

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

The inability of the dog to understand our language brings a touch of deep pity and compassion to all who love and cherish the noble dog.

Often we have put on our hat and coat, you know the scene, every dog owner does. The dog starts to leap in frantic joy. Of course, the dog expects to go out with his master or mistress. As a matter of fact there is no doubt about it in their little minds.

Now, there was no spoken language, gesture or action, by which we could tell them that we would be gone for only 30 or 40 minutes, that they need not worry and that this would only be a short journey. It is impossible to convey this idea to the dog's mind because of the lack of a spoken language which the dog can understand as the expression of an idea.

HOWEVER, the dog can talk and at both ends — his mouth and his tail — but spoken words fall him. The dog cannot use an alphabet or read a dictionary.

I think it is unfair to refer to animals as the lower of dumb creation. Judged as animals, perhaps they live up to their standards of perfection far better than we live up to our human set of standards.

Dogs don't carry gossip or bear false witness, they don't hold up banks, they don't sneak through traffic signals, they don't get drunk, they don't amass great sums of money for their own selfish uses; and when they have eaten enough, they stop eating and rest their bodies. I could give many more examples all of us humans might follow.

Yes, indeed, the dog is the only animal that talks at both ends. He uses his voice and his tail. There is nothing on this earth more expressive than a dog's tail, except, perhaps, a pretty girl's smile.

## Children's Clinic Sets Free Hours

The Children's Speech and Hearing Center, 13666 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, will hold a free clinic from 10 a.m. until noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m. April 12.

Dr. Russell Haney, USC, and Norm Brenner, therapist, will give speech diagnosis and screenings for hearing. The clinic is open to everyone.

The center, which recently opened in Hawthorne, is a non-profit, non-sectarian agency which provides evaluation and training for children adolescents and adults who have speech and language disorders.

**BOWSER BROWINGS** — John Metcalfe on Newburn-on-Tyne, England, took out a library book entitled "Expert Obedience Training for Dogs" so he could train his 4-month-old German Shepherd, Guinness. The dog ate it . . .

From Hopewell, Va., comes a report that Missy, a 3-year-old Collie, whelped a litter of 17 puppies shortly before my column hit the presses. This is the largest litter on record for the breed, according to the American Kennel Club. Missy is a watch dog for a moving and storage company . . .

**ANOTHER** cute canine story crossing my desk from Macon, Ga., info a Macon business man told police that someone had stolen a bank bag containing \$3,500 from his home. Four hours later the thief was nabbed. It was the man's dog. Police said the playful doggie was dragging the money bag with the cash around the back yard. How about that?

Lora Laboratories of Chicago chalked up another first in the pet field by adding still another product to their Dogette family of unique pet aids — Touch Up for Dogs. Used like lipstick this beauty aid covers up under eye stain and other blemishes in a matter of seconds. Touch up comes in three shades for white, grey, or brown dogs and is available at all Southern California pet shops.

**BREED OF THE WEEK** — Weimaraner . . . Not far from Apolda, a town in Central Germany, the birthplace of the Doberman Pinscher, is the small city of Weimar, sometimes called the German Athens, because of its far-flung fame as a cultural center. During the mid-18th century the nobles attached to the Court of Grand Duke Charles Augustus succeeded in producing a new breed, a hunting dog of unusual intelligence and ability. They named this dog the Weimaraner.

Usually a blend of several breeds is mandatory to bring into being an entirely new type of dog and this was the case with the Weimaraner.

Most dog authorities agree that the breeds having the most influence included a German-type Bloodhound and the Blue-gray Great Dane. The Gray Ghost, as the weimaraner is sometimes nicknamed, was carefully protected in his native land by the Weimaraner Club of Germany, an organization that painstakingly made every effort to protect the bloodlines and to prevent the exploitation by those whose interests were only commercial.

Weimaraners were unknown in America until 1929. In 1944 the AKC granted recognition. Breed tips the scales at about 75 lbs. and in height 25 inches.



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