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JOTTINGS OF A HARRASED SECRETARY 7\2000

I will start with a word of encouragement to liz our new editor, your hardest task is to get people to put pen to paper, BUT in your case everyone is going to be very good and give you their wholehearted support. ARNT WE ALL ?

Following on from my last notes on Breed defects, I have heard from Australia that dogs are being bred with BROWN noses on a fairly large scale, I have not heard of this here but we must be on our guard.

The Kennel Club is still not satisfied with our description of the tail to include in the breed standard so further action is needed on this issue.

Our sympathy goes out to Di Gentle who has lost a loving Father, (and to David Gentle of course)

I am glad to have met more of our new members as we have gone about this year, it is such a pleasure to put names to faces.

Also included in this issue are the Club's judging lists for you all to scrutinize and let me know of any inaccuraces.If you would like to be on a list, ask me for an application form. This is the correct procedure.The lists are altered once a year.

Discover Dogs at Crufts in March 2001 will be staffed by club members, so if you would like to take part next year get in touch with me. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers.

I hope that the weather is kind to you for your summer break. This is the time for us all to recharge our batteries and get some really superb coats on our Min Pins.

Don't forget to enter our Millennium Champ Show, to enjoy the festivities and get our Presidents opinion of your dog.

Best wishes to you all,

Alan

From the Editor.....

Firstly a big thank you to Aileen for all the hard work she has put into producing the newsletter over the last five years. She has now handed the reins over to me ahhhh!, I just hope I can come up to scratch!!

Food for thought, entries have been quite low at some Champ Shows this year, is it due to the choice of judges, travelling expenses or the fact that a lot of Toy days have been scheduled mid week?. Open shows are also suffering lack of entries, in my area we have lost a lot of classes.

Congratulations to all those that have made up a new Champion in this Millennium Year, lets have a pic so everyone can see them, the Club has many overseas members and it's nice to put a face (so to speak) to a name.

Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome, so please put pen to paper, everyone has a funny story to tell of their min pins antics. I look forward to receiving them for the Christmas edition!!! For those with e-mail, you have No excuse.

Best wishes

Liz

New Millennium Champions

Thompson's
Lizanthe La Duquesa
Ch/Ir ch Kilmuir El Conquistador
x Tawny Amber from Layjay

Rusden's
Tubize Del Boy
Ch Thalcyon Here Comes Oscar
x Ch Theateam Tete-E-Tete at
Tubize

Saxby's
Jennyfield Pole Position
for Saxonya
Jennyfield Jupiter of Saxonya
X Jennyfield Miss Chief

Other new Champions

Adamo's	***Zakro Buzz Conductor D. Red***
Burn's	***Impala Angel of the South. D Red***
Smiths	***Ceinion Too Bees. B Red***
Mackie & Kelland	***Viva Forever at Hawksflight. B Red***

A
Big
Thank You

To everyone who helped me or sent cards after my recent accident. It was very much appreciated

Love
Brenda Cody

Congratulations

To all
LAYJAY
Progeny
Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren
on a successful year

Jimmy, Brenda & Tilly

The Miniature Pinscher Club Southern Open Show
Sunday 9th April 2000

Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge this show & to the Exhibitors for giving me their support. I had a very enjoyable day, all the dogs showed well & they were all well groomed. Thanks to Susan for the excellent lunch and to Di who stewarded for me. I enjoyed the more difficult task of judging the photographs, all of them most appealing.

PD. Absent

JD 1st Dunn's Benachilli Black Magic at Valetta. Alert, good head & expression, moved with correct hackney action.

2nd Eyles Vardenais Moon Maverick.

ID. 1st Robertson's Krisbred Pickpacket. Smart B/T dog. Nicely shaped head, straight back, well-sprung ribs, moved satisfactorily.

PGD 1st Eyles Vardenais Moon Maverick. Very smart dog, masculine head & dark eye. Nicely arched neck & straight backline. Much more steady in this class & it showed in better & more stylish movement.

2nd Thompson's Lizanthe El Signor

LD. 1st Parry's Rock the Boat for Gwynsias B/T. Very smart dog who showed all the time. Held head high on elegant arched neck. Good shoulders & backline. Hindquarters well developed with good sweep of stifle. Conformation & movement very good. BD & BIS

2nd King's Kilmuir First Knight at Adurus.

OD. 1st Coull's Ch Vardenais Crescent Moon. Alert, lovely head & expression, good topline & well sprung ribs. Well balanced throughout. Moved freely & showed well. RBIS

2nd King's Kilmuir First Knight at Adurus.

VD. 1st Robertson's Torilea Taffys Pride at Krisbred 10 yrs. Still knows the business of showing. Looked good & sound & moved with confidence.

MPB 1st Colborne-Baker's Lianlike Black Rosebud. 9 months feminine bitch. Good head, good ear set, nice conformation, stood & moved well

2nd Rees Miss Magic via Telidor

PB. 1st Robertson's Rikarla Flutter of Krisbred. Lovely head & expression, stood square. Good angulation, moved freely with correct hackney action. BBP & BPIS

2nd Colborne-Baker's Lianlike Black Rosebud

JB 1st Robertson's Rikarla Flutter of Krisbred.

2nd Osborne's Torilea Heaven Can Wait for Sanzinia

SYB 1st Burn's Impala Alice Springs B/T. Nice cobby compact bitch. Alert expression, backline straight with good tailset. Hindquarters nicely angulated. Sound movement. BB

2nd Robertson's Rikarla Flutter of Krisbred.

NB 1st Robertson's Rikarla Flutter of Krisbred.

2nd Rees Miss Magic Via Telidor.

IB 1st Kings Adurus Sun Moon Stars. Well put together, good outline & movement.

P.G.B. 1st Colborne-Baker's Kilmuir First in Line at Bourneways. Good head & dark eye. Overall conformation good. Moved with style.

L.B. 1st Kings Kilmuir Constellation at Adurus. Nice head & eye, level topline, well set shoulders well sprung ribs, correct tailset. Square dog that moved well.

2nd Osborne's Dimagen Totally Equal to Sanzinia

O.B. 1st Rees Ch Kari Oki via Telidor. Smart good-looking square bitch. Lovely outline & expression. Showed & moved extremely well. Good bone.

2nd Thompson's Ch Liganthe La Duquesa.

V.B. 1st Colborne-Baker's Bourneways dark Polka Dot 12 yrs. Still in good shape & showed well. Took this class from another lovely old lady by virtue of her greater age. B.V

2nd Rees Torilen Tall of The Town at Telidor

Brace 1st Osborne's brace, showed themselves Colborne-Baker's off. Stood so well together they appeared as mirror images 7 moved together in unison. Well suited for the brace class.

2nd King's brace.

O. Red 1st Dunn's Benachilli Red Alert at Valetta. Good conformation & Movement, showed nicely.

Stakes 1st Colborne-Baker's Lionlike Black Rosebud

2nd Dunn's Benachilli Black Magic at Valetta.

Judge
Vera Black

Brain Teaser

Who Are They? - (anagrams)

All are Min Pin Exhibitors

1) HEM ZIPS THE BALOON
2) LULEE OILCAN
3) TORRO SENT BIN RICHES
4) NEAR RICH METAL
5) ANY BOXY ASS
6) DEANE TINGLE
7) DRAIN SKATE
8) BOSS RAN BARE ONE CLUB
9) SCENE J PENNY
10) AIM KICK NEICE
11) DRAMS BUNNY
12) THE HAREM THIS
13) DRYED BACON
14) BRETH BY LEER
15) YAPY RARER
16) CHILL ZYN
17) LETS ME SHARE
18) U.N. NABS U.S.S.R
19) GOULLE GANDY
20) DEER RAN FOLD
21) TEN ELM PACER
22) TIN MOULD DASH
23) BEERY FLUFIN
24) KIBL CABLL

Addison's Disease in Miniature Pinschers

Addison's disease or hypoadrenocorticism is a disease that was first described in people by a physician called Addison in the middle of the nineteenth century.

It has also been seen in dogs and with better laboratory tests it is being diagnosed more frequently now.

The disease is caused by a failure of the adrenal cortex which is part of the adrenal glands which are found near the kidneys. The cortex produces among other things, cortisol, which helps the body to deal with stress.

Symptoms.

The main problem with Addison's disease is that the symptoms are very vague and may mimic other diseases. The signs also tend to wax and wane, so when you've made an appointment with your vet the dog is then perfectly fine when it gets to the surgery; other times the vet may give the dog an injection of antibiotic and steroid as a general treatment of non-specific symptoms and the dog will make an instant recovery.

Most cases of canine Addison's are young to middle-aged and are female, although older dogs and male dogs can be affected. Most affected dogs are pedigree, with a very high incidence in Bearded Collies and Standard Poodles, although other breeds and cross-breeds can also have the problem. Symptoms can include vomiting and diarrhoea, thirst, lack of appetite, weakness and in acute cases, collapse and death.

Diagnosis.

Diagnosis is not easy, especially early in the course of the disease, as routine blood tests tend to give normal results. Chest Xrays sometimes show a small heart but one doesn't normally take chest Xrays unless the dog is showing specific signs of chest or breathing problems.There are very specific tests for Addison's and if your vet is suspicious of Addison's he will take special blood samples to confirm the diagnosis.

The purpose of this article is to make Min Pin people aware of Addison's so that if your min pin is showing vague or waxing and

waning symptoms please ask your vet if they think it would be a good idea to test for Addison's. We don't know how many min pins might have had the disease without being diagnosed but at least we can save them in the future. You will read with this article about the Min Pins owned by Aileen, Bill and Christine who were diagnosed with Addison's, and you will see from their accounts how varied their symptoms were. Now we know that there is a potential problem in the breed we can try to do something about it.

Treatment.

Treatment is easy. There is a specific drug called Florinef, which replaces the cortisol that the dog is lacking. It is quite cheap and because Min Pins are small they need less of the drug anyway. In the US and on the Internet, there is a drug which is given by injection every 25-27 days, but this is not available in Britain, and is mainly used in the States because in that country Florinef is very much more expensive than in GB.

How Important is Addison's in Min Pins?

The most important aspect of Addison's is that when it appears in a specific breed it has an inherited basis. The details of exactly how it is inherited is not fully known yet, but in a breed like ours with a very small gene pool, it could become widespread quickly unless we are careful. It is likely that the parents of affected dogs are carriers but it is not that simple because not all their puppies will have signs of Addison's. The sensible approach at the moment is to not breed from the parents, or the littermates of an affected dog. When we have a more accurate way of testing the genetic makeup of the individuals to find the Addison's gene or genes then it may be possible to test for the disease before breeding but that is very much in the future.

There is no way that we want to have any kind of witch hunt. The three people who have had Addison's in their dogs have been honest and brave in telling everyone about the problem. Pedigree analysis may help to find the mode of inheritance but in the mean time the most sensible thing is not to breed from closely related dogs.

Di Stark

In Memory of Tisha

Just over a year ago I lost Tisha (Moonmaid Texed from Telidor) to a disease which, although I had heard of it, I knew nothing about it. A year on and with 3 more Min Pins having been diagnosed with the disease (that we know about) I know an awful lot more.

Tisha's story started one Friday morning. She had puppies that were 16weeks old and thriving, she herself looked the picture of health. By mid morning she was quiet and withdrawn and not taking any interest in anything going on round about her, she was refusing food .I took her temperature, which had dropped to 98 degrees and she felt cold and clammy to touch. I rang the vet and made an appointment for the afternoon. By the time that we got there, she looked "tucked up" and her temperature had dropped to 96. An infection was diagnosed and antibiotics were given. Although not totally happy with this, I took her home and did my best to keep her warm. By early evening, she was shaking and having muscle spasms. She would not eat or drink and could not stand unaided. I rang the vet back and insisted that he see her again. He was worried enough to put her on a drip, but had trouble finding a vein because her blood pressure was so low. I brought her home and sat up with her all night. Although she was on a heat pad and under a heat lamp she still felt very cold and clammy and her temperature was still very low, but she looked brighter.

In the morning, I rang my other vet and asked for her to be admitted as an emergency. He had no idea what the problem was, but had several avenues to go down. He put her back on a drip (the catheter had come off the first one) and ran some bloods. By the afternoon he suspected that she had Addisons Disease and began treatment. I started my crusade to find out more about this disease, first with a phone call to Di Stark to see if she had ever known of it in a Min Pin before (she hadn't) and then onto the internet.

By the evening she was looking brighter and was accepting small bits of food from the vet nurses and Simon was hopeful of a recovery. This was not to be, for early Sunday morning, she "crashed" and went into an Addisonian crisis. I lost her half an hour later.

A post mortem confirmed the diagnosis, but having been told the disease was uncommon, I thought no more about it,until that is , another Min Pinner phoned one morning to tell me that her young bitch was in the vets on a drip and the vet had no idea what was wrong with her. The symptoms were so similar to Tisha's that she phoned the vet and asked him to test for Addisons - the results came back positive. That Min Pin is alive and although she will be on drugs for the rest of her life, has responded well to treatment.

The second one came just before Christmas, again, another phone call from a Min Pinner, this time with a puppy bitch. Once again, in the vets on a drip, only this time being treated for "kidney failure"
(Addisons very often presents the same symptoms as kidney failure) Once again the vet was asked to test for Addisons, which she did reluctantly. The test came back positive. This puppy was 5 months old. She has crashed once, but her owner knows what to look for now and rushed her into the vets straight away. She is now stable on her medication.

Tisha's death broke my heart, but at least was not in vain - she helped save the lives of two other Min Pins, who otherwise may have died.
PLEASE - make sure that all your new puppy owners are made aware of this disease - if caught early enough, it is treatable. If you have a dog in a similar situation or hear of one, at least Addisons can be suggested. Time is of the essence with this disease, the quicker they are treated, the better the outcome.

I'm sure that you all understand how important it is that everyone gets to know about this.
You may feel that you would like to know more about the "technical" side of things.
There is a web site at: www.geocities.com/k9addisons/

Aileen

Rosie - owned by Christine Robertson

Rosie is a big, solid bitch, probably about 13 inches. She was aged 15 months when she first became ill. I remember that, one lovely Sunday in July, we were sitting in the garden and Rosie was scrounging for scraps that might have dropped off the barbecue! The next day she was off her food but didn't seem unwell. She was still off her food on Tuesday and by Tuesday evening was looking very miserable indeed.

She had vomited a few times over the two days but mostly just liquid, but then she wasn't eating. By Wednesday morning, she was unstable and wobbly on her legs. She had lost a lot of weight and was not drinking much either. She had a look of depression about her and was cold, even when wrapped up in blankets.

I took her to the vet on Wednesday morning and he put her on a drip, as she was dehydrated. He took a blood sample and ran some tests but couldn't find anything. When I went to pick her up, she seemed much brighter. Once I got her home, she ate a few mouthfuls of food but not much for a big min pin! The next day she started to go downhill again and by evening was just lying in a chair wrapped in blankets. I took her to the vet again on Friday morning and they put her on a drip for the second time and did more blood tests. Once again, she looked a bit brighter and they let me take her home. I think that she only perked up when she saw me because by the time I got her home she was still very ill. I remember phoning the vet that night in tears telling him that I was going to lose her, but he had nothing to suggest. I sat up all night with her, syringing fluids into her. By now, she couldn't stand without falling over and had lost about one third of her body weight. Thankfully, as she wasn't a show dog, I had let her get a bit heavy and I think that this helped her.

I have to say that I have a very good relationship with my vets, but on this occasion I'm sure that they thought I was exaggerating the extent of her illness. They didn't think that she was as unwell as I knew her to be.

I phoned Aileen Coull the next morning (Saturday) as I remembered that she had lost a bitch but I couldn't think of the diagnosis. When I described Rosie's symptoms she said that it sounded very similar to her bitch. I phoned the vet and asked if he had considered Addison's disease. He hadn't, but immediately did some research and called me back. He wasn't convinced, but decided to treat her anyway, as the medication couldn't do any harm. One of the reasons was that symptoms should include diarrhoea, which Rosie had never had. He had to go to the chemist to get Florinef and told me to come straight in with her. He had to take another blood sample before giving her any medication but this proved very difficult as her veins were now in a state of collapse. He eventually got some from the jugular, then immediately injected her and put her on a drip.

When I got her home, I wrapped her up again on her favourite chair and went about my housework. There was already a difference, instead of lying motionless with her eyes closed, she was watching me going about and her ears were up! By evening she was on her feet and eating.

The blood tests came back the following week as positive for Addisons. She needs medication every day for the rest of her life and getting the dose right took a bit of time. She was up to one and a half tablets every day at one point but is now stabilised on a half each day. The tablets make her thirsty, and she does drink a lot of water.

She has also grown a slightly longer coat than normal with a light, very thick undercoat (she is B&T). There is a slight wave in the coat down the spine.

Rosie is now 2 years old, fit and well and has been spayed, as has her dam, her sire will never be used at stud again.

What Every Miniature Pinscher Owner Should Know

Addison's disease was first described as a human affliction in 1855 by Dr Thomas Addison (even back then medical doctors could be rather egocentric !) The more scientific name for this disease is hypoadrenocorticism which refers to an insufficient production of certain essential hormones by the adrenal glands.

Let the physiology lesson begin ! Every Min Pin begins life with two adrenal glands The adrenal glands sit directly in front of each kidney within the abdominal cavity and they are responsible for producing several important hormones including adrenaline, oestrogen and testosterone (most of the latter two hormones are actually produced within the testicles and ovaries.) cortisone and aldosterone. The adrenal glands are the primary source of these two hormones and neither man nor beast can live without adequate levels of both of them. Cortisone has an effect on virtually every tissue in the body. It is essential for the normal function of every organ within the body and is responsible for a normal appetite and a sense of well being. Aldosterone's main function is the regulation of sodium and potassium levels within the body. in the absence of aldosterone, the blood potassium level increases and the blood sodium level decreases, both of which may be life threatening abnormalities. The adrenal glands need to be told to make cortisone and aldosterone. Hormones produced in two areas of the brain (the pituitary gland and the hypothalamus) stimulate the adrenal glands to manufacture these hormones. So , Addison's disease can be caused by a problem within the adrenal glands themselves or within specific areas of the brain. The type of Addison's recognized in Miniature Pinschers is caused by problems within the adrenal glands themselves.

Addison's disease can occur in any breed of dog ! A familial or inherited predisposition for the disease has been described in Standard Poodles, Labrador Retrievers, Portuguese Water Dogs and Bearded Collies. The cause of Addison's disease is not completely understood, however, an immune mediated etiology is suspect. What this means is that the individual's own immune system is somehow triggered to attack and destroy it's own body tissues; in this case certain hormone producing cells within the adrenal glands are destroyed. The disease is most common in middle aged female dogs as is the case for most autoimmune disorders (but not always, the Min Pins diagnosed so far, have all been fairly young)

Most dogs with Addison's disease initially have rather vague waxing and waning symptoms, including a decrease in appetite, increased thirst, some vomiting and/or diarrhoea, lethargy, depression and weight loss. Muscle spasms and trembling may also be seen.

In the course of a thorough examination of an Addisonian patient, the vet may notice, depression, weakness, dehydration, weak pulses, thin body condition and a slow heart rate (caused by an elevated blood potassium level) In the most extreme cases, the patient may present in a state of circulatory collapse and shock. The vet may see all or none of these symptoms dependent mostly upon how long the patient has been Addisonian.

The diagnosis of Addison's disease begins with a blood and urine test. The urine is typically quite dilute rather than well concentrated. Blood test abnormalities may include increased blood levels of potassium, blood urea nitrogen, creatinine and calcium and decreases in sodium and glucose. If a chest X ray is taken, the heart shadow may appear small. The definitive test for Addisons is made by measuring the level of cortisone within the blood stream before and

after chemical stimulation of the adrenal glands. This is known as an ACTH response test. An Addisonian patient will have extremely low levels of circulating cortisone both prior to and after adrenal stimulation and , thus, diagnosis is made. All in all, comfirming the diagnosis of Addison's disease involves minimal testing and is, in the overall scheme of things relatively inexpensive to diagnose.

Because the symptoms are so vague, the biggest pitfall with Addisons is it's recognition. The symptons may wax and wane, so the pet owner often talks themselves out of a vist to the vet. If basic blood test abnormalities are mild, the vet may not think about Addison's disease and, therefore may fail to run a ACTH response test. If the patient presents in a state of collapse and weakness, the vet may automatically administer cortisone thereby eliminating the possibility of getting accurate results from the ACTH test.
The most famous Addisonian in the world, John F Kennedy, had waxing and waning symptoms for years before his doctors finally thought about testing for Addisons !

Treatment for this disease involves life long replacement therapy with cortisone and aldosterone. The cortisone is typically replaced with physiologic doses of prednisone. Aldosterone replacement is with a daily oral medication called Florinef. in some cases, emergency therapy for the Addisonian patient may be necessary and includes, fluid therapy, cortisone administration and treatment for circulatory shock.

The good thing about Addison's disease is that, if, diagnosis is made early enough, it is wonderfully treatable. With proper administration of medication and careful monitoring, the prognosis is excellant and there is no anticipated decrease in the patient's life expectancy. Recognition of the disease seems to be the biggest obstacle to a successful outcome

It goes with out saying that the parents of an Addisonian animal should not be bred from as they will certainly be carriers of this disease.

There is no disgrace in breeding a dog with a disease or a physical fault - the disgrace is in continuing to breed haphazardly from an affected animal or it's siblings or it's progeny

Home Remedies

These are a few home remedies I have used, please bear in mind I am not a vet but these remedies have worked for me. If in any doubt, always check with your veterinary surgeon.

Weak Puppies.

Mix 2 teaspoons natural live yoghurt to 1 teaspoon liquid glucose and a few drops of boiling water (to take off chill). Mix well and syringe slowly onto the puppy's tongue, birth to 4 days every hour 🗁 to 1 ml liquid 8 times per day. This can also be used for sick or aged dogs obviously increasing the amount.

Sore Eye

If your dog has been poked in the eye while playing or had a grass seed, split a cod-liver oil capsule and put 2 drops in the eye, discard rest of capsule. Repeat daily until eye is clear.

Poor Skin & Coat

Rub castor oil into skin and leave, but mind the furniture it could be a bit messy on those new seat covers. Repeat after 7 days then 1 week later bathe the dog in baby or glycerine shampoo.

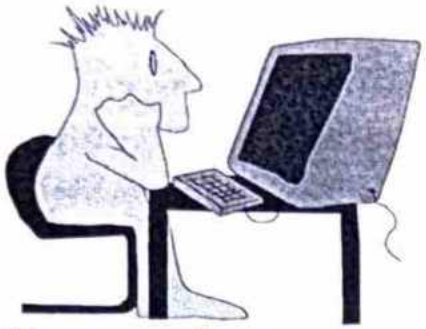
Reminder

If you dog gets runny eyes or itchy skin, what washing powder or cleaning fluids are you using? I find that Acdo washing powder will help to stop this as it is made from vegetables.

House-breaking

Puppies always seem to miss the paper at some point. Mix baking soda to a paste and apply to the urine spot, leave for about 1 hour and wash off with warm water. This will eliminate the odour and they will not use the same spot again.

Brenda Cody



Surfing The Min Pin Net

Many of us now have a computer in our homes and the Internet has opened up a whole New World. Did you know we now have our own min pin UK chat list? You can also join in the chat in the chat room most nights from 9.30pm GMT.

To sign onto the list you can go to http://www.onelist.com/community/MinPinsUKchat

There are many overseas members, one of them is Johanna Tammiala from Finland, she has The Pinserella's Miniature Pinschers, these are duel purpose as they compete both in the show and agility rings, she has some good agility shots on her website http://www.geocities.com/pinserellas

The other interesting thing about Johanna's site is that her dogs are undocked, I must admit it was a bit strange to see pins with tails as we are so used to seeing them docked. The Scandinavian Countries banned docking a few years ago.

Other overseas members include Kathy Potts and Yvonne Griffin from Australia. Kathy is the secretary of The New South Wales Min Pin Club her breeding goes back to our old Hayclose lines the website address is www.run.to/minpin. Yvonne has Shumah and Torpin lines in her pedigrees her website address is www.chariot.net.au/~kimbapin

Happy surfing.

Bath Cottage,
Sidegate,
Durham City,
20:03:00.

Below is a list of the events preceding and following Molly being diagnosed as suffering from Addisons Disease.

D.O.B. 30:07:99.

First injection 27:09:99.

Second injection 25:10:99.

Molly now appears to be a perfectly normal Min-Pin in every respect. She began training classes on 01:11:99.
29:11:99 A tan bar beginning to appear on the back of her neck between her ears.

02:12:99 It was becoming obvious that her coat was thickening and becoming coarse

08:12:99 She was now becoming a "picky" eater and appetite diminishing, and by this time had a thick, wavy coat, ruff around her neck, long black hair on her rear legs and was losing the tan colour on her face.

12:12:99 Seen by Aileen Coull who described her as resembling a Lancashire Heeler, although to my mind more like a diminutive Belgian Shepherd.

13:12:99 Appetite decreasing, trying different foods to stimulate her to eat. Appears to have a sore mouth, thought she may be teething.

19:12:99 Ate nothing, beginning to lose weight quite quickly.

20:12:99 Ate nothing. Still thought it was a sore mouth.

21:12:99 Appeared dehydrated. To Vet at 09.00 Temperature slightly depressed. Immediately placed on drip. P.M. Vet rang to say that the tests she had done so far indicated Kidney failure to such an extent that she did not hold out much hope. At my request Vet examined Molly's mouth but found nothing.

22:12:99 Further tests confirm previous ones. In evening phoned Aileen Coul who suggested that I ask Vet to test for Addisons. I did this and spoke to the very young Vet I had seen in the first place.

23:12:99. 09.00 Mrs Jacqui Molineaux, the principle Vet in the practice phoned and after discussion about the difficulty of sending blood to lab and receiving the results back in time, it being the day before Christmas Eve, she agreed to investigate possibilities. 10.00. Jacqui rang back to say she had organised a courier to take the

blood to the lab in Blackpool and it would be done immediately and the results would be there at 10.00 the next day, Christmas Eve.

23:12:99. 10.10 Jacqui phoned Molly has Addisons and the treatment has started. ¼ tablet per day. Appetite slowly picks up till she eats 200gm. per day.

12:01:00. Appetite reduces and mouth appears sore again. She has had difficulty in eating biscuits for a couple of days.

13:01:00. Ate hardly anything, rang Chris Robertson. Who has a Min-Pin with Addisons who advised increasing dose to ½ tablet per day. I checked with vet who also advised an increase. Appetite immediately improved to 250gm. Per day. Still very thin.

28:01:00. She is again having difficulty eating her evening biscuits.

30:01:00. Appetite gone again. Phoned Chris to see if this had happened to her, and it. Had Rang Vet , who after asking weight of Molly rang back to say upping the dose to one tablet per day would put her on the limit and unless there was a reasonable weight gain that was all she could have. On one tablet per day she is eating on average 325gm. per day and gaining weight steadily. She is now, after 3 weeks on the increased dose a happy, very active little dog. The tan on her face is now almost gone, the only remaining bits are under her chin and they are very dark The coat on her back is coarse and wavy, resembling that of a Rotweiller

21:03:00. Ate only 178gm. today

DOGSERVATIONS

For the last five years, our little Crystal has had a tummy problem. Min Pins being long livers, we wanted to make Crystal's life as comfortable as possible. We have spent literally hundreds of pounds at the vets on x-rays, medicines etc, all to no avail. Until now that is!

At last we have found the root cause of Crystal's discomfort.

Five years ago, Crystal's body became very hard every day after she had eaten her breakfast Some mornings she was very rigid even before eating. With this rigidity came a lot of pain.

The veterinary surgery that we used had a number of vets, all five were unable to discover the cause. Two other surgeries that we consulted couldn't help either, nor could a homeopathic vet. Mostly the vets thought it was because she ate fast that she had a problem but I pointed out that that didn't answer the times that she couldn't eat at all. If I massaged her neck after she ate, the problem was alleviated a little. Clue here! All vets missed that!

We have now moved to south Wales and at our new surgery we met Esther, a young vet. She discovered quite quickly that Crystal has 'small airways disease.' Now I have never heard of this disease but Esther had. Crystal's airways are clogging up and she will have to have medication for the rest of her life. Unfortunately, the disease is progressive but a long way from 'big decision' time. For now with help from the medication, Crystal is eating quite happily, she doesn't panic as her body is soft, not hard. Apparently she cannot breath through her nose and that has been part of the problem, she gulps in masses of air and swells up.

What a lot of time (the money doesn't matter) has been wasted. What a lot of discomfort our precious Crystal has suffered. She's a stubborn little so and so, a disobedient little madam, and the dearest little soul, that we love to bits. We hope that we have her for quite some time yet. Perhaps the above will help someone else as we understand small dogs can be prone to small airways disease.

Maggie

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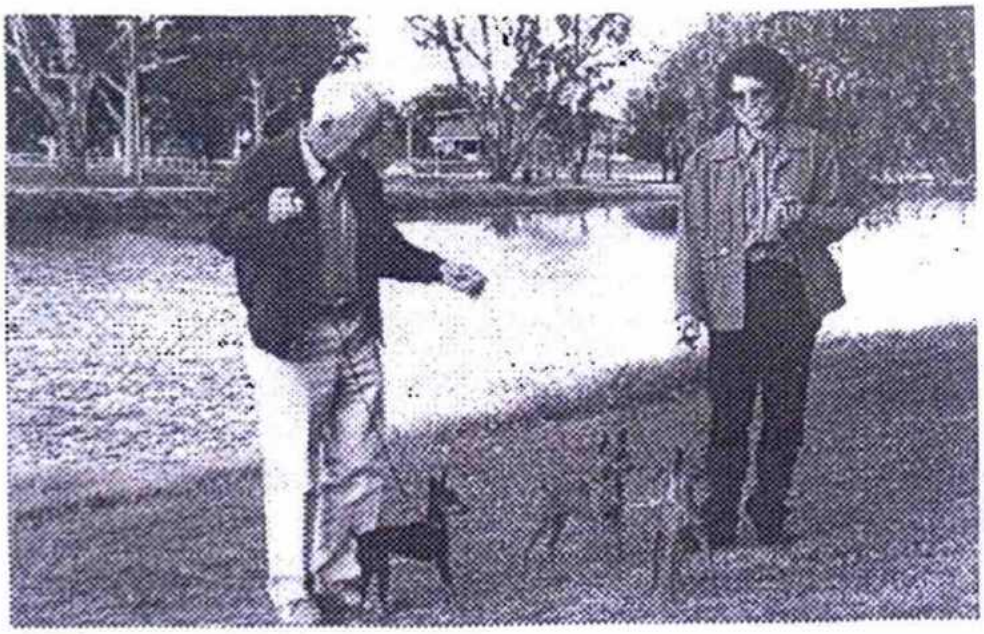
Seeing Double!



No it's not our President Doug Langley, it's his double John Cook from Australia
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What's In A Name?

Have you ever wondered whether or not a name can determine or pre-determine the personality of an animal, or person for that matter? If it does, then I suggest that names are chosen with great care! Ever since I acquired a Min Pin called Little Kings Royal Rogue, a name incidentally that I chose, I have never ceased to wonder. Mind you, on further scrutinising his royal lineage, I did notice that he has an uncle on his paternal side called 'I's Willie Bad', this in itself should have given me enough warning!

Rogue, alias Hocus-pocus, amongst other names best left unmentioned, is just that – a right royal rogue!

From the time he opens those large, lustrous, mischievous peepers of his in the morning, he is up to no good. His face says it all – "now just what can I get up to today?" He dashes outside, does a few laps around the garden getting the business of morning absolutions over and done. Then with a total disregard for fences and barriers, (I must see if there's a Houdini in that lineage somewhere) if he can't get over them, under will do, he proceeds to have fun, all be it at everyone else's expense! Flowers are beheaded, pots overturned and relieved of their contents, plants are eaten, and then to add insult to injury, he will turn round to tell me how delicious they were! His eyes fix on the compost bin – what a wonderful discovery! His modus operandi is to knock off the lid from the bin and jump inside. Fascinated, I watch while Rogue proceeds to hand down "tasty" morsels to six partners in crime who can be seen surrounding the outer perimeter, eyes sparkling with anticipation. Now I see him, now I don't. Eventually he emerges looking like some monster from a Steven Spielberg movie, or a club sandwich gone wrong. Covered in squashed avocado, attached to which is a combination of squash and paw-paw pips, dried seed and pollen from discarded flowers, a layer of chicken manure, and, set very jauntily at an angle on top of his head, half an orange skin! On one occasion there was no mistake as to who had been at the fermenting fruit that had been thrown out. I could see that he was uncomfortable and the rumbling sounds coming from his stomach would have made an African lion proud. On closer inspection I noticed that he was having contractions and he certainly looked the worse for wear. A hasty call to the Vet and medication, once administered solved the problem. Was that a chortle I heard? No just a small hiccough.

He loves water, no matter the season, and even on a cold wintry evening ever the optimist, he will jump into the pond for a spot of fishing. How I had longed for a pond – now it is covered with protective netting. Then there's bath time, mine, not his! What should be a private, relaxing, lingering ritual becomes a shrieking, splashing orgy of delight when Rogue jumps unhesitatingly into the bath with me. Doug hearing the commotion comes to the rescue and removes the "water-baby".

I don't know what sign he was born under – Aquarius perhaps?

I threw up my hands in horror when he came towards me executing the perfect hackney –like movement, proud as a knight in shining armour presenting a favour to his lady – a not too quick rat who was caught sampling the food put down for our feathered friends during the cold winter months. He cocks his head to one side, "Were we not bred to rat?"

Dare I say it? He does have a gentler side to his nature, inherited from his sire Lancelot perhaps. When introduced to a litter of 6-week-old puppies he greeted the five pudgy little ones, tearing about the place just asking to be played with, with love and enthusiasm. I watched his method of introduction with delight. He seemed to feel the need to introduce himself to each pup in turn. He chose the one sitting quietly on it's own, carefully walked up to it, nose extended. Once they had touched noses, they both backed off, surveying each other with cautious interest. Rogue would give their watchful mother a quick glance, and then the fun would start! He did this with each pup, as one became exhausted he introduced himself in similar fashion to the next until all collapsed in an exhausted but happy heap in their basket.

I could go on and on about his escapades. If I did, this would no longer be an article but a novel instead. So what's in a name? Rogue can do anything but fly – whew, am I glad I never called him Icarus!

By Colleen Flight
Eureka Miniature Pinschers (S. Africa)

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Quiz

1) How many Toy dogs have won B.I.S at Crufts?
2) What breed has won B.I.S at Crufts the most number of times?
3) What are the pads on the rear of the front legs of a dog called?
4) Not counting the muzzle area, how many whiskers on a Min Pin head?
5) How many areas of Tan on a B/T Min Pin?
6) How many sets of CC's do we currently have for Min Pins per year?

Thelma Rees
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The Darusmar Gang

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3. TO HAVE JUDGED A MINIMUM OF40 CLASSES OF MINIATURE PINSCHERS.
4. TO HAVE JUDGED A MINIMUM OF 120 MINIATURE PINSCHERS.
5. TO HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE JUDGING SEMINAR AND PASSED AN EXAMINATION AND/OR ASSESSMENT WHERE APPLICABLE
6. TO HAVE STEWARDED FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF 3 YEARS AND AT 12 SHOWS
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If it should be that I grow frail and weak
And pain should keep me from my sleep
Then you must do what must be done
For this battle can't be won

You will be sad, I understand
Don't let your grief then stay your hand
For this day, more than the rest
Your love and friendship stands the test

We've had so many happy years
What is to come can hold no fears
Would you want me to suffer?

So when the time comes, please let me go
Take me where my needs; there'll tend
And hold me firm and speak to me
Until my eyes no longer see

I know in time that you will see
It is a kindness you do to me
Although my tail its last has waved
From pain and suffering I have been saved
Do not grieve, it should be you who must decide this thing to do
We've been so close, we two, these years
Don't let your heart hold any tears.

Author Unknown