

DEAR EDITOR...

Boxer Speaks Up

Editor
Torrance Press
As a result of your article, I have one week to live. My master is going to have me put to sleep as soon as the quarantine period expires.

I am the brindle Boxer that bit the mailman on our route July 6, 1957. Your photographer took a picture of me at the dog pound one day last week and then turned the negative around to make it look like two dogs when you printed it in the paper.

Until a few weeks ago I always liked the mailman that came to our house. One day when I was tied up the mailman came and I jumped up to greet him and he hit me across the eye with a leather strap that had a metal buckle on the end of it.

I don't know why he did that as all the other mailmen used to love me and we got along fine. From that day on I always felt that he wanted to hurt me so I was on my guard.

I have two boys and one girl as my playmates and one day a friend of theirs left the gate to our yard open and I got out.

Running down the street I passed the mailman and he didn't bother me so I kept right on about my business. On the way back home I was about to pass the mailman and he raised his leather strap again to hit me so I jumped at him and nipped his thumb.

I was put into quarantine and had just gotten out the day before the incident that you reported in the paper. My mistress was out in the yard and I heard the mail slot bang in the door and ran out.

When I got out there was the mail man and he swung the bag at me so I jumped him. You reported that men with shovels and rakes beat me off him which isn't so.

My little master, eleven years old, came and took me away. The mailman was so frightened that he wasn't sure what happened and probably doesn't even remember that he swung at me.

The result of all your publicity has upset my master and mistress as they always kept me in the yard and did not let me run loose.

I have always been friendly and if the mailman had not hit me the day that I wanted to greet him I would be able to live out my normal life span.

My master was going to send me to a ranch until this all happened but now the rancher thinks I am mean, won't take me. So I won't be mistreated my master says that the only merciful thing to do is put me to sleep.

One thing that bothers my master is the fact that you did not have the common decency to contact him and get the straight story about me.

Of course, he knows nothing about the newspaper business or perhaps that is why he is so upset about your article. However he requests that you discontinue throwing the paper on our lawn as he does not wish to be constantly reminded of this unfortunate incident.

You, no doubt feel that you have done a great service but think of the sorrow that has befallen my three playmates, aged 13, 11, and 10.

Yours truly,
(s) Duke O'Halloran
5009 Via El Sereno

(Editor's note: Our story was based on the official police report. An attempt was made to reach your owners for any additional information but there was no phone number listed in the directory. Our story said nothing of shovels and rakes. The police report also indicated that there were two boxers—you and your mate).

Walteria Club Will Get Honor

Members of the Walteria Business Men's club will be honored August 8 when the club will be presented with a recognition award by the National Recreation Assn. for services rendered to Torrance youth.

The club recently completed the Walteria scout house and has been active in sponsoring various youth groups.

The event will coincide with dinner dance to be held at the Smith Brothers Fish Shanty at 7:30 p.m.

Car Club Turns Money Over to Mental Health

Kings Car club winnings this coming Saturday night at the Los Angeles Speedway, 182nd and Vermont, will go to the Harbor District Mental Health Service.

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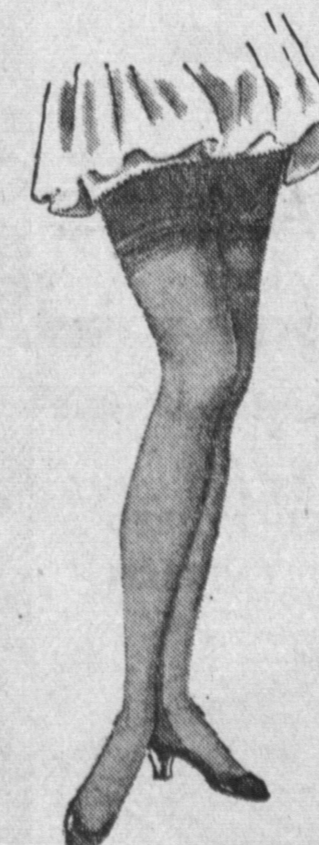
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