

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

This reporter would like to go on record in an attempt to nullify, absolutely and finally, stupid and unthinking everyday comments such as "he has gone to the dogs" intended to express utter degradation.

Have you ever gone to the dogs? Have you, worn and weary by the mess of mankind's bickering and battlings, ever turned to some canine darling and there found instant relief from doubt and despair? Seen in the pendulous tail a welcome such as kings might offer, in the licking of hands and face such gladness as may be found in future realms over the "one sinner that repenteth?"

You are tired, but that faithful friend is never too tired to respond to your touch. You are unkempt, but your ugly humor is repaid with all kindness. You are sleepless, and this uncomplaining companion stays awake with you. You are lonesome, and there's one at hand to keep you company. You are sad, and a cool muzzle nudges your fallen hand.

WHATEVER hour of day or night, this peerless friend is keen to your every whim or need. You punish him for some little infraction, and back he comes to lie at your feet.

You praise him, and his vibrant body betokens the ultimate of gratitude. Your dog will stay beside you through cold, hunger and adversity. He will share a crust of bread as though it were a feast.

EVEN AS a mere acquaintance, the dog will whine and wriggle himself into a lasting fond memory of good will. Hold his paw and you feel an immortal friendliness.

I know little of what may lie beyond the confines of this earthly existence. But this much I do know; that if there be no welcoming bark when I enter paradise, then I'll want to come back to earth to go to the dogs. And that's for dog-gone sure!

BARKS AND YAPS — Helen Keller once said — "Were my maker to grant me a single glance through these sightless eyes of mine, I would without question choose to see a child and then a dog..."

Ard L. Johnson in an undisputed authority on the Chesapeake Bay Retriever, one of the few "made in America" breeds of dog. We met at the recent Golden Gate Kennel Club Show held at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Our conversation, mostly one-sided in his favor was interesting, revolving around a tremendous breed. For more information on Uncle Sam's contribution to dogdom, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever, write to Ard L. Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 2437, Elk Grove, Cal. 95624.

The Poodle Showcase, one of America's finest specialty breed monthly magazines, is now headquartered at P.O. Box 134, Great Barrington, Mass. 01230. Ted Doucette, the publication's astute editor, deserves a round of applause and a king sized bark from everyone in the wonderful world of dogs for withering a stormy seven months.

Gig Young is an avid St. Bernard fancier. Gypsy Rose Lee goes for the rare Chinese Crested dog and Senator Barry Goldwater favors the Bulldog.

BREED OF THE WEEK — Brussels Griffon... The Brussels Griffon's upturned, bewhiskered little face gives him a pixie, almost human expression. Terrier like in build, the Griffon is also gifted with the alert intelligence and high-spirited good humor, definitely Terrier attributes.

Typical specimens of this breed are characterized by a smart strutting carriage and short, thickset bodies. The Griffon is not of ancient lineage. The breed in its

present form probably did not exist much before the 1880s. It took a combination of four older breeds to produce the 20th century Brussels Griffon.

THE FOUR breeds are the German Affenpinscher, a common Belgian street dog (known as the Stable Griffon), the Pug and the Toy Spaniel. The breed's short, pushed-in nose, large circular eyes and domed skull can most likely be traced to the Pug and the Toy Spaniel. The Griffon's cocky in-

Assemblyman Will Speak

Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-67th District) will be the featured speaker tomorrow at a meeting of the South Bay-Harbor Industry Education Council.

The luncheon will be held at intelligence, hardiness and gameness make him one of the most attractive of the toy breeds of dog.

The Brussels Griffon tips the scales at about eight pounds and in height eight inches.

Listen to Francis X. Lohmann's radio version of Kanine Korner. Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. over station KTYM 1460 KCS.

Claretian Fathers Slate 200th Anniversary Events

The Claretian Fathers of Dominguez Seminary will be celebrating their annual Fiesta Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, at the historic Dominguez Ranch, 18127 S. Alameda St., Compton.

Co-chairman of the Fiesta, Charles Wells of Torrance will be working with other parents to help the padres celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first settlement of the state.

The Dominguez Ranch House contains a rare and unique private museum to be open to the public free — only during the fiesta. The celebration will be

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gin Saturday, May 24, at noon and continue until 9 p.m. On

Sunday they will celebrate an open-air mass on the grounds. The ranch will close at 9 p.m. Sunday.

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