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SIVER STATE KC 4-4-76 H. Martin

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BOB: Ch. Peregrin Liam O'Keane-Cromer
Group II

BOS, WB: Honey Voo Cairdeas Dalriada-
Hensley

BOW, WD: Honey Voo Irish Whiskey-Cahlan

RWD: Honey Voo Magic-Grigg

RWB: Oakenshield Lady Dunadan-Hatcher

SACRAMENTO KC 4-11-76 Wm. Houpt

BOB: Ch. Peregrin Liam O'Keane-Cromer
Group I

BOS: Ch. Fleetwind Roise of Ronor-
Northcott

BOW, WD: Major Acres Xcaliber-Gabriel
and Major

WB: De Nora of Tara Heights-Miller

RWD: Connel of Connemara-Wandruff

RWB: Major Acres Vixen-Major

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE KC 4-18-76 K. Finch

BOB, BOW: Timberlane Destiny (FINISHED
CHAMPIONSHIP)-Tierney

BOS: Ch. Timberlane Sean Colin-Turnage

WD: Canyon Creek Shan-Mangus

RWD: Connel of Connemara-Wandruff

RWB: De Nora of Tara Heights-Miller

EUREKA KC 4-30-76 M. N. Stephenson

BOB: Ch. Timberlane Giles Corey-Shaw

WB, BOS: Rockaplenty Aoife of Eagle-
Russell

WD, BOW: Rivendell Brendan Cu Shulain-
(FINISHED CHAMPIONSHIP)-
Turnage

RWD: Hale William of Humboldt-Rector

RWB: Timberlane Martha Corey-Shaw



MENSONA KC 5-1-76 F. Messinger

BOB: Ch. Major Acres Vanguard-Major
BOW, BOS, WB: Darianne of Tara Heights-Tara

WD: Connel of Connemara-Wandruff

RWD: MoScaill Rusheen of Hill's End-Riley and Miller

RWB: Major Acres Everstar Puffin-Major

REDWOOD EMPIRE KC 5-2-76 L. Carey

BOB: Ch. Peregrin Liam O'Keane-Cromer

BOS, BOW, WB: Kingarrow's Felicia-Rogers

WD: Canyon Creek Shan-Mangus

RWD: Timberlane Finnbar Ui Neill-L. Moore

RWB: Canyon Creek Kilarney-Sweeney and Paden

CHICO DOG FANCIERS KC 5-15-76 Mackley

BOB: Connel of Connemara-Wandruff

WD, BOW

BOS, WB: Canyon Creek Kilarney-Sweeney and Paden

RWD: ?RESULTS INCOMPLETE?

RWB: Rockaplenty Aoife of Eagle-Russell

TWO CITIES KC 5-16-76 J. Carson

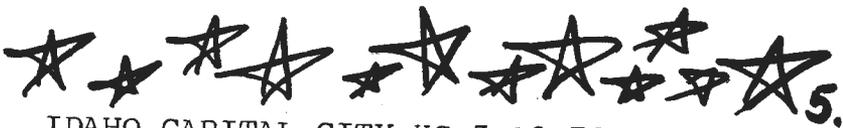
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IDAHO CAPITAL CITY KC 5-19-76 W.Heckmann

BOB: Ch. Peregrin Liam O'Keane-Cromer
Group I

BOS, WB: Brenna of Nightwind-Turner

BOW, WD: Fiann's Tiergna Conal-Duggan

RWB: Major Acres Seana Engert-Duggan

RWD: Incomplete?

LIZARD BUTTE KC 5-20-76 H. Cox

BOB: Ch. Peregrin Liam O'Keane-Cromer
Group I

BOS, WB: Brenna of Nightwind-Turner

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RWB: Major Acres Seana Engert-Duggan

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BOS: Ch. Fleetwind Roise of Ronor-Northcott

BOW, WB: Darianne of Tara Heights-Tara

WD: Canyon Creek Shan-Mangus

RWB: Major Acres Xacta of Bojon-Guetierrez

RWD: Finnbar Ui Neill-Moore

RENO KC 5-29-76 A. Gallup

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BOS: Ch. Major Acres Just Plain Cush-Gabriel
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Sweeney

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Professor I.W.



Dear Prof. I.W.,

Our son became peevish with a sore, swollen neck, and we found he had mumps. The next day our dog, actually our son's dog, was acting the same way and he had swollen jowls, too. We thought at first it was just a sympathetic reaction--the two are very close--but then we thought some more about it. Sympathy wouldn't cause the dog's jowls to swell, would it? Dogs don't get mumps, do they?

-P.O.

P.S.: They're both fine now.

Dear P.O.,

You are right. Sympathy would not produce swollen jowls. While dogs rarely show any signs of active infection when exposed to a case of mumps, the body usually reacts to it on a subclinical level unless an immunity has been previously established.

Prof. I.W.



TOOTHY TIP

In the adult canine the primary cause of teeth loss is gum disease. The healthy gum line is firm, sharp, and lies flat against the tooth. The diseased gum demonstrates a thickened, even spongy, inflamed red line along the gum edges. This is the beginning of the end for the teeth underneath. The puffy, inflamed line is the result of infection that's occurring in the tiny pocket between the tooth and gum. This process slowly works in, opening up an even deeper pocket as the tooth root is slowly exposed and loosened. This insidious process will not only cause the loss of the tooth eventually, but it will in the meantime be expos-

ing the rest of the body to a constant barrage of bacteria and their toxic products.

The gum line of a completely healthy pet is not red and swollen. If some type of gingivitis is present, get your veterinarian's advice on how to eliminate it.

(From SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE'S "Wonderful World of Animals" by Dr. Frank Miller; 12-23-75)



SENT IN BY CAROL GABRIEL.....

"Legs and arms, legs and arms. That's all you fix around here for dinner anymore," complained Mr. Cannibal to his mate. The following day Mrs. Cannibal went to the market and asked the butcher for something different. "Well," said the butcher, "we just got in some nice brains." "That sounds good," replied Mrs. Cannibal. "How much are they?" "We have plumber brains for \$3 a pound, pilot brains for \$5 a pound and \$10 a pound for dog show exhibitors' brains." "My goodness, why so much for dog show exhibitors' brains?" she asked. "Lady," answered the butcher, "do you know how may dog show exhibitors it takes to get a pound of brains?"

from WAGGING TALES via RING ROPES

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LAMENT OF A LADY WHO'S GONE TO THE
DOGS

by Beryl Allen "Reprinted from
Siberian Husky Club of America"

There was a time, there really was,
When I was sweet and tender;
When show dog meant a Disney star
And Bitch was not a gender.

I went to bed at half past ten;
I went to church on Sunday;
On Saturday I baked the beans;
And did the wash on Monday.

But when I got a certain pup,
And an erstwhile friend say,
"Show!"
And so I did, and so I do,
Oh! what I didn't know!

I used to dress with flair and style,
That was the life! Don't knock it!
But now each dress from bed to Ball
Must have have a good bait pocket.

I used to have a certain air,
I wallowed in perfume.
I used to smell of Nuit d'Amour
Now I smell like Mr. Groom.

My furniture was haut decor
My pets, a tank of guppies,
Now I've furniture unstuffed
And well adjusted puppies!

Once I spoke in pristine prose,
In dulcet tones and frail-
But now I'm using language
That would turn a sailor pale!

I was taught to be well groomed
No matter where I went-
Now all the grooming that I do
Is in the handler's tent.

I used to long for furs and jewels;
And figure classed as super.
Now the thing I yearn for most
Is nice new pooper-scooper.

I adore a man who murmured verse
Through intimate little dinners;
But now the words I thrill to hear
Are just three-"Best of Winners!"

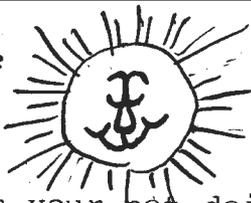
I rise at dawn and pack the car,
The road ahead's a long one.
The one I routed on the maps
Invariably the wrong one.

I really love this doggy life
I wouldn't care to change it-
But when I get that Best in Show
I plan to rearrange it!

When my time on earth is done
I'll go without my nudging-
Just give me a three-week closing date-
And let me know who's judging!

(Sent to us by Carol Gabriel)

Summer-PROOF
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YOUR PET 

What is your pet doing this summer, and will it have an enjoyable time? The answers, of course, depend on you. Whether you take your pet on vacation, board it out while you go away yourself, or if you just stay home, there are simple ways of ensuring that everyone-animal and human alike-has a good time.

IF YOUR PET TRAVELS with a little preparation, you can condition your pet to become a good traveler. Many short trips in the car help train a cat or dog to travel quietly on longer trips. In addition, this preliminary training can help prevent accidents that often occur when an unhappy dog or cat distracts the driver.

Accustom your dog to a traveling carrier or crate well before a trip, so that your pet will regard it as a "den," a portable reminder of home that provides security in unfamiliar places. Allow two weeks to a month of daily short periods of confinement before your pet is used to a carrier.

Traveling with a pet in warm weather can pose other problems. Animals left in parked cars with poor ventilation frequently die of heat stroke; even on a relatively mild day (75-80 degrees), temperatures inside a car can quickly soar to well over 100. If you must leave a pet alone in a parked car, be sure you park in at least a partly shaded area and that the windows are open enough to give good ventilation.

Stop frequently to offer your pet a drink of water. On very hot days, you can provide additional cooling by placing a water-soaked towel over part of the traveling crate or the pet itself.

If your dog or cat gets carsick, don't feed it immediately before a long, hot trip. Your pet should be fed four or five hours before departing or after reaching your destination.

Don't forget to tag pets with proper identification; animals can become lost on vacations or when shipped. The tag should have on it your pet's name, your address and telephone number. If possible, add your destination and an emergency phone number, too, because your pet can become lost and then found long before you are due to return home.

It's important to check your pet's health before taking it on a trip. Your veterinarian can renew vaccinations as necessary and can also prescribe any tranquilizer or other medications that may be beneficial while traveling.

Depending on your destination and method of transportation, you may need a health certificate for your pet. Most airlines and some states request such certificates, and they are required when an animal reenters the U.S. after visiting a foreign country. Your veterinarian can provide health certificates if needed.

IF YOU PLAN TO LEAVE A PET AT HOEM, carefully choose a reliable "pet sitter" or boarding kennel before vacation time. Good kennels insist that dogs are currently vaccinated against canine distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, and rabies; cats should be protected against panleukopenia and rabies. At least one month before you leave for vacation, ask your vet whether your pet should be protected with new vaccines available against respiratory infections, which are commonly acquired while boarding.

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A conscientious kennel operator should be willing to show you where your pet will be staying; premises should be clean, well ventilated, uncrowded, and maintained with comfortable air temperatures. Leave clear instructions with the kennel manager or your pet sitter about any special health problems or diets, and where you can be reached in an emergency. Inform a pet sitter about your preference for veterinary care, if it should become necessary.

PERPARING FOR THE WORST, provide for your pets in your own first-aid kit or put one together especially for their needs; be ready to handle such problems as fishhooks or porcupine quills embedded in a curious pet's muzzle or foot.

A pet's first-aid kit should include: gauze squares, roll of gauze (to be used as a tourniquet, muzzle, or bandage), adhesive tape, tweezers, over-the-counter antibiotic wound ointment or powder, antacid, antidiarrheal medication, thermometer, petroleum jelly, cotton-tipped swabs, pocket knife or bandage scissors. In some areas, you may need antivenin or other preparations that can be provided by your vet. Include any special prescriptions in the kit.

Most vacation problems can be prevented through good planning. Drownings and falls can be prevented by a watchful eye during outdoor activities. Dogs can avoid most bruised, blistered, or cut footpads during the summer if their feet are toughened with short daily walks early in the season.

FLEAS AND TICKS are the most common summer problems, but flying insects-mosquitoes, flies, bees, and wasps-can also threaten your pet.

Fleas can usually be controlled with any of several types of commercial insecticidal products: collars or tags worn by the pet; or sprays, dips, powders, or waxy sticks applied to the skin. The choice depends on many factors, including your pet's coat-type and body size-but be sure to: 1) follow package directions. Improper use of flea and tick-killing preparations not only may make them ineffective but can also harm your pet. 2) Consult your veterinarian and an exterminator if fleas are infesting the house and/or kennel. Measures dealing just with the animals may not be sufficient. 3) Avoid relying on pet shampoos as the major means of flea control. These products are washed off a the coat is rinsed and cannot provide prolonged flea-killing actions.

Insecticidal products that kill both ticks and fleas are available at pet stores and from veterinarians. Small numbers of ticks can be easily removed by exerting a firm, even pull with your fingers or tweezers at the base of the tick's body, where the mouth parts hook into the skin. Don't be too concerned about the head remaining in the skin or the swelling and mild redness that often develops. Chemical substances secreted by the tick cause irritation, but infection rarely results.

Mosquitoes can be dangerous because they transmit the larval forms of dog heartworm. Usual methods of mosquito control are inefficient. If your pet is heartworm-free, the prescription drug diethylcarbamazine can be administered during and for two months following the mosquito season

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as a preventive measure.

You can control most summer fly problems with good sanitation and correct pet grooming. Remove your pet's stools from the yard every day, and keep compost heaps and garbage covered. Use chemical fly baits or fly traps if necessary, and keep your dog or cat clean and thoroughly brushed. Ointments used to protect horses' ears from fly bites can also be used for dogs.

You may not become aware that a bee or wasp has stung your pet until the sting area swells or hives appear. Cold packs may help to relieve some discomfort, but they aren't necessary. If you can see the stinger, remove it and then monitor your pet's reactions for a while. The animal should be back to normal by the next day, but if it shows such symptoms as severe swelling, hives, or difficulty in breathing, seek help from a veterinarian.

IN SUMMER, ANIMALS ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO HEAT STROKE, which can be fatal.

Be sure that outdoor shelters for dogs offer real heat protection. Dog houses, particularly the metal type, become ovenlike in direct sun. During the summer they should be placed in a breezy spot under a shade tree.

If a pet is panting severely and has an increased pulse rate, reddened gums, and an anxious or staring expression, a heat stroke is probably developing. Elevated rectal temps (106-109) call for emergency action. Try to get a vet's help and administer first aid. Spray or immerse your pet in cold water. Massage the skin, and flex and extend the legs to stimulate

the blood circulation.

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Make sure your pets have access to clean water. Since calorie requirements are lower in warm weather, consider lowering your pet's daily intake of food.

Summer grooming for a dog does not require that its coat be shaved. Although you may want to shorten a very long coat, some hair should be left to protect against sunburn.

No one can promise your pet a trouble-free summer. But with these guidelines, you can have much less trouble-and much more enjoyment. ~~88~~

Taken from FAMILY HEALTH; Jul. 1975
by Terri McGinnis, D.V.M.

A HELPFUL HINT?

Last summer while on the "Santa Barbara Circuit," we decided to treat Giles to a run on the beach. I had, unfortunately, forgotten that Santa Barbara's beaches are plagued with tar! The only thing we found that did an excellent job of cleaning the gunk from his feet was vegetable oil. We spread it all over his feet, and the tar was easily wiped off. Needless to say, part of our summer survival kit will be a large bottle of Wesson!

P.S. It works on people feet, too!

Roving

THE HUMAN ELEMENT

B. M. Levinson,
Ph.D.

Love is the priceless ingredient with which our animal companions enrich our lives. However, is it possible for an animal to love a human? To relate to a human? To protect a human? Is it not true that animals are creatures of instinct and not reason? In fact animals do have emotions. They do reason. They love and hate and can become so attached to human beings that they will sacrifice themselves for their loved ones.

When human love is absent it is necessary to substitute the love of an animal. Love is most important in promoting physical and emotional growth. In fact, love and affection are as necessary for normal growth as food.

Human life is beset with periodical development crises. The process of emotional growth involves both the destruction of older, no longer suitable patterns of be-

havior and the simultaneous building up of new behavior patterns. Such changes are often painful. Love is a necessary ingredient in this process of growth. When the child feels secure in the knowledge that he is loved, even though it may be the love of a companion animal, he is free to leave immature behavior patterns behind and substitute more appropriate behavior.

Many parents are unaware of the fact that they have to demonstrate to a child that he or she is loved and respected. Other parents feel that if they show love they will spoil their child. Some parents, even when they become aware of their lack of responsiveness, can not openly show their love. A companion animal has no such inhibitions. It will show in unmistakable terms its love and af-

fection for the child. When the child grows up, there will be happy childhood memories which will help produce the strength to grow and face the inevitable crises of maturity and old age.

A child who is aware of being loved will sense that it is a desirable human being and thus will be a happy child. Being happy will become a habit, a state of mind which may continue for the rest of the child's life. Happiness is contagious and cumulative and may shed its glow on all the child's associates.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

One of the greatest human needs, which some psychologists think is instinctive, is the desire to explore, to enter forbidden or new territories, to attempt to discover the unknown. Love creates the security which permits a child to leave the accustomed for the unexplored. When a child is engaged in discovery

he or she develops a feeling of self-worth and individuality.

However, a young child endows inanimate objects with life. Exploring the unknown becomes frightening. ...But when a child has a loved and trusted animal companion who he believes can detect signals of danger, the child feels protected.

CHARACTER BUILDING

A beloved pet may bring out the best characteristics in a child. By assuming responsibility for the pet, by grooming, feeding and even medicating the pet, often at considerable personal sacrifice, the child learns to take frustration in stride. The child also develops...self-control and self-direction.

The author has to his credit PET-ORIENTED CHILD PSYCHOTHERAPY and PETS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.



by Donald R. Pfeifer, M.D.

I recently had the unfortunate experience of having a fine dog asphyxiated by carbon monoxide in the rear of a new station wagon. The dog was in an open wire crate on the rear deck of the wagon. We were travelling at about 60 mph, with the air conditioner set at "max". This apparently created enough negative pressure to cause the wagon to "self-pollute" and kill the dog. There were two holes in the underbody near the exhaust pipe that should have been sealed at the factory, but were not.

My main purpose in writing is to inform readers about some facts on carbon monoxide that we feel are not well known.

Carbon monoxide is a deadly gas that is odorless, colorless and tasteless. The lethal dose of carbon monoxide needed to kill 50 per cent of test dogs in 20 minutes is 300-400 parts per million of air. That dose will make humans only mildly ill with headache, nausea, or vomiting after three to four hours.

Any of you should suspect your car of a carbon monoxide leak if you smell exhaust fumes, or if your dogs become ill or excessively sleepy. Perhaps the car sickness is really carbon monoxide intoxication. In our unfortunate accident, the dog simply went to sleep.

Carbon monoxide levels can be measured with a portable measuring device. In our community this is done by the Department of Environmental Control, of the County Health Department. In other areas one might have to get in touch with the police or highway patrol, the fire department, or a gas company.

Persons who suspect a carbon monoxide leak should get their cars checked. Perhaps my tragedy of losing a champion stud will alert others and avoid the loss of other dogs — or people.

from DOG WORLD



NCIWC SPECIALTY FUN MATCH !!!

PLACE: Washington Manor Park
Directions: 1. Coming west on 580: Take Washing Ave. exit, turn left over freeway Washing, ten follow direction from below.*
2. Coming on Nimitz (17) from either direction, take Washington Ave. exit, (if coming north, turn left at Washington and cross over freeway) *turn right on Beatrice, proceed for one block. Turn on to Kesterson and follow to Manor Blvd. Turn left on Manor and follow to Zelma St. Turn right on Selma and follow dog show signs to Park.

DATE: July 17, 1976

TIME: Judging begins at 9:00 AM
Day of match entries begin at 8:00 AM

ENTRY FEE: Pre entry \$3.50
Day of Match \$4.00

JUDGE: Donna Elzer-Keystone Kennels

Immediately after the fun match there will be an I.W. owner's lunch for \$1.00 (Bring your own beverage) and an official NCIWC General Membership meeting.

For info. call Kelly Cromer 855-7737 (Pacifica)
.....and.....

ALL BREED OBEDIENCE MATCH

JUDGES:
Novice A: Ruth Bugbee
Open A and B: Newt Hersig
Novice B and Grad Novine: TBA
Utility A and B: Lois Seibak
Sub Novice: Bob Hanley

For info. call
Betty Moore
293-3285
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234-2188

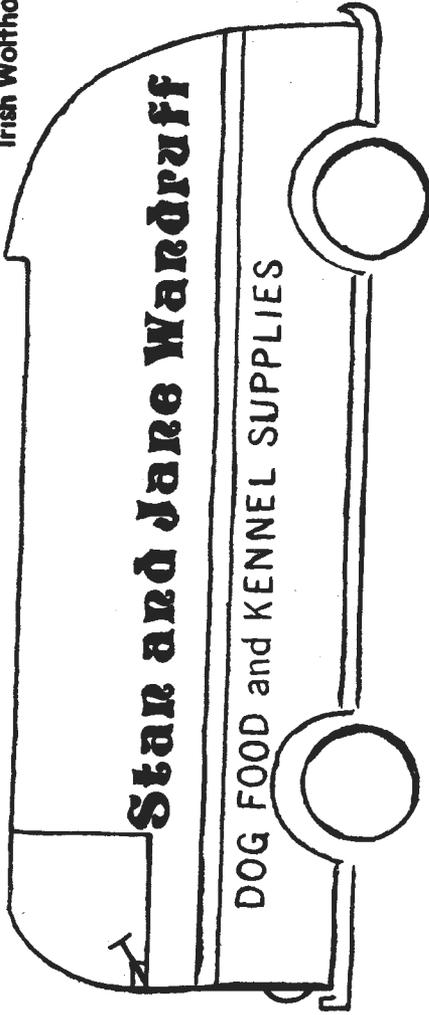
ENTRY FEE: Pre Entry: \$2.50
Day of Match \$3.75

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LURE COURSING RESULTS 5-9-76

Piedmont Hills High School, San Jose, CA
Judges: Paul Flores & Roberta Pine

OPEN STAKE (7 in competition)

1. Brendan-Turnage
2. Dawn-Turnage
3. Hana-Thomas
4. Peregrin-Cromer

F. CH. STAKE (1 in competition)

1. Megan-Cromer & Rothwell

! CONFORMATION CLASS !

Mary Major will be holding a conformation class at her home.

PLACE: 1130 Butler Ave., Santa Rosa

WHEN: Every Monday evening

TIME: 7:30 PM

COST: \$1.00 Proceeds will be
donated to the NCIWC Welfare
Fund.

So.....Bring those puppies and
unschooled adults.....handlers will
learn a great deal, too.

THE FOXTAIL
by David L. Williams



Most of us are adults, and as such we are aware of the danger of our kids' getting out in the street. The odds against the child being hit by a car are overwhelmingly against, but the extreme result of such a happening makes us go far out of our way to see that it doesn't happen. Remember this, as a parable, as you read.

The odds are very much against a dog getting a foxtail. It can happen, and the results are very much worse than you might expect. California has a great population of this weed, and I would stand an excellent chance of being correct if I said I could find at least one such weed in your yard. One sprout can produce hundreds of foxtails, each one waiting for your dog to come along sniffing the ground as dogs do. The seed is so light that it can be sniffed into the nose. Most of us are more familiar with the problem that long haired dogs have foxtails, but believe us and countless others, it is worth your consideration, too.

The easiest foxtails to detect are the ones that enter the nose, for the dog will sneeze most violently while the seed had TEMPORARILY lodged itself in the nasal passage. Immediate veterinary attention is advised, for soon the inherent shape of the foxtail will cause it to penetrate the flesh and begin its path of infection. Once penetration has occurred, the foxtail is seldom found in time, and a slow, most painful death has begun.

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Once in a while a foxtail enters the flesh between the toes or in the ears; most hunting dogs get them through the mouth. The slightest disturbance caused the seed passel to disintegrate. A dog running through cover that has foxtail plants causes the seeds to fly the seeds to fly through the air. And the panting dog catches up with them and breathes them into his lungs. Soon, the dog is sick and the vet says it is pneumonia and gives antibiotics. The infection of the lungs clears up, and he is pronounced cured. Meanwhile, the foxtail has moved on, penetrating the diaphragm, and enters the abdominal cavity. From there, it can go in so many directions, possibly penetrating several different organs, each causing the vet to diagnose liver infections, kidney infections, or whatever. In all cases, he is right, but he doesn't know that it is not for normal reasons that the dog has these infections. Sometimes, in lucky cases, the foxtail aims toward the skin and comes out.

X-ray does not show foxtails, and exploratory surgery usually finds where the seed has been, not where it is. The usual final stages that show are a swelling lump in the dog's flank area where the pus has accumulated. One might think that the vet could cut into this lump and trace the path of the pus with dyes, but it turns out that the paths are so numerous that to trace them all with surgery would be so severe that the dog couldn't survive, or at best, survival would not be worth it for all the damaged muscles.

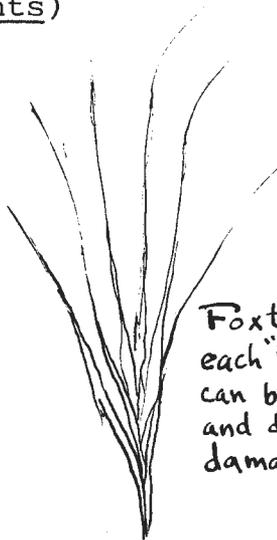
I have personally known of perhaps fifteen cases of foxtail infections. Of these, only two have been successfully removed by surgery, and they had multiple operations which left them at least partially crippled and horribly scarred. The others are still going through periodic surgery, or have died. Who knows how many dogs have been diagnosed incorrectly because of this foxtail? It is just recently that vets are becoming aware of this. When you take your dog to the vet, make sure he is aware of the possibility of the foxtail.

The foxtail sprouts in early spring, and grows small passels similar to barley. This passel dries soon, and falls apart easily as the wind distributes them over the ground. They are dangerous until at least fall when the tail comes off and the pint becomes soft. Learn to identify this weed and watch for it at home and the field. Extend the odds in your favor.

(from MCDDT-Faw Prints)



Foxtails on
plant



Foxtail
each "branch"
can break off
and do its
damage —

S A F E T Y

26. How many times had I told myself that a dog must never wear a choke collar in the car--should not, in fact, wear a choke collar at any time except on lead? But, there I was, alone, with my dog struggling in panic, likely to injure or kill himself, and all because I had not followed my own safety policy.

At first, I had only noticed that Cal was on his side and seemed unable to get up. Then, he cried out as if in pain. As I stopped the car, he began struggling, unable to raise his forequarters although he had managed to get his rear quarters under him. Opening the rear door, I saw his dilemma. The two rings of the choke collar had fallen through a slight crevice formed where the permanent bed of the wagon meets the flattened back of the seat. (Ordinarily a pad covers this slot, but the pad was in the wash). The two rings had neatly spread apart and turned at right angles so that the chain was caught fast. I tried to maneuver the rings back out of the slot, but the tension on the chain was too great. I considered leaving the dog long enough to get a bolt cutter, but abandoned this idea. Surely if left alone, the dog would panic completely, and, would I have enough strength to cut the chain even if I had the proper tool? Knowing I could get the chain over his head if I could keep him still and his head flat against the floor, I coaxed him with commands "down" and "stay", pressing his head into the position of least tension on the chain. Little by little I was able to work the chain over the widest part of his skull, and after several minutes the dog was free.

Possibly three factors kept this from being a tragedy. First, BOTH rings fell through the crevice. (I hate to think what might have developed if only one had been caught, for then the dog's every struggle would have choked off his breath) Second, the animal was not alone

or, worse, with another dog at the time this happened. And third, Cal's obedience training helped him to know what I wanted him to do while I was attempting to free him. Yes, I was lucky. I was, also, to blame.

To be sure, there are problems, inconveniences and dangers, too in allowing a dog to be without a collar. He can bolt from a car if you open the door before you have put the collar on him; or he can dash out the door, or a garden gate and be loose without identification or a means to get hold of him. This simply points out the necessity for us to think ahead. But that's what accident prevention is all about. In this case, the only requirement was the use of a conventional, buckled collar. And you can be sure, that's what Cal is wearing these days!

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All readers are aware of the dangers of unventilated cars, particularly on warm days. Most would never leave a dog in that situation. But, did you know that simply riding on the floor of a van or wagon over miles of hot pavement with no way to cool himself can be fatal to a dog? During the summer months if you travel with your dog, be sure to provide some insulation between the dog and the heat generated from below the vehicle.

Thank you, Betty Moore, for submitting such a timely article.

Ed.

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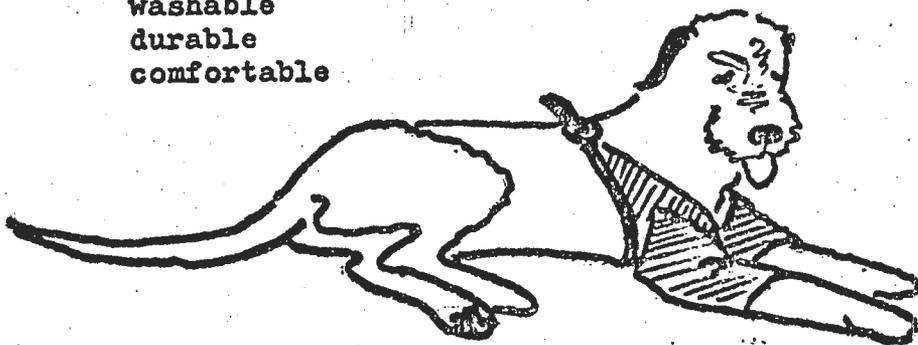
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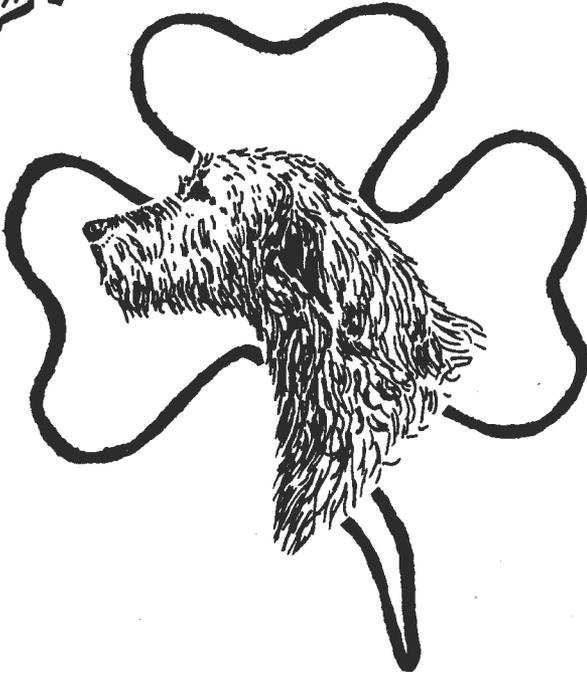


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