

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

If our dogs could master the human language to the degree they have developed the art of love, devotion and faithfulness to the family circle, this I am sure would be their nightly prayer:

"Oh Lord of humans, make my master as faithful to his fellow men as I am to him. Grant that he may be as devoted to his friends and family as I am to him. May he be open faced and unbecomingly as I am. May he be as true to trust reposed in him as I am to his. Give him a face cheerful like unto my pendulous tail. Give him a spirit of gratitude like unto my licking tongue. Fill him with patience like unto mine that anticipates his footsteps uncomplainingly for hours. Fill him with my watchfulness, my courage and my readiness to sacrifice comfort

or life itself. Keep him always young in heart and filled with the spirit of play, even as I. Make him as good a man as I am a dog. Make him worthy of me, his dog!"

MANY ridiculous aspersions are so often cast upon the dog by unthinking people. Our dogs would have such a hearty laugh if they could hear and understand them. Such remarks as "I am hot as a dog," "as cold as a dog," "I sweat like a dog" (indeed a dog never sweats); "as drunk as a dog," "he swore like a dog." Ummmm! Just before press time I overheard one man tell another not to believe so and so "because he lies like a dog." How about that? I might add in passing that all of these shortcomings belong to the human and not the canine race.

I would like to caution my treasured readers to be alert as to your beloved dogs whereabouts at all times. Never allow Bowser to roam the neighborhood unescorted. Remember this! Your dog can only be mortally injured or killed ONCE.

### BOWSER BROWSINGS:

The Puerto Rico Kennel Club will hold their 11th all breed dog show Sept. 17 at the plush Dorado Beach Hotel in Dorado, P. R. Additional information can be secured by writing the club's secretary, Mrs. Anton Lukes, at P. O. Box 4878, San Juan, Puerto Rico. . . . Oliver Goldsmith, the English poet once wrote concerning the dog—"A dog is an honest creature, the only animal that, leaving his fellows, attempts to cultivate the friendship of man, exerts for man all the service in his power, for man the dog bears famine and fatigue with patience, resignation, and a fidelity that no injuries or distress can induce him to forsake. . . ."

ers of Southern Dog Lovers Digest, celebrating their third anniversary fourth estating. A request to Southern Dog Lovers Digest, P. O. Box 9270, Shreveport, La. will bring a sample copy. . . . It is most interesting to note that the Aborigines of Australia rate their women after their hunting dogs in the social order of things. The men rate first, children next, the hunting dogs third and the fair sex nosing into the fourth spot. . . . The bleaching action of the direct rays of the sun can cause your dog's hair to fade. Minimize exercising your dog on hot days. Walks should be short and not too brisk. Discourage romping or other strenuous exertion except during the early cool hours of the morning. The late famed actor, George Arliss once said of dreaded vivisection: "The cure of human ailments is being retarded, and the human body is being vitiated by the poison arising from animal experiments. If you doubt this, I would ask you to think, does it seem possible that God ever intended that animals be tortured, in order that we might

be cured of disease. If I believed that, I could have no religion at all. I certainly could not worship such a God. . . ."

Webster's dictionary gives this definition of the dog—"A carnivorous mammal commonly domesticated and remarkable for its intelligence and devotional attachment to man. . . ." National Dog Week celebrates this year, Sept. 24-30.

**BREED OF THE WEEK:** Every researcher of dogs seems to have a different theory about the origin of the Mastiff. The most prevalent one is that he descended from enormous sized dogs of Asiatic derivation, the modern counterpart of the Tibetan Mastiff. Be this true or not, the Mastiff of today is the result of more than 2000 years of selective British breeding. The name "Old English Mastiff," often used for the breed, is most appropriate.

When Julius Caesar invaded Britain in 55 B. C. he found Mastiffs there. The Romans marvelled at the huge dogs and sent numbers of

them back to their capital to be used in the bloody combats of the Roman Circus. Men were pitted against the animals and the animals were set upon one or another.

Someone about the year 1600 described the Mastiffs of those times as so powerful that three of them could down a bear and four of them could easily handle a lion.

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The Mastiff is definitely a rarity today, but there are sufficient members to insure the continuance of an ancient and fine breed.

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