PULI PARADE

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The President's Message
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December, 1980

A year passed again! It seems that we just started at the Golden Gate K.C. Show in February, not long ago, and realize that now, it is December already. Time goes by fast, especially when people are busy.

P.N.C. had a very nice, successful year. Our Club members were quite active, not only on Dog Shows, but in fund raising as well. In fact, we put up actually two very effective and rewarding Obedience Workshops, which gave our Club great respect by a number of Dog People. Furthermore, several of our members attended the P.C.A. Annual Specialty last September in Pennsylvania, and just a week ago P.N.C. held its AKC Sanctioned B-OB Match, with the usual nice, pleasant atmosphere and excellent food to please one another. Let me express my thanks to everybody, individually and collectively for all the work and enthusiasm which made it possible.

Now, we are looking forward to another exciting year with two Specialties, P.C.A.'s and P.N.C.'s Independent Specialties, and on the top of it, to a supported Show for Sir Francis Drake K.C. in September, 1981. I am fully aware of the fact that these plans need a great deal of organization, cooperation from members, as the task is enormous, but I am sure that we will be able to bring these projects to the deserved success.

Recently, I was browsing through P.C.A.'s regular Board Meetings, one in particular caught my attention again. The Report was published in the October/November issue of Puli News of the September 12, 1980 Board Meeting. There is a Committee which is working on to create a type of "Working Dog Degree". Let me quote what the Committee has found: "We have an identity crisis as to just what is the puli? It is not a guard dog, though it does guard; it is not going to be a dog that is easily tested as the Border Collie which is more interested in the sheep, than in the people... just what is the breed supposed to be doing?"

Well, I believe, this is very interesting, and it will be even more advantageous for all of us, when the Committee will find the answer. I thought, that I will translate the Committee's conclusion and I promise you to send it to Hungary, telling the people there what we think the pulis should look like, and what they really are, and what they should do.

Julius Hidassy
ANNUAL REPORT 1979/80

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Respectfully submitted,

Constance Peterson
Treasurer
Mr. Rob Sky  
1049 Chapman Lane  
Petaluma, CA  94952

Dear Rob:

November 30, 1980

Here are the results of yesterday's A.K.C. Sanctioned B-OB Match:

**OBEDIENCE**

Novice A:  No entries

Novice B:  Prydain Gurgi (Pearson) 152  
Prydain Follin (Lloyd) 138

Open A:  No entries

Open B:  Prydain Achren "Toad" (Edwards/Pearson) 197-1/2 (First)  
Szitty's Pixi Panna, UD (Hidassy) 190 (Second)

Utility:  Szitty's Pixi Panna, UD (Hidassy) 191-1/2 (First)

**HIGH IN TRIAL:**  Prydain Achren "Toad" (Edwards/Pearson)

**HIGH COMBINED:**  Szitty's Pixi Panna, UD (Hidassy)

**CONFORMATION**

3-6 Puppy Dogs and Bitches:  No entries

6-9 Puppy Dogs and Bitches:  No entries

9-12 Puppy Dogs:  Pyxa's Trouble With Harry (Apostolu) (First)

9-12 Puppy Bitches:  Szeder's Mystic Eboli (McKean/McLaughlin) (First)  
Frydain Ilkiko (Peterson/Edwards) (Second)
CONFORMATION (Cont'd)

Adult Open Dogs: Furge Dandar (Powell/McLaughlin) (First)
Domboldali Winnie the Puli (Motter) (Second)

Adult Open Bitches: Domboldali Tisza (Motter) (First)
Prydain Follin (Lloyd) (Second)
Prydain Hoo Loo (Nourot/Edwards) (Absent)

BEST PUPPY: Szeder's Mystic Eboli (McKean/McLaughlin)
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY: Pyxa's Trouble With Harry (Apostolu)
BEST ADULT: Furge Dandar (Powell/McLaughlin)
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX ADULT: Domboldali Tisza (Motter)

There were 12 entries with 10 dogs entered.

Best regards,

Barbara Haas
Match Secretary

September is approaching fast. Anyone who would like to contribute their services to help out at the specialties please contact any board member or the editor of Puli News. Even if you can't help plan to attend the two specialties and the Sir Francis Drake KC show in San Rafael. Come and meet Puli People from the rest of the country! More details in the next issue of Puli Parade.
PET CARE AND EARTHQUAKES

Courtesy of Jennifer Hill Bassing,
Peninsula Humane Society, San Mateo, Calif.

Plan... don't panic, is the advice of the Peninsula Humane Society of San Mateo County (Calif.), for pet owners living in earthquake country. Many people have already taken the precaution of preparing an earthquake kit for themselves, and pet owners should do the same for their pets. Fill a waterproof bag with dry food, plastic food dish, plastic bottle of water, extra leash (harness for cats), extra pet identification tag, the animal's medical records and any medication, and, perhaps, a toy or bone. Keep your pet's bag right next to your own. And for cat owners, a cat carrier is essential.

If, or when, the big quake hits, human problems will have to take precedence and it is important that pet owners are prepared to protect and care for their pets on their own. During the recent Three Mile Island evacuation, disaster shelters were unable to accept pets. Many animals were deserted, or left alone in abandoned homes. Animal shelters in the Three Mile Island area were filled to overflowing with frightened, stray animals. Northern California residents can learn from that experience. Discuss emergency arrangements with friends, relatives and neighbors, and plan ways to provide for pets in the event of a disaster or evacuation. For example, leave instructions with your neighbor (provided you are on good terms with your neighbor) on what to do with your pet until you are able to reach it. If you are home when an emergency occurs, and are forced to leave your home do not abandon your pet. Try to take your pet with you...perhaps to a friend or relative's home.

Good training of your pet will be especially helpful in an emergency. You will want your pet to respond to you and stay by your side. Wearing an identification tag at all times is a must for your pet. If it is lost, that i.d. may be its only chance to be reunited with you.

Editor's Note:
Many Puli owners have more than one pet and crates for dogs are very helpful in moving a number of pets. Also keep your vehicles facing out of your driveway. In an emergency the time and trouble it may take to turn around can make a great deal of difference.
PARVO-VIRUS

POWERFUL PREVENTATIVE TO BE RELEASED SOON...

by Doug Bundock

It could hardly have come at a better time. Just when dog owners and many veterinary practitioners were beginning to wonder if the spread of the killing virus would ever be brought under control. Animal News has just learned at press time that a new vaccine of canine origin is about to be released. The new vaccine will offer antibody response that is from eight to 20 times higher than the feline distemper vaccines that have been used as a "stop-gap" measure until now.

The new vaccine, to be released by Biologic Laboratories, will offer dog owners the highest degree of protection and the longest lasting immunity currently available. It will be produced in a modified life form, which is the form in which just about all commonly used vaccines are eventually produced.

The new vaccine is primarily the work of Dr. Charles York, DVM, of biologic laboratories and is currently being field tested with administrations to 1,500 dogs. Dr. York hopes to have the vaccine available by late winter or early spring. Although the vaccine will initially be available only to California, it seems fairly certain that other states will not be far behind.

One problem Dr. York is facing, before the release of the new vaccine, is the dog's immune system reacting against the vaccine virus due to previous exposure to the virus, a degree of immunity acquired through the administration of feline-type vaccines, and a "second-hand" immunity passed from a mother to her puppies.

Although most researchers theorize that the origin of the virus resulted from a mutant form of a cat disease it is now a canine virus and Dr. York feels strongly that it can most effectively be prevented by a vaccine developed from canine origin. And in a modified live virus form.

There have been so many conflicting reports as to the severity of the virus and the effectiveness of the various vaccines, and recommended combinations of vaccines, Animal News did an independent study. While admittedly limited in scope, the results were both disappointing and alarming.

Of a cross-section of dogs tested, that had received all accepted combinations of vaccines, 80 percent report inadequate immunization after 8-12 weeks. Of those showing adequate immunity, that immunity was only minimal in most cases.

The often described "classic" symptoms that we have been warned to note as signs of a possible infection have been misleading. The group of suggested symptoms may appear to be severe, advanced cases of parvovirus, but on the whole, more cases of the virus show only some of those symptoms in such a mild form as to go unnoticed.

There has been a frightening amount of "vaccine breaks" in dogs who have had the suggested series of vaccinations, have then been exposed to the virus. Some have had less severe cases, perhaps because of the vaccinations. Dogs who have recovered from the virus and should have had life-long immunity from the virus have become infected again.
Parvovirus continued

In an "ALERT!" issued to veterinarians by the California Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine they state, "The Board feels there is no statistics to substantiate that there is an epidemic in California. However, over the last several years there has been seasonal problems, especially in July and August." (the grammar is theirs, not ours.)

This is correct, in a sense, since the term "epidemic" refers only to human illness and can not be correctly used in the case of animals. But, from our survey, the rate of incidents of parvovirus would alarm just about anyone. As to "seasonal problems"..."over the last several years" the canine parvovirus was only isolated in 1978 and so cannot have a history over several years.

In the final paragraph of this warning to practitioners the Board warns "there is no know epidemic. You must share that with the consumer." In contrast, Animal News feels that the more "consumers" are made aware of a possible life-and-death threat to their pets the better informed that "consumer" will be to note the first stages of infection, or to take the appropriate, recommended forms of protection against a very serious danger to his pet.

There continues to be a flood of news released and bulletins pertaining to prevention and treatment. Some is confusing, much is conflicting. And despite the"scare" stories that flashed through the public media, the general pet owning public still appears unaware of this serious threat to their animals. They often find out for the first time when the dog goes to the veterinarian, the boarding kennel or trimming salon, for some routine service. This person-to-person method of informing makes a small and slow dent in a population of millions of dogs.

In the meantime, many practitioners are stepping up the frequency of vaccinations to cover the possibility of immunities that are not holding as long as originally predicted. Dogs may be tested to determine their immunity but the tests are expensive and only reveal the immunity on the day of the test. To accurately determine how well the immunity is holding, a progressive series of tests would be required. And the same is true in determining the infectious virus being shed in the fecal matter of an exposed dog.

The isolated dog may not be as safe as many thought, since it appears the virus may also be air-borne and may be carried on the clothing and shoes of humans. Zealous cleaning with a Chlorox-type product, diluted in thirty to one ratios, is still highly recommended.

And hang on. Help is on the way. The long awaited vaccine that provides long lived solid immunity should be available soon. Perhaps as early as sometime in February.
THE PULI

Description of a Puli --- By Howard Trautwein

Buffalo, New York

The Puli is a ridiculous mop of hair that goes about pretending he is a dog. He is a very dangerous opponent because no one can tell which end bites. His claim to fame is the fact that he is known for sheepback riding. Wild indians are famous for horseback riding and it might be noted that there are other comparisons to be made. Many people claim the Puli was brought to Hungary by the Huns. Other people think the Pulik brought the Huns. At any rate he is there to stay and we might as well face it.

The Puli likes food of all kinds, preferably stolen. He will eat anything but dog medicine or vitamin pills. He prefers things that would kill any other dog, but also relishes things that would kill a horse. He loves mailmen, and about two a day are generally enough for him. He will jump over or into nearly anything unless you ask him to. The sight of him has caused people to give up drinking and others to start.

Most people like or dislike Pulik, but no one ignores them. If you buy a Puli, you will wonder what you did about self-protection before you owned him. If you are going to buy one, you might practice ducking out of the way by running across race-tracks in front of the horses, or you could keep a lion cub in the parlor for a few weeks. If you see a Puli running toward you, the best thing to do is go limp so you won't fall so hard.

Incidentally, the Puli never goes under anything he can go over, which takes in almost everything but skyscrapers. He has a disconcerting habit of racing up to brick-walls at 40 miles an hour, pretending he does not see them. Just as you are uttering a pathetic little prayer for his life, he makes a lightening like turn and knocks you into a rosebush. He will generally come back to lick your face and bite your nose to show you he holds no hard feeling about your standing in his way.

Pulik are very much like bears but they are easy to tell apart because a bear will run away from a Puli. A bear was once crossed with a Puli but the offspring ran off to Siberia and became famous as the abominable snow man. The Russians sent expeditions to trap it but the men were badly trampled and all the equipment was eaten up except the vitamin pills.

Now we have been discussing the ownership of a Puli. Some brave or pitiful souls have dreamed of owning two or more Pulik. When you stop to consider that the Hungarian revolution began under the leadership of only three Pulik, one of which was old and sick and the other two just puppies, well, there's your answer!

I vowed I would try to say something nice about the Puli, and in view of the fact that my two are reading over my shoulder, I will admit that if you are the type that wants to laugh your life away and have a dog look at you as though you were God, Buy a Puli, Buy 2 Pulik, Raise Pulik! Someday they will rule the world anyway.
THE NEW PULI STANDARD  
by Laurel Colton

HEAD:
Medium size with the muzzle straight and strong, particularly adapted for poking your arm for more attention and sticking into wastepaper baskets.

BITE:
Comparatively large, meeting in a scissors bite, is best demonstrated on window sills, doors and your best shoes.

EARS:
Hanging, of medium size attuned to refrigerator doors, cheese slicing and car keys. They effectively filter out words like NO and COME.

BODY:
Takes up the whole bed and your pillow.

LEGS AND FEET:
Legs must go all the way up to the body for effective jumping on the furniture and kitchen counters. Puli feet must have thick pads and be well arched—how else can they dig up newly planted flowers, trees or bury all the others bones.

TAIL:
Always well over the back at home and during handling class, but drooping in the show ring.

COAT:
The dense weather resistant coat is profuse on all parts of the body, your body, your guest’s body, your furniture, your— you get the idea. Yet manages to dwindle to no head coat or shoulder coat after show entries are mailed.

COLOR:
Only solid colors but with many shadings, depending on the color of local mud.

SIZE:
No disqualifications on size which varies from 10" as your puli slinks into the vet to 5 feet plus as he greets you after an absence of an hour or less.

GAIT:
Lively and acrobatic which makes it difficult to see when gaiting. Light, quick and able to change directions instantly thereby giving many Puli owners heart failure.

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTIC:
In Hungary, able to herd flocks of sheep etc. In the United States ducks and chickens, neighborhood cats, small children and you towards their food supply.
HUNGARIAN GOULASH WITH PINCHED NOODLES

GULYÁS LEVES CSEPETKEVEL

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Ingredients:

Soup

- 2½ lbs. round steak cut into ½" cubes (trim fat)
- 4 small onions chopped
- 2 large bell peppers, diced
- 6 chillie peppers sliced (hot chillies)
- 3 large carrots diced
- 1 large parsnip diced
- ½ bunch parsley chopped
- 6 brussel sprouts cut in 4 pcs. each
- 3 large celery stalks with green, chopped
- 2 medium tomatoes cut in halves
- 6 medium potatoes pared and cubed
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 2 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- 2 tbsp. sweet Hungarian Paprika
- ¼ tsp. hot chillie powder
- 1 tsp. caraway seeds
- 1/3 cup oil (plus enough oil to brown cubed steak)

Noodles

- 1 egg
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- enough flour which will be absorbed by 1 egg to make a hard dough

NOTE!!

DO NOT MIX WATER IN THIS NOODLE.

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Use 4 Qt. pot for the soup and a smaller one, or saucepan to brown cubed meat.

First brown meat in oil in the smaller pot, then set it aside.

Heat oil in the 4 Qt. pot, add onion and sauté it until golden. Add diced bell peppers and chillie pepper, sauté them for approx. 10 minutes, stir occasionally.

Transfer meat into the 4 Qt. pot, mix it in well. Add Paprika and chillie powder to coat meat and stir for another one minute. Add now salt, pepper and caraway seeds, mix them all then pour just as much water over this mixture to cover it. Bring it to boil, then lower heat. Simmer for approx. 1½ hours; meat should be almost done. Add all diced and chopped vegetables, cover it all with water, bring water to boil, then lower heat to simmer, and let it simmer for approx. 20-25 minutes. (taste a piece of vegetable if it is done).

Meanwhile, prepare dough for the pinched noodles. Break 1 egg into a cup, stir, add salt and start pouring flour and work enough flour in it until the dough is quite hard. Take dough into your palm and form it into a flat shape, approx. of the size of a small pancake, but ¼" thick. The dough is O.K. if you can pinch pieces off without pulling the dough.

Now, bring the soup to boil again, and pinch off small pieces of dough, drop them into soup. Continue until all dough is used up. Soup will be ready in 5 minutes.

Serve it hot, with fresh...french bread and butter.

Makes about 21 cups.