

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

I absorbed with great pleasure a fine tribute to the noble dog, dated 1200 A.D., and it appears in a book entitled "Medieval Love" by Robert Steele.

Nothing is more busy and more humorous than a hound, for he has more humor than other beasts. And hounds know their own names, and love their masters, and defend the houses of their masters, and put themselves purposely in jeopardy of death for their masters, and they forsake not the dead bodies of their masters. Hounds have fought for their masters and lords against thieves, and many times were badly injured, and further that they kept beasts and fowls from their master's dead bodies. And that a hound once compelled the slayer of his master with barking and biting to acknowledge his guilt.

Such a beautiful and factual tribute to the beloved dog and this was written over 900 years ago. How about that?

THE CITY dog's life isn't all a bed of roses. Just as his country cousin has problems effecting his status in life, so has the city dog.

Being so close to the ground, he gets a nose and an eyeful of soot everytime the wind blows. Also, because of his proximity to the sidewalk, he gets a full blast of auto exhaust fumes. Post mortem studies on city dogs show that a large number of older ones have lung lesions due to the smoke and the dust, and I might add, in Los Angeles, smog in the air.

Broken glass is another hazard. If your pet inadvertently steps into the midst of a broken bottle, don't yank him off. Should he brace himself against the yank, a piece of glass may grind directly into his pad, causing a serious cut. Better, just call the dog to your side! he's less apt to be injured.

Contrary to popular belief, city dogs do get hit by cars. It happens most frequently during the late night walk. The owner, feeling that the traffic is light and that beloved Bowser never disobeys, unleashes him for a run. Unfortunately, many dogs are prone to throw all training and caution to the four winds if they spot a cat, another dog or some other tempting quarry.

BOWSER BROWSINGS—It is with deep seated sadness that, belatedly, I must report the untimely death of Vera E. Hoehn, co-owner of the Cairn Den Kennels in Burbank. A breeder and exhibitor of Cairn Terriers, perhaps Vera's most lamentable legacy could lie in her unfathomable love for the dog. Vera Hoehn will be greatly missed wherever the barks of dogs are heard—but she will never be forgotten. This reporter joins Grace Siegler and countless dog lovers everywhere in heartfelt sympathy.

As today's column rolls off the presses, this reporter enters his fifth year bylining and broadcasting happenings in the world of dogs via Kanine Korner. It's been the happiest four years of my life, speaking in behalf of all dogs and their devoted masters.

TWO GIRLS, students at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., recently wrote the United States Steamship Lines applying for space in the kennels of the superliner United States so that they could make the passage for the kennel fee of \$50. One of the girls offered to wear a St. Bernard suit, the other would go as a Collie. The answer—a polite but firm "no." Bill Koehler's current best selling book—"The Koehler Method of Guard Dog Training" published by Howell Book House, captured the Best Book on Dogs Award for 1967 presented by Dog Writers' Association of America. Dogs can get measles and even mumps from children. Both of the afflictions can kill dogs. I might mention, too, never take your beloved dog needlessly into kennels as there is a chance of Bowser picking up a disease.

BREED OF THE WEEK—A typical Italian Greyhound is so gracefully balanced and dainty that he seems more like a fragile piece of fine porcelain than a loving little dog.

The breed is a perfectly scaled-down replica of the Whippet and the Greyhound and has the same sweeping lines and satin-coated symmetry of the two larger breeds.

The Italian Greyhound has a high-stepping gait similar to a good hackney pony. His disposition is calm, affectionate and sensible, and the breed is seldom guilty of excessive barking.

THEIR dainty appearance is rather deceptive for they are active, hardy little dogs and need only to be protected on extremely cold days when they are subject to chills.

The Italian Greyhound has enjoyed the favor of famous historical personages. Frederick the Great of Prussia owned many of the breed and usually had one particular pet who traveled with him and slept on his bed.

The IG tips the scales at about 9 pounds and stands 10 inches in height.

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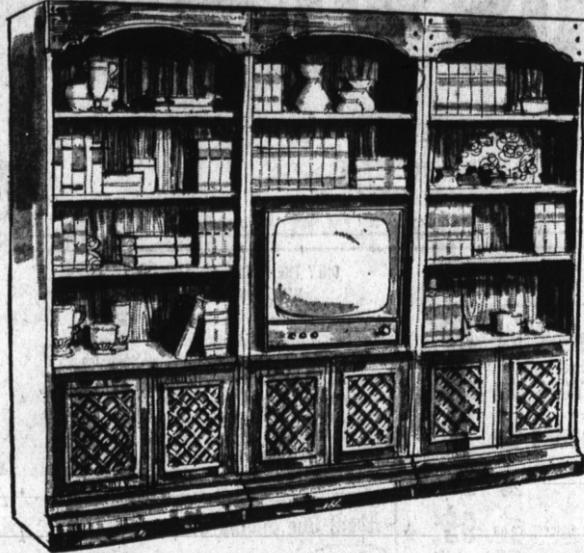
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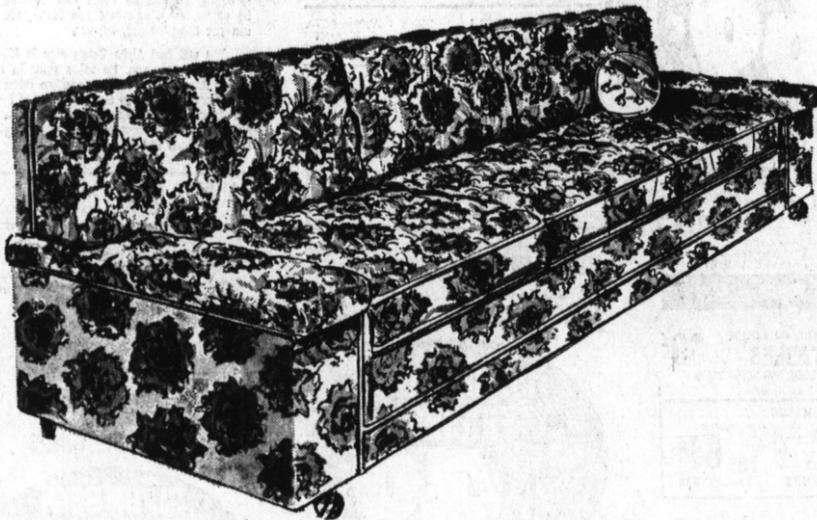


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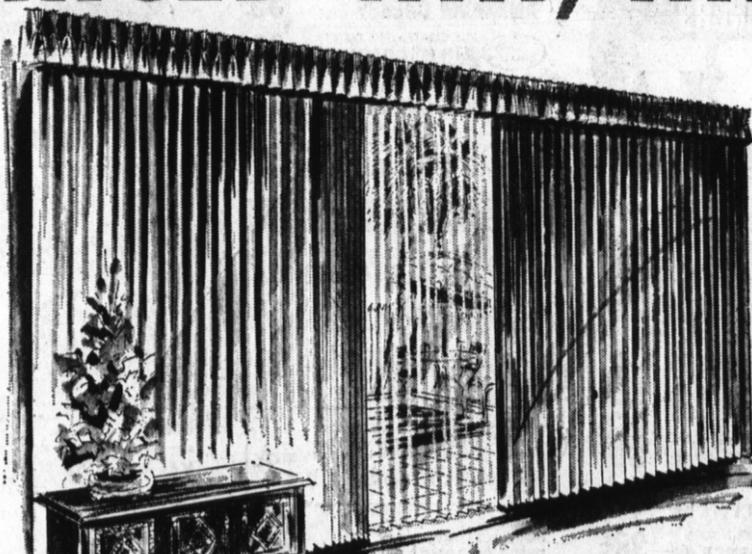


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