

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

**BOWSER BROWSINGS**... Friends of Jane Sewell were shocked by the death of Cricket, the famed performing Chihuahua. The two were inseparable. Cricket captured thunderous applause wherever he appeared — on the Johnny Carson, Merv Griffin, or Joe Pyne shows and on numerous and memorable occasions with this columnar scribe. A canine mathematician, this remarkable 4-pound bow wow could add, subtract, etc. His repertoire was amazingly vast. Countless hearts share Jane Sewell's acute grief.

If your dog scratches, check him for fleas and ticks. During the forthcoming hot days, a casual inspection of each dog should be made at least three times weekly. Fleas and

ticks irritate the dog's skin and make it susceptible to infections. Sometimes a dog might scratch because of an allergy. Dogs like humans can be sensitive to certain foods, fibers, pollen and chemicals used in the home. Your veterinarian can help treat allergies.

There's a famous German proverb which says: "Nature makes the pup, man makes the dog." So true. And another thought along these same lines brings to mind prospective dog owners should, in most cases, buy a pup between six and ten weeks of age. Remember this: To a pup you are almost the mother, he'll accept you blindly, unswervingly. To the half

grown or adult dog all you can be is the master.

**ESPECIALLY** during these upcoming hot days, make certain that your dog has a clean, cool ample supply of drinking water at all times. Bravos to Dean Casey White for his superb editorship of the nationally circulated Pet Digest. I'll betcha Dean would be most pleased to send a free sample copy to any of my readers who might write to Pet Digest, Overseas Press Club, 54 West 40 St., Suite 93, NYC and request one.

Recommended for your doggie library: Friederun Stockmann's "My Life With Boxers," a fascinating story from Germany, tracing fifty years of the author's ups and downs in the profession of breeding Boxers from a humble start just prior to the First World War on through inflation, the Hitler years, the Second World War and many personal defeats in between. That she was equal to every

challenge is manifest in her eye arresting book. Pick up a copy at your favorite bookstore or direct from the publishers, Coward-McCann, Inc., 200 Madison Ave., NYC. "My Life With Boxers" is priced at \$7.95 and well worth it.

**BREED OF THE WEEK:** Irish Terrier. The Irish Terrier is sometimes referred to as "The poor man's sentinel, the farmer's bosom companion, and the gentleman's favorite."

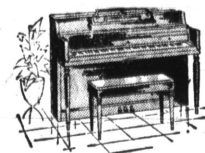
This fine breed adequately fills the bill in all three categories for he is a dog of tremendous versatility. Further, the Irish Terrier is capable of catching and killing most small game, can retrieve on land or water and served with distinction in both World Wars as a messenger and sentinel dog. Surprising as it may sound, the gallant little Irish Terriers can be used successfully on game many times their own size.

The Irish's conformation is much more streamlined in appearance than his cousins, the Whitehaired Fox Terriers. Irish Terrier's symmetrical build and eye-pleasing red coat make the Irish one of the best looking of the Terrier breeds.

The Irish Terrier excels in playful peppiness, good nature and is an ideal guardian for children, a stylish and intelligent companion for the adults. The Irish Terrier tips the scales at about 26 pounds and in height 18 inches.

Listen to Francis X. Lohmann's radio version of Kanine Korner, Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m. over Station KTYM 1460 kcs.

Army Pfc. William D. Whitmeyer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Whitmeyer Jr. of 329 Via Linda Vista, has been assigned to the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, Vietnam, as a tank crewman.



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