

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

I wonder if any of my readers have ever stopped to ask the very simple question, "Why do nearly all people like dogs?" Well, here are some reasons for man's best friend's unquestioned popularity:

The most unselfish living creature on earth today is your dog. If you are in danger, your dog needs only to hear your cry of distress to rush to your aid without thought of his own life, fearless of guns and enemies.

The most patient living creature on earth today is your dog, waiting for hours at the door to hear the sound of your returning footsteps, never complaining no matter how late you might be. The most grateful living creature on earth today is your dog. Whatever you give him, whatever you do for him, your dog is never guilty of ingratitude.

A PAT of the hand, a soft-spoken word from you are golden pay. To your dog you are the most important personage on earth and beyond censure; you are your dog's god, you can do no wrong.

The most friendly living creature on earth today is your dog. Of all the animal kingdom, the dog alone serves man without lash, without compulsion, glad to be by the side

of his master wherever he may be, whatever he may do, and sad in heart when his master is not present.

The most forgiving living creature on earth today is your dog. The dog possesses the one virtue most humans lack. Your dog carries no grudge, no spite.

PUNISH him, even undeservedly, and after a brief time the dog comes back to you, nudges your hand, looks up at you with those soft, warm, brown, wonderful, loving, pleading eyes and wags his tail to say, "Oh, come on, let's be pals again."

The most forgiving living creature on earth today is your dog. It makes no difference to your dog if you come home from Congress or from jail or if you lost a fortune or made a million, if you return dressed in fashion's splendor or in tattered clothes, if you have nailed a hero or condemned a criminal, your dog doesn't really care and he will be there upon your return.

Yes, indeed, all the world loves dogs because they are the nearest to moral perfection of all living things.

BOWSER BROWNSINGS — The Shih Tzu finally made it with the American Kennel Club. As of Sept. 1, 1969, this diminutive breed can be AKC registered and shown at all breed dog shows in regular competitive classes in the Toy Group. The Shih Tzu is one of the ancient Holy Dogs of China but until now not eligible for AKC activities. This marks the 116th AKC recognized breed of dog. My heartiest congratulations and a king sized bark to the fast growing Shih Tzu fancy. Look for the Akita and the Brichon Frise to be next in line.

Dog trainers, veterinarians and other bow wow professionals have endorsed Liv-A-Snaps as a palate-pleasing canine treat to keep Bowser in line. Liv-A-Snaps are available at any supermarket... Flicker star Richard Conti is an avid Collie fancier, Oscar award winner Barbara Streisand goes for the Poodle and Johnny Carson favors the Yorkshire Terrier.

BREED OF THE WEEK — Scottish Terrier... The Scottish Terrier has held a high place in the hearts of American dog lovers for many years. The first recorded importation of the Scottish Terrier to American shores was in 1853. He made an instant hit.

Few people interested in dogs or not, cannot easily identify a Scotty for no other breed has been used as extensively in advertising illustrations as has this distinctive breed of dog.

The Scottish Terrier is related to the Cairn, Skye Terrier and the Dandie Dinmont. It was not until 1880 that the Scotty was standardized and emerged as a separate and distinct breed. There are countless dog lovers in America today who admire his sturdy, sharpened figure and independent, truly Scottish disposition.

The Scotty tips the scales at about 20 pounds and in height 10 inches.

The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's beloved Fala made the Scottish Terrier an international household name. Fala was never out of sight of his Chief Executive master and was a great favorite in diplomatic circles.

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Measure May Clear Way For Expansion of Pier

Legislation by Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly (46th District) to transfer state land to the city of Redondo Beach for development of pier facilities has been endorsed by the State Park and Recreation Commission.

The measure, AB 1716, also includes transfer of other state

land at San Clemente and Dana Point Harbor in Orange County for improved recreational uses.

Beverly said the bill would permit the state to transfer a portion of land within Redondo State Beach to the city of Redondo Beach so that the city may expand facilities on the recreational pier in the area.

Beverly said the city would operate the pier and needs the state land as an easement to the pier.

Skate Club Will Hold Competition

The South Bay figure skating club will hold its sixth annual club competition May 8, 11, and 13.

Ribbon class figure competition will be held May 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. while figure and ribbon class free skating competition is set for May 11 from 6:30 until 11 p.m. Final events — free skating and dance — are slated for May 13 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Competition will be held at the Olympic Ice Arena on Western Ave.

The club is a member club of the United States Figure Skating Association.

Teacher Gets Honor Award

Charles Pillet, a biology teacher at Torrance High School, has been named to receive an engineering '69 Outstanding Accomplishment citation from the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering for his efforts in motivating students toward careers in engineering.

Taxpayers Break

Over-burdened tax payers get one break, at least. Not one cent of local, state or federal tax money is used in the annual presentation of the Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona, opening its 17-day run Sept. 12.

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In between activities, Miss Gordes indulges in a little day-dreaming. She has always wanted to do something for the handicapped and her pet fantasy is to set up a community of homes for these people; a community constructed with the problems of the handicapped in mind. There would be a house-mother to help out, and complete recreational facilities, so that handicapped residents could live in pleasant, convenient surroundings, and work at the mimeo office nearby.

But for the present, at least, it's only a dream.

Needless to say, Miss Gordes has lived close to the problems of the handicapped all her life. She's only too keenly aware that bus travel, for instance, is an impossibility for those confined to wheelchairs. Many buildings are not built to accommodate wheelchairs and bathroom doors always seem to be too narrow. "If you can fit everywhere but the bathroom door," she the Torrance-Lomita Red quips, "you're in trouble!"

In her youth, Miss Gordes reports that she had difficulties meeting people, but the problem has disappeared with the years. "People should like you if you like them," she says philosophically, "and people forget a handicap after you know them. If you don't call attention to it, they don't."

Body of Woman Found

The body of a 45-year-old Torrance housewife was discovered at 1 p.m. Monday on the bedroom floor of her home. Police listed the victim as Mrs. Margaret Mary Smith, 22640 Ellinwood Drive. Discovering her mother's body was 19-year-old Noel Smith.

The victim was the wife of Roland B. Smith of the same address.

The death was attributed to natural causes.

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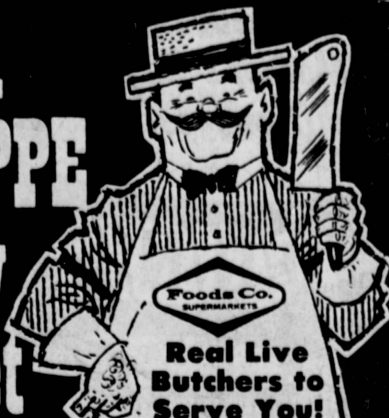
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