

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

If a puppy is on your holiday season gift list, some of these suggestions may be of value to you in introducing the pup into his new home.

Before you start puppy shopping, however, be sure the recipient knows about his gift and really wants a dog. When the pup is for a child, check with his parents — they'll probably be the ones who'll take care of the pet. Don't offer a pet puppy, or any animal, as a surprise, for not everyone welcomes a gift which will need about 12 years of care.

Children from 8 years on, and puppies from 8 to 12 weeks, are good combinations. The child is old enough to accept some of the responsibility for a pet; the pup

Temperament is formed partly by heredity but largely by upbringing. Ask to see the mother of the puppy in which you are interested and the father, too, if the breeder owns them both. If the parents are good natured and the pup friendly, the rest is up to you. Follow through with lots and lots of love and gentle, but firm, discipline and your dog will have a fine disposition.

**VERY YOUNG** children need supervision with pets. They aren't old enough to comprehend the difference between a live animal and a toy and may easily do injury by over-rough play, squeezing or dropping the pup.

Choice of breed depends on personal preference, with consideration given the new owner's living space plus the time and energy he can expend on a pet. A big, longcoated dog won't be as suitable for a busy apartment dweller, for instance, as a small, shorthaired dog who'll be content in less space and need comparatively less exercise and grooming.

**KNOWING** about the parents is especially important when selecting a pup from a neighborhood crossbreed litter. You'll then have some assurance the fluffy little fellow won't grow into a shaggy 75-pounder.

Healthy puppies have clear, bright eyes, supple skins and glossy coats. They're clean (so is the kennel) and free of skin parasites. Their gums and the skin on the inner ears is pink, their leg bones are straight and sturdy.

Don't select a sickly or shy puppy no matter how sorry you feel for him. Instead of pleasure, such a dog is more likely to

bring his owners problems with illness or poor temperament.

**RESIST** the temptation to introduce the pup to the household in the midst of holiday celebration. He'll have all he can do getting acquainted with strange people and surroundings without added excitement and confusion.

Provide a dog bed in a quiet, draft-free corner where the growing puppy can sleep and be undisturbed.

Confining the puppy except when someone can keep an eye on him will help his house-training. He won't get into the habit of relieving himself on the rugs and will learn control more quickly.

**SINCE** dogs are reluctant to soil their sleeping quarters, as he grows the pup will wait until taken outside or put in papers. He should be taken out after meals, play, immediately upon awakening and suitable times in between.

Nourishing food, attention to his needs, and lots of affection are your holiday gift puppy's

best start to a long, happy life with his new family. And that's for dog-gone sure!

**BARKS AND YAPS** — The Irish Wolfhound is the largest of all breeds of dog. It's a toss up between the Chihuahua and the Maltese for the smallest breed. . . . The couplet — "I am high highest" dog at Kew. Pray tell me sir, whose dog are you?" This was inscribed on the collar of a dog given by Alexander Pope to Prince Frederick.

Recommended for Dachshund fanciers especially — the American Dachshund Magazine — all about the loveable Dachshund and published monthly by Stanley Orne. The American Dachshund, 1016 Cypress, San Diego, Calif.

**BREED OF THE WEEK** — That the Pointer is of European origin has been definitely established, but the exact country of extraction is questionable. Italy, Belgium, Spain and France have all been named as the likely birthplace of this notable breed. But it fell to the lot and skill of

the British breeders to develop the Pointer, making him a bird-dog of renown. There are numerous engravings and paintings, as well as literary references, proving that the Pointer, first of all dogs to point game (thus his name), was established as a distinct breed, at the very least, 300 years ago.

The Pointer is minutely adapted to this age of specialization. A good Pointer has the clean-lined, muscular proportioned balanced conformation that calls to mind the symmetry and stamina of fine thoroughbred race horses. The Pointer is noted for his fearless courage and independence.

**ONE OF** America's most popular sporting breeds, about 10,000 Pointers annually are registered with the American Kennel Club.

I doubt seriously if more than six or seven breeds outrank the Pointer numerically in this country today and it would take a super dog to oust the Pointer from his number one spot in the hearts of American sportsmen.

## General Telephone Asks Reduction in Area Rates

General Telephone Co. has reduced basic telephone rates for all business and residential services throughout the Los Angeles area, according to an announcement made today by Harold Nelms, local division manager.

The \$7.5 million dollar rate reduction will make General Telephone Co. rates comparable to Pacific Telephone Co. services in the Los Angeles area.

The reduction in rates was made possible by a recent agreement with Pacific Telephone Co. to provide a larger settlement to General Telephone

for jointly provided extended area calling.

General Telephone Co.'s new rates will mean a reduction of as much as 45 cents to some customers' basic residence telephone costs. Charges for colored instruments at the time of installation will be reduced from \$10 to \$5.

Locally, basic telephone rates have been reduced to the following: For private line residential service the new rate will be \$4.65; for two party residential lines, the charge will be \$3.75; and for four party lines,

**SAFE CIRCUITS**

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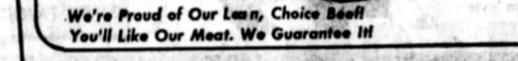


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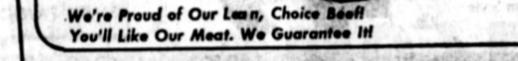


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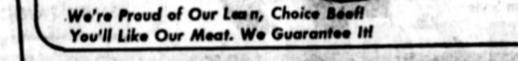


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