

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

A certain amount of exercise is often prescribed by physicians for recovered heart attack victims and one of the best forms of exercise is walking. But enforced walking can prove to be of a monotonous nature, particularly if the length of the walk is limited, for this tends to restrict one to much the same route daily. But, add a dog and the whole complexion of the walk changes.

A dog gives a walk a purpose, for he has to be regularly aired. And since there are always new scents for him to sniff out around the old familiar landmarks, just observing his unflagging interest will help keep one's own interest aroused.

Additionally, a dog can provide a good deal of mental therapy. By virtue of needing a certain amount of care and attention, he distracts the heart patient's preoccupation from his own disability. Also, the dog provides companionship, which is often so sorely needed at such a time.

A CERTAIN amount of thought should go into selecting a dog for a heart patient, however. One of the medium to small is generally preferable. A small fellow will not exert much pull against the leash, should he suddenly spot a cat or something equally as chase-enticing. A larger dog is acceptable, too, if he has been obedience trained to heel on the leash upon command.

Dog owners can cooperate with their veterinarians by seeking prompt care for their pets when they are ill and by making certain that an emergency really exists before making an "emergency" treatment.

Many times, out of hours calls are not emergencies at all. Often the pet has been sick for several days and should have been attended to long before. Never gamble with your dog's precious life.

BROWSER BROWNSINGS — In stopping a dog fight, a large pail of cold water thrown over the dogs' heads will almost always prove effective. Dogs are among the most sensitive of animals, their feelings being easily hurt and their spirits easily raised or depressed. Loud words and harsh language startle and depress them, their sense of hearing is usually more sensitive than ours. A new scientific book, "The Senses of Animals and Men," tells how certain senses in

dogs are far more highly developed than in man and considers how we may learn from them. . . Senator Bobby Kennedy took his Cocker Spaniel into the Capitol recently and a guard standing nearby was heard to comment — "As far as I am concerned, that's a seeing-eye dog." The only kind allowed in the building. . . Even Las Vegas has gone to the dogs and happily so might add. First, Slotmachineville launched the all breed Silver State Kennel Club and then the Vegas Valley Obedience Club and now Wanda Hamp tells me the Desert Sands Poodle Club has roared into action with 14 charter members. . .

IN HOLLAND, tables of varying heights are set with tidbits for dogs on Animal Day. . . It is most interesting to know that Greyhound race track operations bring Florida over 16 million dollars in revenue. . . In 1967 a stamp was issued by Albania spotlighting the Borzoi breed of dog. . .

King Charles of England advertised for his lost dog back in 1660. The classified ad read: "We must call upon you again for a Black Dog. It is His Majesty's own dog, and doubtless was stolen, for the dog was not born nor bred in England, and would never forsake His Master. Whoever finds him may acquaint anyone at Whitehall for the dog was better known at Court, than those who stole him. Will they never stop robbing His Majesty? Must he not keep a dog?" Alice Wagner, my former editor at Popular Dogs Magazine and one of my favorite people, is currently engaged in a meritorious national drumbeating campaign against animal cruelties. God love her!

BREED OF THE WEEK— Norwegian Elkhound. . . It is generally conceded by dog experts that the Norwegian Elkhound is the oldest of domesticated European breeds, and in the opinion of many, one of the most ancient of all breeds on earth today.

The Elkhound belongs to the Spitz group of dogs, encompassing the Chow Chow, Pomeranian and Samoyed. These dogs are easily identifiable by their small pricked ears, pointed noses, heavy stand-off coats and curly bushy tails.

The Elkhound has been greatly endowed by mother nature, both physically and mentally, for his mission in life. His many attributes can be listed as courage, intelligence and independence. He is a hardy dog. As a matter of fact, the Norwegian Elkhound has to possess unusual hardiness in order to survive the strenuous demands of the life he has led in his homeland.

AMONG HIS multi-fold roles have been those of guard and herd dog and a hunter of large and small game. His scenting powers are fantastic. His disposition par-

allels the breed's other fine qualities. The Elkhound is most friendly and sweet tempered, and makes an ideal companion and house pet.

Just imagine from the hunting pal of the Vikings, the Elkie has adapted himself to big city modern day living.

The Norwegian Elkhound tips the scales at about 50 pounds and in height 20 inches.

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Jewelry Taken

Jewelry, clothing, and household appliances valued at nearly \$1,300 were stolen Saturday from the home of Rodney C. Julien, 17124-B Yukon Ave. Police said the burglar or burglars apparently forced a sliding glass door to gain entry.

Drill Team Competition Scheduled

Six members of the Bishop Montgomery High School drill team have been selected to represent the school in the Miss Drill Team, U.S.A., competition Feb. 22 in Santa Monica.

They are Diane King, colonel of the BMHS drill team; Jan Crawford, Terri Dineen, and Cheryl Price, baton twirling team; and Mary Mingini and Terri Bix of the flag twirling team.

Preliminary competition is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Santa Monica High School. Finals will begin at 8 p.m. at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

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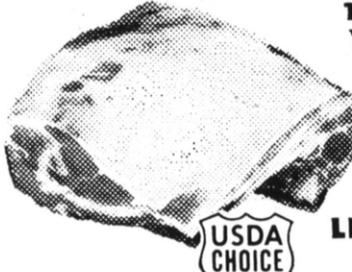
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