentschel**. Jr. Handler: **Stephanie Hentschel #73601236001**.

Best Junior Handler

Stephanie Hentschel

OBEDIENCE TRIAL CLASSES Judge Mrs. Paula P. Barras

NOVICE CLASS "B"

Judge: Mrs. Paula P. Barras

1 Score198 NB70 ROYAL TEE BALL O'FIRE,CD, Breeder, A. Blocker. By Ch. Royal Tee Tucker of Lenette — Royal Tee's Keesha. Dog. Owner, **Thomas & Karen Kelly**.

2 Score194.5 NB74 CH. SUNDOWN N JANESSA'S PERFECTION,RN, Breeder, Camilla Knight. By Ch. Sundown's Hide N Zeke,CD — Darlin's Love Me Love Me Not. Dog. Owner, **Rochelle Fugate**.

3 Score192 NB72 BEAU JAMES' FAE JOYOUS MERIT,RN,MX,AXJ, Breeder, Cynthia Wallen. By Underwoods Andy Pandy — Beau James Ebony Tradition. Bitch. Owner, **Chris Ellicott**.

4 Score191 NB71 CH. DHCREW ROCK-N-RUMBLE,RN,CD, Breeder, H. Webster, Jr. By Ch. Dhcrew Ruff-N-Ready — Ch. Dhcrew Elizabethan Agenda. Dog. Owner, **Cindy Onosko**.

OPEN CLASS "A"

1 Score 189 OA134 LITTLE MISS TURBO,CD,MX,MXJ,NAP,NJP, Breeder, J. Rentschler. By Ebanazer Sneezzer — Rebschlers Little Reese. Bitch. Owner, **Mona L. Gitter**.

Highest Scoring Dog In Regular Classes

ROYAL TEE BALL O'FIRE, CD

GRADUATE NOVICE

NQ GN501 SUNDOWN'S MY TREND IS JANESA,CD,RA, Breeder, Camilla Knight. By Ch. Janesa's N Jan-shars Chance — Ch. Janesa's Traditional Trend,CD. Bitch. Owner, **Rochelle Fugate**.

VETERANS

1 Score188.5 V530 IDLYWYND CAMEO,CD,RA, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Twin Pines Chico — Idlewyld Rich Man's Gold. Bitch. Owner, **Margaret R. McKee**.

2 Score188 V531 CH. DHCREW ROCK-N-RUMBLE,RN,CD, Breeder, H. Webster, Jr. By Ch. Dhcrew Ruff-N-Ready — Ch. Dhcrew Elizabethan Agenda. Dog. Owner, **Cindy Onosko**.

BRACE

1 Score 392.5 803 CH. SUNDOWN N JANESSA'S PERFECTION,RN, Breeder, Camilla Knight. By Ch. Sundown's Hide N Zeke,CD — Darlin's Love Me Love Me Not. Dog. Owner, **Rochelle Fugate**.



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1 Score 392.5 804 SUNDOWN'S MY TREND IS JANESA,CD,RA, Breeder, Camilla Knight. By Ch. Janesa's N Jan-shars Chance- Ch. Janesa's Traditional Trend,CD. Bitch. Owner, **Rochelle Fugate**.

RALLY TRIAL CLASSES Judge: Mrs. Paula P. Barras

RALLY NOVICE A

1 Score99 RC5 JANESA'S ROTTEN TO THE CORE, Breeder, Jerrie Freia. By Janesa's Got A Tiger By The Tail- Sundown's My Trend Is Janesa,CD,RN. Bitch. Owner, **Heather Saidler**.

2 Score94 RC8 JAN LE'S WIL-HE OR WON'T HE, Breeder, Jane Lehtinen. By Jan Le's A Time Will Come- Jan Le's Just Dashit. Dog. Owner, **Del & Caro Mehlafl**.

3 Score85 RC6 KAMALA'S I'M NOT ONE OF THE BOYS, Breeder, Kathy Launderville. By Linetrees Don't B A Hero At Kamala - Kamala's Little Red Fireball. Bitch. Owner, **Kathy & Katelyn Launderville**.

4 Score78 RC7 CH. DESERT THUNDER OF LENETTE, Breeder, Ken Griffith. By Ch. Sourwoods Rambling Thunder - Mack's Rambling Gypsy. Dog. Owner, **Michael Wells & Linda Pelz**.

RALLY ADVANCED A

1 Score99 RE200 CH. ECO N SUNDOWN'S CELIBRATION, Breeder, Elizabeth Cockrill & Camilla Knight. By Heartlands Knight N Day- Ch. Sundown's Cmon Gimme A Chance. Bitch. Owner, **Camilla Knight**.

2 Score96 RE201 ALI-MAE'S READY TO ROCK CINMAR, Breeder, Kelly & Brandon Nichols. By Ch. DHCrew Rock-N-Rumble,RN,CD - Leaping Lizards of Lenette. Dog. Owner, **Cindy Onosko**.

RALLY NOVICE B

1 Score86 RK600 MALASHEL'S INCREDIBLE IRRESISTABLE, CD RAE, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Cases's Carbon Copy - Ch. Suber's Indy Nile D'Malashel, RN. Bitch. Owner, **Elaine Wishnow**.

2 Score85 RK601 GREAT RIVERS MEG RULES MALASHEL, CD, RAE, Breeder, Owner. By Great Rivers Paint The Town - Price's Choc Smores Cookie. Bitch. Owner, **Elaine Wishnow**.

RALLY ADVANCED B

1 Score 93 RQ900 MALASHEL'S INCREDIBLE IRRESISTABLE, CD RAE, Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Cases's Carbon Copy - Ch. Suber's Indy Nile D'Malashel, RN. Bitch. Owner, **Elaine Wishnow**.

2 Score 91 RQ901 GREAT RIVERS MEG RULES MALASHEL, CD, RAE, Breeder, Owner. By Great Rivers Paint The Town - Price's Choc Smores Cookie. Bitch. Owner, **Elaine Wishnow**.

3 NQ RQ902 SUNDOWN'S MY TREND IS JANESA,CD,RA, Breeder, Camilla Knight. By Ch. Janesa's N Jan-shars Chance - Ch. Janesa's Traditional Trend,CD. Bitch. Owner, **Rochelle Fugate**.

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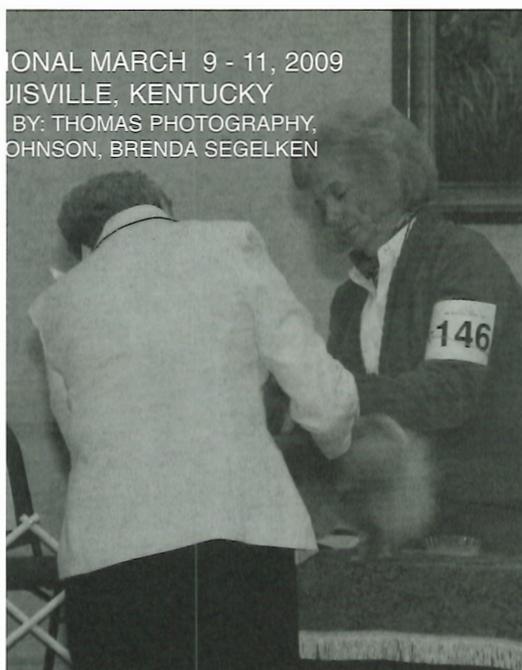


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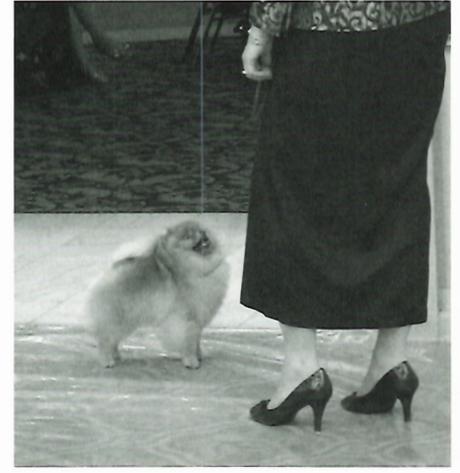
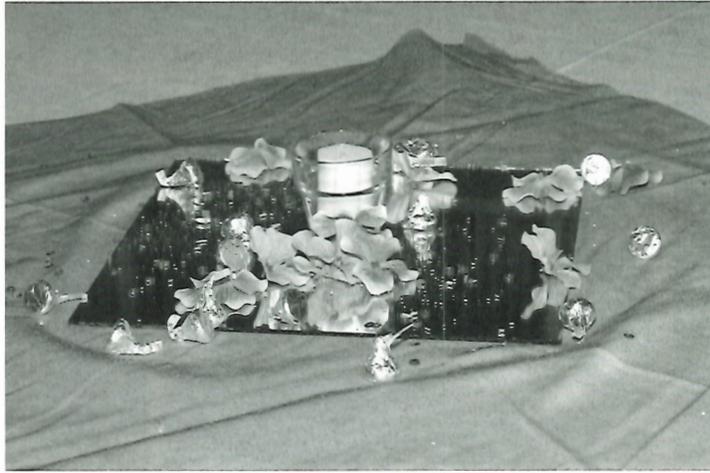
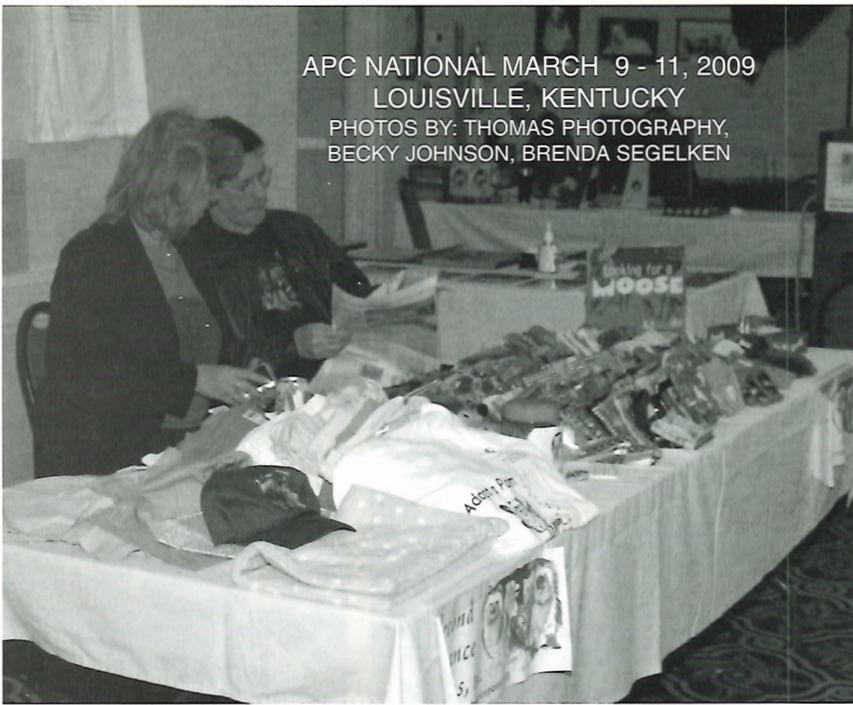
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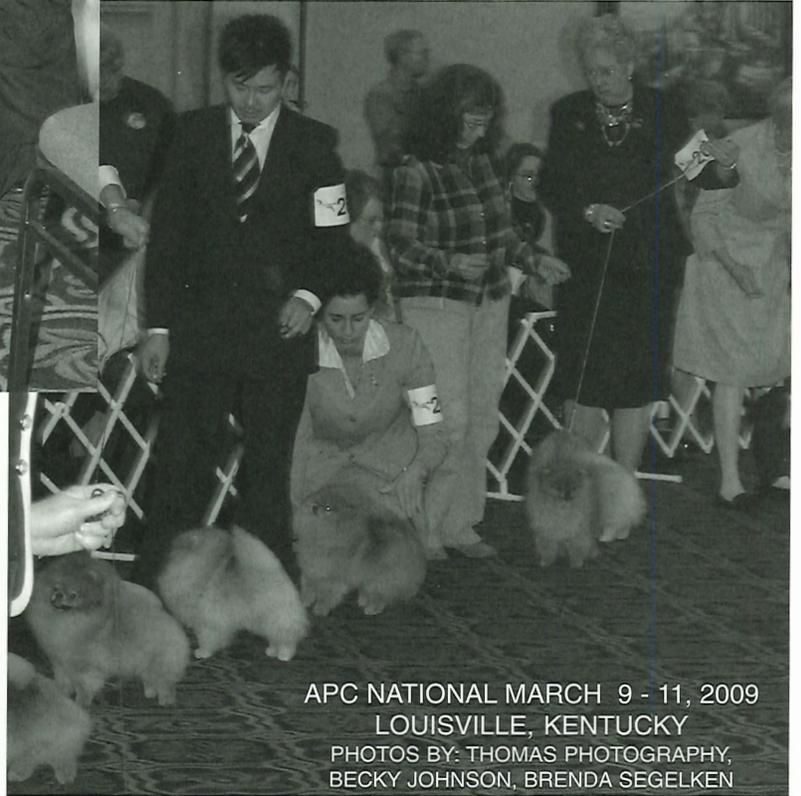
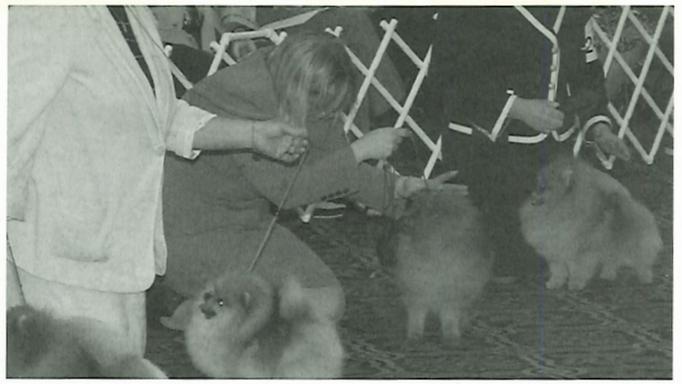


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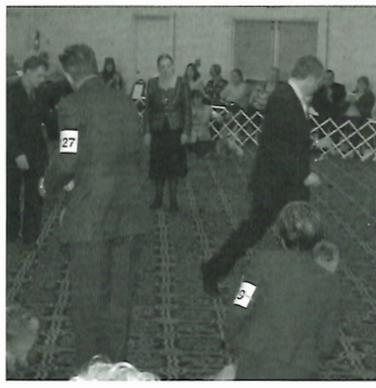
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Top 20

Christine Creasey
Chair Top Twenty

The colors were blue, silver and white.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was Deena Simon.

It was an honor to have as our handler judge, Nadine Hersil, our breeder judge Olga Baker and our "judge" judge Fred Bassett.

This year, thirteen out twenty showed.

Ch Char's Bringin' Sexy Back
Ch Cr Tuff Guy of Isabella
Ch Delpom's Sir Nicholas of Lenette
Ch Golden Star's Terminator
Ch Horizon-N-Janesa Indian Sundown
Ch Jan-Shars Elementary My Dear Watson
Ch Kalo's Rock N Music City

Ch Lil Behrs Honey Nut Cheerio
Ch Majestics Artistic Impression
Ch Mountain Crest U Don't Own Me
Ch Oakrose High'N Mighty
Ch Pufpride Somewhere in Time
Ch Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon

The dogs were shown in alphabetical order so the judges would have no knowledge of their placements.

The People's choice award was given to Ch Cr Tuff Guy of Isabella.

The Top Twenty Winner was given to Ch Oakrose High'N Mighty.

Thanking people always seems so inadequate. But, I do wish to thank the 13 dogs and their owners/breeders/handlers whom without this show would of course not take place.

My three judges. You brought your vast knowledge of the breed to the table and I cannot thank you enough. It was an honor to have you there.

Deena Simon, you were perfect and I thank you for your hard work keeping everyone in the "waiting room" informed and everyone out front entertained. Thank you. Lisa Aiello your design of the catalogue was the perfect touch. Thank you so much. And to Jackie, Joan, Betsy, Brenda, Jan, George, Amy and anyone else I have forgotten, thanks so much.

While the event itself went smoothly, although late. I took notes on how to make it run much smoother at the door next year. And some new ideas. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.



American Pomeranian Club

Top 20

Judges: Fred Bassett, Nadine Hersil, Olga Baker



People's Choice Award
Ch Cr Tuff Guy of Isabella



Ways & Means

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.



Donna Riehm

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that our National Specialty has come and gone. For all who could not attend, you missed a truly quality event. The new location proved to be very nice with plenty of room for all. Thanks to Greg and his team for all the hard work in setting up the ballroom. The Ways and Means booth is always configured and located just right!

We had some fantastic donations and the items were of such a variety that there was something that would appeal to most everyone.

A huge thanks goes to Brenda Segelken, who once again provided us with beautiful Specialty apparel. You just can't beat candy apple red with black. And, I have to add a second thank you to Brenda, as it was her logo art, as she had won for the year 2009.

Check our website as we had T-shirts, Sweatshirts and Hoodies left and are now available there for purchase.

Thanks to Marilyn Heestand, my right hand and partner who goes out of her way to ensure the Ways and Means booth is as successful as it can be. She is there before the opening anthem to the last ribbon given. Thanks so much Marilyn!

Also, the banquet auction would NOT be the same without our fantastic auctioneer Mr. Bob Fiddick. He makes the event so enjoyable. I found myself bidding on several items just because he made it sound like something I had to have. He truly helps the club so much as our auctioneer. And when Bob comes to Specialty Juanita always brings fantastic donations and wonderful homemade goodies for the Ways and Means booth. Thanks to you both, it is always a joy to see you at Specialty.

I could not close this article without expressing once again to everyone, Brenda Segelken especially. The Anniversary Issue was over the top fantastic. If any of you have not purchased one you need to or you will be so sorry not to have this issue.

AND, I would like to add that Brenda and the Review booth made OVER \$6300.00 during the Specialty event.

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That will go a long way in support of our club. Thanks Brenda and the Review team!

This is the recap of what your donations and purchases made for our Club and in support of our wonderful Pomeranians:

Ways & Means Booth sales:	\$4723.00
Banquet Auction:	\$2624.00
Total	\$7347.00

Never underestimate the importance of what you donate in support of the APC. It is one of our main lifelines in raising the funds to be able to provide you with a quality and fun filled National Specialty.

Thanks to all,

Donna Riehm,
APC Ways and Means





Pomeranians AKC TopDogsSM Using Breed Totals

Starting January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009

For Events Processed Through Tuesday, March 10, 2009

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>Total Defeated</u>
1	CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon <i>Owner: M Koga*</i>	D	28	433
2	CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back <i>Owners: C Meyer*</i>	D	15	233
3	CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella <i>Owners: R Solano*, C Solano*, R Smith*, M Smith*</i>	D	17	226
4	CH Castile's Endless Love <i>Owners: G Sisneros/C Gatewood</i>	D	9	120
5	CH Mountain Crest U Don'T Own Me <i>Owners: D Gilstrap*, C Gilstrap*</i>	D	8	96
6	Starlight's Smile From Siam <i>Owners: S Ekviriyakit, L Chan, A Chan</i>	D	7	92
7	CH Starfire's Dbl Trouble <i>Owners: G Arnold*/W Arnold*/D Flaata*</i>	D	4	91
8	CH Golden Star's Terminator <i>Owner: A Sanehmahakul</i>	D	4	59
9	CH Pufpride Somewhere In Time <i>Owners: L Beard*/V Dimick</i>	D	4	52
10	CH Delpom's Sir Nicholas Of Lenette <i>Owner: L Delp</i>	D	3	49
11	CH Foxworth Five Card Stud <i>Owners: P Dodsworth*/L Fox*</i>	D	8	46
12	CH Woodrose's Causin' A Commotion <i>Owners: C Oganeku*/Y Oganeku*</i>	D	4	45
13	CH Noble's L'L Engine That Could <i>Owners: V Smidt/ N Inglett*</i>	D	3	41
14	CH Dreamweavers Rockin Robin <i>Owner: L Pelz*</i>	D	2	37
14	CH Majestic's You Don'T Know Jack <i>Owners: A Rister*/C Creed*/B Turner*/T Turner*/S Berney*</i>	D	3	37
16	CH Starfire's Latin Dancer <i>Owners: F Stoll*/D Riehm*</i>	D	1	35
17	CH Belstar's Sweet Lil Guy <i>Owners: I Stoffers/C Nelson</i>	D	2	32
18	CH Jan-Shar's Elementary My Dear Watson <i>Owners: H Sklar/S Hanson*</i>	D	1	30
19	CH Reignings U Wish U Were Mia <i>Owners: G Bertrand/B Bertrand</i>	B	1	29
19	CH Sirius' Another Chance At Eaglecreek <i>Owner: N Fetter*</i>	D	1	29

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Pomeranians AKC TopDogssm Using All Breed Totals

Starting January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009

For Events Processed Through Tuesday, March 10, 2009

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>BIS</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total Defeated</u>
1	CH Velocity's Shake Ur Bon Bon <i>Owner: M Koga*</i>	D	3	13	6	0	6	6,353
2	CH Cr Tuff Guy Of Isabella <i>Owners: R Solano*, C Solano*, R Smith*, M Smith*</i>	D	0	1	4	2	4	2,482
3	CH Char's Bringin' Sexy Back <i>Owners: C Meyer*</i>	D	0	1	2	1	1	857
4	CH Mountain Crest U Don'T Own Me <i>Owners: D Gilstrap*, C Gilstrap*</i>	D	0	1	1	0	2	705
5	CH Castile's Endless Love <i>Owners: G Sisneros/C Gatewood</i>	D	0	0	0	0	2	366
6	CH Woodrose's Causin' A Commotion <i>Owners: C Oganeku*/Y Oganeku*</i>	D	1	1	2	0	1	350
7	CH Golden Star's Terminator <i>Owner: A Sanehmahakul</i>	D	0	0	0	1	1	326
8	CH Mountain Crestelusivefreespirit <i>Owner: E Paviglianti</i>	B	0	0	1	0	0	235
9	Starfire's Kiss Me Big <i>Owners: F Arienti*, J Cabrera*, N Roberts</i>	D	0	1	0	0	0	220
10	Gucci Powderpuff Ala Maybelline <i>Owner: M Goucher/E Smith</i>	B	0	0	0	0	1	216
11	CH Pufpride Somewhere In Time <i>Owners: L Beard*/V Dimick</i>	D	0	0	0	0	1	190
12	CH Delpom's Sir Nicholas Of Lenette <i>Owner: L Delp</i>	D	0	0	1	0	0	186
13	Starlight's Smile From Siam <i>Owners: S Ekviriyakit, L Chan, A Chan</i>	D	0	1	0	0	0	178
14	CH Sincity's I'M A Tuff Little Demon <i>Owner: M Arvanites*</i>	D	0	0	1	0	0	163
15	Bravo's Traveling In Style <i>Owners: K Nowland</i>	D	0	0	0	0	1	152
16	CH Foxworth Five Card Stud <i>Owners: P Dodsworth*/L Fox*</i>	D	0	0	0	1	0	147
17	CH Howlene Teahra Dolce Meta <i>Owners: A Otaguro*/H Miller*/R Watanabe*</i>	B	0	0	2	0	0	130
18	Rhynstone Fool's Gold <i>Owners: J Urban*</i>	D	0	0	0	0	1	124
19	CH Whiteharbors Dubbed Desparado <i>Owners: S Ledford/J Ledford</i>	D	0	1	0	0	0	120
20	CH Noble's L'L Engine That Could <i>Owners: V Smidt/N Inglett*</i>	D	0	0	0	1	0	117

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Top Ten Exhibitor, Breeder, and Junior Showmanship



Joan Behrend

Top Ten Exhibitors, Breeders, Sires, and Dams
January 1, 2009 through February 28, 2009 as reported by the American Kennel Club

Top Exhibitors

- 3 Nina Fetter*
- 2 Diane L Finch*
- 2 Pat Dieball*
- 2 Sharon Hanson*
- 2 Barbara Moore*
- 2 Erika Pavigliani

Top Breeders

- 3 Diane L Finch*
- 2 Nina Fetter*
- 2 Pat Dieball*
- 2 Sharon Hanson*

Top Sires

- 2 CH Eagle Creek's Hamin It Up

Top Dams

None with more than 1 titled get

Top Junior Handlers

As reported by BestJunior.com

Rebecca Silverberg	28
Stephanie Hentschel	25
Hope Gould	17
Karinina Bailey	12
Amanda Seitzer	8
Leslie Sullivan	4
Camille Muir	3
Tiffany Ploss	2
Madison Paulus	1

*Rebecca Silverberg is currently ranked 13th
and Stephanie Hentschel is currently ranked
15th in the Toy Group.*

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



New Champions

January 2009 Champions

CH Aljens Ichi Of Lenette (D) CH Magic Touch Of Lenette x CH Amber Glow Of Lenette. Owned by Kathy Lauderdale*. Bred by K G Griffith*.

CH Cardinal Hill Anniversary Surprise (B) CH Texstar Dualin For Me x Cardinal Hill Sara Sunshine. Owned by Dawn Freeman. Bred by Dawn Freeman.

CH Char's Cravin' For A Parti (D) Finch's N Char's Parti Fudge x Char's Rockin' Mocha Parti. Owned by Charlotte Meyer*. Bred by Charlotte Meyer*.

CH Chelanes Bringin' Home The Bacon (D) CH Eagle Creek's Hamin It Up x Apt To B Alice In Wonderland. Owned by Elaine Waugh* & Nina Fetter*. Bred by Elaine Waugh*.

CH Chriscendo Call For Rain (B) CH Chriscendo Call To Arms x Chriscendo Cloudy Image. Owned by Elena Turbina. Bred by Christine Hertz*.

CH Damascusroad Deepsea Elite (D) CH Chriscendo Coldplay x Damascusroad's Lady Eleanor. Owned by Barbara Moore*. Bred by Beverley Carter*.

CH Finch's Cut To The Chase (D) CH Finch's See Me Comin' x CH Damascusroad Dream Of Sarasota. Owned by Carole Moore & Diane L Finch* & Scotty Moore. Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Finch's Lethal Weapon@Colite (D) CH Finch's A Noble Tradition x Finch's Blond Beauty. Owned by Tandra White. Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Patriot's Candy Man (D) CH Patriot's Tucked In A Cloud x Patriot's Keepsake Jewel Of Troy. Owned by Joanne E Rusk. Bred by Joanne E Rusk.

CH Robcary's Gabriella (B) CH Mt Crest At Springwood x Starfire's Robcary U Glowgirl. Owned by Caryl Fennell Scrimpsher*. Bred by Caryl Fennell Scrimpsher*.

CH Sirius' Another Chance At Eaglecreek (D) CH Eagle Creek's Hamin It Up x Sirius's Peaches N Cream. Owned by Nina Fetter*. Bred by Nina Fetter*.

CH Sirius's Bubbling Champagne (B) CH Sirius It's Sable Adam x CH Darlinsumthintotalkabutsirius. Owned by Nina Fetter*. Bred by Nina Fetter* & Dorothy Ashbey*.

CH Tisha's You'Re Still The One (B) CH Tisha's Raisin-A-Rukus x CH Tisha's Mystique. Owned by Fred* & Pat Dieball*. Bred by Fred* & Pat Dieball*.

CH Whiteharbors Dubbed Desparado (D) CH Paradise Valley Deputy Marshall x Promises Chance To Charm Ya. Owned by Susette Ledford & Jerome Ledford. Bred by Susette Ledford & Jerome Ledford.

There was an error in the 2008 Top Dam Award reporting: **CH Gar-V's Zeek-A-Boo** had four titled get this year instead of the reported three, tying her for Top Dam for 2008. Congratulations to Zeeka's owner Carol Leehmuis and apologies for the error. Her titlists are:

CH Carleez On The Catwalk
CH Carleez Boom Boom Boom MX MXJ
CH Carleez Crowd Pleaser MXJ OJP
Carleez Command Performance RN NAJ

CH CR TUFF GUY OF ISABELLA, owned by R & M Smith, C & R Solano and P Ponsak, was inadvertently omitted from the Award of Merit 2009 Westminster Kennel Club results in the March/April 2009 Pomeranian Review. We apologize for this oversight.



New Champions

February 2009 Champions

CH Cj-Sonador I'M Magic Two (D) CH Cj-Peep Midnight Magic x Peeps I Love Lucy. Owned by Julia Smith* & Betsy Owens*. Bred by Julia Smith* & Betsy Owens*.

CH Cr Point Taken (D) CH Starlight's Fun Time x Ruby's-Design's Tailormaid. Owned by Robert Solano* & Celeste Solano* & Deena Simon. Bred by Robert Solano* & Celeste Solano* & Deena Simon.

CH Daystar Life's Little Pleasures (B) CH Ksudas Major Expectation x Lyndor Don'T Tie Me In A Knot. Owned by Lee-Ann Lambert. Bred by Jackie Sampson & Karen Power*.

CH Exotic Rare Lily Of Ali-Mae (B) Exotic Raren' To Go x Exotic Lit'N Maiden. Owned by Kelly Tracy Woods. Bred by Molly Mcdaniel & Judy K Stone*.

CH Finch's Sweet Talkin' Parti (B) CH Pufpride Sweet Dreams x Finch's Bet I Can Parti. Owned by Carol Silverberg & Diane L Finch*. Bred by Diane L Finch*.

CH Her Majesty's O No You Didunt (B) CH Damascusroad Dream Buster x Her Majesty's Princess Victoria. Owned by Randy Houston* & Charles Whittemore*. Bred by Randy Houston* & Charles Whittemore*.

CH Horizon's A Fly On The Wall (D) Witt-Elle's Shoot To Thrill NAJ x CH Horizon's Wishful Thinking. Owned by Carol Leemhuis*. Bred by Laurie Otis.

CH Jan-Shars Bett Your Boots (D) CH Jan-Shars It's The Real Thing x CH Jan-Shars Miss Congeniality. Owned by Sharon Hanson* & Elizabeth A Molina*. Bred by Sharon Hanson*.

CH Jan-Shars Flying First Class (B) CH Cassio's Hot Shot x Jan-Shars Warm And Fuzzy. Owned by Sharon Hanson*. Bred by Sharon Hanson*.

CH Joaynes Pop The Asti At Panache (B) Panache's Pop The Cork For Sundown x Theldun's Jesses Jewel. Owned by Joanne Norris* & Laura Meineke*. Bred by Joanne Norris* & Ken Springer.

CH Mabins Simply Scrumptious (B) CH Moretoys Tak'N Care Of Business x Mabins Simply Irresistible. Owned by Mrs. Marion Banding & Mrs. Barbara J Moore. Bred by Marion Banding.

CH Mountain Crestelusivefreespirit (B) CH Starfire's Sexy Santino x CH Mountain Crest Extra Special. Owned by Erika Paviglianti. Bred by David Gilstrap* & Carlene B Gilstrap*.

CH Pinecrest Island Boy (D) Luxy's Golden Bug x Pinecrest's Shenzi. Owned by Erika Paviglianti & William Paviglianti. Bred by Catherine Bolahood*.

CH Prema's Toby Plays My Music (D) CH Music Maker Of Lenette x CH Clairmont's Angelique. Owned by Sherry Letson*. Bred by Sherry Letson*.

CH Rain Beau N' Mi Babe Brotherly Love (D) CH Rain Beau Vintage Hawaii x Mi Babe Rain Beau Tina. Owned by Babe Mccombs* & Jean E Cook. Bred by Jean E Cook.

CH Tisha Wyndlor Stealin' R Hearts (D) CH Heartland's Bosa Nova Dancer x Wyndlor Three's A Charm. Owned by Pat Dieball*. Bred by Pat Dieball* & Becky Sabourin*.

CH Trudy's Rock My World (D) Kayra's Calif. Dream At Trudys x CH Trudy's Club Paris. Owned by Nancy Coddington* & Robert Coddington*. Bred by Nancy Coddington* & Robert Coddington*.

Health & Genetics



Geneva Coats

TOPICS IN NUTRITION Part 2
Geneva Coats, R.N.

FAT

Fat is the most concentrated source of energy in the diet, providing nine calories per gram compared with four calories per gram from either carbohydrates or protein. Studies with sled dogs show that those dogs fed diets high in fat and protein outperform those fed a greater proportion of carbohydrates. Body fat itself serves a useful function; fatty layers provide insulation from the cold, provide an energy reserve, and protect the nerve fibers in the body.

Fats are part of the structure of the brain and cell membranes. Fat is required for maintenance of healthy skin, for regulation of cholesterol metabolism, and as a precursor of prostaglandins, hormone-like substances that regulate many body functions.

Fats in the diet are necessary for absorption of the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K. Fats improve flavor and palatability of food. Fat is more easily digested by dogs than either proteins or carbohydrates.

Is too much fat harmful? Dogs do not develop atherosclerosis or heart disease from dietary fat as humans do. For overweight dogs, excess calories may be a factor, but it is recommended to feed smaller portions of high quality food including fats, rather than reduce the total percentage of fat in the diet. Fats must be limited for dogs with pancreatitis; however, fats do not cause pancreatitis in dogs, they merely aggravate this condition if it is already present. For a healthy dog, fat in the diet is beneficial. Too much dietary fat, however, may result in suboptimal intakes of protein, minerals and vitamins.

Bile is produced by the liver, and stored in the gall bladder until needed. Dietary fats are emulsified by bile in the small intestine. Digestive enzymes then break down the fats into glycerol and fatty acids. These components are then absorbed into the bloodstream through the walls of the small intestines. Glycerol (a component of fat) can be converted into glucose by the liver. If the liver is diseased and not producing sufficient bile, fats are difficult to digest, and fatty stools may result.

There are several basic types of fats derived from foods: cholesterol, saturated fat, monounsaturated fat and polyunsaturated fat. All polyunsaturated fats, including omega-3s and Omega-6s, are considered important fatty acids because they are critical for good health.

FATTY ACIDS

Dogs cannot synthesize certain omega-3 and Omega-6 fatty acids; they must obtain them from their diet. These fatty acids are essential for healthy nerves, skin, coat, kidneys, heart, and to prevent inflammatory disease.

Omega-6 fatty acids are widely found in both animal and plant sources such as chicken, pork, beef, and vegetable oils like sunflower oil. Omega-3 fatty acids are less common, and are found in fish, flax seed and marine sources, such as spirulina and blue green algae. A high amount of omega-6 (in proportion to Omega-3) promotes inflammation, poor coat, allergies and skin conditions, so it's generally advisable to supplement with a reliable source of omega-3 fatty acids.

There are at least eight different types of Omega-3 fatty acids. EPA and DHA are the most valuable. They are necessary for brain and nervous tissue function, and are useful in prevention and treatment of inflammation and allergies. Heart health is supported by DHA and EPA. Studies in humans suggest that diets rich in EPA and DHA are effective in relieving the symptoms of depression and psychosis. The richest sources of DHA and EPA are cold-water fish and their oils, such as salmon, tuna, and mackerel. Aside from fresh seaweed, plant foods rarely contain EPA or DHA.

Other sources of Omega-3 fatty acids include plant oils such as flax, canola, soy, hemp, and walnut. The omega-3 derived from these plants is a type known as ALA. The problem is that ALA is inactive. It must be converted by the body with special enzymes into the useful forms of DHA and EPA. Dogs cannot do this conversion reliably; and as they age, they become even less efficient at converting ALA. Unconverted ALA performs more like Omega-6 fatty acids in the body, and can potentially provoke inflammation and allergies.

Many commercial dog food manufacturers rely primarily on soy, flax or flaxseed oil as their primary source of omega-3 fatty acids, due to its low cost. Flax and soy also contain high levels of phytoestrogens, chemicals which can substitute for estrogen in the body. This can potentially affect hormone balance. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find a commercial dog food that includes fish oil instead of flaxseed oil or soybean oil.

SALMON and FISH OIL

You may have heard the saying that "fish is brain food." This is one old wives tale with a basis in scientific fact. Fish, fish oils and marine greens contain the essential omega-3 fatty acid DHA, which is a component of brain, eye and nerve tissue. Salmon oil or fish oil is something that you should definitely consider adding to your dog's diet. The essential fatty acids these oils contain are not found in most other foods. Intake of the Omega-3 fatty acid DHA is particularly valuable during pregnancy, because it is a key component of neural development.

Interestingly enough, in nature, fish themselves do not produce omega-3 fatty acids. They obtain them from their diet of algae, plankton and smaller sea life. Farm-raised fish are usually fed a diet of grains, not a natural diet of sea life. This means that farm-raised fish are not as rich a source of omega-3 fatty acids as wild-caught fish. Wild salmon have red-pink flesh. Farm-raised salmon don't obtain the same micronutrients in their diet as wild salmon. Their flesh is not pink, and farmers must use artificial dyes to give them a pink color! When checking labels, look for salmon oil from fish that are wild-caught, not farm-raised.

Before modern farming methods came into practice, foods used to contain more EPA and DHA than they do today. Beef in modern feedlots are raised on corn and grains, and don't contain any ALA or DHA. Grass-fed beef, bison, venison and other wild game will contain small measurable levels of DHA and EPA, but these levels are much lower than those in fish - 35 mg per serving compared to 1400 mg per serving of fish.

One concern with fish oil is that fish may contain high levels of mercury, PCB, dioxins and other environmental contaminants. Wild caught salmon contain lower levels of these chemicals than farm-raised salmon. If the label doesn't say "wild" salmon, it is probably farm-raised. Mercury contamination is mostly a concern in larger fish, such as tuna, swordfish and king mackerel. Salmon, jack mackerel and sardines are all low in mercury. Also, the contaminants remain primarily in the flesh, and not the pressed oils.

Pharmaceutical grade fish oil capsules can also be used if contamination is a concern. Serve the whole capsule, or you can poke a hole in it with a pin and squeeze the fish oil over the rest of the meal. Testing that has been done on a

variety of fish oil supplements by Consumer Reports and Consumerlabs.com found no traces of mercury, PCBs, or dioxins. Almost all brands regardless of price were reliable in the amount of Omega-3s they contained and were found to be fresh.

EPA and DHA are easily destroyed by light, heat and oxygen, so fish oil capsules may be the better choice over fish oil jars with pumps available at pet stores. Whichever form you buy, store in the refrigerator until used. It is best to add these supplements immediately prior to feeding.

Sardines can be used to replace fish oil supplements; one small sardine has over 100 mg of the omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA. Cod liver oil is not as valuable as other fish oils, because it is lower in omega-3s. Since it is derived from liver, it is very high in vitamins A and D. Excesses of Vitamin A and D are not beneficial and can actually be toxic, so cod liver oil should be used sparingly.

Many kibbles include fishmeal. Oil is extracted from the fish before it is processed and dried into a "meal". Processing and lack of beneficial oils means that foods made with fishmeals will not provide the same nutritional benefits as feeding fresh fish and their oils. Another concern is the fact that all fishmeals are required by the US Coast Guard to be preserved with ethoxyquin at their point of origin. This ethoxyquin is not required to be listed on the dog food label, since it was added to the fishmeal prior to its arrival at the production plant. The long-term health effects of ethoxyquin and other artificial chemical preservatives are largely unknown.

VITAMIN E

Vitamin E was first identified in the lab in 1936. Its presence in the diet was found necessary for rats to maintain pregnancy; therefore Vitamin E is also called "tocopherol"; derived from a Greek phrase meaning "to carry a pregnancy". Vitamin E is an essential fat-soluble vitamin. It protects cell membranes from the damage caused by oxygen free radicals and the products of fat metabolism.

A diet high in fish oil also requires additional Vitamin E. Vitamin E is quickly depleted in the metabolism of omega-3 fatty acids. In the early 1960's, it was noted that cats fed large amounts of canned tuna were becoming ill. This happened because canned tuna is

a rich source of essential fatty acids, but is deficient in Vitamin E. The cats developed a condition called "steatitis" or "yellow fat disease". This is characterized by abnormal waxy fatty deposits. Other symptoms of vitamin E deficiency are hemolytic anemia, poor nerve conduction, muscle weakness and damage to the retina of the eye.

Therefore, when adding fish oil or salmon oil to the diet, you will also need to add a good source of Vitamin E. Some natural sources rich in Vitamin E are wheat germ, eggs, spinach, broccoli, romaine, and various nuts and seeds. These foods also contain the mineral selenium, which is needed along with vitamin E.

Vitamin E can also be added to food as a supplement. When shopping for a Vitamin E supplement, look for a source that states it contains "natural" Vitamin E, or "d"-alpha tocopherol. The supplement "dl"-alpha tocopherol is a synthetic form of Vitamin E that is manufactured from petroleum oil. There are other forms of vitamin E such as delta, beta and gamma tocopherols. A supplement that contains natural, mixed tocopherols is the best choice. A small dog should receive Vitamin E, 50-100 IU at least three times a week.

These Vitamin E supplements are usually derived from soy. If your dog is allergic to soy, look for a cold-water dispersible or "dry" vitamin E. It is more expensive than vitamin E derived from soy, but is also more readily absorbed.

Some commercial kibbles include Vitamin E as a preservative, since it has potent antioxidant properties. The amounts used are relatively small and are rapidly depleted by oxidation as the food sits on the shelf. Vitamin E is swiftly destroyed by heat, light and air, so it should be added to the food at the end of preparation. Vitamin E is considered nontoxic, but in high doses may prolong blood clotting.

In the next issue, we will learn about carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables, prebiotics, and supplements. See you next time! Topics in Nutrition Part 3 will appear in the July/August *Pomeranian Review*.

Health & Genetics



Guest Writer Mary Allen

GENETICS - PART FIVE - GETTING IT TOGETHER

Continued from January/February *Pomeranian Review*

Things that make you go “HmMMM.....”:

Q: Why do you want to raise Pomeranians?

A: To improve the Breed.

There are probably no more than half a dozen people in any given Breed that, through the excellence of their breeding programs, have actually improved that Breed overall. The influence of their dedication is still being felt. The rest of us would do well to simply “do no harm”.

Over the last few pages we have learned lots of facts. But facts, without a frame of reference, are not much use. As Breeders our frames of reference are our dogs. Every breeding should be made with the most careful consideration of what we want and how we are likely to produce it. The three basic “systems” are: inbreeding, line breeding and outcrossing.

Inbreeding

This is generally defined as the mating of closely related animals: brother to sister, father to daughter, mother to son, or half-brother to half-sister. Some people also consider grandparent to “grandchild”, uncle to niece, aunt to nephew and cousin to cousin as inbreeding, whereas others view these as linebreeding. Inbreeding is undoubtedly the fastest way to achieve maximum homozygosity, but it is very much a double-edged sword. You will double up on “bad” as well as “good” alleles. Faults you did not know you had - or wished you didn't - will appear with far greater frequency than with a less intense system. There is frequently an increase in “infant mortality” if a strong inbreeding program is followed, sometimes with a reduction in litter size. What inbreeding will NOT do is create these faults and problems: they were there all along, just waiting for an opportunity to surface. It should go without saying that animals that are to be inbred should be of the very highest quality, with absolutely NO major faults and a goodly number of major virtues.

Linebreeding

This is the mating of two animals that share common ancestors within (usually) five generations. It is undertaken

in order to concentrate the genes of one or more outstanding predecessors and many prefer to linebreed rather than inbreed. Whilst this system is generally “safer”, in that there is less chance of undesirable alleles becoming homozygotic, the same holds true for desirable ones. Progress is made, but at a slower pace. Linebreeding does, however, allow the breeder to work with the desirable genes while giving a “breathing space” in between the appearance of the recessive faults. Successful linebreeding requires knowledge of the faults as well as the virtues of the revered ancestor(s) - or a severe fault could be “locked” into a program before any real benefit can be derived.

Outcrossing

This is generally considered to be the mating of two animals that do not have any ancestors in common within the last five generations, and could be better described (if used frequently) as a “non-system”. The least number of recessive faults will be seen in an outcrossed litter - the so-called “hybrid vigor” - but this is because many of their genes will be in a heterozygous state. The faults are still there, but masked. This does NOT represent an improvement in the Breed. Few serious breeders utilize outcrossing except to introduce a trait they need into their line. When doing so, of course, they run the risk of re-introducing faults they had worked long and hard to eliminate.

Starting a Breeding Program

Almost all breeders will refer to their “breeding program”. This may mean much or little. If a “program” consists of no more than matching names in a pedigree, or (worse) breeding to “Ch Current Top Winner” that person really has no program at all.

A “Breeding Program” is a Master Plan that starts with the formulation of what (to us) constitutes perfection. Every breeding we make should then be designed to take us closer to that ideal.

The first step has to be the careful and painfully honest evaluation of the bitch. Pretend that she belongs to your worst enemy or greatest rival. Write down every fault, in red ink, in your breeding records. If you aren't convinced that you should give up and start over, you haven't been honest enough.

Now reward yourself - list her virtues. Don't go overboard. "Not too bad" is NOT a virtue.

By looking at these records you can see the strengths and weaknesses with which you will have to work. You now have to decide your priorities: which features you need to keep; which you *have* to improve; which you would *like* to improve; and which you can live with pro temp. The decisions you make will reflect your own individual preferences. One person will place a premium on a pretty head, another on superb movement, yet another on a glorious coat. As long as care is taken not to lose overall quality whilst fostering a specific feature, no one trait is more important than any other. The only exception to this is vigor. This should always be a high priority - who wants to be associated with a line of weak and sickly dogs?

OK. You now know what you have and what you want. You will know whether the traits you want to encourage (or avoid) are dominant or recessive. You have your list of priorities. You will need to concentrate on one major improvement at a time. No dog can be expected to correct several faults all at once. Now is the time to research available studs. This is where the experienced and successful breeders win hands down. They have seen many of the dogs from which the current "Top Dogs" came. They noticed what specific traits they were associated with, and they will be aware of which crosses worked and which didn't.

If you are just starting a breeding program: rather than purchasing a male of your own, you would do better to use an outside stud that is of a type and pedigree you admire, and who complements your bitch in both these respects. Nothing hones one's critical faculties better than paying out a fat stud fee! Furthermore, that stud fee will be a great deal less than the purchase price of a truly excellent male (even if such a paragon would be available for sale to a novice breeder). The male chosen should preferably have sired several litters in which were a good number of top quality puppies (these should be old enough to properly assess - some, at least, should be finished or be doing well in the ring.) This will not, of itself, guarantee you an outstanding litter, but will at least be an indication of his capabilities when bred compatibly. Do NOT be dazzled by a show record - it's his sperm you are purchasing, not his ribbons. A less spectacular dog that has produced several show quality pups from only a few litters is a much better bet (all other things

being equal) than "Ch Big Shot" who has produced as many, but has had a far greater number of reproductive opportunities. If you are not lucky enough to have an experienced mentor, you must ask pertinent (and sometimes impertinent) questions of the studs' owners. Some examples are:

Has he been tested for the genetic problems associated with this Breed? (Do your research - know what all the problems are, and the tests that are available)

What were the results of these tests? (Ask to SEE the results! - if the stud owner is dedicated to the Breed, they will be glad to show test results. If they object to your enquiry - run.)

What are the owner's criteria for accepting a bitch? (Hint: ability to pay the stud fee is NOT the correct answer here)

How many litters has he sired?

How many puppies are finished? Pointed? Show quality? Out of what total?

What were the most common good traits seen?

What were the most common faults seen? (Yes, he does produce faults!)

What percentage had good bites? Good toplines? Two testicles? (plus whatever you need in your program)

Will he match your bitch's good points?

Complement her shortcomings?

Most of these owners will be glad to share information with you - after all, if you use their male it is in their interest for you to have the best litter possible. **REMEMBER:** such information is to help you make a sound breeding decision. It is confidential and *not* for public consumption.

Do not consider only one stud, or only one Breeder. Visit as many people as possible, making appointments to visit in advance. Explain that you are a novice and would like to spend some time there - a Breeder expecting to spend a few minutes with you will not be happy if you then take up half a day. Try to see offspring from every stud you are considering. Remember that the pet quality pups tell you just as much as the exciting show prospects about his capabilities. Remember also that every litter has both!! Do not dismiss a Breeder who is honest enough to show you the "problem children" - the next one may have just as many problems, but keep quiet about them. Beware the Breeder who "never has any problems at all", or "only ever produces show quality". They are either blind or ignorant! Ask permission to make a video of the stud and some of his puppies (make this request in advance of your visit - it is a rare Breeder that has every dog in show-groom at all times!) Remember that you are taking up a great deal of the Breeder's valuable time, and be prepared for breaks and halts whilst s/he carries on with necessary routine chores. Take along a notebook and write down the pertinent information on the studs under consideration.

On these visits you should have your bitch's pedigree with you, as well as some good photos. If you have been invited to take her along for evaluation be absolutely sure that she is COMPLETELY free of parasites. Most Breeders spend an enormous amount of time, energy and money keeping their dogs and premises parasite free.

Eventually you should be armed with an overwhelming amount of information. Now you have to sift through it all, and decide who is "Mr. Perfect". Be sure that he does not have a fault in common with your bitch, and that he complements her virtues. Both he and his puppies should appeal to you. You should have confidence in the advice received from his owner as to what you may expect from this breeding. Whew!! All set. Make the phone call letting the owner know when you expect your bitch to come into season, and asking if there is anything you need to do in the meantime. Be sure you understand the owner's policy on receiving the bitch (many will not accept a bitch that is already in standing heat, has parasites, is not accompanied by copies of results of required genetic tests, etc). Be clear on when the stud fee is to be paid, and what the owner's policy is should the bitch fail to conceive, if she should abort or if the litter should die within a short time of birth. Now check her every single day so that you know EXACTLY when she came in season.

It is several months later. You have been fortunate enough to breed your top quality bitch to an excellent male, and you have a litter on the ground. You will, no doubt, be sure that they are all destined to be multi-BIS winners.

Unfortunately, most pups look stunning at eight weeks, many that are only moderately well-bred look good at twelve weeks, and a six month old Mega-Star can be very ordinary by the age of one year. Constant vigilance and frequent reassessment is essential if your breeding program is to go forward. If "Little Superson" starts to show faults you have decided you can't accept, then no matter what other fine qualities he possesses, he is not going to improve your program, and he should have no place in it. If a certain fault crops up time after time, then that is an indication that you need to be ruthless in your efforts to eliminate it. Your intent should be for each generation to be better than the last in all respects. This can only occur if you rigorously assess your goals and your results every single litter.

"Improvement of the Breed" should always be our first priority. As individuals, we may not make a major impression on the Breed as a whole, but our little corner should be the best we can make it. Many Breeds today are plagued with severe faults, several of which could be eliminated, or at least reduced considerably, by careful breeding practices. We are the guardians of our Breeds. Everything we do will have an impact at some time in the future. We are the ones

deciding whether future generations will admire beautiful, sound and healthy specimens or despise our Breed as a genetic mess, with too many problems to be worth bothering with. Anything less than a total commitment to excellence is a betrayal of the Breed we purport to love.

Info to put into a box:

Coat color is composed of two basic pigments, either eumelanin (black) or phaeomelanin (yellow)

Alleles known to exist at the 5 genes mapped in dogs using DNA.

- A (agouti) = agouti
 - a^y = fawn (cream to yellow to red with darker tips) sable (some solid black hairs intermingled amongst reddish hairs)
 - a^w = wild color of sable (black tips on cream to red hairs)
 - a^t = black-and-tan or brown-and-tan
 - a = recessive black
- B (brown)
 - B = black eumelanin
 - b, including (b^s, b^d, b^c) = brown eumelanin
- E (extension)
 - E^M = melanistic mask
 - E = eumelanin or phaeomelanin can be produced in hair
 - e = only phaeomelanin produced in hair
- D (dilutes or pales eumelanin pigment to blue, and phaeomelanin subtly)
 - D = not diluted
 - d = diluted pigmentation
- K (from black, "dominant black")
 - K = solid black, brown or blue (eumelanin pigmentation only)
 - K^{br} = brindle (on body region that would be phaeomelanin pigmented otherwise)
 - k = expression of agouti alleles that express phaeomelanin possible



APC Judges' Education

March 2009

Fred C. Bassett



I hope that all of you had as great a time as I did at our National Specialty gathering in Louisville. There is nothing quite like the fun of being with so many great Pom fanciers for a couple of days, enjoying the friendships and camaraderie and all the beautiful Poms. Many of us have been involved for a decade or more, so the long-term friendships are so much fun to renew. I also really enjoy the increasing "international flavor" that builds from year to year with so many wonderful Pom friends attending from outside the US. Many of these folks we get to meet for the first time, and others have attended multiple times themselves. This year we had people attending from all over Asia, with a good size group from Thailand, and others from South Korea and Japan. I also met fanciers from Spain, Peru, and Slovenia. As always we enjoyed the company of all our friends from Canada. What great fun!

I was honored this year to be invited to judge the Top 20 competition along with two of my favorite Pom buddies, Olga Baker and Nadine Hersil. We had such a good time during the event, both with the judging of all the beautiful competitors and just enjoying each other's company. Olga almost didn't make it as Darrell had just been released from the hospital recovering from another hip surgery. Olga's family convinced her that she should come, and their Daughter took good care of Darrell while she was gone. I have only judged one other Top 20, which was for Dalmatians a few years ago. It was very enjoyable too, but I didn't know the other two judges nearly as well, and it wasn't set up as well as ours. Not nearly as much fun! I hope that those who attended enjoyed it as much as I did. Congratulations to Ch. Oakrose High 'N Mighty, who was the overall winner, and to Ch. CR Tuff Guy of Isabella who was the "Peoples Choice" winner.

APC again hosted two educational activities - a Judges Education Study Group, and a Mentor Seminar. Neither one was well attended this year, but the people that did come were wonderful participants. I appreciate the help that Nadine Hersil and Vikki Oelerich provided with getting things set up and bringing a Pom for us to use in the seminar. I also really appreciate the help of the many Mentors that spent time discussing our wonderful breed with the judge's seminar folks at ringside.

The Mentor Committee completed our work earlier this year, and we are very grateful to all of the APC Members that accepted our invitation to become approved Pom mentors. The website has been updated, and we now have over 120 names on our mentor list. This is on our website under Judges Education/Certified Mentor List - <http://www.americanpomeranianclub.org/mentors.htm> I've said it before, and will say it again here that we are very fortunate in our breed to have so many dedicated long term breeders who are willing to serve the breed in this way. The Mentor List is used by judges desiring to learn about our breed who will contact people in their area for many mentoring activities. The most common will be to set up a "ringside mentoring session" at a show, but they may also be interested in doing a kennel visit, or a meeting to discuss the breed, or just to meet up with the Pom fanciers at a show and have a good old fashion chat in the grooming area and a chance to go over a number of dogs. Many thanks to my committee of Curtiss Smith, Nadine Hersil and Vikki Oelerich for working on this with me.

Upcoming judges education activities include a set of seminars I will do in Vallejo California March 21 in conjunction with the Northern California Pomeranian Club specialty show, the Oklahoma City Toy Group seminars in mid May, and another one in Southern California that will take place later this spring. I do not anticipate any seminar opportunities with large groups this year. The judge's organizations (Dog Judges Association of America, and American Dog Show Judges) host the large ones, as well as AKC when they do their Group Institutes. All of those included Poms in 2008, and don't repeat the breeds usually for about two years.

Until next time, enjoy the shows and enjoy your Poms!

Genetics & Health

Alane Levinsohn, Chairman

CHIC

The American Pomeranian Club Health & Genetics Committee, is proud to announce that Pomeranians are now a CHIC breed.

What is CHIC?

CHIC is the Canine Health Information Center. CHIC is a voluntary breeder program in which a breeder or owner registers the results of health tests the Parent Club has selected into the OFA database. From there the tests are automatically entered into the CHIC database. Once your dog has completed all of the required tests, he or she is automatically entered as a CHIC dog and you will receive a certificate from CHIC. Every breeder and owner is free to participate. It is your choice. This is not a required program.

What tests count toward CHIC in Pomeranians?

The three required tests are: CERF, Patella Luxation and Cardiac.

Optional tests are hip dysplasia, Legg-Calve-Perthes and Autoimmune Thyroiditis

All tests must be submitted to the OFA on their applications located at: <http://offa.org/apps.html> and all OFA fees apply.

Does the test have to be done by a specialist?

CERF (eye exams) must to be performed by a CERF approved optometrist

Cardiac (heart exams) can be done by a general practitioner or a cardiac specialist.

Patellas can be performed by a general practitioner or an orthopedic specialist.

Hip X-rays can be taken at a general practitioner who is aware of what OFA requires for X-rays. The X-rays are sent in to the OFA for evaluation by several vets. They will certify for Legg-Calve-Perthes from the same X-rays.

Thyroid must be submitted and evaluated by an OFA approved laboratory

Does the test have to be done by recognized lab?

Yes, certain tests need to be screened through OFA recognized laboratories. Be sure to let your veterinarian know that you will be applying for OFA so that they submit your samples to the correct lab. Thyroid, an optional test, must be submitted to specific labs.

Where can I get the tests done?

The most efficient and least expensive way to have testing done is through health clinics that are offered at local shows. There is a listing on the OFA website of upcoming clinics. We will include links to the OFA clinic calendar and to other clinics on the APC Health Page.

What if my dog tests "affected" for a problem?

No dog is perfect. To be a CHIC dog, you only need to do the testing, not pass. CHIC wants us to breed with knowledge, not eliminate dogs from our breeding program. Test results must be released to the public in the CHIC open database and the dog must have permanent ID (microchip or tattoo) to qualify for CHIC.

Does this guarantee healthy puppies?

No, there can be no guarantee that the offspring of CHIC dogs will be healthy. You will have a better chance of producing healthy offspring by consistently breeding to improve the health of your dogs.

Why is this important?

Every year the breed loses breeders and with them goes the knowledge of the health problems encountered in their breeding programs. This is invaluable information for our breed. Having a database that can compile and store this information will help ensure a healthier breed for future generations.

Questions?

Please contact the APC Health and Genetics Committee with any questions that you have. We would be pleased to answer them. E-mail healthgenetics@americanpomeraniansclub.org

American Pomeranian Club Health and Genetics Committee, Alane Levinsohn, Chairman

Promoting the health of the Pomeranian through breeder education about health, health testing and genetic issues. Advocating research into genetic problems that affect the health of the breed.



Barbara McClatchey

HERDING DOG?

I train with a couple of friends once a week at a facility out in the country that is mostly for Agility training. The owner, Rachel Long, also has a few sheep and a goat, and lots of chickens (she sells organic, free-range eggs). Her Border Collie herding dog has recently died.

One afternoon in February, my friends having already left, I was putting my dogs and crates into the car one at a time. I had Crickett out pottying (on leash, of course), with the other Poms already crated in the car, when I noticed that one of Rachel's sheep was loose. There was a man there waiting for Rachel (I assume he was an Agility student), who was trying to get the sheep back into the pen, but the sheep kept getting away. Crickett saw that sheep trotting toward her, and the rest is history. Pomeranian herding instinct kicked in, and she took off, pulling the leash out of my hand, with me behind her, shouting, "NO, Crickett, NO!" Can we spell "selective hearing"?

The sheep ran back through where the parking lot opens into the driveway, and the man reached down and grabbed Crickett's leash. He then explained that he had been trying to get the sheep back in the pen, but it wasn't working. I said, "Let's see what Crickett can do." That little 5 lb morsel (on leash now!) herded the sheep back to the gate, and the sheep was BEGGING for the gate to be opened. The man opened the gate, and the sheep ran in, the gate was closed, and Crickett said, "Is that all? No more sheep?" Big disappointment!

The student said, "Rachel is never gonna believe this." I said, "She will believe it all right. Her sheep were trained to respond to DOGS (ok, if a Border Collie is a dog!), and Crickett is a DOG, however small." Rachel told me later that sheep know which dogs consider themselves to be in charge, and that they won't respond to any dog, however big, that doesn't think it is a herding dog.

Rachel had given me some pullet eggs that day, and Crickett got a bit of scrambled egg with her supper as a reward for being such a good herding dog!

You never know, do you?

OBEDIENCE AT THE SPECIALTY

Karen Kelly, AKA "Tom's wife," wrote for us about the Obedience Trial in Louisville on March 7. Actually, Karen says she merely took dictation—she doesn't say who the author really is, but it is:

FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF A DOG:

“March 7, 2009, eleven of us beautiful four legged people were entered into the Obedience Trial at the National Pomeranian Specialty in Louisville, KY. We hailed from AL, OH, KY, IN and VA. Mrs. Paula B. Barras from Shreveport, LA, was our congenial and fair judge.

“The first brave soul in the ring was Little Miss Turbo (Turbo) in the Open A class. She brought Mona Gitter with her. She was full of energy and was happy to be in the ring—that is until it was time for long sits and downs. She talked to the judge the whole time telling her to get Mommy back in the ring. She qualified with a score of 189 and took 1st Place.

“Next up there were five of us for Novice B class. First in the ring was Royal Tee Ball O’Fire (Shilo) and he brought Tom Kelly with him. People around the ring said Shilo was a hot shot in heeling. I guess he did everything else right too because his score was 198. CH Dhcrew Rock-n-Rumble (Rummy) came in next and had Cindy Onosko with him. He was so cute and kept his little face turned up toward Cindy and pranced through the exercises. He got 191 for his score. Beau James’ Fae Joyous Merit brought Chris Ellicott with her. She looked so happy and loved running fast on the recall. She received 192. Then Little Miss Turbo made another appearance with Mona. Her exuberance would make a dog tired. On the long down she decided she wanted to stay with Mommy, so she didn’t qualify. Last in the class, but surely not least, was Ch. Sundown N Janesa’s Perfection (Tonka) who brought Rochelle Fugate with him. He was so cute. Every time he was supposed to sit, he tucked his little butt next to her leg and looked up as if to say “I’m in the right place, huh?” I guess he was, he scored 194 1/2.

“There was only one dog in Graduate Novice. That was Sundown’s My Trend is Janesa (Mimi). Mimi entertained the judge. On the ‘down’ on recall, instead of lying on her tummy, she fell over onto her side. There were lots of chuckles around the ring.

“In the Veterans class there were two. First was Idlywynd Cameo (Cammy), with Margaret McKee. She didn’t sit a couple of times so the judge asked her if her ‘sitter’ was broken. She will be 10 years old on 9/14 and had fun today and got a score of 188 1/2. Another second appearance was Rummy with Cindy. He will be 10 on 9/27. His Mommy had told him twice before at shows that he could retire and then she made him come to this show. He waited for a second command to let her know that this time was his last and he got 188.

“Returning also for second appearances was Mimi and Tonka in the Brace class towing Rochelle along. The crowd loved them as they strutted their stuff side by side. Their combined score was 393 1/2.

“Shilo brought Tom into the ring to receive the H.I.T. Award (for the second year in a row). He received a Dolly. Rummy and Cindy were awarded the Highest Scoring AKC Champion of Record, receiving a Mikasa Crystal Bowl.

“We all had so much fun that we can’t wait until next year.”

And Mona Gitter (“Little Miss Turbo”) reported, “I really enjoyed myself. The hotel is beautiful, but with an obnoxious carpet pattern. There was plenty of room to warm up the dogs and the ring was well run by Wendy. I got there Sunday afternoon planning to help set up, but they were done before we got there. The conformation people came and watched and clapped and complimented all the dogs. They were also

Performance Continued

very kind to my puppy Poodle- who is at a fearful age and gave her treats and welcomed her as if she was a Pom! Of course, she does speak Pomeranian and even has a brogue when speaking Sheltie to her sisters.

“Turbo ran well in Open and got her 2nd leg- she was the only dog and found the single dog- group exercise a little stressful and had to yodel her displeasure, but she Qed anyway, She also got a first place on Open A at Queen City in Cincinnati on Friday. So we are now committed to showing somewhere hoping for leg #3 and we start article and moving stand training tomorrow!

“If you have a dog who does obedience, you could actually show for 3 days in Cincinnati over the weekend before the nationals if they have it again in Louisville. The Queen City Club has both obedience and rally all 3 days before our trial.” Note: the APC may be moving the National to Ft. Mitchell next year; this is almost a suburb of Cincinnati.

OBEDIENCE PLACEMENTS:

Novice B: 1st place—Royal Tee Ball O’Fire CD, Thomas & Karen Kelly, **198.**

2nd place—CH Sundown N Janessa’s Perfection RN, Rochelle Fugate, **194 ½**

3rd place—Beau James’ Fae Joyous Merit RN MX AJX, Chris Ellicott, **192**

4th place—CH DHCrew Rock-N-Rumble CD RN, **191**

Open A: 1st place—Little Miss Turbo, CD MX MXJ NAP NJP, Mona Gitter, **189**

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes—Royal Tee Ball O’Fire CD

Highest Scoring Champion of Record—CH Sundown N Janessa’s Perfection RN

[Non-Regular Class] Veterans:

1st place—Idlywynd Cameo CD RA, Margaret McKee, **188 ½**

2nd place—CH DHCrew Rock-N-Rumble, Cindy Onnosko, **188**

RALLY AT THE SPECIALTY

Elaine Wishnow wrote about the Rally day:

I arrived on Monday, entered in Rally on Tuesday. The ring was generous and the judge was lots of fun. Her comment was “we’re here to have fun.” I had my two girls entered in Advance and Excellent. I was coming off a show the week before where I had a brain drain and missed three signs with Abigail. The courses here were fair and the judge was open to a number of things to make it more enjoyable.

1. She combined Advanced A and B since that made only four dogs total and my two made up the entirety of Adv. B.

2. We got an outside dog to work the Ex. class so that my dog would have someone to honor. (I had two of the three excellent B dogs.)

In all I had a great time. Abigail was First in both Excellent B and Advanced B. Meg was Second in both Excellent B and Advanced B. These results gave Meg her 4th RAE2 leg and Abigail her 3rd. I would have liked their scores to be a little higher (they scored in the low 90’s in EX. and the middle 80’’s in Adv.) This was not typical for them, but I chalked it up to their first time flying and stress.

I was very impressed with the RN class and it was great to see a first time dog get a first leg, especially since I was told that the dog was 12 years old.

We had an appreciative, if small, audience and the judge took time to explain what was happening and what it meant. I would have liked to have had the runs videoed with the availability to purchase them, but we were not offered that option.

RALLY PLACEMENTS

Novice A: 1st place—Janesa's Rotten to the Core, Heather Saidler, **99**

2nd place—Jan Le's Wil-He or Won't He, Del & Caro Mehlafl, **94**

3rd place—Kamala's I'm Not One of the Boys, Kathy & Katelyn Launderville, **85**

4th place—CH Desert Thunder of Lenette, Michael Wells & Linda Pelz, **78**

Novice B: 1st place—CH Eco N Sundown's Celibration, Camilla Knight, **99**

2nd place—Ali-Mae's Ready to Rock Cinmar, Cindy Onosko, **96**

Advanced A: 1st place—Sundown N Janessa's Perfection RN, Rochelle Fugate, **86**

Advanced B: 1st place—Malashel's Incredible Irresistible CD RAE, Elaine Wishnow, **86**

2nd place—Great River's Meg Rules Malashel CD RAE, Elaine Wishnow, **84**

Excellent B: 1st place—Malashel's Incredible Irresistible CD RAE, Elaine Wishnow, **93**

2nd place—Great River's Meg Rules Malashel CD RAE, Elaine Wishnow, **91**

TITLES, WE GOT TITLES!

Companion Dog

Rurouni Kenshin CD RN, Armando Esqueda & Suruna Carlos, 2/1/2009, **ILP**

Southpaws Cherish Every Moment CD RA, Nannette Walker, 2/21/2009

Companion Dog Excellent

British Lane Sweet Surrender CDX, Corie & Matt Gavin, 1/11/2009

Shasta CDX, Diane Newsom, 2/14/2009, **ILP**

Rally Novice

Allore's Geralein RN, Ernie May Allore, 1/17/2009, **ILP**

Allore's Verna RN, Ernie May Allore, 1/17/2009

Blue Moon's Back In The Ussr RN, Lori & Lindsey Kamrath, 1/4/2009

Rurouni Kenshin RN, Armando Esqueda & Suruna Carlos, 1/31/2009, **ILP**

Bab's Sable RN, Linda Nuezil, 2/14/2009, **ILP**

Jeribeth Artful Dodger RN, Nannette Walker, 2/22/2009

Kleine Fraulein RN, Ernie May Allore, 2/28/2009

Sly Cooper RN, Velen Suarez, 2/1/2009, **ILP**

Yogi Parti-Animal RN, Jack & Anita Northrup, 2/14/2009

Novice Agility

Boxwood Wannabee NA NAJ, Shelly Wallens, 1/24/2009

Loverboy Fauntleroy NA OAJ, Sandra Disque, 1/3/2009, **ILP**

Red Hot Samson NA NAJ, Cynthia Little, 1/17/2009, **ILP**

Novice Agility Preferred

Susan's Spice N Everything Nice CD NA OAJ NAP NJP NFP, Susan Pierce, 2/14/2009

Open Agility

Mocha Pickerill OA MXJ OF, Judy & Stephanie Pickerill, 2/28/2009, **ILP**

Performance Continued

Pom Acres Copper Dragonfly OA NAJ, Lois Morkassel, 2/28/2009

Master Agility Excellent

Max MX MXJ, Barbara & Timothy Gilligan, 1/16/2009, *ILP*

Novice Agility Jumper

Sammy NAJ, Krista & James Longfellow, 1/4/2009, *ILP*

Steenbock's Dr Pepper NAJ, Nancy & Jack Zolkowski, 1/24/2009

Zip At Light Speed NAJ, Patricia M Young, 1/3/2009

Agape NAJ, Cassandra & Paul Edgerton, 2/14/2009, *ILP*

Edens Sunshine Angel Bear NAJ, Beth Carlson, 2/14/2009

Open Agility Jumper

Boxwood Wannabee NA OAJ, Shelly Wallens, 1/25/2009

Ziggy Zero Gravity OA OAJ, Cheryl Truskowski, 1/11/2009, *ILP*

Excellent Agility Jumper

Boxwood Wannabee NA AXJ, Shelly Wallens, 2/7/2009

Agility FAST Novice

Butters-Scotch-On-The Rocks RN NAJ NF, Roger Hill & Janyes Lemons, 2/7/2009

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Susan's Spice N Everything Nice CD NA OAJ NJP NFP, Susan Pierce, 1/17/2009

Master Agility Champion

MACH Little Bear XF, Nancy Marmol, 1/18/2009, *ILP*

Nancy writes that Little Bear, *"Is the first Pom to get a USDAA ADCH-Bronze and a Bronze Lifetime Achievement Award. And, unless we hear differently, he is the first Pom to get championships in all 4 venues."*

Master Agility Champion 3

MACH3 Cheris Popeye The Zailor, Gena Zglinski, 1/16/2009

Master Agility Champion 9

MACH9 Little Polly Party Girl, Betsy Ryba, 2/27/2009

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

* Now eligible for the APC Hall of Fame

+ Now eligible for the APC Gold Club

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

ILP or *PAL* dogs are usually rescues.

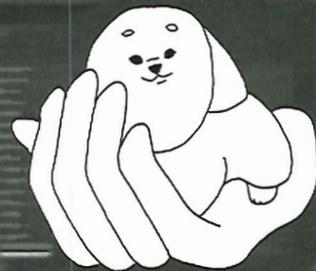
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NATIONAL RESULTS



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Myra Savant Harris Seminar Presented by the Pomeranian Charitable Trust

Once again the Pomeranian Charitable Trust was able to provide an educational seminar at the National. Myra Savant Harris RN presented the 2009 seminar to approximately 65 people on a topic near and dear to us: whelping and neonatal care. It was a delightful, rewarding presentation from beginning to end. She concluded the seminar by answering individual's specific questions.

Ms. Savant Harris discussed the prime breeding age of males. She expanded the male fertility topic by including information about chilled, frozen or fresh semen and its life span. Another prime important topic was the method to maintain puppies at the same body temperature as they were in utero. Myra cautioned not to discard puppies that you think have not survived delivery, but to lay them to the side after doing the normal lifesaving things and keep them warm. Many times they truly are still alive (but without discernable life signs) and given the time will come around. She demonstrated both the "accordion" CPR treatment, which gets the mucus out of their lungs, and the "stuck puppy" procedure.

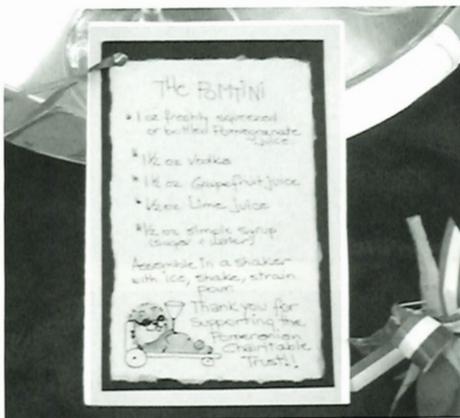
She provided a puppy formula which she said is also good for the elderly or convalescing dogs that need a boost or have gone off their food. She recommends after making it to freeze it in ice cube trays so that it will be ready whenever you need it. Myra mentioned Fenugreek (obtainable from a health food store or her web site) which will bring in milk for the bitches. When you can smell Fenugreek's maple odor on the bitch's breath, you know that you have administered the correct dose. Once the milk comes in, the dosing can be discontinued.

Most left with many new and very useful ideas and information, even those who have previously attended her seminar felt they took away important additional or new material. She is in the process of completing a third book for release later this year. Check out her web site at: Myra Harris www.myrasavantharris.com

The Pomeranian Charitable Trust announced the addition of trustee Margaret R. McKee and expressed deep appreciation to her for accepting this responsibility.

The Trust is very grateful for the continued support of friends like the Pomeranian Club of Canada and Leon Luisa by their donations to the Alopecia X fund of \$1,000 each. Erika Moreau donated a decorative metal canopy Pom bed that was auctioned with proceeds also going to the Alopecia X fund. The Trust also appreciated Chris Hertz applying her creative talents this year by designing and handpainting a Pomeranian themed martini set which auctioned proceeds also boosted the Alopecia X fund.

We deeply appreciate those who donated, those who bought, and all the attendees at the seminar. People working together for the betterment of our beautiful Pomeranians will make the breed stronger and healthier. You enabled the trust to sponsor the Canine Health Foundation Grant of \$6,480 in 2009 to Dr. Tosso Leeb's DNA study.







My Special Pom Corto

By Marilyn Heestand



I have been in love with the Pomeranian breed my entire life. From my childhood fox-faced pet to my current crew retired from the ring, there has always been room for one more. Accordingly, I try to be supportive of Pomeranian rescue in any way that I can. Little did I know how my donations would pay off.

It all began with an e-mail from Barbara McClatchey of Second Chance Poms in thanks for my annual holiday gift. The last paragraph caught my eye, "You should SEE what I have here right now. Corto came in as a 3-month-old male with no tail, cryptorchid and with a deformed genital area. Parti-color, cute as a button . . . I'd better find a home for him FAST since I do not want to wind up adopting him myself."

I had to know more about this puppy, and I asked Barbara to send me his picture. After seeing those beautiful eyes and endearing face, I fell in love with Corto right away and wanted to help. With Barbara's blessing, I collected information on Corto's medical history with the intention of seeking consultation at our local veterinary school. However, after discussing Corto with my son, a physician, he suggested that we forward the information to an old friend of his— a veterinary internist at the University Of Pennsylvania.

After a very thorough and helpful consultation, my son's friend suggested that Corto visit a theriogenologist, a veterinarian trained in reproductive health. We were fortunate to locate a theriogenologist in Houston, as they are rare and highly specialized. He agreed to see Corto, the visit was fruitful. After examining him and enjoying his cute antics, the veterinarian was able to provide a complete diagnosis. Corto had a mild case of spina bifida, which resulted in a short tail, hypospadias (deformed genitals), and cryptorchidism. However, he was fully continent and his spina bifida did not impair his quality of life in any way.

I was eager to bring Corto to Northern California, but concerned about how my regal seniors would take to a new puppy. When Barbara called and said that she was putting Corto up for adoption, I knew that I had to have him. I immediately told Barbara that I wanted to adopt him, and the paperwork began! It was very thorough: forms to complete, personal references, veterinary references, and pictures of his future home, yard and family. After all this was verified, I finally got the good news "Congratulations, It's a boy." I was overjoyed!



I made arrangements to pick him up at the APC National in Louisville. To get him there would be an ordeal: Barbara would drive him from Lake Jackson to Houston, where Shari Gangestad would pick him up, keep him overnight, and fly with him to Kentucky the next day. Only after all this would I finally get to meet my new little guy!

When I arrived in Louisville, I anxiously went to the ballroom of the hotel and found Shari setting up the Second Chance Pom table. Little Corto was peeking out from under the table—it was love at first sight! I sat on the floor, hugged him, and played with him. I knew in my heart that I had given a special puppy a second chance, and I was thrilled to finally have the chance to rescue a member of my beloved breed.



Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

I thought this article would be of interest to our Pomeranian breed. It was printed on the Internet magazine www.TheDogPlace.org. This could eventually affect (and possibly already has) the export of Pomeranians. Please seriously consider the dangers of falsely accepting merle Pomeranians. The other countries seem to be wiser than we have been. Let us not make the same mistake made by the majority of the Chihuahua Club of America members!

Sincerely,

Sally Baugniet
Breeder of Poms since 1968
APC member since 1972
AKC Judge since 1986

WORLD BANS MERLE CHIHUAHUAS
by Lesley Harger and Staff

World votes thumbs-down on AKC Chihuahua bloodlines after Chihuahua Club Of America members failed to even DQ merle color whereas many international registries forbid it genetically.

March 2008 TheDogPlace - You may not have Chihuahuas but if you have AKC dogs, you should be aware of the genetic (and political) ramifications of this historical debacle. The story behind the story is that many Chihuahua breeders say AKC Director interference with ballot resulted in chaos and loss of export opportunity. Complete background links below.

Effective March 2009, The Kennel Club (England) General Committee banned registration of progeny produced by a merle colored Chihuahua. Taking the ban a step further than disallowing merles to compete, TKC seeks to eliminate the merle gene from the Chihuahua breed by essentially, forbidding the breeding of any Chihuahua of that color.

No puppies will be Kennel Club registered from a mating of merle sire or dam. If European and Australian breeders

are careful not to use American bloodlines, it is hoped the merle gene can eventually be eradicated from the Chihuahua, thus removing certain health problems associated with the merle coloration.

Merle has been popularized as a rare "Designer" color by Chihuahua breeders accused of being more concerned with sales than health and type. Some breeders actually doubled-up on the color, breeding two merles together to strengthen the merle color. This practice began to prove disastrous, producing Chihuahuas with health defects such as blindness, deafness, or gruesome deformities as described in this article on merle color genetics by Gloria Lambert.

"I am sending this newspaper article as requested by a dear friend and well known International judge and top UK breeder Bob Brampton. AKC needs to see what's happening throughout the world with the breeding of the Merle gene into the Chihuahua gene pool. I also personally attended the World Dog Show Chihuahua Conference in Stockholm, Sweden in July 2008, where everyone who attended was very much concerned about the future health and welfare of the Chihuahua breed. Europe is working diligently to shore up its gene pool against the Merle gene, and the UK is leading the way with Australia to ban the registration and breeding of Merle Chihuahuas.

"I only wish that the USA would have followed suit as exporting Chihuahuas to other countries will now have far greater consequences to those on the receiving end. And to add the nail in the coffin for many American breeding programs, Genmark has halted testing for the Merle gene due to inaccuracies in test results. This can only lead to less and less exportations of American bred AKC Chihuahuas to other countries. Merle can lay hidden in what is known as the "phantom merle", so many of the UK and European breeders have seriously discussed not importing any American bred lines because it. AKC needs to take a deeper look at this, because the fragile purebred American Chihuahua's gene pool

is in dire jeopardy, now, more than ever before." Lesley Harger
fleurdelisy@charter.net

TheDogPress covered the story in early 2008 when AKC Board member Steven Gladstone interfered with the parent club ballot to disqualify merles from the ring. Story begins here:

Chihuahuas - Any Color Marked Or Splashed?? Gloria Lambert, Tanyas Toys, says absolutely not and explains the genetic deformities.

Gladstone Letter to CCA Members. AKC Director, AKC/CHF Board Member Steven Gladstone uses his position (and AKC letterhead) to interfere with Chihuahua Club Of America ballot to DQ merle color.

Judge, British Chihuahua Club Chairman Graham Foote, on merle color gene, including Merle Gene Fact Sheet. One of the hottest international, genetics, and ethics issues in dogs.

Chihuahua Breeder Rebuttal on merle colored Chihuahuas by G. Curran, who defends genetics, breeds, shows, and wins with the color and thanks Gladstone for his letter to Chihuahua Club Of America members.

AKC Defends Board Member in series of communications between AKC Exec Secretary and Gloria Lambert, internationally respected Chihuahua breeder. Gladstone fires off at Denver Show in 2009, is he a loose cannon as readers are saying?

Australian Chihuahua Breeder-Judge chastises AKC Director on his letter interfering with Parent Club vote on the merle gene.

World Bans Merle Chihuahuas many countries refusing to register dogs out of merle parents. AKC Breeders unable to export. Should another vote be taken or this this just overreaction to the BBC and U.K. Vets?



COMING EVENTS

May 21, 2009 - City Of Angels Pom Club (California) Specialty. Show Chairman Cheri McDonald (909) 394-7923.

May 23 and May 24, 2009 - Pomeranian Club of Central Virginia's Back to Back Specialties, Hampton, Virginia. Contact Beverly Allen, somd.pom.mom@gmail.com; (301) 934-3216.

June 2009 - The Sooner Pomeranian Club (Oklahoma) Specialty in conjunction with the All Breed 4 day Oklahoma Summer Classic show, at the Cox Center in Okla. City. For more info contact Virginia Dimick.

July 25, 2009: AKC CHF Breeder's Symposium - (Location TBD), Tampa, FL*

Sept. 19, 2009 AKC CHF Breeder's Symposium, Chisholm Trail Pavilion, Enid, OK*

November 14, 2009: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA*

*For More Information, Contact: Ronald Rella, (212) 696-8303 or e-mail: rnr@akc.org or Erika Werne, 888-682-9696 or e-mail: eaw@akcCHF.org

December 12 and 13, 2009 - AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Long Beach, Calif. Judges: Poms Grace Moran, Bred By Exh. Toy Group Sharon A. Krogh, Toy Group Judge William R. Taylor, BIS Robert J. Moore.

December 17 and 18, 2011- Orlando, Florida - AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida.

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

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

Sunshine and Roses

Please keep APC member Paulette Zecca as she battles cancer of the larynx in your prayers and thoughts while she is going through treatment.

Sincere sympathy and prayers go out the family and friends of APC Member Vikki Highfield ~ Highfield Poms who passed away while at dialysis. Vikki was at the Nationals and had the greatest time. Vikki was in high spirits talking to friends after she returned home before she passed away just days later.

Prayers go out to two family members of Leanne Wilkins, Teralee Poms who are battling cancer at this time.

Our deepest sympathy to Joe and Janette Dally, Whipstaff Poms. Joe's sister Paula of Mystic Maltese passed away in late March due to cancer.

Prayers of strength and courage to those who battle daily health challenges big and small.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS go out to ALL of the winners, breeders, owners, and handlers of the Poms who won at the APC Specialty 2009!

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All APC members' addresses are published in the APC roster if you would like to send cards.

Sunshine and Roses

Italian artist and Pomeranian breeder, Stefano Scullino recently lost his Father. Our deepest condolences to friends and family.

Prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Deb Barrett, Del-May Poms on the sudden death of her brother from a heart attack

Long time dog enthusiast and AKC Judge Esme Treen, former sister-in-law of Sophie Mayes, passed away in late March. Our condolences to the family.

Condolences and prayers go out the family and friends of Shari Shields, Monarc Poms on the passing of her husband Ray who had been battling cancer.

Our prayers are with Joan Rose of Oakrose poms, Canada, (handled Zeus to the Top 20 win) whose husband passed away after a massive heart attack recently.

Rachel Page Elliot, author of "Dog Steps" and "From Hoofbeats to Dog Steps" died after a long battle with cancer. Rachel also put together a video of dogs moving while being x-rayed called "CANINE CINERADIOGRAPHY". She will be greatly missed in the dog fancy.

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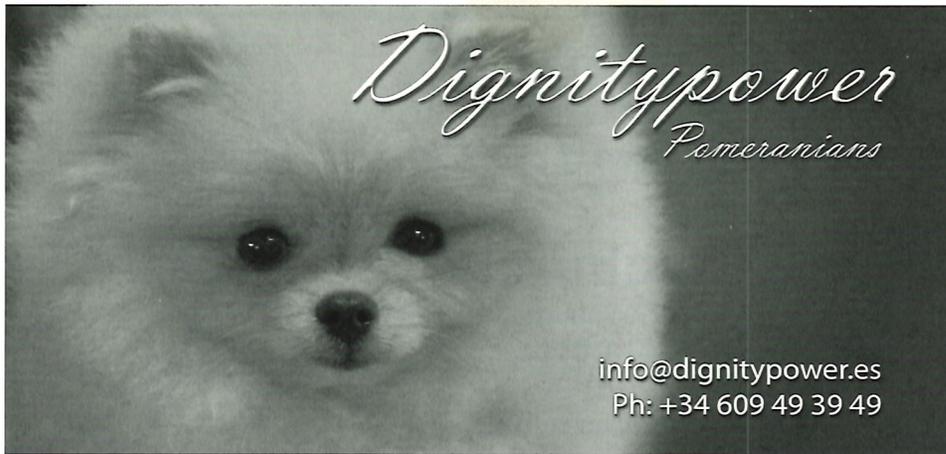
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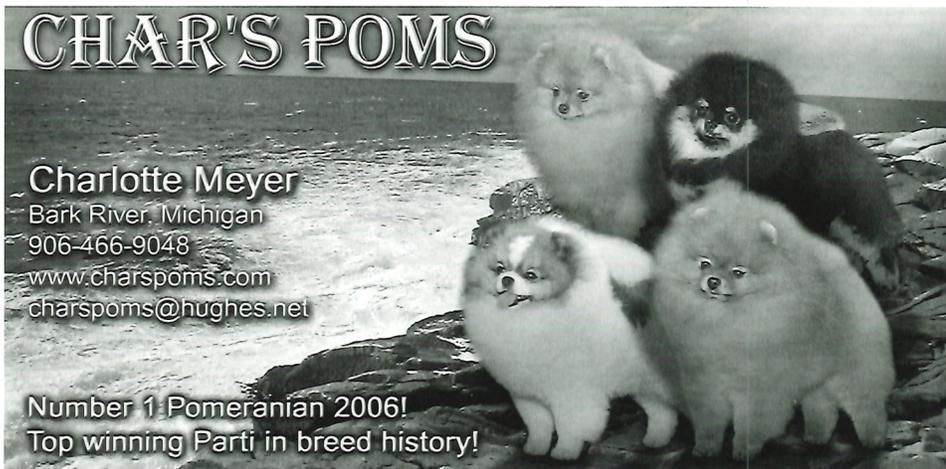


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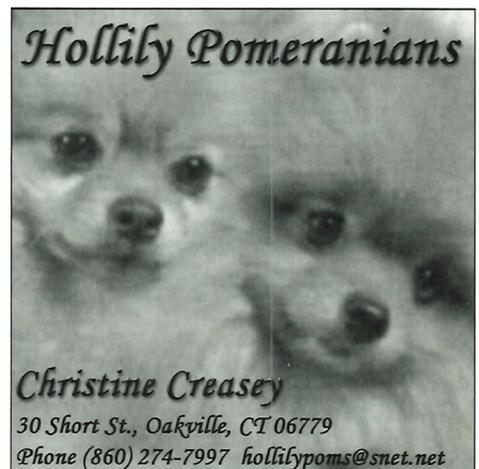
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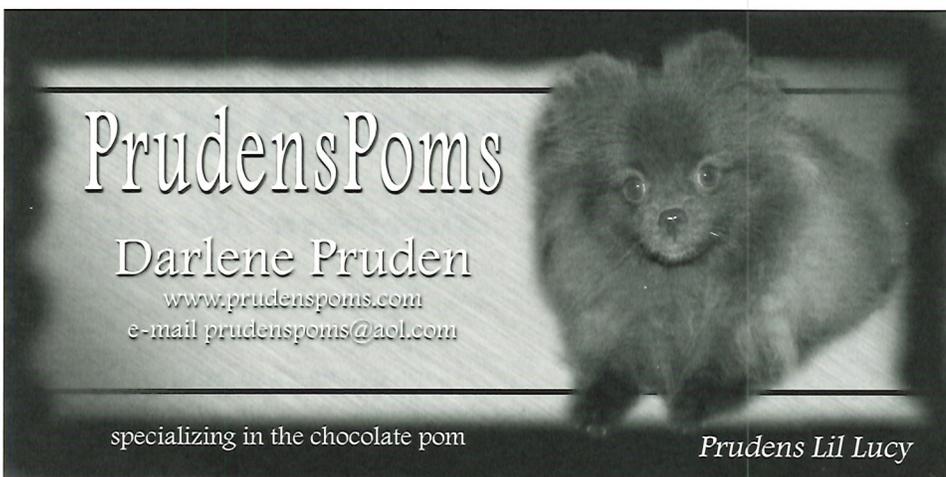
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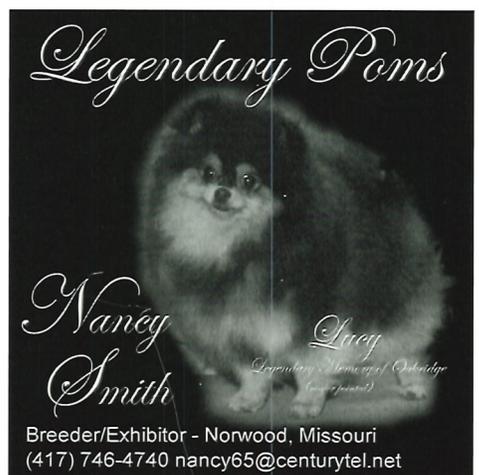
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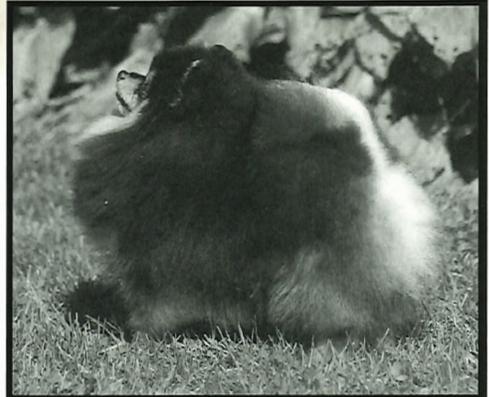
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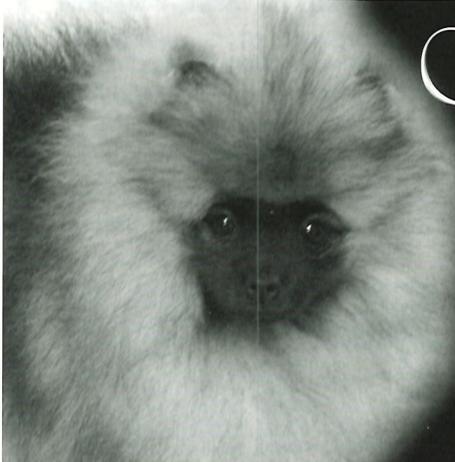
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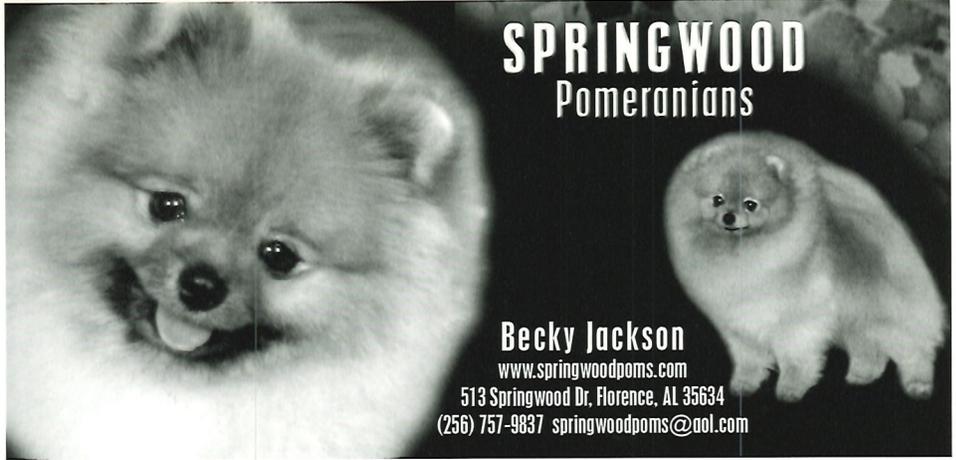


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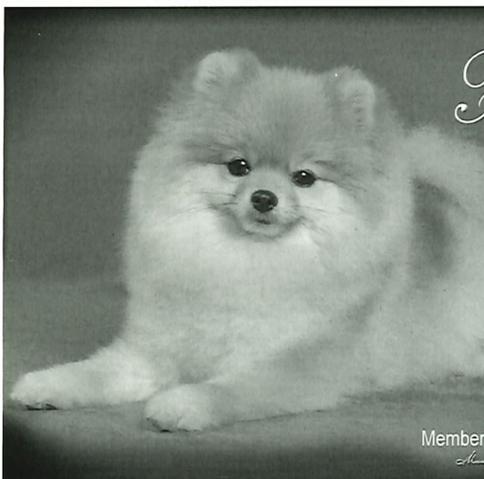
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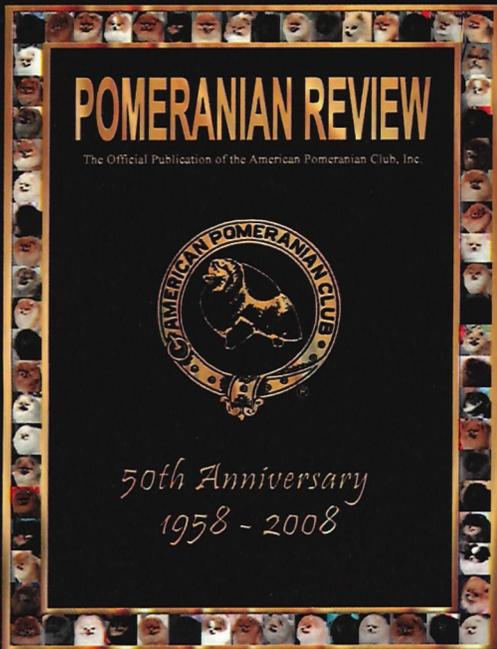
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