

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

Dogs, too, get spring fever! In all the lands all over the earth, return of warming sunshine brings the pleasing spring fever. Dogs, too, are its willing victims.

Dogs find increasing delight in their daily vagabonding. The plain soft earth after many months of hard core cold, presents myriads of fresh newborn smells and as anyone who loves dogs can tell you, the hors d'oeuvres of a canine menu are the multitude of smells awaiting detection by the dog's nose in every spot and space.

The paws of the dog itch to be soothed by digging in the once-again soft ground of springtime. Keep this in mind and act accordingly. A neighbor's lawn has just been planted with flowering seeds. Be careful, be alert and above all be considerate or you will justifiably incur your neighbor's enmity.

ACT BEFORE it is too late! Be certain that your dog harkens to your voice or else you will have to retrieve him in the front yard next door happily scratching up the earth and grass with all fours and looking up at you with a devil may care "haven't we got fun" expression.

It's your dog's forgivable way of expressing spring fever. Take him to a wooded area some place out of the range of private property and unleash him for his recreational periods. Obedience train your dog to stay off your neighbor's lawn.

I think that every family should have a dog. It's like having a perpetual baby. A dog is the plaything and crony of the entire household, and greater love than that dispensed by your faithful dog would be impossible to find. Remember this! No one is truly Christian unless his dog is better off for it.

BARKS AND YAPS—Dog trainers around the nation acclaim Liv-A-Snaps as the answer to Bowser's training problems. No dog owner should be without a supply and that's for doggone sure! Live-A-Snaps are available at supermarkets and pet shops. Monte Rosa's Italian restaurant in NYC has a Cocker

Employment Establishes New Record

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO — Employment in California last month hit a new record for March of 7,503,000 civilians and unemployment dropped to 406,000, the lowest total for March since 1960, two state departments reported.

The Department of Industrial Relations said employment was up 239,000, or 3.3 per cent from a year ago, and gained 40,000 workers from February. Government, mainly public education, and services accounted for about half the new jobs created over the span of a year.

Unemployment, down 29,000 from a year ago and 41,000 less than February, was at a seasonally adjusted rate of 4.6 per cent, as compared to 5.1 per cent in March, 1967.

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Famed bandleader Guy Lombardo is an avid Poodle fancier. Bob Cummings favors the Collie and Sandra Dee goes for the German Shepherd breed of dog. Don't consider tricks the

chief object of dog training. Usefulness is the most desirable object sought in all instruction of the dog. Acts that spring naturally from the dog's instinct are the ones to be encouraged.

All breed and specialty breed dog clubs would do well to carbon-copy the Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club headquartering in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The promotion-minded bow wow cub goes all out in behalf of the press with complete facilities for canine byliners. Press treatment is reminiscent of the major sporting events such as baseball, football, boxing, etc. More than 5,000 dogs were flown by one airline alone last year.

THE GREAT Pryenees mascot of a military school at Saintes, France, has his own apartment and a sergeant as steward... New York City police trained a German Shepherd to help curtail post-midnight muggings in Central Park but gave up the first night after the German Shepherd got mugged by a Cocker Spaniel... In stopping a dog fight, a large pail of cold water thrown over the dogs' heads will almost always prove effective.

Rudyard Kipling once said of the dog—"His name is not Wild Dog anymore, but the First Friend, because he will be our friend for always and always..." It is most inter-

esting to note that the first dog to be registered with the American Kennel Club was an English Setter in the year 1884. His registration number was simply 1.

BREED OF THE WEEK... The Skye Terrier, another member of the numerous family of terriers, which are natives of Scotland, takes his name from the Isle of Skye, also the homeland of the Cairn Terrier. There is reason to believe that the Skye has looked much as he does today for at least four centuries.

The Skye still makes no show of face or body by reason of their lovely flowing coats, and the most frequent-

ly asked question about the breed is, "How does he see?" His long hanging bangs do not seem to interfere with the Skye's vision in the least, for his sight and hearing is extraordinarily acute.

Several of the other terriers outnumber the Skye in registrations and popularity as of today, but no terrier breed has been in general favor as long as the Skye Terrier.

HE HAS been the fashionable and favored pet of English nobility for over a century. He is still a great favorite in Scotland and England today. The Skye's ornamental appearance does not mean he

has forgotten his heritage as a hearty, vermin-killing terrier. Given the opportunity, he is still an alert, active, gamble-to-the-death terrier.

The Skye Terrier tips the scales at about 25 pounds and in height nine inches.

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