

Kanine Korner

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Females are the weaker sex? Don't you believe it for a moment especially when it comes to canine heroics. The 14 winners thus far of the Ken L Ration gold medal, awarded annually to America's Dog Hero of the Year, include six members of the distaff side. Two of the fair sex, incidentally, also rank as the largest of the winners, both being of the St. Bernard breed.

This year's winner, to be announced Aug. 29, will be selected from among approximately 60 dogs which have qualified for this competition by virtue of heroic deeds during the past 365 days. The dog, along with his master and mistress, will enjoy a three-day stay at Los Angeles' Century Plaza Hotel, and the dog will be honored at a banquet there the night of Sept. 11. I'll be covering this Hero Dog of the Year Award Banquet for my readers and radio listeners.

The six females which have captured this coveted honor to date performed feats at least equal to the supposedly more rugged males. Two of them towed sizeable girls, age 11 and 13, respectively, to safety from deep water. A third seized her little master about the waist after he had toppled into a swollen river, and pulled him ashore, her great teeth marks giving mute evidence of the manner in which she had rescued the little fellow.

ANOTHER raced through a forest in search of humans to bring help to her 3-year-old master, who was hopelessly mired in a swamp at dusk. Coming upon two telephone linemen, who were in the vicinity by mere chance, she attracted their attention by barking loudly and running back and forth as dogs do when they wish to be followed. Correctly interpreting her actions, they followed her for a considerable distance, and at length came across the trapped child, in mire almost to her wait and too exhausted to utter a sound.

Still another, a shy little Cocker Spaniel, ran for help when her little master tumbled into an icy lake. Unable to make herself understood by barking and rushing wildly about and even nipping at the heels of her owner, she dashed back to the lake and leaped in, attempting to help. When she reappeared, dripping wet and barking at the top of her lungs, her owner realized something must be wrong. He followed her to the lake and saw the body of his son lying in four feet of water. After long hours of resuscitation and a physician's care, the lad was finally revived.

A SHETLAND Sheepdog, short on size, but long on intelligence and perseverance, deliberately disobeyed her owners by rushing into their room at midnight and pulling the covers off them. She then led them to the room of their 6-year-old son, whom they found unconscious and hemorrhaging badly from a tonsillectomy undergone the week before. He was rushed to the hospital and his life saved by emergency treatment.

Thrifty Clearance Sale To Get Under Way Today

Thrifty Drug Stores' annual July clearance sale, with its vast selection of savings on hundreds of items, starts today in seven western states. According to Manny Borun, executive vice president of Thrifty, "This will be the most spectacular July sale we have had in our 39-year history. We have told every manager of every store in our chain to reduce inventories as much as possible and pass the savings on to his customers." Local Thrifty executives have followed through on this request with store sweeping specials on such items as wash cloths; hand-

nine ladies" will have an equal chance to display their abilities, for half of the dogs in contention for the award are females. Time will tell!

BOWSER BROWINGS — In 1838 a Collie is recorded as having travelled 150 miles behind the Union Coach from Cockburnspath to Newcastle. That's a fact! Did you know that the dog in proportion to poundage is 300 times as resistant to tetanus toxin as is the horse?

One of the BIG unsolved problems for dogs and cats encompassing the hot summer months is itching caused by allergy and eczema. Perhaps at long last dog lovers can eradicate this torturous ordeal with the discovery of a new product, Enditch, only recently available at Southern California pet shops. Unlike many useless powders on the pet market, Enditch comes in either tasty tablets or liquid that can be mixed with Bowser's regular rations — and is guaranteed to arrest itching within 74 hours or money refunded. How about that? A great revolutionary step forward in behalf of the wonderful dog.

There is definitely no truth to the old belief, that as long as a dog has a cool, moist nose he is in good health. Many times this is the case, but don't depend on this theory. A mighty sick little dog can have a cold nose.

BREED OF THE WEEK — Newfoundland . . . Newfoundland fanciers themselves are not too definite about the origin of their breed. Granted that the "Newf" is a composite of other breeds, the \$64,000 question becomes "which breeds?"

The Great Pyrenees comes into the picture. First, it is certain that he was known along the coast of North America as far back as 1682, brought there, most likely, by the Basque fishermen. Secondly, because the Newfoundland's general confirmation and sweetness of disposition are essentially similar to the other breeds.

Black retrievers of some sort were another factor; perhaps they were the St. John's Dogs, forebearers of the Labrador Retrievers. This would undoubtedly account for the typical "Newf's" colors of solid black, their oily coats and their famed ability as water dogs.

MOST OF THE Newfoundland, black beauties, indeed, in the USA are descended from dogs bred in England, for once again it was the British breeders who improved the general type of the Newfoundland and standardized the physical features considered most desirable.

The Newfoundland is, by tradition, the canine life guard. Accounts of children being fished out of deep water and of ropes carried from shore to foundering ships by "Newfs," thereby saving whole shiploads of endangered humans, are plentiful. Many of these stories are rather vague. However, the life-saving instinct is innate in the big, good natured dogs, and there are many indisputable records of actual rescues.

ished decorator wall units, and easy-to-clean Teflon frying pans. For Thrifty customers who want to stay cool in the warm months ahead, there are outstanding specials on ladies' summer shifts, jamaica shorts, and men's swim suits; plastic plates and cup holders for beach or mountain picnics; metal patio tables, barbecue kettles, and serving trays for outdoor eating and relaxation. Thrifty spokesman indicated that every shopper who visits Thrifty during the remainder of July will find scores of money-saving values, all specially priced low for this clearance sale.



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