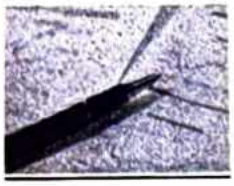
THE MINIATURE PINSCHER CLUB

PENCIL MARKS

SUMMER 2010



President's Pen

Who can believe that it is the longest day and that we are in the middle of the show season? We would like to say well done to everybody, what a lucky Club we are to have so many caring Members and Committee Officers, who all work so had to keep the club running so well.

Having the Internet and new phone technology can be really useful for keeping in touch with friends and family, but also keeping updated in the dog world. At shows, when Best of Breed is awarded, within minutes, everyone in the country can find out the results!

Our views and opinions are very important, but sometimes not everyone wants to perhaps know all our views, and a silly joke that is overhead can sometimes be misconstrued, so please take care what you say, as you may not know who overhears a conversation and then passes on incorrect information about the comments that were made, this can cause offence and bad feeling.

We have some globetrotting Min Pinners and it will be interesting to hear their thoughts and opinions of the dogs they have seen overseas. I hope everyone has an enjoyable year!!

Remember this is your Newsletter so let's hear from you, whether you own a show dog or a pet all stories or tips will be most gratefully received by our very keen Newsletter Editor Di Gentle.

Kind Regards and Best Wishes for the Rest of 2010.

Heather

Secreterial Scribblings

Dear Members,

Isn't it good to feel that while everything from government to the weather is changing around us, our dogs remain true to form! They eat the same food - albeit it is getting more expensive - they enjoy the same walks - albeit they seem to be getting longer to me and they accept whatever decisions we make for them, without complaint! How good to have one constant in our lives in the shape of a dog!
For those of us who show our Pins, I am sure we are all feeling the effects of the financial crisis with increases in the cost of entries and fuel. Entries in the breed at Championship shows are showing a marked decrease as more and more of us are having to be realistic and accept that our hobby is becoming an overly expensive one!

For those of you who have never been bitten by the 'showing bug', I have a feeling that you are more than happy about it!

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to members Gill Graham and Sue Kennedy who passed away earlier in the year.

This year's AGM was well attended and rule changes proposed by the committee, unanimously accepted by the membership and now ratified by the Kennel Club are printed elsewhere in this edition. The AGM was followed by the Min Pin of the Year and Puppy of the Year event, judged this year by breed specialist Liz Porteous-Thompson, our webmaster.
The winners will feature in this edition of Pencil Marks.

A reminder again, that the Club's website - www.miniaturepinscherclub.co.uk - looked after and updated by member Liz Porteous -Thompson is available to advertise puppies for sale as well as providing news and information. If you have an idea that might improve the website, please feel free to get in touch with Liz or myself
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With best wishes for the rest of 2010 to all members.

Harriet

A Letter from The Editor

Well, here we are, almost an end to the Summer Shows and what a great year it has been for some of you. WELCOME to all our new members, here in the UK, Ireland and Overseas. I hope you enjoy the Newsletter, I welcome any news from pet to show homes, whether you think your story maybe trivial or not, I would love to hear your stories about your little people, we are all interested as a Breed Club, and are here to help and to advise you on any questions you may have.

Well done to everyone who has made up Champions this year, I know how much hard work goes into caring and making sure that all our dogs are kept in peak condition year in and year out, not an easy task for us all and not a cheap hobby anymore!

On a very sad note, another 2 losses this year, we lost Gill Graham , whom I personally did not know that well, but my wishes go to her family at their sad loss, our thoughts are with you. We also lost Sue Kennedy from the Nelleesh affix, who was often seen around the shows and happily caravanning in her little Motorhome with Brenda Cody in hers along accompanied by Judith Wilkinson, in her beautiful American Motorhome, in which they all used to get together. I can remember about 4 years ago when all of them were parked around me, and all I can say, it was one of the best holidays I have ever had. That is what makes people special to you - Memories.

On a different note, I don't want to worry you all, but, I have been watching some disturbing documentaries about Urban Foxes, and also read something in the Daily Mail the other day about a Chihauhau that was taken from a garden by a fox, the man let the Chi into the garden for a wee and a fox was laying in wait for it, it took the Chi, the man saw it all, he chased the fox, caught it, but sadly the Chi was dead, it probably died of shock, but it did have horrendous teeth wounds on it. Please, just be careful, especially around the baby Pins, I am convinced as most of you know that one of mine went missing and we have never found a trace of her, although not a Pup, she could have been taken by surprise, we live near foxes and I am convinced to this day it was a fox.

Have a great rest of the year, I hope you achieve what you are aiming for, and don't forget - another day, another Judge.

With all good wishes
Di (Editor)
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The Miniature Pinscher Club

Changes to Rules and Code of Ethics (with immediate effect)

At the AGM in March 2010, the following changes were accepted unanimously by the membership and are now ratified by the Kennel Club.

1. The loan of a bitch for breeding purposes must be effected through the Kennel Club as per Kennel Club Regulations for loan of a bitch.

2. No bitch will be bred from, which will be under 18 months of age at the time of birth of her puppies.

3. The Club's Code of Ethics is no longer a guideline and now becomes part of the Club's rules.

Please make yourself familiar with these changes and add this page to your rule book.

For those who wish an updated rule book, please contact me and I will email or send hard copy.

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I found this interesting article on the Chateau Acres Miniature Pinschers website in Arizona. The owner Gloria Knapp has kindly allowed me to reproduce it in Pencil Marks.

VACINATION PROTOCOL

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Dr. W. Jean Dodd's vaccination protocol is now being adopted by ALL 27 North American veterinary schools.

VACCINATION NEWS FLASH

"I would like to make you aware that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical &economic challenge to vets, and there will be skeptics.

Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs. those concerned about potential side effects.

Politics,traditions, or the doctor's economic well being should not be a factor in medical decision.

NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY

"Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (ie:canine distemper,parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced." Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. "There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines."
Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4mo) will provide lifetime immunity.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOGS
Distemper & Parvo * "According to Dr. Schultz, AVMA, 8-15-95, when a vaccinations series given at 2, 3 & 4 months and again at 1 year with a MLV, puppies and kitten program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity." Dr. Carmichael

at Cornell and Dr. Schultz have studies showing immunity against challenge at 2-10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus.

Studies for longer duration are pending. "There are no new strains of parvovirus as one mfg. would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types." Hepatitis (Adenovirus) is one of the agents known to be a cause of kennel cough. Only vaccines with CAV-2 should be used asCAV-1 vaccines carry the risk of "hepatitis blue-eye" reactions & kidney damage.**Bordetella Parainfluenza: Commonly called "Kennel cough" Recommended only for those dogs boarded, groomed, taken to dog shows, or for any reason housed where exposed to a lot of dogs. The intranasal vaccine provides more complete and more rapid onset of immunity with less chance of reaction. Immunity requires 72 hours and does not protect from every cause of kennel cough. Immunity is of short duration (4 to6 months).*

*RABIES There have been no reported cases of rabid dogs or cats in Harris, Montogomery or Ft. Bend Counties [Texas], there have been rabid skunks and bats so the potential exists. It is a killed vaccine and must be given every year.

*Lyme disease_is a tick born disease which can cause lameness, kidney failure and heart disease in dogs. Ticks can also transmit the disease to humans. The original Ft. Dodge killed bacteria has proven to be the most effective vaccine. Lyme disease prevention should emphasize early removal of ticks. Amitraz collars are more effective than Top Spot, as amitraz paralyzes the tick's mouthparts preventing transmission of disease.

VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED
Multiple components in vaccines compete with each other for the immune system and result in lesser immunity for each individual disease as well as increasing the risk of a reaction. Canine Corona Virus is only a disease of puppies. It is rare, self limiting (dogs get well in 3 days without treatment). Cornell & Texas A&M have only diagnosed one case each in the last 7 years. Corona virus does not cause disease in adult dogs.*

*Leptospirosis vaccine is a common cause of adverse reactions in dogs. Most of the clinical cases of lepto reported in dogs in the US are caused by serovaars (or types) grippotyphosa and bratsilvia. The vaccines contain different serovaars eanicola and ictohemorrhagica. Cross protection is not provided and protection is short lived. Lepto vaccine is immuno-supressive to puppies less than 16 weeks.

VACCINES NOT RECOMMENDED
Chlamydia or pneumonitis. The vaccine produces on a short (2 month) duration of immunity and accounts for less than 5% of upper respiratory infections in cats. The risks outweigh the benefits.*
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Feline Infectious Peritonitis. A controversial vaccine. Most kittens that contract FIP become infected during the first 3 months of life. The vaccine is labeled for use at 16 weeks. All 27 vet schools do not recommend the vaccine.

Bordetella A new vaccine for feline bordetella has been introduced. Dr. Wolfe of Texas

A&M says that bordetella is a normal flora and does not cause disease in adult cats. Dr. Lappin of Colorado State says that a review of the Colorado State medical records reveals not one case diagnosed in 10 years.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS: Giardia is the most common intestinal parasite of humans inNorth America , 30% or more of all dogs & cats are infected with giardia. It has now been demonstrated that humans can transmit giardiato dogs & cats & vice versa. *

Heartworm preventative must be given year-round in Houston .

*VACCINES BADLY NEEDED New vaccines in development include: Feline Immuno deficiency Virus and cat scratch fever vaccine for cats and Ehrlichia [one of the other tick diseases, much worse than Lymes] for dogs.

THE VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES; BUSINESS ASPECTS

Most vets recommend annual boosters and most kennel operators require them. For years the pricing structure of vets has misled clients into thinking that the inherent value of an annual office visit was in the "shots" they failed to emphasize the importance of a physical exam for early detection of treatable diseases. It is my hope that you will continue to require rabies & Kennel cough and emphasize the importance of a recent vet exam. I also hope you will accept the new protocols and honor these pets as currently vaccinated. Those in the boarding business who will honor the new vaccine protocols can gain new customers who were turned away from vet owned boarding facilities reluctant to change.

CONCLUSION

Dogs & cats no longer need to be vaccinated against distemper, parvo, & feline leukemia every year. Once the initial series of puppy or kitten vaccinations and first annual vaccinations are completed, immunity from MLV vaccines persists for life. It has been shown that cats over 1 year of age are immune to Feline Leukemia whether they have been vaccinated or not. Imagine the money you will save, not to mention less risks from side effects. PCR rabies vaccine, because it is not adjuvanted, will mean less risk of mediated hemolytic anemia and allergic reactions are reduced by less frequent use of vaccines as well as by avoiding unnecessary vaccines such as K-9 Corona virus and chlamydia for cats, as well as ineffective vaccines such as Leptospirosis and FIP. Intranasal vaccine for Rhiotracheitis and Calici virus, two upper respiratory viruses of cats provide more complete protection than injectable vaccines with less risk of serious reactions.

*Dr. Bob Rogers

Christmas Dog Biscuits with A Summer Twist

This is the only review I received for the Christmas Dog Biscuits recipe in Pencil Marks Christmas 2009. It was from Elenor Anderson of Elanaux Min Pins and Elenor can now make her biscuits 'bone' shaped with the help of the appropriate cutter!
Hopefully it might inspire a few others to find last year's Christmas issue and bake for their Pins. ☺

I must confess I'm not the world's best cook, but I enjoy making something new.
Most of the time it doesn't turn out as it should and it puts me off for a while.
Then I get the notion to try again and the biscuit recipe was that notion!
I followed the recipe as written and managed to make the kitchen look like a bomb site!
It actually took longer to clean up than it did to bake the biscuits.
When they were cooking they smelled lovely. Alex asked what I was cooking and when I said dog biscuits he said he might have known it was something for the dogs!
They turned out a lovely golden colour and when they cooled I gave one to Dex.
His tail wagged like mad and he came running back for more followed by Pace, Saski and Tizzy. Now, every time I go near the jar they all jump up and down looking for one.
This recipe was great as it allowed you to use up leftovers in an easy way and you don't feel guilty about wasting food and more importantly you are not giving your dogs any dodgy preservatives.

Elenor.

How to Give a Cat a Pill

1. Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth.
Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw soggy pill away.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand.
Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe.
Call spouse in from the garden.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws.
Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail. Get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to
buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.
8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit.
Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw
9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans and drink one beer to take taste away.
Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
10. Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard, and close door onto neck, to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.
11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer.
Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply whisky compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another shot. Throw tee-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.
12. Call fire department to retrieve the damned cat from the top of the tree across the road.
Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat.
Take last pill from foil wrap.
13. Using heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed, tie the little *&#%^'s front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.
14. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.
15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

How To Give A Dog A Pill

1. Wrap it in any piece of meat or cheese.
2. Toss it in the air.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Sorry to anyone if I have caused offence, but to me I thought we could have a smile in life, no CAT or DOG was hurt in this typoraphication.

Sincere thanks to all the judges who have appreciated Kuri's qualities and to fellow exhibitors for their support and congratulations.

Schancho Sheila's Wheels to Kilmuir (NAF)

(Australian Grand Ch. Callme Val U Bull A.D. J.D. S.P.D. S.D. x Ir Ch/Int Ch Kilmuir Christmas Belle)

Sheila is the result of insemination, from our importation of sperm from the Callme Kennel in western Australia and is jointly owned by Pat Quinn and myself.

She will make her debut in the show ring later in the year.

Harriet McLean Kilmuir

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07, 08, & 2009, Also **EW09,** and

Irish and International Champion
Kilmuir Christmas Belle

Mother of Sheila – Schancho Sheila's Wheels to Kilmuir

Photo Crawford-Manton

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Belle's daughter and the youngest Miniature Pinscher in Ireland to win both titles

Irish and International Champion
Schancho Jumping Ginny

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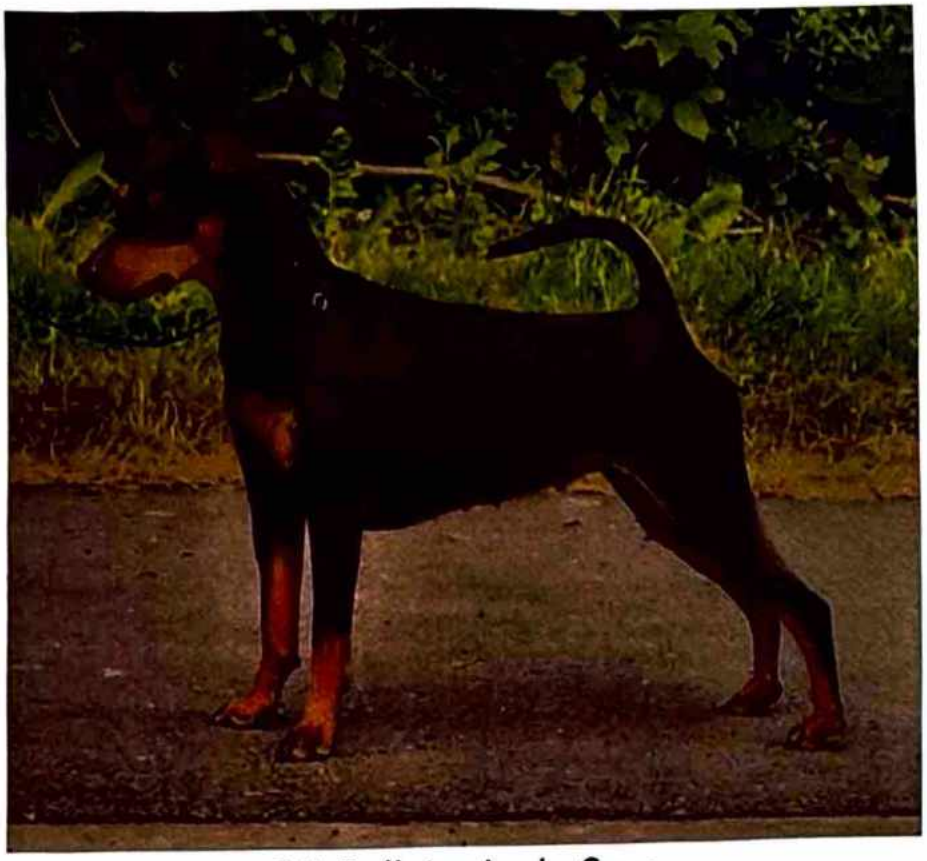

CH. Bellpins Lady Gaga
Impala Run To The Sun With Hawksflight ex CH Bellpins Bubbalicious

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Thanks go to the following Judges who awarded Kitty her CC's:
Thelma Rees, Albert Wight, Liz Porteous'Thompson.
Many Thanks to all other Judges for her awards, and to all our friends and fellow Min-Pinners for their support.

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Min Pin of the Year 2010

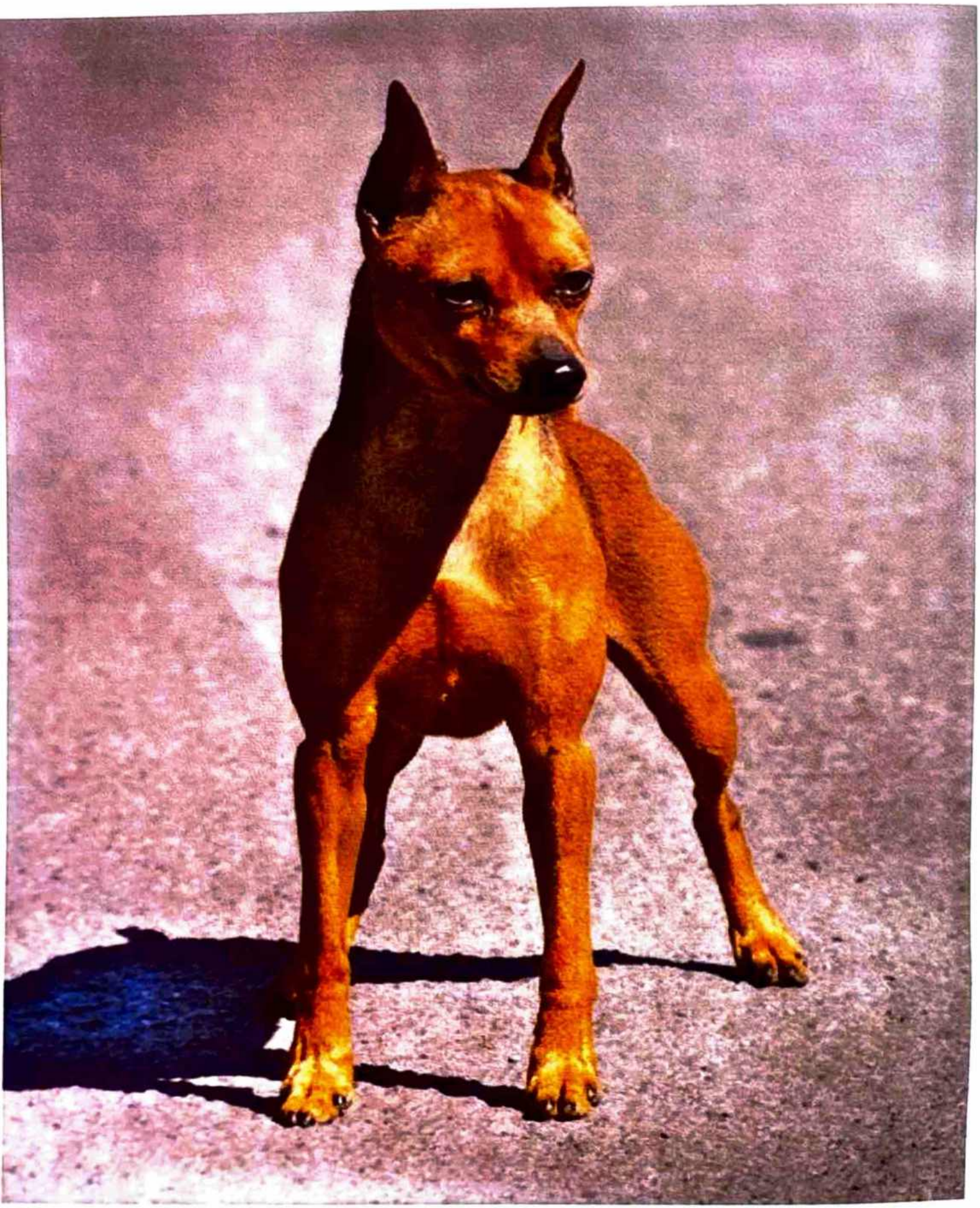
Judge Mrs E A Porteous-Thompson

Min Pin of the year was Mrs J Smith-Wilson's
Ch Sanzinia Tonto at Hillspan
Runner up (on left)
Mr & Mrs Llewellyns
Bullypins Bow Peep

Min Pin Pup of the Year 2010

Judge Mrs E A Porteous-Thompson

Winner was Mrs H McLean's
Kuir Kuir with Kilmuir (on left)
Runner-up
Mr & Mrs Kings
Adurus Love Divine



Our American Adventure

Nicki, Linda, Jackie, and I jetted off from Heathrow and arrived in Dallas about lunchtime, which felt strange as we left Heathrow at 9am and the flight took 10 hours! We spent 4 days in Texas at the American Belgian Tervueren Club's 50th anniversary National specialty and I don't think I've laughed so much in all my life! We spent our time in Texas with two of Linda's Belgian friends, Nikki and Cindy. The Americans are incredibly hospitable even to the extent that throughout the show there was free food and drink on offer and everybody received a goody bag with lovely souvenirs.

I think the highlight of our time in Texas was the western riding. Myself, Nicki Mackie, Jackie Bugden, Linda Collins and Nikki and Cindy planned to trail over the wild wild west, cowboy style! When we got to the riding school we couldn't believe our eyes when a little Willie Nelson lookalike popped out of his shed, complete with cowboy hat and boots and instructed his girls to bring the horses over. Cindy used a step ladder to get on hers, which turned out to be a Belgian draught horse (didn't think it looked much like a cowboy's horse!) My horse was called Penny, wild as a mustang and she knew the person sat on her was a complete numpty. Penny proceeded to do exactly as she pleased including walking off with a very worried me on her back, trying to be as butch as possible as this is Texas we are talking about! (I wasn't that convincing).

After I had got a little more control she eased up a bit but she seemed to only want to go sideways. We laughed so hard my ribs hurt for ages. No one else seemed to have any trouble, even Linda on her little show pony! After the Belgian Shepherd Special had finished we had a 4 hour flight to Oregon for the Miniature Pinscher Club Of America's national show. We got there a few days early so there weren't many people about but the short square little bodies with the most elegant necks and superb sloping toplines we saw that day, left an impression on us for the remainder of the holiday. They were not excessive in hackney action but the US standard for movement does differ slightly from ours in that the US dogs don't hackney behind. Instead of coordinated hackney they have a slightly stilted action behind but to see them moving away from you is very impressive, completely parallel like the train tunnel we hear so much about. On the whole, their size is good, although as in this country there are exceptions to the rule. Colour is another thing we were extremely impressed with. Their blacks were as good as ours and their reds were beautiful clear super dark reds. We also saw a blue doing obiedience, something I have never seen a Min Pin do before. They were fantastic at it! I was also very impressed with the quality of their chocolates, stunning dark chocolate min pins whose conformation was just as good as their black and red counterparts.

Nicki and I were honoured to handle a dog each in the specials competition. Nick handled CH Winters Beautiful Boy and I. CH Winters Pretty Woman. They are two lovely Min Pins, bred by the famous Katie Winters. You could have knocked me down with a feather when Pretty woman (aka Julia Woberts) made the last cut for Best in Show, with me handling!

It was a fantastic holiday and a trip I hope to make again one day. The atmosphere was remarkable around the ringside as everyone was so friendly.

I would recommend to any UK Min Pinner who is serious about the breed to go and see these dogs in the flesh. There is so much we could take from them and also a great deal they could take from us.

Chris Briggs
Bellpins Miniature Pinschers

Judges Choice: Miniature Pinschers.

Miniature Pinschers are a very difficult breed to photograph. Even before the computer age artistic people were able to enhance photos. I have there fore chosen dogs that I have actually seen.
All happen to be clear solid red. I would have chosen them had they been black, blue or chocolate and tan, but the same construction and movement. All three were very similar so the same remarks apply. They combined elegance style, and substance in a well balanced and proportioned compact package on a framework of medium bone. All were short backed, something difficult to maintain while keeping height down. What makes them special is the way the whole dog flows together perfectly.

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I wanted to include a dog who was not only of the highest quality but who contributed to the development of the modern Miniature Pinscher. I was given a photo of Ch. Hayclose Hiawatha by his breeder John Stott. I studied this picture for years and it made a big impression on me. A clean cut elegant dog but compact and with substance. What the picture did not show was his Hayclose trade mark hackney gait. When I saw him at the Miniature Pinscher Club Show I could not believe a Miniature Pinscher could be so beautiful. He was certainly nothing like my pet at home.
We all owe a great deal to John Stott for his generosity in allowing Hiawatha to be used by breeders wishing to improve their stock. I do not think there is a puppy born in the U.K. today who does not go back to him. John would be fascinated to see the different directions various kennels have taken his bloodline.

The first time I awarded CCs was at Birmingham National in 1989. Ch. Barian Ophelia of Shumah was my best of breed. What an honour to go over this beauty, she made a lasting impression on me. I did not want to take my hands off her. All lean solid muscle, everything about her just felt right. She had the correct rather elongated head with a strong muzzle, carried on the most amazing long strong arched, lean but muscular neck which melted into clean shoulders, neat elbows with good breadth and depth of chest cleanly tucked up into a short loin followed by strong hind quarters.
Ophelia was bred by Barbara Hebenton whose stunning Barian line dominated the ring during the 80s and bought at 9 weeks of age by Sheila Robins. Barbara's daughter had named her Cutie but Sheila soon changed this to Q.T. She had true Min Pin spirit and self possessed character. Sheila found her a handful and said she was the naughtiest dog she had ever owned. Reading Judges Choice articles on other breeds it seems a lot of great dogs in all breeds have an independent streak.
Very sadly Q proved difficult to breed so was not able to add that Barian style and quality to the long established and successful Shumah line.

At Crufts 2003 I awarded Best of Breed to Ch. Hawksflight In The Pink at Impala. I consider her to be the best Miniature Pinscher so far this century. In my report I wrote: "This bitch is really something very special and she knows it. Totally typical and unexaggerated. Square well balanced, perfectly proportioned, excellent front and hind quarters, moved stylishly, all topped off with a lovely head and mischievous expression. Deep clear red."

Elaine Barnes
Norleybank Miniature Pinschers.