

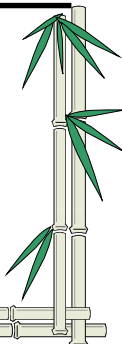


April/May 1998

# National Newsletter

## Chow Chow

### Fanciers of Canada



Congratulations are in order at the Egan household. Kitty's handler and granddaughter Candy Jensen, gave birth to a new baby boy **Brandon Jason Jens Carter**, March 4th. Maybe a new bright handler on the horizon.



To Our Fellow Chow Lovers!

Judy and I live in Saskatoon, Sask. and have been involved with the Chow breed now for 13 years. Wow, have they ever flown by. This is our story on how we ended up with our Chow Chows.

We had just moved from an apartment to our very first house and we wanted to have a dog to go with Judy's two cats but we

didn't know what kind of dog to get and where to get one from. A friend of ours Judy Byers was showing English Setters at the time and mentioned that we should come to the dog show in Saskatoon and look around. At that point we had no idea what a dog show was all about.

We went and had a look around and there were two Chows involved in the show at that time, "Timmy", **Am.Can.Ch. Jasam's Temujin (BISS)**, Am\Can.Ch. Taichung Justin Of Mike-Mar\ROM (BISS) x Can.Ch. Jasam's Topaz From Taichung, who was owned by Jack and Sandra Post of Edmonton and "Gunner", **Ch. Budynasty The Black Watch**, Am\Can.Ch. Ralbenic Black Magic x Budynasty's Dyna Doll, who was owned Peter and Kathy Elmhurst of Kindersley.

When we saw these two dogs in the show ring, we knew right then that this breed of dog as for us. They were so regal and confident in the way they moved around the ring.

We got our first puppy "Dusty", **Can.Ch. Kaishan's Dusty**, Feb\7\85, Can.Ch. Budynasty The Black Watch x Budynasty's Metz's Melody, 13 years ago from Peter and Kathy. When Dusty turned 6 months we entered in our first dog show in Saskatoon with Peter and Kathy at our side.

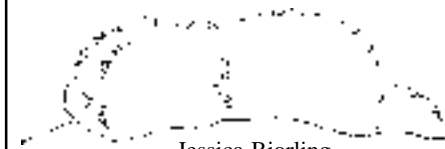
Judy and I were overwhelmed at the whole experience of showing. Dusty won puppy group that day and we were hooked on the whole experience. Dog showing is a great way to meet people from near and far away who share the same interests.

Our next big decision was, did we want to get another puppy and have two dogs. The answer was yes, and this time we got a red female "Sparkle", **Can.Ch. Paradox's Festive Sparkle**, Oct\20\86, Kaitshan's Rufufs x Paradox's Heide, who is now 11 years old.

We did some more showing with both of our dogs and they both have their Canadian Championships. We had a litter in August of '89 which consisted of three females from Sparkle and a red male from Peter and Kathy Elmhurst, **Am.Can.Ch. Starcrest Mr. Magic**, Am\Can.Ch. Starcrest Mr Chow (BIS\BISS) x Ukwong Luxma. From this litter we kept a female "Odie", **Heishertou's Odie Of Mr Magic**.

Today our home is well protected by our three lion kings.

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Jessica Bjorling



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**Ch. Shima's Teddy Bear  
Elvis**

July 8 1987 - February 13 1998

Elvis left us on Feb.13th 1998 after a brief battle with cancer. He was our first show dog and boy did we practice with him. He knew what to do in the ring and had great patience with our shortcomings. We took him out to a show at least once a year because he was such a dream to handle and he really did enjoy getting back to the ring. His last show was the Canadian National Specialty held in Abbotsford in Oct.1997, where he competed as a veteran. Elvis was considered a hero in our community. We will forever remember the December night, 3 A.M., minus 35 degrees, Elvis barked until we awoke and discovered our neighbours house, 1.5 miles away, was ablaze. We saved our neighbours from freezing but they lost their home. They still talk about the "Big Red Chow" down the road.

We will also remember his gentleness with puppies and firmness with his peers. We are sure that Elvis will "Rock & Roll" in the big show ring in the sky. We miss you Big Guy and will never forget you.

**"Elvis Lives Forever"**  
in our hearts.Thanks

Terry & Linda



**SweCh. Haitungs Fang-Lin-Si**

**Ch. Shima's Teddy Bear Elvis**

**Am.Ch. Mister Bear Jabber Jaws**



Jessica Bjorling of Sweden lost her girl in March, **SweCh. Haitungs Fang-Lin-Si**, Nov\03 87, Swe\Nrw\Ch. Haitungs Ell-Whis x Mi-To's Carmencita, "Gurkan" will be missed by all who knew her. **Am. Ch. Misterbears Jabber Jaws**, Mar\12\87, Am.Ch. Mister Bears Wun Sun Tu x Am Ch. Mister Bears Scarlett, breeder Mary Ann Jenkins, Jabber was owned and loved by Linda Smith.



This letter is a follow up to the article that was in the last Newsletter about **Rimadyl** and the older dog. This one is about a Chow, owned by Xena Rook of WA. Thank you Xena for sharing your experience with Rimadyl.

Hi all,  
I have first hand experience with the bad and sudden side effects of Rimadyl. My black female, 10 years old, was put on this drug after having a bunch of x-rays taken showing us the terrible arthritis in pretty much every joint as well as the fusing of 2 vertebrae (talk about feeling guilty!). Well, after about a week on this medication she seemed like a new dog. Very playful and active. Then one day she started to get sick, vomiting and diarrhoea. Well, I

took her off of the medication but I think it had already done it's damage. After she had been off for about, oh 4-5 days I took her to the vet who checked her out, palpitated her tummy and everything. My baby didn't flinch or whine or anything, she seemed fine. That was a Tuesday afternoon. I had to go out of town on business on Wednesday and I received a phone call from my husband on Friday afternoon that she had not made it through the night. I was devastated to say the least. I was not there so I don't know if we had taken her to the vet if anything could have been done for her. But I try not to second guess and play the what if game. I talked to my vet about what had happened and he was as surprised as I was and told me he would be doing some more research on the drug. At the time she went on it May 1997 nothing bad had been said about it. Well, since then I have seen reports that it is possible that it has some pretty severe liver/stomach/intestine problems associated with it in some dogs. It really is hard not to play the "what if" game and the "if only" game but I am trying to help other people in cautioning anyone who is considering this drug to STAY AWAY from it, find an alternative!!

On a more happy note, I am going to be getting another chow. It will be my first show puppy and I am really looking forward to it!!!

Xena

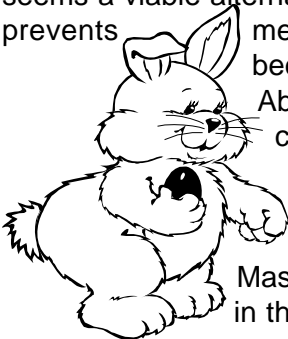
The AA.I.@ Adventure  
Part 1

by Ann Gilbert Sarkel Boxers

A few years ago I was nudged to the computer when I changed jobs. My old faithful typewriter and I parted company. This transition was not easy, I spent a great deal of time protesting, AI don't want to go.@ That was my first step into the hi-tech world. It turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life. Now I'm learning more and enjoying more about this marvelous invention every day, things like Web sites, E-Mail C it's a real trip.

This second step (ironically initiated by our latest champion, Ch. Sarkel's Still Steppin-Up the name was never more appropriate) into the future leaves me just as anxious , although not as reluctant as my first. This time I am entering the world of Afresh chilled semen@ The following log is my experience. I share this story with those of you who, like me, are somewhat wary of new things, yet willing to advance our efforts and success in breeding that Aperfect Boxer.@ Ready or not, here I come - the 21st Century awaits!

My reasons for choosing this method over the tried and true? Due to the time of year (winter} and the distance (over 1500 miles) Artificial Insemination seems a viable alternative. This prevents me from becoming a Abasket case@ in trying to ship her to Boston, Massachusetts in the middle



of winter. I do not like to ship dogs under the best of conditions and the weather is never in our control. Add to that the Aright time@ element and all the horror stories running through my mind about dogs being stranded at airports because of bad weather, landing at the wrong airport, etc. and I'm convinced this is a sound decision.

**January 29, 1997**

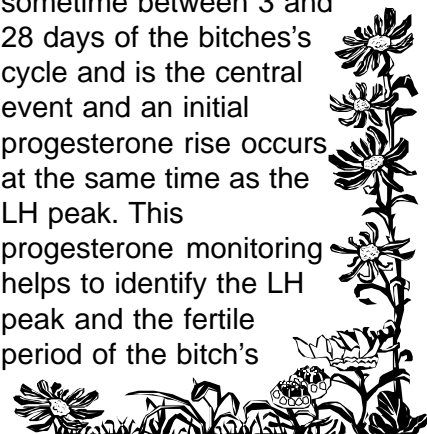
Well Miss Colleen has finally decided she's serious about coming into season. After a couple months of waiting patiently, I struck gold (or perhaps I should say Acolor@) this morning. She has been showing all the classic signs, personality change from Adevil@ to Asweet@, some minor swelling and she's been riding the heck out of our young male, Dollar. I've been wiping her butt the past several days with a white Kleenex and bingo the color was there today.

**4:30 PM C** We make our initial visit to Dr. Patrick Grogan at the Woodland Animal Hospital to start the procedures necessary to prepare for the AAI@ event. Dr. Grogan was recommended by ICG (International Canine Genetics, Inc. a leader in the field of artificial insemination) as a highly experienced vet in this area. Dr. Grogan also maintains the ICG sperm collection sight in the Tulsa area. Although I have complete confidence in my regular vet, I felt this experience was best left in the hands of an expert, not just a vet who occasionally may do an A I procedure.

**5:00 P.M. C** Our visit with Dr. Grogan went well. Colleen is in the very early stages of her

season and we will not begin progesterone level monitoring until next Monday morning. A vaginal smear indicated no sign of infection or abnormalities. Dr. Grogan recommends the use of Achilled semen@ verses Afrozen semen@ when possible. A natural mating, of course, is still the ideal. He explained if a natural breeding is not possible, Achilled semen@ is preferred over frozen semen for obvious reasons. Also, a surgical procedure is normally done with frozen semen where as the chilled procedure is less intrusive to the bitch's body. That choice, once again, I am leaving to the expert.

Information: Why are we monitoring progesterone levels? C A bitch's estrous cycle involves three important hormones: luteinizing hormone (LH), estrogen and progesterone. Changes in the levels of these hormones determine when ovulation and her fertile period occurs. Changes in estrogen levels cause many of the signs traditionally used to time breedings (like standing for the dog and the changes seen on regular vaginal smears) but they do not correlate with ovulation or the true fertile period. The LH peak, occurs sometime between 3 and 28 days of the bitches's cycle and is the central event and an initial progesterone rise occurs at the same time as the LH peak. This progesterone monitoring helps to identify the LH peak and the fertile period of the bitch's



estrous cycle. Most natural matings or artificial inseminations should begin 2-3 days after the LH peak. 9:00 P.M. C Called Tina Truesdale to let her know Colleen was in season and make the final arrangements for the semen collection, ship-ping, etc. Dr. Truesdale is another expert in the artificial insemination field. I feel very comfortable with two experts (one on each end of the country) guiding me through this strange new world. The decision to use Ch. Hi-Tech's Arbitrage also seems appropriate as I journey through this Ahi-tech@ world!.

### February 3, 1997

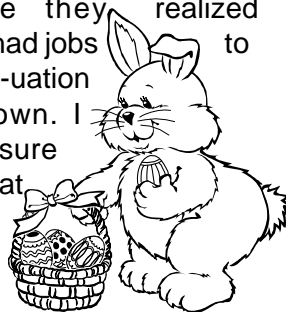
**9:30 AM** C Made our trip to Dr. Grogan's office and drew our first blood sample for progesterone monitoring. An appointment was made for Wednesday morning for our next sample to be drawn.

**3:00 PM** C Dr. Grogan called to advise the reading on Colleen's blood sample.. He indicated Colleen's reading was 1.4 and may indicate a fluctuation in the normal reading range for progesterone levels, or this reading may indicate her progesterone levels are beginning to rise. However, we do not know at this point if this is within the normal baseline for Colleen since I have never done any progesterone monitoring on her prior to this heat. Therefore, Dr. Grogan recommends that we retest her again tomorrow morning rather than Wednesday morning to determine if this is a true rise or simply her normal baseline reading. Information: It's an excellent idea to establish your bitch's progesterone level during one of her previous heats if possible. If the progesterone

baseline is already established, it will make the monitoring more accurate when you decide to breed. Once your bitch's progesterone level has been tracked, you are assured she will continue the same pattern throughout her breeding life. Ask your vet about obtaining a kit to pretest your prospective brood bitch or contact ICG (International Canine Genetics, Inc. at 271 Great Valley Parkway, Malvern, PA 19355) for additional information.

### February 4, 1997

**7:30 AM** C Colleen and I make another trip to the vet to see the Adoggie vampire@ for another blood sample. She gets an extra treat this morning as she gets to come to the office with me for a couple hours until I take my lunch break to take her back home. Must admit she's not very impressed with my workplace. She is content to lay next to my desk in my office and look pitiful! Something at which we all know a Boxer can excel. She showed a little life; however, when a window washer swung by one of my office windows. She took up her obligation to protect me from this possible intruder. I don't know who was more startled when she jumped at the window, Colleen or the window washer. Don't think he was accustomed to seeing dogs in the office buildings he cleans. He managed a smile, however, and once they realized they both had jobs to do, the situation settled down. I had to assure Colleen that this strange



man hanging outside my window was not a threat. She continued to monitor his work, however, and mumbled under her breath a couple times when I told her to be quiet.

**4:00 PM** C Talked with Dr. Grogan who advised Colleen's progesterone levels were definitely on the rise with a reading of 2 today. Therefore, even if yesterday were considered day zero, the levels today would indicate ovulation is going to occur within the next 24 to 48 hours. Because of the weekend coming up, Dr. Grogan felt it best to make arrangements to have one shipment of semen to arrive for insertion on Friday and another shipment for arrival on Saturday. He felt it we waited until Monday we may miss the window of opportunity.

### February 5, 1997

**9:45 AM** C Contacted Dr. Truesdale to advise him of our progress and to make arrangements to have the semen delivered to Dr. Grogan's clinic. The first shipment will be overnighted for delivery on Friday and another shipment will follow on Saturday. Now Colleen and I will wait for our firsthand introduction to Artificial insemination.@

**10:00 AM** C Advised Dr. Grogan that the arrangements for shipment had been made. The next Astep@ in this walk into the AI world will take place on Friday. Colleen's interest in Dollar has increased and he too is becoming very Ataken@ with her. Of course my Akennel help@ (Herb and my two sons) have been advised that Colleen and Dollar must be kept separate at all times C I will not hurt them if they make a

mistake, I will Akill@ them!

Information: For those of you who are keeping count, Friday would be day 9 from the first day of Colleen's first signs of color. Had I been doing a natural breeding and relying on my old method of day 11 and day 13 I should have been in the ballpark with day 11 but may have missed the mark on Day 13. Knowing the time of her progesterone rise and ensuing ovulation will make things much easier the next time around regardless of what course I should decide to take. Timing is the most important element in any breeding and any technology available to target that is certainly worth pursuing. Artificial Insemination in particular should not be left to a guessing game.

**February 6, 1997**

**3:45 PM** C Spoke with Dr. Grogan who advised he had spoken to Dr. Truesdale earlier in the day and a successful collection from ABiff@ had been obtained. The semen will be shipped overnight express for arrival at Dr. Grogan's clinic around 10:00 AM tomorrow morning. Dr. Grogan advises me to have Colleen at the clinic around Noon for her first AAI@ procedure.

**February 7, 1997**

**11:30 AM** C Colleen and I arrive at Dr. Grogan's office for her first AAI@ procedure. The semen arrived at about 10:30 AM and Dr. Grogan has already tested the sperm for vitality. This was accomplished by withdrawing a small amount of the sperm sample, allowing it to warm and then viewing the small sample under a micro-

scope. The sperm was alive and scrambling about on the slide The first procedure is performed. The semen is with-drawn from the transporting vial with a syringe and then a long pipette (soft pliable straw ) is used to insert the semen directly into Colleen's vulva leading to the horns of the uterus where the ova is hopefully waiting to be fertilized. After the insertion was completed, we held her hips high for a few minutes . As I looked up at the clock it reads straight up Noon. I make a mental note to myself, one of these puppies has got to be called AHigh Noon!@ With any luck, we'll have a beautiful young male we can call ACoop@ after the star of High Noon, Gary Cooper. Overnight Express also crosses my mind as a possible name C must remind myself not to get too far ahead of this thing!

When the procedure was complete, I took Colleen directly to the van and placed her in her crate. She will not be allowed to urinate for at least an hour after the procedure. The inserted sperm should be warming in her body and well on it's journey to a successful conception.

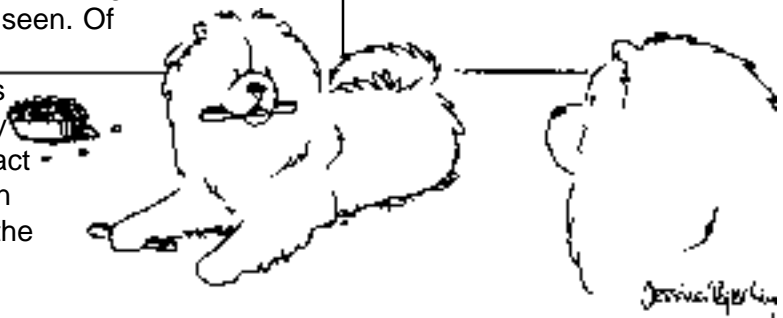
While at the clinic and prior to her own procedure, Colleen was enlisted to serve as a tease for an old Chesapeake Bay Retriever who was there to have his sperm count checked. Colleen looked at me a little puzzled when he first approached, I'm sure she thought this was the strangest Boxer she had ever seen. Of course, there was never any real contact other than allowing the old

male to sniff at her vulva. Dr. Grogan was able to ejaculate a good sample of semen to complete his testing. In allowing Dr. Grogan to use Colleen as a teaser I was able to observe the Acollection@ phase in obtaining fresh semen from a dog. Not my idea, and I'm sure not Colleen's idea, of romance. I just hope she doesn't fill her dreams tonight with an old Chesapeake Bay Retriever. Recalling the look on the old dog's face, I'm sure his dreams will be happy ones! We will do another procedure at Noon tomorrow and then we will wait to see if these artificial breedings are prolific. I will have an ultra-sound done in about three and one-half weeks and get my answer then.

**Part II Success or failure?**

Regardless of the outcome, you can expect a conclusion to this article. I will also try to provide a cost analysis of the procedures.

Wish us luck! I'm really looking forward to a beautiful batch of Boxer babes. Of course, the only draw back to this particular timing is that it will probably mean I won't be able to attend the ABC this year; however, you can all appreciate my preference to staying home with Mama Colleen and her boxer brood.



## THE "A.I." ADVENTURE Part II

### March 5, 1997

It has been three and one half weeks since the "chilled semen" procedure was performed on Colleen. At 12:45 P.M. today we will make the journey to Dr. Grogan's clinic for an ultra sound. The ultra sound will tell us very quickly whether we have had a successful venture.

### 12:35 P.M.

Colleen and I arrive a few minutes early for our appointment. I put her on the scale for a weigh-in and she weighs 56 pounds today. That's one pound lighter than she weighed the day of the procedure.

We spent the rest of our time watching as various animals and people come in and out of the lobby. An old St. Bernard is being ultra sounded ahead of us. His owner visits with me in the lobby while his wife and mother stay in the exam room with the dog. The Saint is almost 12 years old and is suffering from not only heart problems but hip dysplasia as well. He can no longer walk and is pulled from the exam room on a blanket to the door. From there his owner, his wife and mother struggle to pick him up and carry him back out to the van. I can't help but feel their sorrow. Their decision must be what is good for the dog; however, I know only too well how painful a decision like this can be to one's heart. Perhaps he has a few more weeks or months and they will decide for themselves what is best for him within the next few days. I wish them well as they

journey down this heart-breaking, well-traveled road.

### 1:00 P.M.

We finally begin our ultra sound procedure. Dr. Grogan shaves just a small portion of Colleen's abdomen to allow better contact with the viewing camera. Colleen is tense at being put on the exam table and then made to lie down. We finally get her to relax long enough and Dr. Grogan begins scanning her abdomen. After several attempts to locate any puppies with Colleen lying down, we stand her to try again. We find no signs of fetuses Dr. Grogan palpates Colleen and again finds no signs of pregnancy.

To say I am disappointed is putting it mildly. I had so wanted a Colleen litter this spring. I am, however, one of those who believes that everything happens for a reason and although I don't know right now what that reason is, someday I will.

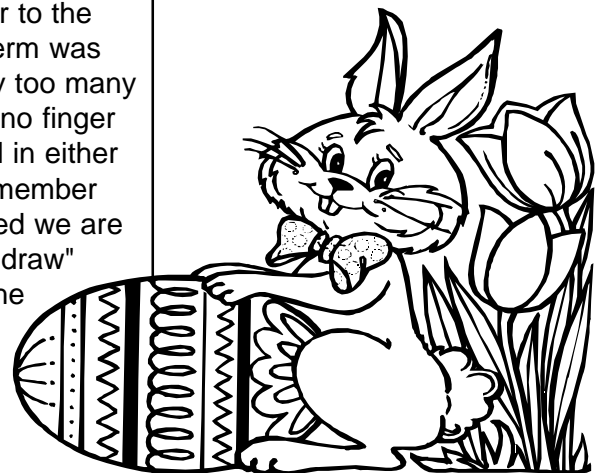
### What happened?

What went wrong? That is impossible to determine with absolute proof. Colleen was young and healthy with no signs of infection. Her thyroid checked out normally prior to the breeding. Dr. Grogan tested the sperm for mobility prior to the procedure and the sperm was alive. There are simply too many variables and there is no finger of blame to be pointed in either direction. We must remember that each time we breed we are taking the "luck of the draw" or in this case it was the "luck of the straw." Whether I try this procedure again,

will remain to be seen. In nearly 30 years of breeding this is the first time I have ever had a bitch miss. Is it just a coincidence that it occurred now while I was trying something new, or was I just due for a miss after so many years of success? Again, the answers are impossible to assess

### My Personal Opinion

My own opinion is not based on medical facts, science or any "professional" basis, but is merely derived from 30 years of experience in breeding and a consistent history of fertile bitches. What's my gut feeling? I think the procedure was performed too early. Looking back I think we should have done another progesterone level on Wednesday, and perhaps another on Friday before the procedure was done. Colleen received her first procedure on day 9 and the second procedure on day 10 from the time she showed color. I traditionally have bred my bitches on their 11 and 13 day and on a rare occasion have had a breeding occur as late as the 14th day (in both those instances, the bitches involved conceived litters of 9 puppies each with only one mating).



Two days after the final procedure, (day 12 and Day 13) Colleen entered what I consider her "hot to trot stage". She became increasingly interested in Dollar and stood outside his crate on several occasions with her butt in his face, her tail flagging. She was definitely inter-ested in securing a "serious" relationship. Dollar too became increasingly upset with not being allowed to breed. When Colleen was crated during his house time he too spent a great deal of time stand-ing outside her crate whining. Their interest was at a peak and these are the signs I look for when breeding naturally. In this case I think the dogs were closer to target than we were.

**Cost Comparison**

As promised I will give you a cost comparison of this procedure. The amount of the stud

fee is not included in these figures as that is a given cost regardless of how the breeding was accomplished. Also the cost of a Brucellosis test (10.00), a thyroid test (\$20.00) and the vaginal cytology are all ex-penses related to breeding, regardless of what method of breeding is chosen.

The ultra sound cost (\$40.00) is also a procedure I choose to do on each of my bitches as a routine practice after breeding.

The cost of shipping Colleen to Boston would have been more than \$400.00 round trip. As related in Part I, the anguish of shipping her during the winter months was a risk I didn't want to take at the time, the cost of shipping was never a consideration. The cost of the entire AI procedure is as follows:

Semen Collection Fees (two @ \$45.00 each) 90.00

Progesterone Levels & Analysis (tow @ \$34.00 each) 68.00

A.I. Procedures (two @ \$35.00 ea.) 70.00

Overnight Express Charges (approximate) 40.00

Total Cost of Procedure: 268.00

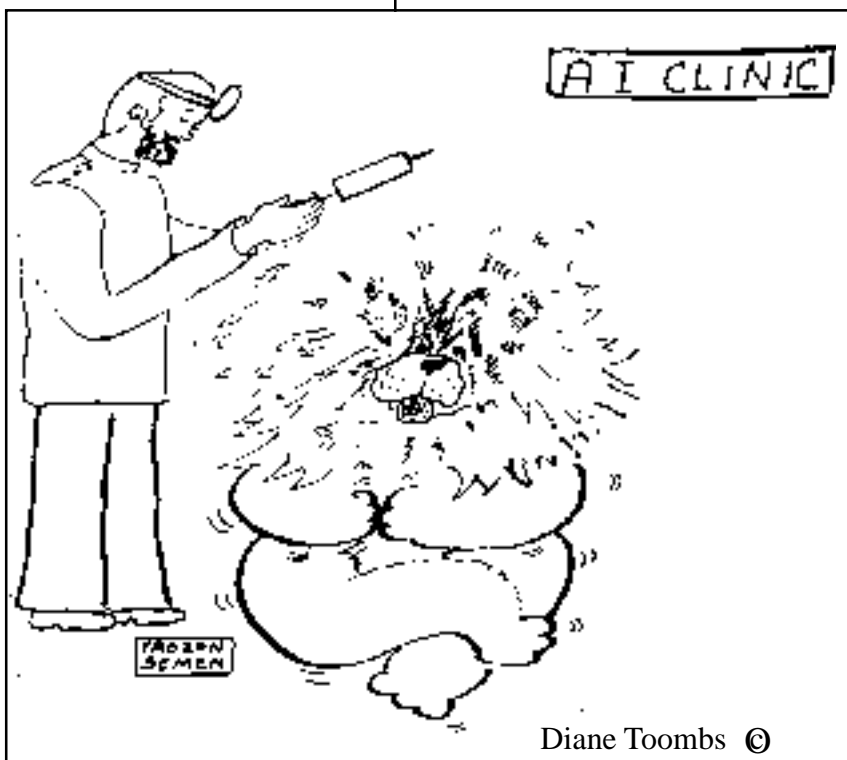
Vet costs and collection fees I'm sure will vary throughout the country. I think it would be safe to say that the procedure will cost your somewhere around \$300.00 when it is all said and done. Some vet clinics offer a complete package which includes the progesterone levels, AI procedures and an ultra sound for a set fee. Check with your own vet for better information on costs in your area.

Where do we go from here?

The results of this exercise were not successful. This lack of success will not daunt my endeavors. I will simply have to wait until Colleen's next season and decide then whether I want to proceed with another AI Adventure or resort to the old tried and true ways. The future is still bright for Colleen and me. As mother always said, "Good things are truly worth waiting for."



The prices in the above article are of course in US funds and done in the States. I recently asked my Vet about shipping Cooled Semen, she gave me the following estimate:





OV Consult Plus Exam	\$64.00	Now I am kicking myself , nine shows within driving distance of home. Oh well it's not the end of the world. Cancelled holidays at work and put on the thinking cap. Gee, there's a
LAB> Routine Culture	\$53.92	
LAB> Urinalysis	\$29.22	
REPROD: Fresh cooled Semen	\$150.00	
REPROD: Extender and Handling	\$210.00	
G.S.T.	\$35.50	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$542.64</b>	

The actual shipping you have to contact your own courier.



THE OLYMPIC DREAM

Well here I sit dreaming as usual. Is my Olympian going to get gold? We started 1997 with the idea of going to the odd Show here and there and spending some time with the human members of our family. Anyway just for fun we enter a Show. Have to get away and visit my friend Suzie in Mission and what better reason to go, than a Dog Show and a visit. Not too bad, picked up one Best of Breed ribbon. Nothing to get really excited about. We let another month go by and decided we had to see Suzie again so off we go, a couple of Group placements, getting better.

Here we go again, the Shows are at home so we have to do these ones. Seven shows and seven placements. Wow we are on a roll, guess we should do a few more. Anyway we have a 9 day circuit coming up on the Island so I guess we better do these ones. Guess what? I miss the entries on my own Show.

Show up in Castlegar which just happens to be within driving distance of Grand Forks where my daughter has just moved to. Hmmmm maybe time for a visit. If I really plan I can get another Dog Show in and I just happen to have to ship a puppy off to South Africa around this time. Well the timing isn't bad I can even get in a Show in Maple Ridge and back to visit Suzie. Well there is a reason for everything, we finally get our first Best in Show and another couple of Group placements. Do I care that I missed my own Show? Not likely. If I had gone to them I would have missed the Best in Show in Castlegar. What excitement!!!! Is this the start of our Olympic dream? Many tears and good byes and our Billy-pup finally flies off to Africa. We have now had quite a few ups and downs this year but there still must be someone watching over us. Puppy has gone and everyone is feeling a little down in the mouth and darned if Candice and Ollie don't go and get another Best in Show.

I finally have decided that we have a chance. Now we have to keep on the trail of that elusive Gold. Its getting harder, I have used up most of my holidays and my handler is now going to become a Mother so she isn't feeling wonderful. We decide to try and pick our Shows and I

send dog and handler off and they do it again. Our third Best in Show. Gold is looking closer. A few more Shows and a few more placements. Will we, can we. Boy this has been a finger nail biting time. The showing is finally over and the results are in the mail. Now we wait.

Every dream can come true, you just have to believe. Well I did believe and I would like to share with you my dream. I dreamt that I would one day have a dog that could win Best of Breed, thanks to Lohan kennels we got Barney, Ch. Suehon Barnacle Bil, who got a Best of Breed and was our first champion in his short life, then I just wanted to win one group placement, we bred Barney's son Billy, Ch. Sevenacre's Barney's Boy Bil, and he got us our first group placements and also ended up Canada's #1 Chow in 1993, now I am getting greedy and my dream has become a Best in Show win, now we owe Leatherwood Chows a big thank you as they bred Billy's son Ollie who is now my dream come true. Along the way to make this dream a reality I had the support of my family who put up with my putting the dogs, and shows, in front of everything else. I had my son Don and my Grand-daughter Candice showing all of my dogs beautifully and with love. A huge thank-you for the loving support I had from Harry and Suzanne. Their love and conditioning of Ollie while he was in their care certainly made a huge difference to his career. They also have taken care of me and mine all year long. It has been the most wonderful year, I can not think

of one thing I would change. I would love to be able to thank every judge and every person who has supported us personally. Thank you everyone and I hope I can someday share in your dream.

Kitty Egan



Congratulations to Jeanette Gerisch on her new Black Chow, Jeanette and her husband made a quick trip from Germany to Canada then drove down to Sherrie Harper's in Issaquah WA to take home a lovely new black male. As many of you know Sherrie has been very ill lately and we all wish her the best and complete recovery.

Get Well Soon Sherrie



### Dogs on the Titanic

In a book on the Titanic it stated that there were about 1 dozen dogs on the Titanic. They were owned by people in first class. The people had even planned to have an impromptu dog show on Monday, April 15 (what we would refer to as a fun match today). The piece noted that there was a championship Bulldog on his way to America for show and a "\$50 Chinese Chow" belonging to a Mr. Harry Anderson.

When disaster struck, only one dog, a small Pom made it to the lifeboats. A kind crewmember let the dogs out of their kennels so they would have a fighting chance.

The owner of the Bulldog would not board the lifeboat without his dog. He went back to be with his dog. He was last seen holding his dog close as the ship went down.

The article did not say what happened to Mr. Anderson, but one can assume the he as his Chow were lost with the ship.

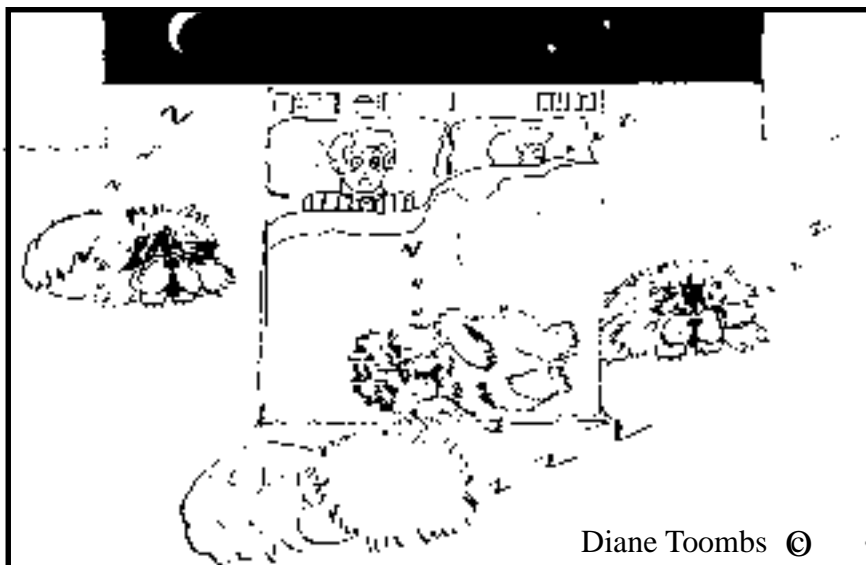
Congratulations to Mary Jane Turnell & Jack and Sandra Post re: their bitch's win.

### Can Ch. Beishia's Erincroft's Jamie Jasam

(agent: Charissa MacDonell) for the wins they acquired in Fort Worth, TX.  
 RW to a 5 pt major in bitches under Sabella, Mar 20  
 BW for a 5 pt major in bitches under Stansell, Mar 22  
 RW to a 4 pt major in bitches, Mar 23  
 It is nice to see a Canadian Chow do well in the Heart of Texas.

### Poem for New Puppy Owners

Don't smell crotches, don't eat plants.  
 Don't steal food or underpants.  
 Don't eat my socks, don't grab my hair...  
**DON'T RIP THAT STUFFING FROM THAT CHAIR!**  
 Don't eat those peas, don't touch that bush,  
 Don't chew my shoes, what IS that mush!??  
 Eat your cookies, drink your drink,  
 Outta the toilet!! Outta the sink!!  
**AWAY FROM THE LITTER BOX, IT'S FOR THE CAT!!**  
 (and must you kiss me after that?!?)  
 Raising a puppy is not for the lazy.  
 Those rugrats are funny, but also quite crazy.  
 Don't despair through the toil and the strife,  
 Cause after three years, you'll get back your life!  
 So let's go for walkies, so you can do your "thing",  
 And maybe I'll get back my good diamond ring!  
 Submitted by Joy LaCaille



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Thanks to **Judith Tulloch** for sending the following explanation of some blood tests.

### BLOOD CHEMISTRY TESTS

Have you ever wondered what those blood tests indicate? Here's a few of the more common chemicals that are analysed:

**Albumin:** produced by the liver, reduced levels of this protein can point to chronic liver or kidney disease or parasitic infections.

**Alanine Aminotransferase:** an enzyme that becomes elevated with liver disease.

**Alkaline Phosphatase:** an enzyme produced by the liver; elevated levels can indicate liver disease or Cushing's Syndrome.

**Amylase:** produced and secreted by the pancreas as an aid to digestion. Raised levels can indicate pancreatic and/or kidney disease.

**Blood Urea Nitrogen:** produced by the liver and excreted by the kidneys. Testing helps to detect kidney and liver abnormalities.

**Calcium:** raised levels can indicate certain types of tumours, parathyroid or kidney disease.

**Cholesterol:** elevated levels are seen in a variety of disorders, including hypothyroidism and liver or kidney diseases.

**Creatinine:** a by-product of muscle metabolism, excreted by the kidneys. Elevated levels can indicate kidney disease or urinary obstruction.

**Blood Glucose:** high levels can help diagnose diabetes, low levels can indicate liver disease.

**Phosphorus:** elevated levels can indicate kidney disease.

**Total Bilirubin:** a component of bile, it is secreted by the liver into the intestinal tract; use in diagnosing problems in the bile ducts.

**Total Protein:** analysing the level can suggest a variety of conditions including dehydration and diseases of the liver, kidneys or gastro-intestinal tract.



**CH. BESHIA'S CHARLOTTE'S WEB C.D.,** FQ436409, July\28\96, Ch.Beijing Chudleigh Chow x Shaoshan's Elvira, Br: Zerilda Boleska, Ow: Stephanie & Bud Garon (F)

**CH. BESHIA'S PRECIOUS GEM,** EW340730, Nov\7\95, Ch.Beijing Chudleigh Chow X Ch. Chinaline's Be Shia Tokyo Rose, Br\Ow: Zerilda Boleska, (F)

**CH. BESHIA'S PRIME CUT (BIS),** EL335467, June\2\95, Ch. Eryncroft's Mantricker x Shaoshan's Elvira, Br\Ow: Zerilda Boleska. (M)

**CH. LEATHERWDDO OUTSIDE THE FIRE,** ERN97000123, May\1\96, Am\Can.Ch. Smooth Victory Total Eclips x Am\Can. Ch. Maitai's Mei Chum Jamacan Rum, Br:Alma Ayers, Ow: Karen & Mike Cox (F)

**CH. LISHA PEACHES 'N CREME AT OBAN,** FC353052, Feb\14\96, Ch. Lioning Rising Sun at Oban x Ch. Oban Madonna by Lioning, Br:Margaret Turner, Ow: Sharon Newton (F)

**CH. LU'S FROSTY,** FQ383721, Aug\27\96, Shoh-dee's Cream Boi Kato x Poupee Chinoise Chez Lu, Br\Ow: Lucille Joly (M)

**CH. NAWSHI'S TEXAS HIGH FLYER,** EW409345, Nov\30\95, Ch. Nawshi's Texas Teddy x Nawshi's Time For Seiko Br: Audrey Dobrowney\Murray Wade, Ow: D. Dennison (F)

**CH. OBAN'S EVENING SHADE,** CL169617, June\16\94, Ch. Lioning Rising Sun at Oban x Ch. Lioning Shadow Dancer at Oban, Br: Sharon Newton (M)

**AM\CAN.CH. YANGTZE VICTORIOUS,** ERN97002285, Sept\12\93, Am\Can\Ch. Yangtze's Bodacious x Tu-Sha's J B Fletcher, Br:Gary & Audrey Dunlop, Ow: C. Feldman-Bartnick & M. Bartnick (F)

**AM\CAN.CH. YANGTZE'S BODACIOUS,** 1038517, July\9\90, Am\Can.Ch. Tu-Sha's Kamikazee (BIS) x Am\Can.Ch. Lohan Christa Maarney, Br: Douglad Johnson\Leonard Hanson, Ow:C. Feldman-Bartnick & M. Bartnick (M)



**EMERALD'S BUDDLY  
FRESCA C.D.,**

ERN960003275, Okfy Dokey  
Smokey x Sasha the Golden  
Bear, Ow: Kim Torrones, (F)

**New Canadian OFA**

**CH. MI-PAO'S JOY FOR  
MOOSHA, CS198443,**

Sept\5\94, Am\Can.Ch. Mi-Pao's  
Johnny Walker (BISS\BPIS),  
BR: Paul Odenkirchen, Ow:  
Terry & Linda Inch\Aurdney  
Debrowney (M)



"Whoever said you can't buy  
happiness forgot little puppies."  
— Gene Hill

"Scratch a dog and you'll find a  
permanent job." — Franklin P.  
Jones

"Ever consider what they must  
think of us? I mean, here we  
come back from a grocery store  
with the most amazing haul —  
chicken, pork, half a cow.  
They must think we're the  
greatest hunters on earth!" —  
Anne Tyler

"Dogs feel very strongly that  
they should always go with you  
in the car, in case the need  
should arise for them to bark  
violently at nothing right in  
your ear." — Dave Barry

"Outside of a dog, a book is  
probably man's best friend, and  
inside of a dog, it's too dark to  
read." — Groucho Marx.

"The scientific name for an  
animal that doesn't either run  
from or fight its enemies is  
lunch." — Michael Friedman

"To his dog, every man is  
Napoleon; hence the constant  
popularity of dogs." — Aldous  
Huxley

"Did you ever walk into a room  
and forget why you walked in? I  
think that is how dogs spend  
their lives." — Sue Murphy



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*Let's remember those furry  
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without them we wouldn't  
be  
"Chow Breeders".*

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