

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

More and more people are joining the ranks of dog owners. Every minute of every day another human takes on the responsibilities of dog ownership. But, if it's just a passing fancy, or to keep in style, or perhaps a status symbol, my advice is to forget it, and turn to some other field of endeavor.

No one should own a dog unless he truly loves dogs. Have mercy and compassion for your dog. You cannot own a living creature. God owns him! God made him! Kindness to animals inevitably leads to kindness to human beings. Cruelty inflicted upon dogs and all animals causes agonizing pain and brutalizes the perpetrator.

**WE ARE** not final perfection of creation, nor exempt from the judgment which will overcome all who transgress against the law of love. We may count our intellect as superior to those of our four-footed brethren but in the light of countless thousands of intelligences that move on a thousand planets, it is feeble and limited, indeed.

Dogs have insight, senses and knowledge which we lack. We can never achieve salvation except through that love which made him! Kindness to animals inevitably leads to kindness to human beings. Cruelty inflicted upon dogs and all animals causes agonizing pain and brutalizes the perpetrator.

**WOULDN'T** it be a blessing if all of us could retain the outlook of children. A dog is like

a child who never grows up. A yard Kipling once said — "His name is not dog of the field any longer, but the first friend of man because the dog will be our friend forever and ever and ever. . . ." Should your dog accidentally get into a poison ivy patch, give him a thorough bath with hot water and strong soap. Be sure to wear gloves to protect yourself. Be ever so careful in bathing the eyes.

Jim Nabors (Gomer Pyle) is an avid German Shepherd fancier, Senator George Murphy favors the Irish Setter and baseball great Joe DiMaggio goes for the Collie. . . Golden Gate Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers will be holding their 10th annual all-Pembroke Welsh Corgi Specialty Show May 24 at the Car-

mel Valley Inn, Carmel Valley, Calif. Arthur Bride of Lancashire, England, will handle the judging chores. Entries close May 9. For further information, drop a line to Carol Elliot, 1524 Valdez Way, Pacifica, Calif. 94044.

**BREED OF THE WEEK** — Beagle—Since 1885, the Beagle has been in the front of America's popular breeds of dog. There are several reasons for the Beagle's unquestioned popularity. He is a fine natural hunter, and a specialist on rabbits, but unlike most specialists, is versatile and can be used on pheasant, grouse and squirrels alike.

Even if he had no usefulness as a gun dog, the Beagle's lovable disposition would garner him countless supporters for he is a cheerful, affectionate and gentle animal. In addition to these assets, the Beagle is a good looking little fellow, with dark, sweetly expressive eyes, attractive coloration and a merry, pendulous tail.

**MANY** authorities believe the Beagle to be one of the oldest of the hound breeds and there is evidence to prove that he was known in the British Isles at the

time of the Roman invasion.

In the days of King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth, the small game of Merrie England were fleeing before the musical voice of the pursuing Beagle, just as they do today all over the earth.

The Beagle tips the scales at about 26 pounds and in height 13 to 15 inches.

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