

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

"Catch me if you can," "leash around the ankles," and "muddy paws on a recently pressed suit" are some of the games dogs play.

These antics are not only annoying to the dog's owner and his friends but often jeopardize the dog's safety. Obedience training helps make model canine citizens. It is a part of total dog care, as necessary to a pet's well-being as health protection, exercise and proper nutrition with the complete and balanced soft-moist dog foods.

Dog owners can train their pets working by themselves and many have done this most successfully. Training classes, however, offer cer-

tain advantages. While the owner handles and administers lessons to his dog, both the dog and master are under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Getting along with other dogs and people is an important part of canine adjustment to civilized life and sometimes the owner learns a few lessons in the respect too.

**FORMAL** training usually starts when the dog is about eight months of age, though a new approach to the subject advises common-sense instruction for very young puppies.

Foundation of basic obedience are "heel," "sit," "down," "come," and "stay."

Obedience "heel" means the dog will walk calmly at his owner's side without lunging, pulling back, swerving, charging at other dogs, investigating passing humans, or any of the diversions a dog can think of while on leash.

"Sit" and "down" commands will keep an excitable dog in check when company comes or if he's inclined to play roughly.

"COME," returning directly to the owner on call or hand signal, is essential if the dog is allowed to run free. It has also saved countless dogs' lives by enabling the owner to turn the dog back as they started across a highway or a similar dangerous crossing.

When told "stay" the trained dog will remain where he's left, without fussing, until given permission to break command.

"Stay" permits the owner to have his pet wait while he shops in a "no dogs allowed"

market, keeps him from off-limits rooms and is helpful in any number of situations.

**BARKS and yaps**—There's no stopping the fabulous Dogette line of doggie products. Now this enterprising firm is marketing 12 shades of nail enamel for the bow wow fashion plates. The 12 eye-catching colors include shocking pink, emerald green, pearl white, frosted gold, ruby red, ocean blue, coral, king's lavender, pink, midnight black, turquoise and silver. How about that? Dogette Products are available at the better pet shops all over town.

Dog lovers still talking about our big parade on Hollywood Boulevard saluting the advent of National Dog Week. George W. Beckley and Richard Bonner, president of the board and general manager respectively, of Los Angeles City Animal Regulations, were most welcome additions along the line of march. Next year the

National Dog Week Parade will be bigger and more spectacular than ever. And that's for dog-gone sure!

**PRESIDENT** Woodrow Wilson once said—"If a dog will not come to you after he has looked you in the face, you ought to go home and examine your conscience." . . . Gypsy Boots is an avid Old English Sheepdog fancier, Criswell favors the Poodle, and Mayor Sam Yorty goes for the Dalmatian breed of dog.

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

Contrary to popular belief, the sad-eyed Basset Hounds are of French origin. Originally imported to England in the 1890s, the Bas-

sets first landed on the American shore in 1902. The Basset Hound is a fantastic breed of dog. . . . Dog kibbles fed dry, greatly aids in keeping a dog's teeth clean.

**BREED** of the week — Field Spaniel. . . . If one were to attempt to describe the general appearance of the Field Spaniel to a person who had never seen one (and few people in this country have, so rare is this breed) a fairly accurate picture of the breed would be conveyed by saying that he looks like a large Cocker Spaniel. The resemblance to the Cocker is honestly come by, for the Field Spaniel of today carries a good deal of Cocker Spaniel blood as well as that of the English Springer Spaniel.

The Field Spaniel has not always looked as he does at the present time. At one period in the breed's history, fanciers seeking to make him more striking in appearance did some crossbreed-

ing. Probably using Basset Hounds. Their efforts miscarried and the result was a dog which was a caricature of a Spaniel with a long, low, heavy, clumsy body, exaggerated in every direction and totally lacking in usefulness and attractiveness.

**IT TOOK** careful selective breeding and crossing with Cockers and Springers to undo the damage brought about by a misguided few who had all but ruined the breed, and it is only within the last 20 years that the Field Spaniel has been restored to a sound, well-balanced sporting breed.

The Field Spaniel is mighty scarce in America, one reason for this being that the necessary crossbreeding which restored the Field Spaniel's good looks made many specimens ineligible for AKC registration. The breed is slowly making a comeback in England and this progress will undoubtedly be reflected eventually in this country too.

The Field Spaniel tips the scales at about 45 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.

## City May Subsidize Job Center

The Torrance Youth Council has begun an active year of meetings and projects.

The Youth Employment Committee of the council has started an in-depth study of the possibility of initiating a city-subsidized youth employment center.

The Recreation Committee is working to organize a ski club for all Torrance high school students.

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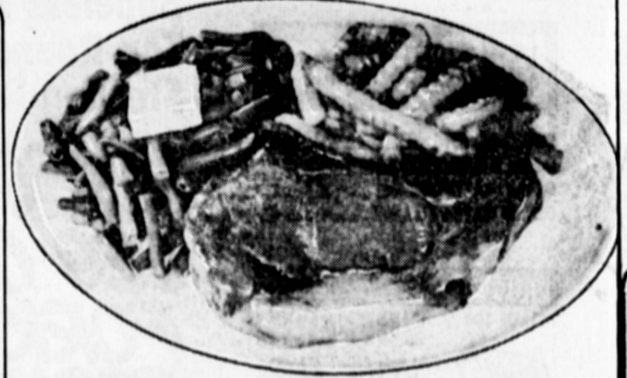


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