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Message from the Editor

First of all , I would like to thank those who sent me Brags, stories, etc. Those are very appreciated, so don't hesitate to send more AND more.

Now, I have some recommendations: When you send a brag (or anything else for that matter), please use dates on your report. Nobody knows when "yesterday" was. Also, I am not sure who "Blackie" and "Blanchie" are, so please be a little more specific.

Also, **from now on, the only brags I am going to insert will be DIRECTLY from the owner, the breeder or if you were the chairman of a show.** Of course, all specialties winners will also be printed when I'll receive an official report.

Another thing, if it's possible, please send your stuff directly to me, Nathalie, at elijah44@adelphia.net. Joyce (Bernhardt) and I are both editors, but I am the one putting the stuff in the newsletter, so it would be easier for both of us if it came directly to me .

I am on cable internet so I can download big files, so when you send me something, please send it as BIG as possible. When the picture (or Kennel card) is too small, it becomes "blocky".

Don't get mad if I get something wrong. A nice e-mail will do and I can retract in the next newsletter.

Sincerely yours, Nathalie Lussier



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President's Message...

The SCC National Specialty was held in Edmonton, Alberta on June 2, 2007, and from all reports the Specialty was a success due to the hard working Committee, their helpers, and the many members and exhibitors who entered or attended the show. The original judge became ill and was replaced by Mr. Bud Haverstock, Alberta, and was pleased with the assignment.

Thank you to Committee members Diana Kinnear, Charlie Veillon, and Susan Woodliffe and to the many people who helped with the various events, donated to the Specialty either for the trophies, gifts, or to the Silent Auction.

Due to Knee Replacement surgery on May 29th, I was in hospital, and unable to attend. I am now home, hoping to be back walking & able to be in the ring in a few months

The Specialty results are included with this Schip Tales and are available on the SCC website : www.schipperkecanada.net.

Schipperkes are doing well in many shows across Canada with many group placings noted in the past couple of months. One special rare award for Schipperkes was **Best in Show** to Bonnie Ritchie's young male Ch. Camplaren's Klondike Connection (Sinner) by Judge Leslie Belfit at the Lakes District K.C. show in Burns Lake, BC on May 5th, 2007. Congratulations to Bonnie & Sinner!! There was only one Best in Show (All Breed) awarded to a Schipperke in Canada in 2006. There are many who are wonderful Schipperkes and do deserve the consideration of the Judges for Group and for Best in Show.

Nathalie and I are really pleased to receive your news, and would welcome it at anytime, earlier than at the last minute. Your stories of everyday with your Schipperke are important, and we would like to have you share with the members. So send them along PLEASE!!!

Changes: We can't keep in touch if you don't send us your Changes.....address etc, and especially the e-mail changes. Some are receiving Schip Tales by e-mail.....YOU WON'T if you don't send us the change!!!! Try it out !!!

My thanks to Nathalie who does a tremendous job of getting the issues together, and for the art work. Her help has been a tremendous addition to the newsletter which I hope you enjoy!!!!

I welcome any member to contact me about the club, your ideas, your concerns etc - please do let me know what you would like to do for Your Club, or what Your Club can do for you.

Have a safe and wonderful summer - take those pictures - send them to Schip Tales, !!!!!

Joyce Bernhardt SCC President

PLEASE NOTE THAT PICTURES FROM THE NATIONALS SHOULD BE SENT TO NATHALIE LUSSIER FOR THE AUGUST EDITION OF THE SHIP TALES.

Send it as big as possible and if you have a story with it, remember the 'rules' for the Brags (see page 5) .Also remember the possibility of having a whole page for as low as \$10.00 !



Top 5 Schipperkes in Canada 2006

1. Ch. Kanduit's Double Jeopardy : John & Maureen Roberts/ Diane Ramsey/ Dr. Mary Kraus
2. Ch. Camplaren's Fielder's Choice: Jack & Joyce Bernhardt
3. Ch. Helbender's Heart O'the Sunrise: Koreen Brown
4. Ch. Mardecks Whiz Kid de Turenne: Marnie Layng
5. Dante Fire When Ready: A. Gossman/J. Gossman/M. Jameson/ P. Allison

Brag, Brags, Brags...

From **Diana Kinnear**:

Hi everyone, just wanted to let you all know about Eva Kopf 's (of Jam Schipperkes) show weekend.

She showed Wolf (Tami x Trooper) and her home bred girls Lucky and Stella down in Seattle.

The first day, Lucky went winners female for a 5 pt win!!!

Wolf showed very well in his very first show.

The next day, Eva showed Stella at her first show, just 6 months old and she showed well. Wolf, who was going to be 7 months old the day after, went Reserve Winners dog!!! That was an awesome showing for Eva and her schips as there was a very large entry and all her dogs showed well.

Today (March 25th) was a good day for a couple Schipperke pups in Camrose. Majekin's Fusion with Jet went Winners dog (6 - 9 pup) and his littermate Jet's Faux Pas V Majekin (6 - 9 pup) went Best of winners. One of the other dogs competing was Jr pup female - Majekin Be My Nemesis -shown/owned by her 15 year old handler, and both first time in the ring. We had a large entry (for Schips) of 3 - 4 - 2 and all had a wonderful time showing.

Winners male - Majekin Fusion's With Jet - got 1 pt
Winners female, BW - Jet's Faux Paw V Majekin
BB and **Group 1!!!** - Ch Maheekun's Majic Dancer

Just found out that Jet Majekin Fancypants Kashuba, the other littermate to my Sean and sister Roxy, won a group 4th and Best puppy in Group and **Best Puppy in Show**.

All 3 pups were bred by myself and Susan Woodliffe out of Ch Marpeg's Beelzebub at Jet (Bubba) and Ch Jet's Dark Cloud V Majekin (Nimbus).

Way to go to owner Judy Kashuba of Thunder Bay.

A couple of new Schipperke Champions in the April 7-8 weekend in Red Deer .
New Ch Jet's Faux Paw V Majekin - Jr puppy, 4 times in the ring -. Roxy went Best of Winners all 4 times with 3 pt wins twice and 2 pt wins twice. Also - New Ch Jet's Elvis Costello went Winners male on Friday and Best of winners on Sat, as well as Best of breed and group 4th. There were 15 breeds in the group on Sat so this gave Elvis a 2 pt breed win and a 2 pt group win, as well as 50 points on the top dog standings. Elvis was shown by me. Roxy was shown by Susan Woodliffe who is the breeder/owner of both dogs (with me as co-breeder on Roxy). This makes 24 champions for Majekin

Edmonton show report
Bred by male-Majekin's Fusion With Jet - WM on Sat, BW Sun
Jr Pup Female-Majekin Be My Nemesis - RWF both days
Bred by Female-Jet's Eartha Kitt - BW Sat, Wf Sun
Specials
Ch Maheekun's Majic Dancer

(Ditto) - BOS Saturday, BB Sunday **and group 4**

Ch Jet's Elvis Costello

Ch Jet's Faux Paws V Majekin - BB Sat, BOS Sun - best puppy both days

From **Joyce and Jack Bernhardt**:

We attended several shows in the USA in March & April.

We are pleased to announce two new American Champions.

Male: Am Can. CH. Camplaren Just Picture Perfect ."Jordan" was Winners Male, Best of Winners and then Best of Breed over Amer. Champion to be awarded a 3 pt major win in the Central NY K.C. show on March 29/07 in Syracuse, NY.

Jordan was also Winners Male on March 30/07 in the Onondaga K.A show for another 2 pt win and his American title. Jordan was 2 yrs old this May. His owner & breeders just received the AKC Medal awarded for obtaining all the Championship points from the Bred By Class - Breeder handled all the way!!!! At the same show Circuit in Syracuse, female "BB" was Reserve Winners Female in the Onondaga K.A show and was Winners Female for 3 pt major win in the Finger Lakes KC on March 31/07 to complete her American title to be known as Am. Can CH. Camplaren I'm Bold 'N Beautiful. At the Schipperke Club of America National Specialty show in Frederick, Maryland another female Can. CH. Camplaren's Cause For Applause (Griet) was 3rd in Open Female class.

Braggs continued...

Also shown was Am Can. Ch. Camplaren's Carbon Copy, dam of Griet who with Griet won 2nd in the Brace class. at this Specialty show.

On the Canadian scene Am. Can. CH. Camplaren's Fielder's Choice known as "Chance" received a Certificate from the Canadian Kennel Club awarding him number Two Schipperke in Canada in 2006, and is passing his qualities on to his son "Jordan" . Chance is bred, owned and handled by Jack & Joyce.

Bonnie Ritchie's boy "Sinner" - won **BEST IN SHOW (all breed)** on May 5 /6th weekend in Prince George, British Columbia. He won 3 Group 1st, & his daughter "Blue" in her 1st shows won GROUP 1ST (beating her dad) & some Best Puppy in Group + BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.

From Gail Newman:

Thank you & congratulations to Omar:

I wish to send a heartfelt thank you to my partner extraordinaire in obedience. His work ethic & never-ending enthusiasm have made him a dream to work with. Thank you Omar, for never missing a beat; the only beats missed were by said handler. Always eager to please, willing to work and always giving me his very best - he has truly made me a better handler.

Congratulations OTCh. Majekin Out For Justice on achieving #1 obedience Schipperke & #7 Non Sporting obedience dog for 2006.

A better partner I couldn't find!

From **Lea Murray -Voske Schipperkes**

At the national specialty held in Edmonton, Alberta on June 2nd Voske's Majic Spell won Bred by Exhibitor, now there is a story behind this.....I had put my entries in before I badly broke my ankle. I was in a WHEELCHAIR at ringside when they called the class. Gina Foard (formerly Maheekun Schips) looked at me in horror as we realized I had to show the puppy!! With the other exhibitors egging us on the ring steward checked with the judge and he said why not! So there is Gina pushing me around the GRASS ring in 30 degree weather with Majic trotting beside the wheelchair like he'd been a special needs dog all his life!! the crowd cheered (Gina & I sweated) and we won! We went on to win BOW for 5 pts. My Ch. Maheekun's Majic Dancer (Ditto) won 1st Award of Merit .



The 2nd AOM went to his full sister Ch. Maheekun's Chanel No K9.

At the all breed show the next day Majic (Sr. Puppy) Won BOB over 3 specials incl. His DAD !! For 5 pts. Then went on to win BEST PUPPY in SHOW!! NOT BAD FOR THE 'LIL GUY....only his 2nd show and

he's just over 9 months.

I only had Ditto entered on Mon. And he took the breed. All and all it was a fabulous weekend!! I want to thank all the people behind the scenes you did a wonderful job! And a special thank-you to Susan for the beautiful stained glass prizes!

Also my little girl Heart-Throbs Louisiana Sparkle won her classes and Ch. Shalako's Alabama Rosebud (Ditto's mom) won 3rd in a large veteran's class

From **Diana Kinnear**

Here is a short report on how the schips did in breed and group at the NACA all breed shows.

Friday - Ch Helbender's Loup Garou - BB and Group 2 (Koreen Brown)

Saturday - Bonchien Mr Monopoly (from open class) - BB and Group 1!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kristen Henry & Beth Lilly Sunday - Voske's Majic Spell (from Sr Puppy class) - BB, Best puppy in Group and Best Puppy in Show!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (owned by member - Lea Murray)

Congrats to everyone on their wins.

I spoke to the Specialty judge late yesterday afternoon, he commented what an honor it was to judge the Schips at the Specialty and how impressed he was with the excellent quality he found, making his decisions more difficult. The veterans were outstanding, the up and coming puppies were excellent - and I think our breed is in good hands.

Kudos to all the breeders and owners on doing such a great job in caring for our breed.

Brag, Brags, Brags...

From **Nat Lussier**: At the American Nationals in Maryland, Chad (Ch. Logaven Wayland Highwayman) finally finished his CDX title. He just turned 11 y/o and I had decided



this was his last chance to finish that title. I hadn't really showed him in obedience since he's about 7 y/o, and even though I knew he wouldn't do as good as he used to be, I decided "It is now or never". It was the last time I was to show him in obedi-

ence whatever the outcome would be. He did me proud and DID IT !!!

He also earned his Rally Advanced leg #2 with a 4th place. Chad also placed 4th in veteran's sweepstakes.

Trouble (Mardecks Commotion De Turenne) got 1st place in Novice B Standard Agility for her 1st time in the ring.

Chad & Deeds (Pepou Olivier De Turenne) went 2nd in obedience brace AND.....

Chad & Deeds 1st place conformation brace !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Brooke (Ch. Mardecks Laptop Model) with Deeds & Oz (Ch. Madecks Whiz Kid De Turenne) as "get", went 1st place brood bitch (she also did the same at the Canadian National Specialty last August)



Brooke with Deeds and Oz



Chad And Deeds

All 7 of our Schips went singing and did some tricks in the Schip-A-Thon. Some also wore costumes...



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Brags, brags, brags

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A moose in our alley

From Dian Tamas: Just snapped these pics a in our alley. It's a young moose, and the big dogs next door helped turn it around for the better pictures. It's a BIG, WILD, LIFE in Alaska!!!



To the Rainbow Bridge...

Ch Majella Basic Image

Jan 20, 1003 to April 30, 2007

Today (April 30th) the sweetest, lovingness little Schip girl went to the Rainbow Bridge to join her mom and dad. Dearest **Whoopi** was one of those dogs you can never forget. She finished her championship under the guidance of All Breed judge and schip breeder Tom Burke of Skipakey kennels. She won multi group placing as well as a group 1st and Best puppy in Show.

When household circumstances changed for Tom, Whoopi came home to me. She had one pup for Tom and a year after coming home to me, she had one litter - only one survived. Whoopi was not meant to be a mom. But her function in life was to be a beloved and most cherished house mouse and companion to my bestest friend Brian. Whoopi was there to comfort him when he lost his dear wife a few years ago - and Whoopi was always there to love on her dad when he came home from work.

We were hoping that Whoopi would be able to make one more turn around the ring as a proud veteran at the SCC national in a few weeks, but it was not meant to be.

Whoopi - you were a beautiful girl - in and out of the ring - and so full of love. Your memory and life will live on in the hearts of those who knew you. We will all miss you dear one. Rest well.

With sad tears, Diana Kinnear -Breeder

Ch. O Solo Mia of Majekin CD, CGC

Feb. 8, 1996 - June 7, 2007

It is with great sadness I announce the passing of Mia. Mia (pronounced Maya) was my first litter and a single pup litter. After finishing her championship, we started playing in the obedience ring. It took a few years and a couple of maternity leaves, Mia was finally ready to trial. She started off her CD with a High in Class and finished with a High in Class. She wasn't too crazy about carrying a dumbbell in her mouth, so instead of going on to Open, we played in the veteran's obedience class. She had many class placements in veteran's including High in Class. While Mia enjoyed the obedience ring, her favorite pass time was laying on the couch getting belly rubs. Mia was predeceased my her mother Devo, her cat Blackjack and her housemate Dandy. She is survived by her son Nyke and her daughter C.C., and her human family Dawn and Marlene Mullan.



In My Masters Arms

In my masters arms, Snuggly and tight
I feel so loved, It feels so right
Though the end is near, I have no fear
I see the light, Shining and bright
My time is done, The angels have come
As I reach up, I feel like a pup
Its time to go, Don't grieve so
For I am here, And always near
Just look in your heart, And we'll never part
With memories strong, It won't be long
Till In my masters arms So snuggly and warm

Author: Mary Higdem



Litter Box

Jack & Joyce Bernhardt, Camplaren Perm Reg'd, welcomed two female puppies on Friday, April 13th/07. Proud first time Mom is Ch. Camplaren's Cause For Applause (Griet) and Dad is BIS BISS Am Can. CH. Camplaren's Xmas Cracker who was bred and shown by the Bernhards and owned by Sally Gibbs, Oshawa, ON.



Voske Reg'd Schipperke's: Lea Murray is pleased to announce Echo(Can.Ch.Whitcam's Echo at Camplaren) whelped her litter of 3 boys and 1 girl on Mar.18th . Sire is Can. Ch. Maheekun's Majic Dancer. These are full litter mates to Voske's Majic Spell who took Bred by Exhibitor, BOW in the specialty and Best Puppy in Show at the all breed . 1 male still available.

Blurb about me.....Lea Murray

I welcome this opportunity to introduce myself to the club. I have been involved in this wonderful breed for about ten years. My first dog died of cancer at a very young age, and after the initial grief had settled somewhat I decided to purchase another Schipperke to show. A few years later I got my male Ch Maheekun's Magic Dancer, who was in dire need of a new home. Ditto became my foundation stud and is a group winner and multi group placer. I also put a championship on my foundation bitch Ch Whitcam's Echo at Camplaren. My first breeding with these two produced one little boy. He stole my heart right away ,and I decided to keep him. He is currently being shown to his championship. In October of 2006 I bought a beautiful little bitch in the US to add to my kennel. I rounded off 2006 with Ditto in top 5 in Canada which secured an invitation to Eukanuba Tournament of Champions in Long Beach CA. Highlights being the show and Ditto swimming in the Pacific ocean!!

2007 has so far been a very busy year for me. We started off by getting my kennel name "Voske" (little fox in Dutch) registered with CKC. Then I repeated the breeding of Ditto x Echo and although at first I didn't think there would be any babies, she presented me with 2 beautiful boys and 1 gorgeous girl. When the puppies were 3 weeks old My fiancé, Jim, and I got married here in Edmonton and departed the next day for our very romantic honeymoon on the Mexican Riviera. We had a great time and the dogs all happily survived their week with the "babysitter".

Oh by the way, I forgot to mention that I also own a horse. In the scheme of things this might not seem relevant to breeding and showing Schipperkes but...4 weeks ago I "jumped "off Wishman and broke my left ankle. 7 screws ,1 plate and a pair of crutches later I am now preparing to show all my schips at our national specialty LOL. My friend Gina (from California and formerly Maheekun Schipperkes) will be here to assist as are other good friends. I will be supervising and enjoying the show from ringside!! I look forward to continuing to thoroughly enjoying my dogs and the shows and getting to know all Schipperke owners in the near future. Yours in Schips, **Lea Murray**

New SCC member

We have a new member. She did not include a postal code

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She has a puppy from Diana and is sponsored by Diana and myself. Susan Woodliffe

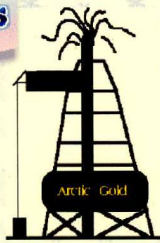
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2007 SCC National Specialty report

The 2007 National is over and what a success it was!! We did have one major glitch, as the judge originally scheduled – Mr. Sonny Ambrosio – was unable to attend due to illness. He became ill on the plane to Edmonton so we had Mr. Bud Haverstock, previous CKC Director for Alberta and all breed judge preside. Results are posted on the SCC website.

For the sweeps classes, Ms. Kristen Henry of Bonchien presided over the puppies and veterans. In her words “the veterans were outstanding, but the puppies are even better – the breed is in good hands”.

Putting on a National of this size is a lot of work. Many, many hours go into the organizing and planning – more than a year in advance. Trophies/prizes have to be decided on, premium lists have to be created and sent out, catalogues have to be done, ring stewards have to be engaged and hundreds of other little things that come up. When deciding on trophies and prizes, donations are needed to pay for these. So a call goes out requesting people to sponsor various classes. This year, the donations were very generous from SCC members and non members, especially through some friends in the US. Thank you to all who donated. The prizes were very unique this year – handcrafted, painted glass pictures of schips made by Susan Woodliffe, our resident artist. Susan also made pottery schip brooches for each exhibitor. Sharon Dodd in Oklahoma made me schip magnets of the Club logo, and other ones to go to the welcome package for our exhibitors, thanks to her for the generous gift. Charlie had the plaques made up and brought the rosettes out from Surrey. Thank you Charlie, that saved the shipping cost. Charlie also oversaw the silent auction which was very successful and will be reported on the financial report.

Special awards of recognition were created by myself and given to Marg Street and Joan Federow for their long time contribution to Schipperkes in Canada. These were accepted on their behalf by Peggy Flesher (Marpeg) and Charlie Veillon.

We had a catered lunch graciously catered by John Wichuk, a new SCC member. Tremendous thanks to John for buying the food, doing all the preparing and bringing it to the show site. There was a lot of food leftover, and this was taken by Susan Woodliffe to one of the inner city schools and distributed to the children in need. Anita Jensen and Donalda Cassils helped out with whatever was needed during the day, much gratitude to them also.

Our rings stewards did a great job in keeping things flowing smoothly.

Unfortunately due to camera issues, we do not have a video of the specialty. Perhaps in future we might find someone who is more experienced in this area.

I think everyone enjoyed the Specialty and the chance to see so many Schipperkes in the ring all at one time. There are still some catalogues available on a first come first serve basis. These would be worthwhile having as the photos are excellent in the ads, and the printer did a marvelous job. 30 hours went into doing the catalogue alone – not an easy task but worth the effort.

Best of luck to those who do future Specialties and if you require any assistance feel free to call on me. Planning is the key – and many hours of your time to have it come off well. Write down all the things that need to be done on the day, make a list for your ring steward as to what awards go with what rosette, and double check everything and hope for the best. One thing we did add this year was thank you cards to those who donated and sponsored a class. These were addressed so the winners could add their personal note and mail off to the sponsor. It is hoped that this was done. It is nice to say thank you as we need sponsors to put on a specialty.

All the best to all the Schipperkes and owners.

Diana Kinnear

Note from the editor: Pictures from the Nationals will be included in the next (August) edition. So, please, send in your Brags , Pictures and Stories from your Nationals to

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HOT DOG...

10 Minutes to DISASTER

If it's hot, your pet may be in trouble!

During warm weather, pet owners must take precautions against the danger of heat exhaustion and heatstroke for their pets. The temperature in a parked car, even in the shade with the windows partly open, can rapidly reach a level that will seriously harm or even kill your pet.



themselves. Your dog will be more comfortable if left at home...

Dogs cool themselves by panting and by releasing heat through their paws. On summer days, the air and upholstery in your vehicle that can heat up to high temperatures that make it impossible for pets to cool

Heatstroke symptoms include:

Exaggerated panting (or the sudden stopping of panting), rapid or erratic pulse; salivation; anxious or staring expression; weakness and muscle tremors; lack of coordination; tongue and lips red (which may eventually turn bluish in color); convulsions or vomiting; collapse, coma and death...

EMERGENCY TREATMENT

If your dog shows symptoms of heatstroke, follow these instructions:



- Immediately move the animal to a cool, shady place
- Wet the dog with cool (not cold) water
- Fan vigorously to promote evaporation. This process will cool the blood, which reduces the dog's core temperature
- Do not apply ice. This constrict blood flow which will inhibit cooling
- Allow the dog to drink some cool water (or to lick ice cream if no water is available)
- Take the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible for further treatment.

Veterinarians may apply supportive measures such as intravenous fluids to rehydrate the animal and oxygen to prevent brain damage

A Breeder (with a capital B)

is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all. One who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment.

A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interest, finances, time, friendships, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting.

She gives up dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favor of turning that all important show into this years "Vacation"

A Breeder goes without sleep, but never without coffee, in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry.

A Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due or the babies have to be fed at eight.

She disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping newborn, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.

A Breeder's lap is a marvelous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed.

A Breeder's back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, and sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breed to show the next choice pup to a Championship.

A Breeder's shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they're wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations.

A Breeder's arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of puppies, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.

A Breeder's ears are wonderful things, sometimes red~from being talked about~ or strangely shaped~from being pressed against a phone receiver, often deaf to criticism, yet always fine tuned to the whimper of a sick puppy.

A Breeders eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to her own dog's faults, but they are ever so keen to the competitions faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen.

A Breeder's brain is foggy on faces, but can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer.

It's so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse. It catalogues thousands of good bonings, fine ears, and perfect heads, and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn't turn out.

A Breeder's heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope ever lasting, and it's always in the right place!

Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then, there are **Breeders**~

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