

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

At the least sign of distress in a puppy or adult dog, someone is sure to advise, "He needs worming." But don't make the mistake of heeding such offhand "diagnosis" or attempt a hit-or-miss guess that worms are actually the cause of the problem. Probably more harm than good has been done by treating a puppy for worms when he was actually suffering from some other serious ailment.

Dogs and puppies get worms through no fault of their own, or yours. They can get the larvae from the ground, from other dogs or animals, or via fleas. In addition, puppies may be infected prenatally.

According to dog experts, a runny nose, weeping eyes, general listlessness and refusal of food are not necessarily signs that a dog has these intestinal parasites. Worms may be the least of his troubles. In order to kill and expel worms, worm medications must be strong agents and they should be given only if needed and I might add, with extreme care.

IT'S VERY easy to be on the safe side when it comes to worming and just as easy to determine what the real cause of the trouble is. All that is needed is a sample of the dog's stool to be taken to the vet. By putting a specimen under a micro-

scope, he can tell if your dog has worms and also the type. Then he can prescribe the right medicine and the correct dosage. A veterinarian checkup at regular intervals is good health insurance for puppies and dogs in other ways, as well.

If it is necessary to use patent worm medicines, be sure to read and follow the directions carefully. They can be extremely toxic if used in too heavy dosage or without proper preparation and follow-up care as directed. Just remember that worms are not always the trouble when a dog is ill. The best advice I can offer my readers is to consult your veterinarian and be certain. Never gamble with your precious dog's life. He would not gamble with yours. And that's for dog-gone sure!

BARKS AND YAPS: The curly-coated Retriever is the oldest of the retriever breed of dogs. . . In Jersey City, N. J., there's a 10-year-old Cocker Spaniel named Peter, who is fitted with a hearing aid. . . The last sporting event held in the "old" Madison Square Garden, NYC, was the 1968 Westminster dog show.

In 1190, the Louvre in Paris was the site of King Philip's kennels. . . The coat of the Kerry Blue Terrier is black at birth, gradually turns to a light shade, then to its rich dark adult blue. . . Numerous complaints have crossed my desk of late regarding inferior, careless and downright cruel treatment accorded dogs by airline freight divisions (one I shall name if necessary). Elinore Young brought this situation vividly to my attention and I intend to dig deep into this unsavory matter and expose accordingly. And I can pack a stinging wallop when it comes to the mistreatment of the wonderful dog.

HERE'S a classic exam-

ple of rough handling by airline freight employees in shipping a Bedlington Terrier from Los Angeles to Portland. The crate arrived (for loading) on top of a run-about truck. The employee jumped from the truck, picked up the dog's crate and dropped it to the pavement, a good six inches, then proceeded to toss two big boxes up against the fallen crate. The dog was then left alone with jets screaming for 14 minutes and 45 seconds until another employee came along and literally tossed the crate (now a torture chamber) into the tail section of the plane. In true selfish style, the employees had their ears covered.

Keep this in mind in shipping dogs to distant points of destination via any airline. Do not happily leave the freight office and head for home; instead, proceed to the loading gate and watch until the pet is safely loaded. Alert the consignee to do the same. If the loading procedure is unsatisfactory, by all means contact the president of the airline, never an employee at the airport. Local libraries carry an index of airline presidents and their addresses. We must always protect our beloved dogs. They cannot speak for themselves.

BREED OF THE WEEK: Canaan Dog of Israel—Few dog lovers realize that the State of Israel has a native breed of dog. Well, they have in the Canaan Dog. And that's for dog-gone sure!

The Canaan is a most interesting and unusual breed with regard to his history. The breed's origin lies in a country no bigger than the size of Vermont, which has been the cradle of three religions: Judaism, Moslem, and Christianity. This is the dog of pre-biblical times, a dog which followed the trail of God's great disciple, Moses, and the path of Chris-

tianity's founder, Jesus of Nazareth. The Canaan Dog dates back 3000 years. After the dispersion of Israel over 2000 years ago, some of the breed retreated into the Negev Desert, at that time a natural reservoir for Israeli wildlife. The Canaan Dogs remained as a wild or partly wild animal until 1935 in remote parts of the whole of Palestine.

THE CANAAN'S redomestication program started in 1934 under the guidance and direction of Prof. Dr. Rudolphina Menzel, Ph. D. The first two Canaan dogs arrived in the United States on Sept. 7, 1965, and since that time the Canaan Club of America was founded for the purpose of promoting this "living fossil" in this country. The breed is, of course, recognized by the Israel Kennel Club (IKC) and the Mexican Kennel Club (ACM) but, as yet, cannot be registered with the American Kennel Club or

be shown at AKC sponsored dog shows.

THE OFFICIAL standard issued by the Israel Kennel Club aims at retaining the wild dog characteristics in the breed, not only in looks, but with regard to their frugality in feeding and care and their resistance to indigenous diseases.

In Israel the Canaan dogs have performed meritorious chores as guide dogs for the blind as well as many other valuable jobs in behalf of their human masters.

For further information on this rare but most desirable breed of dog, write to Mrs. Ursula Berkowitz, Canaan Club of America, 8 Carriage Square, Oxnard, Calif. 93030.

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