



BREED FEATURE

The Pomeranian



A.1. Since 1975. A family member was an active Pomeranian breeder/exhibitor.

A.2. The very best of the Pomeranians 15 years ago would be competitors today.

A.3.

1. Breed type.

2. Soundness/ Movement:

The Pomeranian's gait is smooth, free, balanced and vigorous. No different to most of your larger breeds good reach in his forequarters and strong drive with his hindquarters. A purposeful gait, with his overall balance and outline being maintained. High stepping, paddling in the front and high kicking rear legs are incorrect. Single tracking, very close, weaving front or back action usually indicates lack of body and is incorrect.

3. Correct coat:

A CLEAN dense, double coat, made up of long, harsh, standoff guard hairs and profuse, soft woolly undercoat. The Pomeranian's coat contributes tremendously to the breed's visual appeal. As a Spitz breed the requirement of a harsh double coat should never be ignored. A soft, cotton looking/feeling outer coat is highly undesirable for an adult Pomeranian. Puppy coats may be dense, shorter and may or may not show guard hair.

4. High tailset:

Imperative. A characteristic of the breed. The tail is profusely covered with long, harsh, straight hair and should be carried high and flat over the back. A low tail is highly undesirable.

5. Correct and complete dentition.

A.4. All colours & patterns recognised and to be judged equally.

A.5. Yes, our breed has had its fair share of health problems to combat. These may include, Luxating Patellas, Hypothyroidism, Coat Loss problems, Collapsing Tracheas, Heart Problems, Hypoglycaemia in young puppies, Seizures, Perthes Disease, Eye Issues, Open fontanels, Testicle Descent Abnormalities, Retained Deciduous (Baby) Teeth.

A.6. Stop searching for a puppy! Instead focus your search on looking for a reputable breeder. Find a breeder who breeds the healthiest & type of Pomeranian you most desire and develop a relationship with that breeder.

Be prepared to wait for your puppy. A puppy is not something which can be picked up from a supermarket shelf. In the event, the breeder of choice will not be breeding in the foreseeable future, ask if they could recommend another breeder.

Introduce yourself appropriately. Your initial email needs to be of sufficient length in order to clarify exactly what you are after and most importantly include brief specifics about the lifestyle you are able to provide the puppy.

Avoid getting yourself on multiple breeders' waiting list. Please be sure to conclude an encounter with one dog breeder prior to commencing enquiries with another breeder.

Do not expect to be able to select your puppy. The majority of Pomeranian litters tend to be small, one to three babies being the norm. Most reputable breeders spend countless hours planning breedings with a view to retaining a puppy for show or later breeding purposes. Any puppies available from this litter usually will be ones not required by the breeder. Show breeders understand their chosen breed perfectly and therefore are extremely well equipped to match buyers with a suitable puppy.

Denise Leo & Jarrod Tyler
DOCHLAGGIE

A.1. We purchased our first Pom late in 2006 and bred our first litter in 2008. We were attracted to Poms through their endearing personality, amazing presence and intelligence.

A.2. Today there is now greater influence from North American lines which typically are of different type to the UK lines (country of breed development) in that they are generally larger size, heavier boned, softer coats, chowy heads etc, so we are gradually drifting away from the Breed Standard and losing the classic breed type of famous UK kennels such as Hadleigh.

A.3. 1) General Appearance. A round "ball like" shape achieved through the combination of profuse coat, good lay-back, short back and a high tail set.

2) Temperament. A Pom is a vivacious, lively and animated extrovert.

3) Coat. Should have a profuse double coat, correctly textured (never soft or woolly) and be vibrant in colour.

4) Bone. A Pom should be light boned with a dainty, bouyant gait.

5) Head. High ear set, wedged muzzle and expressive eyes.

A.4. Rather than adding anything to the current Breed Standard it would instead be more beneficial to have an Extended Breed Standard available to assist judges with interpretation.



A.5. Pomeranians are generally a healthy breed with a long lifespan, however collapsing trachea, heart disease and luxating patella can be common health issues faced. The breed also suffers from a condition of severe coat loss called Alopecia X or Black Skin Disease (BSD) which can be associated with Poms not having correct coats and unfortunately this is becoming more prevalent in the breed.

A.6. Do not impulse buy and be pre-

We asked Breeders

Q.1. How long have you been breeding Pomeranians? Why are they your chosen breed?

Q.2. How do you think today's Pomeranians rate with those of say 15 years ago?

Q.3. Could you list in order of priority the 5 most important points you think a judge should look for in the Pomeranian?

Q.4. If you were able to add a sentence to the Pomeranian breed standard what would it be?

Q.5. Does the Pomeranian have any health problems?

Q.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Pomeranian?

pared to wait for a quality, healthy and well tempered puppy from an active show breeder.

Brett & Sandy Abraham
POMQUEST

A.1. We have bred and shown Collie Roughs for 30yrs, but we always loved the Pomeranian. We had trouble finding the right Pomeranian for our family until 15 yrs ago. Since then we have been breeding this lovely little breed now for approx. 14 yrs.

The Pomeranian is our chosen breed as we love their energy, and loyalty but most importantly their beauty with the beautiful double textured coat.

A.2. I think the Pomeranian today can be bred a lot healthier than say 15 yrs ago, due to today's technology for health testing to eradicate health issues. Today they tend to be getting a lot smaller, which isn't good for the bitches as then they have trouble whelping, many more I think are requiring C Sections when giving birth.

In the ring one of the largest changes in the Pomeranian is they are sculptured, the fashion is too cut a lot more coat off this beautiful dog.

A.3. I think the 5 points a judge should look for in a Pomeranian are as follows: Soundness

Structure

Type

Correct Bite

Correct Coat (double coated, harsh top coat, soft undercoat)

A.4. If I could add a sentence to the Pomeranian standard, it would be added in the colour section of our standard. My sentence would be as follows:

Black and Tan: Black clear of red tinge and Tan points to be of a rich tan. The tan points are as follows: Eyebrows, cheeks, chest, legs and under the tail.

I would add this sentence as there has been a debate about this colour in our standard for years. The Black and Tan is essential to our breed for the pigment, this colour makes our blacks jet black, and our oranges and reds a very rich colour.

A.5. Our beautiful little breed can

suffer from health issues. We need to make sure that we breed from healthy parents to avoid them. Some of the following are hereditary, some are not, they are as follows:

Heart Murmurs, Epilepsy

Collapsed Trachea

Syngomyelia

Hypothyroidism

Pancreatitis

Cushins Disease

Luxating Patella, Hip Dysplasia

Alopecia X

Hypoglycemia

A.6. My advice to potential puppy buyers would be as follows: To make sure that you have time to spend with your new family member as Pomeranians do not do well by them selves. They also aren't suitable for families



with small children under the age of 10 yrs old, due the Pomeranian puppies size. A Pomeranian's coat needs regular grooming, so you need to make sure that you will have to groom your puppy at least once a week.

Most importantly to make sure the parents of their potential family member has been tested for health issues.

Yvette Rolfe
FERONA

A.1. I bred my first litter of Pomeranians in March 1988. I fell in love with the breed many years before that when I saw a couple being exhibited at Canberra whilst showing my first show

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They answered

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dog, a Scottish Terrier. I thought that the Pomeranian was the most beautiful and the most dainty little dog that I had ever seen, with attitude plus. It took another couple of years before I purchased my first Pomeranian and then had my first litter in March of 1988.

A.2. I feel that the Pomeranians have improved in quality over the last 15 years with many quality imports being imported into Australia with some of them being available for stud to other breeders.

A.3. TYPE (without breed type the dog will not look like a Pomeranian

MOVEMENT, buoyant, dainty, brisk, free moving.

SIZE 1-1.8 kg for adult male and 2-.2.5 for adult female

TEMPERAMENT, should be an extrovert



COAT must be correct double coat

A.4. I would love to see the words "this includes Black and Tan" under colours in the standard.

A.5. Slipping patellas is possibly the biggest health problem that Pomeranians have, generally they are a healthy little dog who extrude happiness, cheekiness, and have the attitude of a dog many times their size, I often refer to my dogs as "Rottweiler in drag"

A.6. Carefully select reputable breeders who exhibit their dogs, they will always spend more time with a prospective purchaser and usually the parents of the puppy are available to be viewed. Remember that it takes much time and money to breed puppies, most breeders are very careful as to who they sell to so many questions are asked by the breeder so as to ascertain if the prospective purchaser is likely to give the puppy the right home.

Dot Williams
CHIMERE

A.1. I have had Pomeranians since 1976 when we bought our first little Pom as a family pet. I became besotted with the breed with this little Pom named Pebbles and decided I wanted to go into things more seriously by breeding and exhibiting. I had Pebbles desexed and bought a lovely male and female from 2 separate well known

breeder/ exhibitors. The rest is history. I applied for my prefix and was granted the last one out of a big selection. This being the Delrunda prefix.

Poms are the love of my life. I just couldn't imagine my life without a Pom, they are such a delightful and loving little dog. Once you have owned a Pom you will always have one. They are a joy to own but can be heartbreaking to breed.

A.2. Poms have changed over the last 20 years or so with the American Pom having a heavy influence on our dogs in this country and many other countries throughout the world. Our standard is set by the English Kennel Club but breed type has changed over the years and the finer daintier Pom is not so common nowadays. I think a nice moderate combination of type is preferable to the fine boned Poms of the past.

A.3. Firstly I think of great importance is breed type, next would be soundness, then movement, buoyancy and temperament.

A.4. If I were able to add a sentence to the Pomeranian standard I think it would be to change the wording of the colours to read "All colours permissible" at present there is huge controversy regarding Black and Tans. Our present standard reads " All whole colours permissible, but free from black or white shadings." dogs other than white with white or tan markings are highly undesirable and not considered whole coloured specimens.

I can't stress enough how important those Black and Tans are in our breeding programme. They are an important inclusion and are needed to keep good pigment and strength of colour. Otherwise we will loose the lovely deep oranges and reds and black pigment will also be lost. In my opinion it would be very wrong to exclude Black & Tans.

A.5. Common health problems in the Pomeranian are slipping patella or luxating patella, this is a problem affecting many of the smaller breeds. This is when the kneecap slips out of the groove as the ridges are not deep enough to hold it in place.

Another problem affecting the breed is BSD or Alopecia X a condition where the dog starts to loose his coat. Research is still trying to find a cure for this but to date nothing has been found. It is also a condition affecting many other breeds.

A.6. I would advise anyone looking to buy a Pomeranian to do lots of research on the breed, and make sure that the Pomeranian really is the breed for your family. They are not a breed for very small children as they are quite fragile in respect of jumping on and off furniture or being dropped. They break their tiny little bones very easily.

Always buy from a reputable registered breeder and not from pet shops or puppy farmers. A registered breeder will always be prepared to help you with any problems relating to the pup-

py and generally guide you with raising a nice healthy puppy.

Elizabeth Friedman
DELRUNDA POMERANIANS

A.1. I have been showing Pomeranians for almost seven years and breeding them for five years. I was first attracted to the beauty of their coats and the way they look so confident and cocky in the show ring. I love their cheeky temperament. They are a joy to show and own.

A.2. Yesterday's Pomeranians were a finer build compared to the majority of Pomeranians shown today. Personally, I think Pomeranians have become a little bit big and heavy set in bone, and we need to go back to our standard.

A.3. Movement is very important
Structure
High set tail
Correct coat
Correct heads

A.4. I would take away quite a few sentences and add just one... All colours permissible. Our Standard is very ambiguous in how it reads with regard to colours and there is no need for it to be. All colours need to be permissible and in my research and experience, I am yet to find a reason as to why the colour standard is so complicated and

confusing, particularly with regards to the black and tan colour.

A.5. The common health problems are patella luxation and tracheal collapse. Alopecia X (BSD) is a major concern amongst the Pomeranian breeding community.

A.6. Go to the dog shows and speak



to the Pomeranian exhibitors. When a potential pet owner rings me I suggest we meet at a dog show so we can get to know each other in person. We can then keep in contact with each other via email and facebook. I have made new friends with my puppy owners and this keeps the communication going between breeder and owner. This is so important for the health and well being for the life of the dog.

Leanne Mizzi

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AJ

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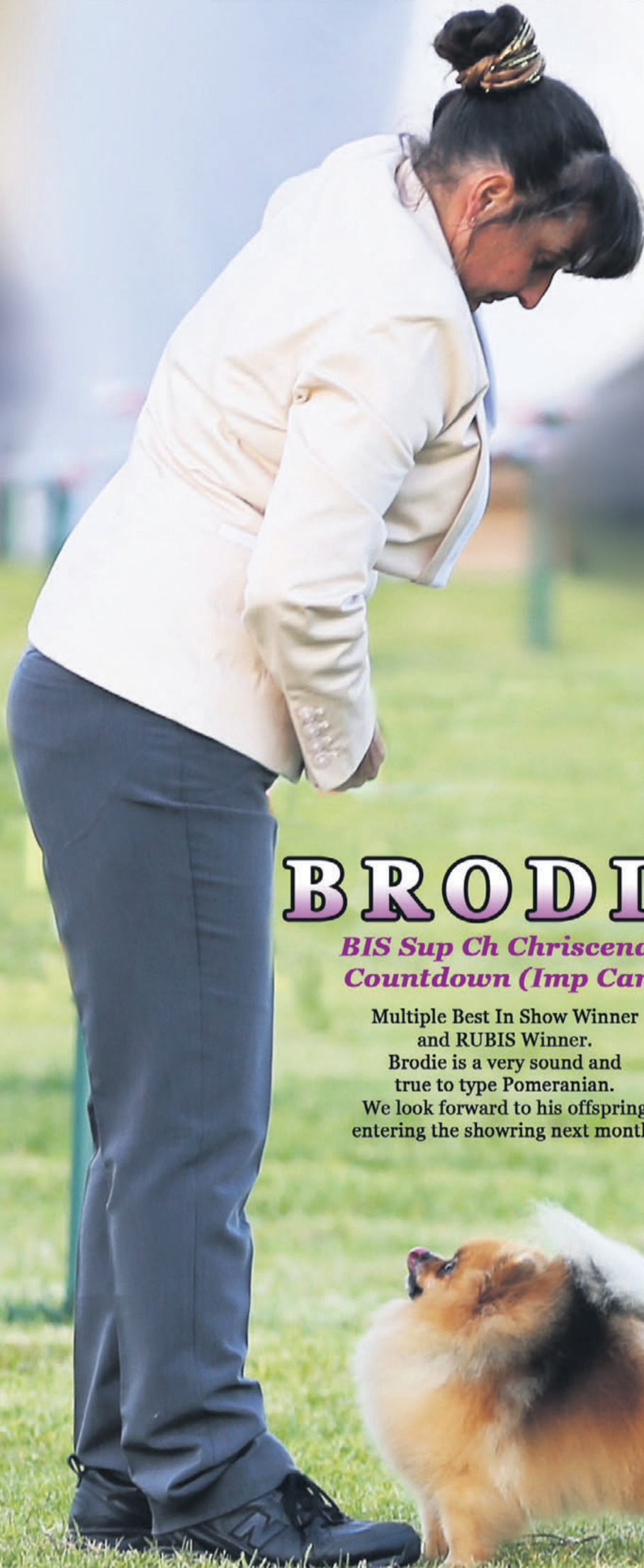
BIG winner.
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AJ is a very sound boy who is about to start
his show career in Italy. We look forward
to watching his show career in Europe.

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both Australian and International,
who have seen the quality in our
beautiful Pomeranians.*

BRODIE

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Multiple Best In Show Winner
and RUBIS Winner.
Brodie is a very sound and
true to type Pomeranian.
We look forward to his offspring
entering the showing next month.



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and soundness matter.***



BREED FEATURE

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The Breed Standard

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Compact, short coupled dog, well knit in frame. Exhibiting great intelligence in expression; activity and buoyancy in deportment.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Sound, vivacious and dainty.

TEMPERAMENT:

Extrovert, lively and intelligent.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Head and nose foxy in outline, skull slightly flat, large in proportion to muzzle which finishes finely and free from lippiness. Nose black in white, orange and shaded sable dogs; brown in chocolate tipped sable dogs, but in others colours may be 'self-coloured', never parti-coloured or flesh.

EYES: Medium size, slightly oval, not full, or set too wide apart; bright, dark and showing great intelligence. In white, orange, shaded sable and cream dogs, rims black.

EARS: Relatively small, not set too wide apart, not too low down, but carried perfectly erect.

MOUTH:

Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and compete scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK:

Rather short and well set into shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders clean and well laid back. Fine boned legs, perfectly straight, of medium length in due proportion to size of dog.

BODY:

Back short, body compact, well ribbed up, barrel well rounded. Chest fairly deep, not too wide but in proportion to size of dog.

HINDQUARTERS:

Fine boned, legs neither cow-hocked nor wide behind; medium angulation.

FEET:

Small, compact and cat-like.

TAIL: Characteristic of breed, high set, turned over back and carried flat and straight, profusely covered with long, harsh, spreading hair.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Free moving, brisk and buoyant.

COAT: Two coats, an under coat and an outer coat. Former soft, fluffy, the latter long, perfectly straight, harsh in texture and covering whole of body; very abundant round neck and fore part of shoulders and chest; forming frill, extending over shoulders. Forequarters well feathered, thighs and hindlegs well feathered to hocks.

COLOUR:

All whole colours permissible, but free from black or white shadings. Whole colours are: white, black, brown, light or dark, blue as pale as possible. Orange which should be self-coloured and bright as possible, Beaver. Cream dogs have black noses and black eye rims. Whites must be quite free from lemon or any other colour. A few white hairs in any of the self-coloured dogs permissible but undesirable. Dogs (other than white) with white or tan markings highly undesirable and not considered whole coloured specimens. In parti-coloured dogs, colours evenly distributed on body in patches; a dog with white or tan feet or chest not a parti-coloured dog. Shaded sables should be shaded throughout with three or more colours, the hair to be as uniformly shaded as possible, and with no patches of self-colour. In mixed classes, where whole coloured and parti-coloured Pomeranians compete together, the preference should, if in all other points they are equal, be given to the whole coloured specimens.

SIZES: Ideal weight: Dogs 1.8-2 kg (4-4.5 lbs)

Bitches 2-2.5 kg (4.5-5.5 lbs)

FAULTS: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

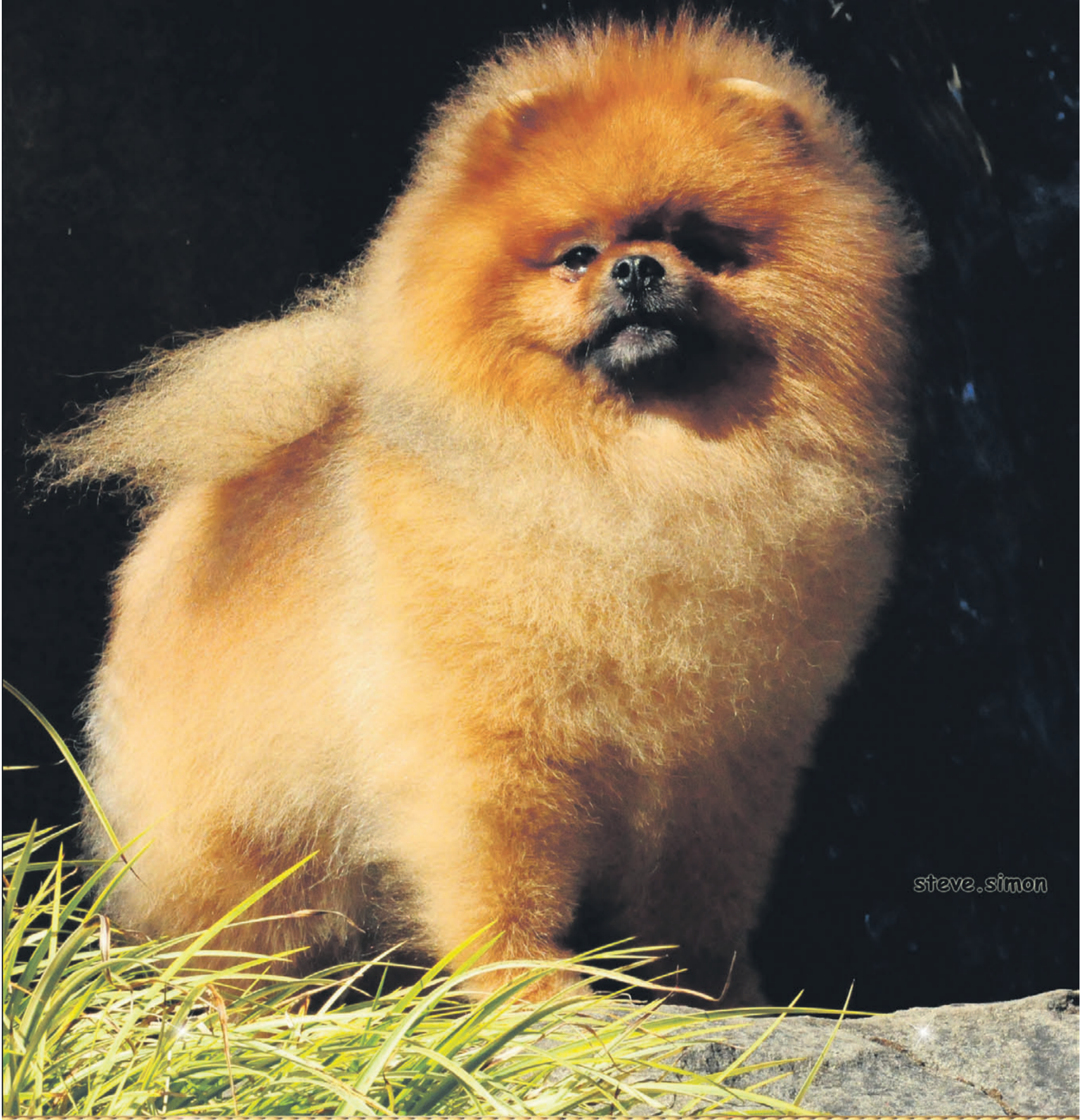
NOTES:

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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