

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

The release fee was paid and Pepper walked through the door to a car parked outside with his new owners, his fourth family in two years of utter confusion among humans.

Doubtful thoughts began spinning around in his keen, terrier brain and all of them were related to one central idea. How long would he be staying with these people?

Pepper had spent three days at the pound, where he met a multitude of dogs of all descriptions. To pass along the hours, they barked canine comments back and forth and Pepper soon realized that he was not the only dog shuttled from one home to the next.

Pepper's problem began when he was a young puppy. Raised with four children, he hardly ever had a moment to himself except at night when they retired.

THEY WORE him out with constant attention and, unfortunately, not all of it good. At other times, the youngsters would take their juvenile frustrations out on him, distressed on discovering his

with swift kicks or hard punches. Finally, in self-defense, he began nipping at them.

Pepper liked children, like most dogs do, but he would remain constantly on guard against teasing or actual abuse. Plainly speaking, he didn't enjoy spending his life being a play toy.

He was given to another home where he replaced a very old dog whose home had a welcoming smell about it that only a dog's nose would detect. But, being a dog, Pepper's nose got him into trouble.

HE WASN'T formerly housebroken because his original owners just did not take the time to properly school him so he erred on social etiquette when he sniffed where the old dog had slept. His family decided that they did not have the time to correct Pepper's sanitary problems and it would be much easier to find another home for the dog.

The third owners were not

habits. They were told Pepper was a dandy watchdog and that's all these selfish human beings cared about, except for the fact that he kept on barking beyond the call of duty.

About a month or so later this family decided to move to a better neighborhood, where they wanted to get off to a good start. Next, they decided it would be more convenient to their plans to drop Pepper off at the pound.

AT THE pound, those insecure, homeless dogs commiserated with one another and they all agreed that it would be wonderful, indeed, if dogs could choose their own masters.

Just about the time Pepper decided that his life was futile, two humans stood in front of his pen. They started talking about another terrier they once owned and how Pepper, properly groomed, would come close to a dog they dearly loved. He listened and cocked his dubious head to one side, all the time sizing them up.

The kindly couple, realizing Pepper's problem, agreed that patience and understanding, coupled with love, would be all the ingredients needed to straighten out Pepper's problems. Within the month Pepper forgot his insecure and undirected life with the help of a dog loving couple who wanted him for himself.

This story fortunately had a happy ending but not many do! A point in question is the fact that you get out of a dog exactly what you put into

him. And that's for doggone sure!

BOWSER BROWSING: Next BIG all breed dog show and obedience trial finds the Silver Bay Kennel Club going into action, Sunday, Aug. 27. This is a one-day unbench event and the show hours are scheduled for 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Beatrice H. Godso will judge Best Dog in Show. Birthday felicitations to my beloved brother Charles celebrating as the column rolls off the presses. Rudyard Kipling once said of the dog: "His name is not Wild Dog anymore, but the First Friend, because he will be our friend for always and always and always."

BREED OF THE WEEK: Irish Wolfhound. The history of the Irish Wolfhound is so highlighted with romantic stories that sorting out fact from fiction is hardly possible. Tales are told of ferocious battles between ancient Irish rulers for possession of a single hound. Heroic feats of strength and valor, super-intelligence and even powers of clairvoyance are attributed to these hounds of antiquity.

The traditionally vivid Irish imagination is undoubtedly responsible for much of this legendary aura. Add to this the fact the breed is the tallest of all dogs and is a renowned slayer of savage wolves and of great elk that stood six feet at the shoulder, and that he has been considered a fitting gift for kings and queens. There would

probably be tall stories told of him even had he been the dog of people not given to the telling of fairy tales.

There are experts who are convinced that the Irish Wolfhound and the huge, swift hound that accompanied the Celts as they swept down upon Southern Europe from their stronghold north of the Alps, centuries before Christ, are one and the same dog. Be this true or not, there is evidence that the breed was known at the time of the Roman Empire. It was reported in a letter received in A. D. 391 that the Irish Wolfhound often saw combat in the Roman circuses and that "all Rome viewed them in wonder."

The breed is mentioned often in Irish and English literature, the references citing their immense size. At the time that the Wolf and the enormous elk became extinct near the end of the 18th Century, the Irish Wolfhound almost passed into oblivion, too.

It was a Scot, Capt. G. A. Graham, who revived the breed, restoring it to his former size and rugged handsomeness. For all his size, the Wolfhound is not a clumsy dog. The Irish Wolfhound tips the scales at about 150 pounds and up and in height 33 inches and up.



INSPECT POOL... Supervisor Kenneth Hahn joins three youngsters from the Carson area for an inspection tour of the new Victoria Park swimming pool. Formal dedication ceremonies for the pool are to be held Saturday at 10 a.m. With Hahn are (from left) Felix, 4; Gregory, 8; and Larry, 14, Urlist, of 18206 Wall St. The pool will be open free following Saturday's ceremonies.

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Dedication Slated for Swim Pool

All residents of the Carson-Dominguez area have been invited to ceremonies Saturday at 10 a.m. dedicating a new swimming pool at Victoria Park. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today.

The Olympic-size pool and a wading pool for small children will be open free on dedication day.

Principal speaker will be Municipal Judge Leonard Mendelsohn, a former member of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation.

Judge Mendelsohn's speech will emphasize that "good playgrounds and swimming pools can eliminate the need for juvenile halls."

Hahn said he believes that good recreation facilities are a key to preventing juvenile delinquency.

The Victoria Park pool is located at 192nd Street and Avalon Boulevard.

Foursquare Bible Class Under Way

Vacation Bible school has opened at the Harbor City Foursquare Church and will continue until Aug. 18 for children between ages four and 18.

"Walking with Jesus" is the theme of this summer's course of study. Handcraft will be taught during the two-week program.

Dorothy Digs

We are now into that time of the year when red spider and other mites can do a great amount of damage to our plants.

It seems that the tomato plant is extremely susceptible to these pests and the evidence will be quite obvious. The leaves will start curling up, which is an indication that the plants are being attacked by the tomato mite.

To prevent or check such damage, spray the plants with a product containing keithane, especially formulated for this purpose. This product can be used safely on tomatoes up to two days before harvesting.

This same product is also widely used on many tender plants such as begonias, coleus, ferns, and African violets.

One method of checking to see whether or not you have this problem is to remove one of the leaves and shake it over a piece of white paper. You will see the tiny specks moving over the paper if you have mite trouble.