

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

In this day of widespread use of insecticides, pesticides, rodenticides, and herbicides, both children and pets are exposed to the highly toxic chemical agents such products often contain. Thallium, used in rodenticides, is also used in some ant poisons. Animal pesticides are not selective in their capacity to kill.

Strange as it may seem, some of our most common plants, flowers and shrubs can be lethal if chewed or eaten. Dogs often eat grass and occasionally may turn to garden plants that aren't as harmless, and a puppy's natural instinct is to mouth and chew about everything in sight.

Plant bulbs may seem like something to play with or

in an amount that might affect them are not likely to be eaten, stay on the safe side by keeping an eye on your beloved pets at all times.

**BOWSER BROWSINGS** — Dogs by nature are chewers and if Bowser is not properly trained, he could be responsible for the demise of shoes, slippers, table legs and other various and sundry valuables. This reporter joins veterinarians and dog trainers nationwide in recommending Nylabone as a detriment to puppies and delinquent adult dogs. Nylabone, the pooch pacifier, is available at any pet shop. A Cuban refugee arrived in Miami recently with his scrawny brown and white mongrel, "Pichi." He wouldn't leave his pet in Cuba, he said, because life there "was not fit for a dog." To the many lucrative canine services we can now add massages. No kidding! Famous masseur and ex fight champ Packy O'Gatty who often massages Hollywood glamour gals, recently

took on several bow wow clients. Packy claim the doggies pay him off with affectionate barks. He believes that dog massaging could open up a brand new industry and I agree. Man's visual field is about 180 degrees; the dog's is about 250 degrees. In 1895 the English Kennel Club ruled that no dog with cropped ears could be eligible for entry at a dog show. Never clip dogs to keep them cool. Nature has provided some dogs with long and heavy coats in order to protect them from the hot sun, fleas, and mosquitoes. A long-haired dog that has been clipped loses this protection. A KING-SIZE bark to Capt. and Mrs. Betty Haggerty upon the birth of a daughter, their first, at Englewood Hospital, Englewood, N.J. Capt. Haggerty, former commanding officer of the US Army K-9 Corps, now operates one of the largest dog training schools in America and has numbered the dogs of such celebrities

at U Thant, Jack Paar, Joan Bennett and Mrs. Gary Cooper among his clientele. Frau Betty dabbles in Poodles, Chihuahuas and Boston Terriers. There is a distinct difference between benched and unbathed all-breed dog shows. At benched dog shows — all the dogs are benched in their respective breed sections and must remain there during the entire show except for exercising or being judged. Spectators can easily find the breed of their choice. On the other paw — at unbathed events — dog exhibitors need not arrive at the dog show grounds until a short time before the judging and then, afterwards, if no longer needed, may leave. I have always advocated the benched type show because only at benched attractions can all breeds of dog be properly advertised and exposed to the dog-loving public. The officers of the time honored Kennel Club of Pasadena deserve a king size bark for maintaining the tradition of benched all-breed

dog shows. Their big annual June canine extravaganza is consistently a banner day in the annals of dogdom — and heralded as a Roman Holiday by the bow wow-loving public. Too many other dog clubs, including a major one, have dispensed with the bench and stage their dog shows for exhibitors only — thus keeping the sport of dogs within a tight little group.

**BREED OF THE WEEK** — Bulldog. The Bulldog is so famed as the emblem of British courage and tenacity that he is more often called the English Bulldog. The barbarous sport of bullbaiting and dog fighting, for which the Bulldog's ancestors were bred have been outlawed in England since 1835.

With the enactment of the law which put an end to this savage spectacle, the Bulldog was technically unemployed. He might logically have come extinct but for the loyalty of a small group of English breeders who kept the breed

going until the advent of bench dog shows in England in 1860. From this time forward, the breed gained greatly in popularity both in his native land and here in America.

People who have never owned or known a Bulldog are inclined to believe that the breed's plug-ugly face denotes a ferocity of disposition to match. Nothing could be farther from the truth, for the Bulldog's long-standing popularity is that he seems to appeal to a certain paradoxical inclination in the human being to own a dog whose appearance typifies strength and fierceness but whose disposition is all good natured kindness. The Bulldog tips the scales at about 50 pounds and in height 15 inches. Hollywood has the most unique collection of Bulldog figurines in America. A fantastic gentleman with a fantastic collection.

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## C-Numbers Speed Action On Policies

Veterans and their dependents who write the Veterans Administration concerning G.I. insurance are urged to include the insurance number on all correspondence, according to Mort Webster, manager of Southern California VA Regional Office.

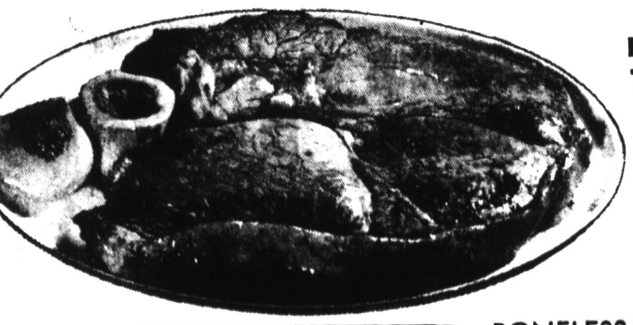
If a veteran cannot include the number that will identify his insurance policy, he is advised to include his "C" number, the claim number which is assigned to each veteran who has applied for VA benefits.

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