

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

In this week's column I would like to discuss the aging dog.

The aging dog tends toward heaviness or leanness, depending on the amount of exercise he has been getting and, most of all, on the individual dog, either purebred or mixed breed.

As the dog's metabolism slows down, an unchanged caloric intake can easily lead to overpoundage. A dog of 40 pounds can go to 60 and then he is in trouble. That's a fact! On the other paw, the aging process can lead to digestive upsets such as vomiting, diarrhea, and constipation that can so easily lead to loss of weight. A dog of 40 pounds can go to 30 pounds. Now this does not mean that all dogs will go through this phase. Some dogs appear sparkling at 12; others begin to lose their snap at 8.

THE SKIN glans in the older dog become less active, resulting in drier hair, sparse hair growth on the abdomen and even a certain scalliness of the skin. The dog usually does not become bald except as a result of parasites. The skin will tend to thicken in places. Calluses will form on the hocks, on the elbows, and other bony areas. Even the pads on the feet may thicken. Constipation is another condition of the older dog. Digestive upsets, if they exist, are part of the systematic slowing down that takes place over a period of time.

There is also the possibility that your old dog may become deaf. Blindness is another possibility through cataracts or other afflictions. I might mention this fact, too, the bulge-eyed or popeyed dogs are more subject to other eye ailments and injuries. If you own a Pekingese, Boston Terrier, Pug, French Bulldog or Japanese Spaniel, many of my readers have probably had to contend with eye injuries long before the dog has grown old.

EVEN THE TEETH may give the older dog trouble, although cavities are few and far between. They do occur occasionally, however. More common is a general erosion, that is, loss of enamel. Hernias may also appear.

In addition to these possible afflictions, there may be one or more of a variety of tumors. Veterinary medicine today can treat with success virtually every affliction your aging dog may suffer from. Never let

your dog down in his old age. He needs your love and affection even more at this stage of his precious life than he did as a puppy or young adult dog. Your dog has given many years of faithful devotion. The least you can do for him in his old age is to render extra care and consideration.

IT IS with deep regret that I must report the untimely death of Dean Carlson, president and founder of LIV-A-SNAPS of St. Paul, Minn.

He was beloved by all who were fortunate enough to really know him. With the passing of Dean Carlson, a bright light has been extinguished in the universe of dogdom. This reporter will always miss him greatly.

My deepest sympathy to Delma and the Carlson family.

BREED OF THE WEEK — Pekingese... The Pekingese is one of the most popular breeds in the toy group. The Pekes ranks in the top 10 among all breeds of dog. For nearly 30 years he has been in constant and steady demand, of capturing his unique charm, courageous character and sturdy individualism, few people who have ever owned one switch their allegiance to another breed.

Strange is the fact that although the Pekingese is one of the oldest breeds known to mankind and of oriental origin, he was unknown outside his native land until the year 1860. At that time the Chinese Imperial Palace at Peking surrendered to the British and several Pekes were found and taken back to the British Isles.

UNTIL THAT year, the Pekingese had been the exclusive property of the Imperial Court and had been rigidly restricted and confined to the Royal Palace and its grounds. The Chinese had several expressive names for the Pekes. One was "Lion Dog," because of his courageous temperament and an imagined physical resemblance to the King of Beasts. The Pekingese tips the scales at 9 pounds and in height 6 inches.

"The Pekingese" by Dorothy A. Quigley and published by Howell Book House, 845 Third Ave., N.Y.C., in 200 pages gives the complete background and history of the Pekingese.



JOB WELL DONE... Robert J. Prout, (center), open hearth superintendent at U.S. Steel, Torrance Works, congratulates Robert J. Welby (right) of Lomita and James W. Sandstrom of Gardena upon their completion of 40 years' service with the company. Other local residents honored for long terms of service were Jose R. Hologue, Torrance, 40 years; Elmer W. Lancaster, Torrance, 35 years; Forest K. Hull, Torrance, 30 years; Ralph F. Cannon, Torrance, 30 years; and Cubie R. Daldoss, Torrance, 25 years.

Births

TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL — Mr. and Mrs. John, 3742 W. 113th St., Inglewood; a son, John Thomas, June 6.

INMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Michael, 20705 Eastwood Ct., Apt. 5; a son, Brand, June 7.

BREWSTER — Mr. and Mrs. Gary, 13701 Van Ness, Apt. 1, Gardena; a daughter, Danae Michelle, June 7.

SCHOMER — Mr. and Mrs. Duane, 1835 W. 146th St., Gardena; a son, Sheldon Duane, June 7.

SHEPHERD — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G., 20943 Oak St., Lomita; a son, Thomas Eric, June 7.

VERGA — Mr. and Mrs. Rick, 510 S. Osage, Inglewood; a son, Matthew Michael, June 11.

SMITHSON — Mr. and Mrs. George H., 20917 Amie St.; a daughter, Kathy Ann, June 11.

CRUSSELL — Mr. and Mrs. Clark H., 21822 Ocean; a daughter, Carrie May, June 12.

RUSSELL — Mr. and Mrs. Larry, 29222 Samuel St.; a daughter, Hazel Marie, June 13.

TRAXLER — Mr. and Mrs. Charles L., Torrance; a daughter, Kristine Laura, June 13.

McNAMARA — Mr. and Mrs. Gary, 5174 W. 135th St., Hawthorne; a son, Shawn Allen, June 13.

MAYER — Mr. and Mrs. Edward, 22322 Kent Ave.; a son, Jeff Lee, June 17.

AKERS — Mr. and Mrs. Burgess W. Jr., 3321 W. 147th St., Hawthorne; a daughter, Becky Jo, June 19.

AZUMA — Mr. and Mrs. Harold, 327 W. Carson St., Apt. 6; a daughter, Michelle Theresa, June 20.

AGARME — Mr. and Mrs. Joe L., 9074 Portola; a son, John Sergio, June 21.

SILVA — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C., 15320 Arcurus Ave., Gardena; a daughter, Selma Patricia, June 21.

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Rec Department Teaches Outdoor Living Skills

Camping programs for pre-teens and teenagers who are interested in learning the skills necessary for living out-of-doors have been planned this summer by the Torrance Recreation Department.

A two-day overnight program for youngsters 10 to 12 years old will be held at El Nido Park, 18301 Kingsdale, introducing participants to outdoor skills needed for extensive camping programs.

Activities will include a "Do It Yourself Chow," a campfire sing and secret initiation ceremony.

THE SLEEP-OUT will be held on Tuesday, August 12 to Wednesday, August 13 and Wednesday, August 27 to Thursday, August 28.

The \$1.75 registration fee includes materials, dinner, breakfast and snacks. Campers will need a sack lunch for the first day and a sleeping bag.

Teens 13 to 16 years old will have the opportunity to backpack into the local mountains spending four days and three nights on the trail.

AN INTENSIFIED skills training session will be held at El Nido Park, Monday, August 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Campers will leave for the "Hike-In" Tuesday, August 19 at 6 a.m. from El Nido. Leaving the bus outside of the base camp, the backpackers will hike into the camp and set up.

Wednesday and Thursday will be spent participating in various camping activities. Friday campers will hike out from the base camp and meet the bus.

The \$16 registration fee will

include meals, activity instruction, insurance and backpack usage.

A COMPLETED medical examination form, signed by a physician is required of all campers and can be picked up at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Boulevard.

Registration for both these programs will be taken at the Joslyn Center Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

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