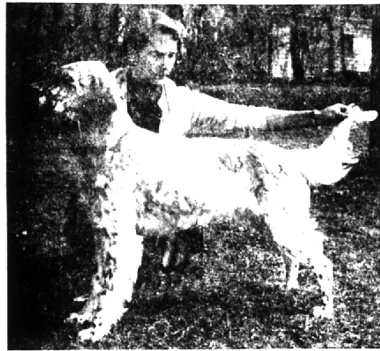


Suburbia Has the Dog-Gonedest Look



RECOMMENDED FOR FAMILIES with children is an English setter like Becky of Bloomfield, shown here with owner Mrs. Bruce Campbell, 1920 Hillwood, Bloomfield Hills. Becky has two kennel shows to her credit as a bench dog. Most setters are field trained as hunting companions.

A Dog's Life Not Bad at All

By NITA HARD
Staff Correspondent

A dog's best friend is Man... and it's high time somebody said so.

Man has written volumes to exalt his canine companion for the noble virtues of loyalty, devotion and understanding, and his human heart has succumbed to every tail wag at a cost to stagger the imagination.

So we're putting our paw in our mouth to articulate for our "dumb" friends, whose attachment to us since the dawn of reason is proof that feeling is mutual.

Frankly, dogs never had it so good. As early carnivores, it was a dog eat dog proposition, and small wonder that a cold, wet nose nuzzled the caveman who tossed a cooked chop over his shoulder and offered to share his fire.

SOMEWHERE ALONG the line the shaggy canis easily calculated this could be a real chummy arrangement, and today it's a safe bet that 60 percent of the human families in the world have or have had a dog to look after and care for, asking no greater reward than a moist look of affection from Rover.

Of course Rover's life is not all wet just one case of Kibble. He is faced with some social complications today as the result of man's competitive nature.

What started out to be an accidental variance of the species caught man's fancy and now there is a kind of caste system in canine circles.

THE AGE of specialization is here, and pedigreed dogs, the aristocrats of their kingdom, are facing increasing restrictions to conform within the requirements of 112 recognized breeds. This is intensified annually at kennel shows all over the world. Classified in six groups, there is careful and vigilant propagation guided by enthusiastic dog owners.

In the sporting class, dogs are bred to help hunters locate game and their ability in the field is closely watched. This group includes pointers, retrievers, setters, spaniels and weimaraners.

Blood dogs, from the elegant Afghan to the jack-bellied dachshund, are bred for their ability to follow the scent of a trail left by a person or animal.

WORKING DOGS, which include the boxers, collies, great danes, German shepherds, Newfoundlanders, St. Bernards, Siberian huskies and others which have not had an opportunity to live up to this classification due to the complex structure of modern civilization.

tion, still serve to guard homes and aid the sightless.

The terrier breeds, about 20 in all, have proved their intelligence by spectacular showings in obedience trials.

Toy breeds were developed to conform with Man's sometimes limited living quarters, and are credited with having every favorable trait of their larger cousins. Of the 16 kinds, the pomeranian, poodle and toy poodle are probably the best known.

AND LAST of all is the non-sporting group, which is something of a misnomer. It includes miniature and standard poodles, dalmatians, bulldogs, Boston terriers, shippers, keeshonden and chow-chows.

At kennel shows, not only is their performance on the bench and in the field carefully checked, but their bone structure, condition of coat and disposition are calibrated by trained and critical judges.

A dog's life you say? It's not bad at all. Such rigid selectivity has resulted in a bonanza for Bred. He gets printed and numbered like a prima donna, and there isn't another quadruped in the mammalian world who gets as much attention lavished on him.

YOU HAVE ONLY to look at him trotting at the end of a leash to know that he chose domesticity. Fringe for food, struggle for survival—that's for the bird.

Dogs will take life with Man, spend his days in careful feline, his protector and provider, and it's a clear case that he is the cleverer one. All that is left of his primitive instincts is the brute cunning to delude his sentimental human buddy into picking up the tab.

To show you that dogs do live in the lap of luxury, we've picked a few good representatives of the current variety group living in the suburban area to prove what a healthy, happy state of affairs the dog-gone world is in.



A LUXURIOUS COAT conceals a body of spring steel for the Afghan hound, whose origin can be traced back 6,000 years to Persia and Afghanistan. This breed can hunt in the toughest terrain, is a formidable guard dog and tireless shepherd. Here is champion Majara Marya, a 1-year-old who finished her championship in four shows when she was just 11 months old. A true blond, Marya is prized beyond price by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Paige, 26229 N. Mandy, Franklin. Paige took this portrait of the Afghan.



WIRE-HAIRED TERRIER owner Mrs. E. A. Kraft, 5470 Tenthredon, Bloomfield township, shows off Hank, registered as W. ney's Satellite, as an example of the crisp British influence in the canine kingdom. Hank has won some points towards a championship in his class, although he's only 9 months old.

Eccentric Photos
by
Les D. Line



FRISKY AND ALERT, the Keeshond is one of the non-sporting group and originated in the Arctic regions, later to be used by the Dutch as a barge dog for guarding cargo. Bristling with vitality, Champion Jason of VanBie is held by his owner, Mrs. Eldon Apsey, 29910 Franklin, Southfield township. The dog has brought home 30 best of breed trophies.

A POODLE FANCIER, Mrs. John E. Hall, 541 Willis, Birmingham, 7-week-old, primped old Hornpipe's Sugarplum, while her grandmother, champion Torchlight Java, passes approval. Both dogs represent the standard poodle, which has a controversial origin and has changed its function from a hard-working hunting dog to a life of leisure. Extremely intelligent, the poodle was very popular as a circus performer before it became a key-note of fashion.

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Giving was to the emotion that starts tears to fall is considered by many to be a natural thing to do, when conditions warrant. To be sure, moments of sadness, of discomfiture, of bereavement all tend to bring tears to some. There are others whose tears are caused by joy, by moments of joy and happiness. To give was to tears after is expressed by the bravest of mankind.

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is a time when, as Stephen Leacock says, "you mount your horse and ride off in all directions."

This, of course, does not accomplish anything in the gardening business. So our purpose TONIGHT is to suggest a GROOVE for your activities so you can get the best results for the least dough and energy.

1. FERTILIZE the lawn (if you want grass there). A 10-6-6 material spread at 2 lbs. to 100 sq. ft. appears to give the best results.
2. RAKE off the surface debris from the lawn. Do it lightly with a steel or bamboo BROOM RAKE—NOT a garden rake.
3. Press down the grass plants with a LAWN ROLLER if the soil is not wet.
4. Newcomers should know that words in CAPITALS mean they are important, or we carry them or both.
5. If you cultivate this month don't be sloppy and cut off the tips of the lilies.
6. Dust BORDEAUX around the peonies when they start to grow. Use SULPHUR or LIME-SULPHUR on the rose beds for control of mildew.
7. We loved the FLOWER SHOW because our POOLS and LEAD STATUES were placed where people couldn't miss them.
8. FABRY-LEAVED CALADIUM tubers have just come in. Also a new and the last batch of BEGONIAS are here.
9. Divide delphinium plants now.
10. Our small square table has been transformed into a slick JAPANESE motif. The stuff should go like hot-cakes.
11. MONDAY—APRIL 7th—8:00 P.M. DERBY JR. HIGH SCHOOL THIS IS THE NIGHT OF THE LAWN CLINIC AT WHICH OUR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS WILL BE PRESENT DON'T MISS IT!
12. It wouldn't hurt to spray or sprinkle CHLORDANE on the ground around the rose bushes—to help control ROSE CHAFERS.
13. See NO. 16 again... Really LOOK at it!
14. Think about the PRE-EMERGENCE CONTROL of CRAIGRASS. More about this soon.

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