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NAME OF DOG - BREEDER OF DOG - SIRE OF DOG - DAM OF DOG - OWNER OF DOG - NAME OF DOG SHOW/TRIAL - NAME OF JUDGE - ACHIEVEMENT.

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Before I let my mind wonder, I want to thank you all for your concern about my health, and for the lovely letters, cards and phonecalls you made to cheer me up, they were warming my heart and made me pull through the months easier, until I was able to get on my feet.

At the same time I want to apologize for this late issue, but there was no way I could have done Puli Parade earlier. 1989 was the year we were rooting for Julius, and the last quarter of 1990 was knocking me out, and it is quite possible that it will still take a good four months in 1991 until I get through with these surgeries. But then, I should be good as new, and you needn’t worry about Puli Parade’s coming late, anymore.

Without taking an advantage of you Readers, by imposing upon you with a boring and depressing essay of my illness, let me just mention in a nutshell, for those people, who were not aware of it and who are wandering what kind of physical problems I had.

In November my right knee was replaced in a surgery called "a total replacement of the right knee". My recovery was close to a miracle, as I healed fast, and the physical therapy helped me greatly to get on my feet sooner than most of the people do. Now, I still am facing the total replacement of the left knee joint, and then I believe I will have a physical power of close to the "Bionic Woman"’s, right? But, seriously, I am very happy, and the difference in feeling pain or not, is like night and day.

Meanwhile, the year-end came again so soon as ever, with the regular taking all the years happenings into account, making our New Year’s resolutions as usual, and facing the unknown year filled with hopes for the future. And then came WAR! That is very serious, and the only way we can live it through, if we find ourselves taking on more responsibilities, for occupying our minds and helping others to stay on top. This is not only a physical war for our families and friends, but it is mentally excruciating pain, how we are able to sort things out. I know, as we went through the struggle of WWII and our Hungarian Revolution. I can only say, keep yourselves busy, smile and help people who need your strong hand.

This issue of the Puli Parade contains a great herding article, I’m sure you’ll enjoy it. By the way, I think some of you Readers may want to subscribe to a Newsletter of the American Herding Breed Association, however, I only have the EDITOR’s name, address and phone number, strangely enough the price of subscription is not mentioned in the newsletter. Anyway, from time to
time, I will print entire, or abridged articles in Puli Parade, as I see fit, nevertheless, here is the EDITOR's name and address:

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If you wish, contact Barbara McCarthy, mentioning that you have heard about the Newsletter in Puli Parade.

I received a short note from Bev Zeemann in January 1991, and since we are already late in publishing this issue, I don't want to wait a few months more with her "brag" as it is always so sweet to do this, right? Anyway, Beverly's puppy, RAJKO, full name: TORDOR'S CSECSE CIGANY PURDE took BEST PUPPY on Jan. 5, 1991 at the SUN VALLEY DOG FANCIERS fun match in Los Gatos Creek Park, under Eileen Erdodi's judging. According to Bev, the ribbon was larger than herself! CONGRATULATIONS BEV AND RAJKO!

Frank and Sally Washburn sent me a short clipping from the Los Angeles Times, with Frank's recommendation to put it in PP.

"I explained to St Peter,
I'd rather stay here,
Outside the pearly gate.
I won't be a nuisance,
I won't even bark,
I'll be here, chewing on a celestial bone,
No matter how long you may be.
I'd miss you so much, if I went in alone,
It wouldn't be heaven for me."

"Thought this was neat. I know our dogs are waiting for us
(Pulis)
Frank"

Frank, I do believe it too! Terry

In conclusion, I wish all of our Readers a belated happy and prosperous New Year, and an early satisfactory conclusion to the WAR, so people can get on with their lives again.

PNC, our Club is going to celebrate the Pulik again in the early Summer at our Specialty. Kindly open your hearts, and give either the fruit of your talent or your participation in any field, or contribution to the Trophy Fund, to help bring our event to great success. It's worth it, since it is for us, for our Pulik, and they deserve it. Thank you again. Good Luck!

Your Editor,
Take On The World

WHAT A PUPPY IS NOT

A PUPPY IS NOT A TOY to be enjoyed while he is a novelty, then set aside in favor of a new diversion.

A PUPPY IS NOT A TEACHING AID guaranteed to instill a sense of responsibility in children.

A PUPPY IS NOT CHEAP whether you pay a nominal fee at the city’s humane shelter or what seems to be a king’s ransom for a really special pup, the money paid to make the pet yours is a mere drop in the bucket compared to what it will cost to keep him.

A PUPPY IS NOT A SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT PURCHASE or at least he shouldn’t be. The wrong dog can be an unending nuisance to a household.

A PUPPY IS NOT A GIFT unless the giver is certain that this particular pup will be wanted.

A PUPPY IS NOT SELF-CLEANING

A PUPPY IS NOT AN ADULT DOG

A PUPPY IS NOT A PUPPY FOR LONG.

(from and old Better Homes & Gardens, 1973)
We have two minds with a common link, with one we sit, with one we think; Success depends on which we use, Heads we win, Tails we lose!

I am sincerely hoping that this world of ours and all of its leaders are of the head variety and not the tail type! But I realize that only time will tell. In the meantime, the rest of us may be able to make a small difference by using our heads, and keeping our wits about us, even if others do not. While we wait to see what will be happening to our world at large, we can keep ourselves both busy and hopefully, out of too much trouble, by helping with our exciting upcoming specialty. You may not be able to solve the world’s problems, but I’ll bet that if you try, you could help us solve at least part of our person-power problem!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES OF A GREAT DOG SHOW? HOW ABOUT LEARNING A NEW SKILL? IT’S EASY!!!!

Just call either Barbara Steltz or myself to learn how you, yes! you can help with our great event, our Specialty! We still have a few volunteer positions available, but please HURRY! before all of the choice titles are taken! AND --- if you serve on a committee — we will even put YOUR NAME in the premium list and THE CATALOG!!! your family and friends will be able to see YOUR NAME in print, not once but twice! Don’t forget to call soon for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and thanks in advance for all of you help in making this a show to be remembered and talked about for a long time!

Robin Haines
President
SECRETARY'S REPORT

The December 2, 1990, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Puli Club of Northern California, held at the San Mateo Fairgrounds, was called to order 11:40 a.m. Present were President Robin Haines, Vice President Beverly Zeman, Treasurer Connie Peterson, Secretary Barbara Stelz, and Board Member Carson Haines. Also attending were Barbara Edwards, Nancy McGarvey, and Don Zeman.

OLD BUSINESS

It was reported that the herding trial was extremely successful. Thanks for the help and cooperation of Robin and Carson, Anita and Frank Ritenour, and Rob Sky.

SPECIALTY '91

Barbara Edwards questioned whether everyone wanted to go ahead with the Specialty, having concerns over getting people to commit to do the necessary work involved. She pointed out that if we didn't go ahead, we could lose our certification and have to go back to having A and B matches to regain it.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Barb Edwards brought up the suggestion of bidding for the National Specialty. Concern was expressed by some over sufficient manpower and fundraising ability. Flea markets and herding trials were thought to be good possibilities. All club members will be invited to a meeting on Saturday, January 12, to discuss. Beverly Zeman and Robin Haines will look into a meeting site.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee convened and recommended that the same slate of officers continue, with the exception that Carson Haines be nominated for Secretary and Barbara Stelz as Board Member.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting - The Annual Meeting, to be held in March, will be discussed at the January 12 meeting.

"Sunshine Lady" - Nancy McGarvey volunteered to be "Sunshine Lady" and will send appropriate cards when a club member is ill, etc.

Meeting adjourned 12:10 (a record half-hour!).

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stelz, Secretary
Dear Delegate/Secretary:

The enclosed Status Report will give you important, detailed information on the attempt of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, California to ban all breeding of dogs and cats in the unincorporated areas of the county and to enact mandatory spay/neutering of all dogs and cats.

The American Kennel Club has been on the forefront of this fight and, thanks to a great effort by many of the fancy in San Mateo and surrounding areas, we all have been able to provide other dimensions to this ordinance which can help attain the goals that we all seek: that of reduction of pet overpopulation.

We have obtained a legal opinion on this ordinance in its varied forms and it is the feeling of the attorneys that it would not stand constitutional challenge. We intend to see that this ordinance is challenged in the courts by interested parties.

Do not hesitate to contact the Public Relations Office for more information on the San Mateo situation.

Sincerely,

Louis Auslander

December 19, 1990
IMPORTANT NOTICE: HUMANE SOCIETIES vs. PUREBRED DOGS!

The Peninsula Humane Society of San Mateo County launched a well orchestrated campaign to draw attention to the fact they euthanized 10,000 unwanted dogs and cats last year. The first the purebred dog community learned of their problem was the TV and newspaper coverage given the public euthanizing of a dog and cat for the benefit of the media. We quickly learned the politicians of this community had been successfully lobbied and landmark legislation was being proposed. 3 Out of the 5 Supervisors were sold on the concept; if 10,000 dogs and cats were put to death then a law to ban all dog and cat breeding would solve the pet overpopulation problem.

The 1st Public Hearing was held Nov. 13/90, a scant 3 weeks after the media blitz. AKC made a mailing to all Calif. sanctioned clubs. Responsible Dog Breeders of San Mateo Co. came into being and made a mailing to all active San Mateo Co. exhibitors. We were able to turn out 250 purebred dog fanciers for the 1st hearing and certainly did make our presence known! 3 Of the 5 Supervisors, after hearing 4 hours of heated testimony, voted for the Ordinance, the 4th Supervisor suggested modifications, the 5th Supervisor voted no. In the month until the 2nd Hearing, AKC made another mailing, RDB made another mailing and held a meeting at San Mateo KC, and concerned dog fanciers met in the back rooms with their Supervisors; telephoned all Supervisors, and letters poured into the Supervisors from all over the country, the like they had never seen before!

The 2nd Public Hearing was held Dec. 11/90 and 350-400 purebred dog fanciers attended. We stole the media this time with a picket line c/w placard carrying dogs. We printed buttons with the slogan "Purebred Dog Fanciers Unite." After another 4 hours of testimony the Ordinance passed, but we won some major concessions. The institution of a Task Force of 15 citizens from all walks of the dog and cat community; and a postponement of 6 months of the moratorium on all dog and cat breeding. If the Task Force is made up of a true representation, it is hoped an Ordinance can be drawn up that will serve to reduce the pet overpopulation, be acceptable to all concerned parties and not be challenged in the courts. If the Ordinance as written now does go into effect July 1991, it will be challenged in the courts.
STATUS REPORT: SAN MATEO

On October 26, 1990, the Peninsula Humane Society of San Mateo County, California proposed an ordinance to the County Board of Supervisors that would ban all breeding of dogs and cats in the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County. Inviting television cameras to film a dog being euthanized, the Peninsula Humane Society claimed that the ordinance was necessary to combat overpopulation in the county and to reduce the 10,000 annual euthanasia procedures performed at the Peninsula Humane Society shelter.

Immediately, the AKC sent letters to all 361 California clubs to inform them of this restrictive proposal and to encourage them to contact the Responsible Dog Owners of the Golden State, an AKC Federation, for further direction. Guided by Roy and Betty-Anne Stenmark, AKC judges residing in the San Mateo area, dozens of concerned fanciers formed the Responsible Dog Breeders of San Mateo County, and with input from the AKC and RDOGS, began to devise a plan of action.

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On November 13, 1990, at the first of three public hearings to review the proposal, Alan Stern, AKC Vice President of Communications, joined forces with the California groups and asked the Board to table the proposal and work with a citizen study group who could develop more practical, constitutional and enforceable animal control.

The Board of Supervisors were surprised to see that this midday hearing, which they had expected to be attended by under 100, actually drew between 350 and 400 concerned citizens, most of whom were pure-bred dog hobbyists, owners or breeders. Speaking were representatives of between 50 and 60 AKC clubs, including conformation, breed and field trial, as well as representatives of the cat registry (CFA), ADOA, RDOGS, and other interested groups. The Board indicated they would consider amendments to the proposal at the second hearing scheduled for December 11.

Another AKC letter was sent to all California clubs, urging them to attend a planning session on December 2, in conjunction with the San Mateo Kennel Club Show. This meeting, attended by several hundred concerned pure-bred dog owners, breeders, and exhibitors, included a presentation by Noreen Rubin, AKC Manager of Public Affairs, as well as RDOGS and Responsible Dog Breeders, reviewing alternatives and options for amendments to the Peninsula Humane Society proposal.

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At the December 11 hearing, Alan Stern once again asked the Board to table the proposal and spoke of positive, more effective alternatives to a ban on breeding. However, by a vote of 4 to 1, the Board approved the proposal, and at the last hearing on December 18, voted to make this decision final.

A series of behind-the-scenes meetings with various Supervisors and the Stenmarks, Alan Stern and others resulted in adding other components to this ordinance which would make it more palatable without weakening its constitutional challenge possibilities.

Under the ordinance, effective in 1992 and extensively modified since the original proposal, an animal control task force will be established on January 1, 1991 to review all policies of the County Animal Control Program, the Peninsula Humane Society, local leash laws and their enforcement. In July, 1991 and for the following six months, a breeding ban will be imposed for all dogs and cats within the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County. After January 1, 1992, only those who hold special permits will be allowed to breed their dogs and cats; all other dogs and cats will have to be spayed/neutered. Criteria for breeding permits, fees, etc., have yet to be established.

Based on the opinions of several attorneys that sections of the proposal are constitutionally suspect and invalid, the California groups are considering a legal challenge to the ordinance.
This is not a local issue; it is a national problem and will require the cooperation, hard work and involvement of all of the fancy. Betty-Anne and Roy Stenmark are to be commended for their superb organization, wise counsel, patience and willingness to develop a local group to protest this ordinance. We will need this kind of leadership in each area if this kind of movement spreads.

Be assured that the American Kennel Club is looking at alternatives and long-range programs to deal with this development in other than a brush-fire basis. We solicit any thoughts and concerns that you have and would appreciate being notified at once if you are aware that such an ordinance is being considered in your area.
WEB-FOOTED SHEEP SUBSTITUTES

by: Linda Rorem, Pacifica, California

Appeared in the American Herding Breed Association Newsletter

Ducks display flocking behavior in a manner similar to sheep, and can be used for training herding dogs in the maneuvers to be used with sheep and other larger stock. Ducks are often used to test young puppies for herding instinct and may also be used for preliminary training of a dog that will soon be taken to train with sheep. A big advantage of ducks is that several can be kept where it would be impossible to keep sheep. Ducks are hardy, fairly easy to keep, and easy to transport.

KEEPING DUCKS

Ducklings can be obtained from hatcheries, from feed stores or pet stores, or even ordered through the mail. Baby ducklings will need a draft proof box with a heat lamp or brooder for several weeks. They grow quickly, so will be able to be acclimated to the outdoors after a few weeks. They will approach adult size and appearance by two or three months, although it may take a little longer for the full adult coloration of the drake to appear (the easiest way for distinguishing drakes from hens in many breeds). Downy ducklings should be kept from deep water unless supervised, as they can become waterlogged and drown -- very young ducklings have even drowned in dewy grass. Their drinking water should prevent their entry, or have a means of getting out. If adult duck are already present, the ducklings should be kept separate from them, as adults will not accept strange ducklings and may even attack them.

Adult ducks can be obtained from some hatcheries, through newspaper ads, and other sources. Average prices for adults are around $5.00 to 7.00.

Recommended breeds are the lighter breeds developed for egg-laying: Indian Runners in particular, with their upright stance and fast gait, and Khaki Campbells. Mallards also are acceptable, as well as crosses of all of these. These are more active, faster, flock better, and are quieter than the heavier meat breeds such as the Pekin (the common white duck), the Mallard-colored Rouen, and the aggressive Muscovy. My own ducks are Runners and Campbells. Due to the small size of my facilities, I usually keep a minimum of five, so as to have the basic group of three, plus backups. It may be better to start out with a larger number and then pare down to the desired number, because even in the more suitable breeds there will be individuals that have less
stamina, develop more aggression, are noisier, or have some other quick that makes them less suitable than their flockmates. When obtaining adult ducks for herding, be sure they come from the same flock. Ducks from different flocks and/or breeds won't readily associate with one another, but will split off and give an inexperienced dog discouraging difficulties.

Some people recommend keeping all drakes, because drakes are quieter than hens. However, drakes confined in small areas may fight during mating season even if no hens are present, injuring and even killing one another. Therefore, I keep hens, or mostly hens with one drake (more than one drake should not be kept with a small number of hens). Even then, part of the mating ritual for ducks involves the drake grabbing the hen by the neck, leaving hens with feathers pulled out and sores on the back of the neck. My hens haven't been particularly noisy, especially after I have removed one or two particular individuals that were noisy. So, unless ducklings are desired, keeping only hens will work in many cases. Runneres and Campbells are noted layers. Duck eggs can be used like chicken eggs, and are especially well-thought-of for baking. They usually aren't fried, however, because when fried they have a stronger flavor and somewhat rubbery texture compared to fried chicken eggs. I often hard-boil the eggs and give them to the dogs for a treat (whole raw eggs should NEVER be given to dogs, because a substance in raw whites binds up Vitamin B). A couple of times I have let a hen set her eggs and raise ducklings. Several ducks may lay eggs in one nest, but it is best to confine any setting hen or hens separately. When several hens are kept in a small area, they may try to push eggs from one nest to another, and if after the disturbances the eggs hatch, the hens may fight over the ducklings. Ducks are notoriously poor mothers. They may set 20 eggs, hatch one half, with only half of the hatched ducklings eventually surviving. Because of this, duck eggs are often put under a setting chicken -- leading to such sights as a frantic mother chicken running along the bank of a pond as "her" babies instinctively take to the water.

Most of my ducks haven't had their wings clipped and have shown little inclination or ability for flying; the best they have done is about 1-1/2 feet off the ground for about four feet on a downhill slope. There have been some individuals who have come closer to achieving flight, however, and for those, wings are clipped by trimming back the long outer flight feathers of one wing by two to three inches.

Ducks are fairly easy to handle. They may occasionally attempt to nip with their beaks, flail with their wings, or scratch with their feet, but such efforts are usually weak and easily countered (an exception is the Muscovy). Ducks are best held by putting both hands around the body, enclosing the wings. They can also be held by grasping the upper wings in one hand, close to the body and over the back, or by holding the duck against your side with one arm around body and wings.

Ducks can be fed chicken scratch and layer feed available from
feed stores. They also enjoy bread, lettuce leaves and vegetable scraps. They are very good at clearing an areas of snails, slugs and insects. Baby ducklings should not be given "chick starter"; however, as it is not formulated for them; instead, they should receive a food made for ducklings or for game birds.

Plenty of drinking water is very important for ducks, and it must be deep enough so they can submerge their heads. A child's wading pool can be used if the enclosure is big enough. But while ducks appreciate being able to swim at will, this is not strictly necessary. For drinking water, a low tub or bucket will work, but such containers will necessitate changing the water daily or every other day, as it soon gets silted and dirty because ducks swallow grit and wash their beaks and heads frequently. The water container should be set over gravel, a wire screen, bricks with slight spaces between, etc., to keep the area around the water from getting muddy. Dry flooring is important for ducks; confining ducks to a small pen with wet flooring will cause health problems. Pens can be bedded with straw, new straw being added as needed and the whole pen cleaned out once or twice a year (which provides excellent mulch and fertilizer for plants). This may not be necessary in a larger yard with only a few ducks.

Ducks can be allowed free range in large areas, being penned only at night for their safety if there are predators; if space does not allow this, they may be kept in a smaller pen. About 6x6 ft. or 4x10 ft. is acceptable for four or five ducks. In larger areas a three-foot fence is usually adequate for keeping ducks confined, but four feet is better for a smaller area, and of course a higher, stronger fence may be needed to keep other animals out. Where predators are present, the pen will need a top.

While ducks are fairly hardy, nevertheless, there should be some kind of covered shelter available. The pen should be located away from the house or any neighbors, because with close confinement the ducks' pen can become very aromatic or attract flies. General cleanliness and proper care will keep this at a minimum, and if need be, the pen can be screened in.

For more information on keeping ducks, read:

Raising the Home Duck Flock, by Dave Holderread, Garden Way Publ. 1978, Pownal, VT; or The Home Duck Flock, by Dave Holderread, The Hen House Publ., 1978 Corvallis, OR 97330 (P.O. Box 492)

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WORKING DUCKS

Ducks used for training must be fit, free-moving and cooperative. The principal drawback of using ducks is that they are slower than sheep and tend to cause the dog to work closer to the stock than is ideal. However, this can be used as an opportunity to insist that the dog work slower and further off the stock, teaching the
dog that every step taken is critical. Of poultry types, ducks are the best for herding; chicken do not flock well and geese tend to be aggressive.

New ducks may panic the first few times they are worked with a dog, but they soon learn the routine. They will begin to move readily toward the handler with the dog walking up behind them, changing direction according to the dog's position as directed by the handler. After they become experienced in moving around a course set-up, they may head through the gates or into a pen practically on their own! Be sure to change the course layout periodically to avoid this, or alter the obstacles (for instance, a towel can be draped across a familiar panel to make it look different).

Ducks, like other stock, can become too accustomed to the herding routine or become sour and aggressive, so may have to be replace thorugh time to time. During the mating season, drakes in particular may be more inclined to run at dogs with necks outstretched, attempting to pinch, especially when near the nesting area. One time during mating season I sent my Collie into the duck house to bring out the ducks, and the drake jumped at her and hung onto her ruff -- she stood there looking nonplussed, while the drake was sure he was doing major damage. My Collie's size and experience kept her from becoming upset at this behavior, but less experienced dogs or younger or smaller dogs could be intimidated in such circumstances or overreact and attack a duck.

Ducks are often used for introducing puppies to stock, but this must be done with careful supervision because ducks can pinch with their beaks or frighten a young puppy with an aggressive display. One way of providing the first introductions is to have the ducks in a small round pen (such as an exercise pen) with the puppies able to circle the pen on the outside. Older puppies can be directly introduced to docile ducks, under close supervision, in a larger area. Pups or grown dogs should never be left with ducks to chase and pull feathers at will.

Because until recently I did not have enough room to work at home, I took my ducks to school fields and parks to work, and I still do so when needing a larger area for a particular stage of training. Standard pet carriers such as airline kennels work well for transporting ducks. Find areas that are relatively free of disturbances, particularly from loose dogs, for obvious reasons. Avoid areas with brush. The natural tendency of ducks is to seek safety in dense cover, and it can be difficult to find them and get them out should they manage to get into cover. They will flatten themselves on the ground and hold perfectly still, even if pushed and prodded.

For setting up various courses, I nailed together little four-rail "gates" from strips of wood lath, about two feet high and three feet long, secured by small round metal posts pushed (or hammered, depending on the hardness of the ground!) into the
ground. For pens, standard exercise pens are very handy. I have set up larger fenced areas with a roll of 2-ft. chicken wire and more of the round metal posts. A set of 20 posts cost around $25.00 and can be obtained through hardware stores and farm catalogs. Plastic insulators for electric fences (about $1.00/pkg.), obtainable from the same sources, are useful for securing the wire to the posts.

At the practice field, water should always be available for the ducks (and for dogs and people too, of course). I take along a small dishpan for the ducks' water, which not only provides refreshment for the ducks, but can be used to help keep them in position at a distance when practicing outruns. My ducks take turns dipping in their dishpan when there is a lull in the activities.

Ducks are small, practically defenseless, and aren't really designed for a lot of walking or running. They should be protected from unruliness on the part of the dog. Some dogs may be too strong for ducks, and would best be started on sheep. After some training, they may then work ducks safely. In all cases, first exposures should take place under the supervision of a knowledgeable person so that the best approach to training can be determined.

The ducks will need plenty of rest periods when working. The hotter the weather, the longer and more frequent the rest periods will need to be. The nature of the dog will also play a part in how long a session should continue. Signs of stress in the ducks are panting with open beaks, and sitting down and refusing to move in otherwise cooperative ducks. In very hot weather, the ducks may not work at all, or work only in the shade. They deserve full consideration -- after all they didn't volunteer!

Ducks are a practical solution for many who are interested in herding training. And aside from that, they are appealing, interesting animals to have around.

(This article first appeared in THE CASSETTE)
EVEN-HANDED JUSTICE

One example that reflects the spirit of even-handed justice embodied in Matthias' Code is Clause 41 of the Law which dealt with the collection of church tithes. After the harvest, it was the custom of tithe-collectors to inspect a peasant's property on horseback in order to estimate the crop stacked in the fields and to collect the portion due. Regarding this custom, Clause 41 contains the following instructions:

"We have ordained furthermore, that the tithe-collectors must be satisfied with the oath of the tithe-payers. If they are not satisfied with it, it shall be in their power to examine the stacks. If they find more than the peasant has declared, they shall take away the surplus and shall make him pay the tithes proper in addition.

But, if they find there exactly the amount the peasant has said, they shall pay him a gold piece as a compensation for the damage caused by upsetting the stack. If they deny the payment of this, it shall be the peasant's right to take away the horse of the tithe-collector. And that the peasant be able to do so with greater ease and comfort, we ordain by this law that the tithe-collectors, before examining the stack, should dismount and tie up their horses in the court or house of the tithe-paying peasant."

Thus the peasant's honor was held in esteem before the law, and those who doubted it were obliged to pay for their mistrust.

MATTHIAS AND THE SHERIFF OF KOLOZSVÁR

Perhaps the best known anecdote about Matthias arose from one of his walks among the people of Kolozsvár.

The Sheriff of Kolozsvár was notorious for abusing his authority by forcing the humble folk to saw and chop wood for him without payment. One day, as Matthias happened to walk the streets of Kolozsvár in disguise, the sheriff fell on him and ordered him to split wood in the public square. The king meekly set about the work, but carved his initials onto every log he split.
When the next day Matthias made an official visit to Kolozsvá on horseback, the sheriff assured the king that he was carrying on his business according to the law. Thereupon, Matthias sent for the logs he had split the day before and pointed to the initials he had carved on them. This proved the sheriff to be an abuser of the people and a liar before the king. The sheriff promptly fell on his knees begging for mercy, but Matthias had him severely punished as an example to would-be violators of the law.

There are more stories and legends in circulation about Matthias than about any other Hungarian king. These stories abounded during his lifetime, and have been handed down through generations as illuminations of his even-handed justice.

No wonder that he went down into history as "Matthias the Just", and that the people loved him as they had loved no other king. When he died in Vienna in 1490, the most fitting epitaph was carved not on his gravestone, but in the hearts of people: "Matthias is dead and justice has gone with him."

They were right, for the shining lights of Matthias's reign turned abruptly into darkness after his death. But through those dark times, and others that followed, the great era of Matthias served as a beacon of remembered glory.

**Magyar Population in the Carpathian Basin**

**At the End of the 15th Century**

2. Other nationalities and uninhabited, mostly mountainous, territory.

(Several descriptive paragraphs in the preceding article have been drawn from "The Spirit of Hungary", by Stephen Sisa. 1983) Mr. Sisa's account of the Hungarian History is the utmost best, we all salute his outstanding contribution to World Literature.

Impressions by Tessa Adam

Coming: A "PEASANT KING" ON A FIERY THRONE
Held in Allentown, PA at the George Washington Inn on September 19-21, 1990. The whole weekend was one class act. It had all the ingredients to make it a very memorable event.

The perfect one story outside access motel, a lot of well mowed grass to exercise the Pulik on. It was nice to see the participants and committee people kept it very well picked up.

Our room was very spacious with the queen sized beds and enough room left over for our six Pulik and all their paraphernalia for a six day excursion.

The Specialty Committee had their choice of venues for the rings depending on the weather. It had been decided that PCA was not going to have its parade rained on for the third year in a row. The sun shown brightly for both the futurity, obedience, sweepstakes and breed classes. The Committee had thought of everything.

A hospitality room staffed by June Johnson, complete with food and drink at all the right times and a VCR so people could watch the herding tapes. The items that were offered for the auction were also on display there.

The Committee also had the grass mowed and raked to golf course condition and liver cookies ring side for those of us that had come in by air. The ring was lined with chairs to sit on, to watch and talk to old and new friends. They literally thought of everything.

The board meeting was held on Wednesday, and it was quite productive. To close out the weekend there was PCS's 1st AKC Herding Test. All the good weather came to an end the day of the herding test. It rained and rained and rained. Then came the flash flood. The test ring had to be moved from the park (then knee deep in water) to the motel parking lot. What an experience. Everyone helped take down the rings and fashion one in the parking lot with autos, X-pens and at times people to continue the show. Inspite of all the problems 21 Pulik passed their tests. Congratulations to all.

It was a very memorable weekend and the Illinois/Wisconsin people that are hosting next year's National has had an outstanding example to follow.
SHOW RESULTS

CH PRYDAIN NOAH(D)
Breeder/Owner: R Boatright & B Edwards
Agent: Nancy McGarvey
by: CH Shine-On Immerzu Zamba & CH Prydain Erilu CD

11-10-90 WINE COUNTRY KC T.C. Conway GRII
11-11-90 MENSEONA KC Dr J.E. Hungerland GRIII
11-23-90 YOSEMITE KC Dr V.J. Haag BOB
11-24-90 GOLDEN VALLEY KC D. Canino BOB
12-02-90 SAN MATEO KC M.M. Hodesson BOB

CH TORDOR MT HOOD'S KIS ANGYALON(B)
Breeder: B Stelz and L & B Hiett
Owner: B Stelz & L Hiett
by: CH Szeder's Lokoto Lacko & CH Mt Hood's Lenke of Tordor CD

11-25-90 SAN JOAQUIN KC J. Wilcox BOB
12-02-90 SAN MATEO KC M.M. Hodesson BOS

PRYDAIN GREGORY(D)
Breeder: B Edwards & B Nourot
Owner: B Edwards & C Peteron
by: CH Prydain Zaddick & CH Trumpkin Ala Prydain

11-10-90 WINE COUNTRY KC S.J. Hubbell 3pts WD/BOW
12-02-90 SAN MATEO KC M.M. Hodesson 2pts WD/BOW

BOKAR FOXI LADY OF PRYDAIN(B)
Breeder: C Nusbickel & C Mattingly
Owner: N McGarvery & C Peterson
by: CH Prydain Zaddick & CH Wallbanger Bokar Solitate

12-02-90 SAN MATEO KC M.M. Hodesson 2pts WB

TORDOR'S MILLI VANILLI(B)
Breeder: B Stelz & Linn Hiett
Owner: B Stelz
by: CH Csanyteleki Cigany & CH Mt Hood's Lenke of Tordor CD

11-25-90 SAN JOAQUIN KC J. Wilcox WB/BOW

PRYDAIN HELL- A POPPIN(B)
Breeder/Owner: B Edwards & N McGarvey

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by: CH Teakwood Tribute C.D.X. & CH Prydain Virag H.T.
11-10-90 WINE COUNTRY KC S.J. Hubbell 3pts WB

CH GALA DIAMOND IN THE RUFF(B)
Breeder/Owner: R Sky & B Edwards
by: CH Trumpkin Al Dente & Ch Prydain Kolompos Gala C.D.
11-10-90 WINE COUNTRY KC S.J. Hubbell BOS
11-11-90 MENSONA KC T.C. Conway BOS

PRYDAIN HEADLINER(D)
Breeder/Owner: B Edwards & N McGarvey
by: CH Teakwood Tribute C.D.X. & CH Prydain Virag H.T.
11-11-90 MENSONA KC T.C. Conway 2pts WD/BOW

PRYDAIN WHIMISCAL WOOLY C.D. (B)
Breeder: C Peterson & B Edwards
Owner: N Eaton & B Edwards
by: CH & OTCH Prydain Edyrion U.D. & Prydain Langos
11-11-90 MENSONA KC T.C. Conway 2pts WB

KOBBANYAI UTI ARANYOS(B)
Breeder: Arnold Salgo
Owner: K & R Allen
by: Perecesi Orokos Legeny & Sopronpusztai Ibolyka
11-23-90 YOSEMITE KC Dr V J Haag 2pts WB/BOS

PRYDAIN IL-DE(B)
Breeder/Owner: B Edwards & N McGarvey
by: CH Prydain Vandor For Jolette’s C.D. & CH Teakwood Romantico
11-24-90 GOLDEN VALLEY KC D. Canino 2pts WB/BOS

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December, 1990

Hi there!

Yes, folks, it's me again. Back with my annual brag sheet. Appropriately enough, I am writing you this year from the top of the A-frame, and being nine feet up does give me a better perspective on my world than the roof of Snoopy's doghouse would.
I am standing up here because this year I really have something to brag about. I think I am the first dog in Nebraska, and the first Puli in the United States, to have earned the Agility Dog title now being offered by the United States Dog Agility Association. Note carefully that I did not say I am the best agility dog, or even agility Puli. After all, Grandma Pat's Tango won the Grand Prix of Dog Agility last year, and came in second (by half a second) this past summer. But when we went to Minnesota in September for the Agility Trial, I was the one who was able to restrain myself long enough to complete the required perfect round before I began to do all those clever and cute Puli things. Thus, others may be better and faster, but I got the title. Our friend Virginia is even using me as one of the main characters in her modernized Puli version of the old fable about the tortoise and the hare" she calls it "Leisure Suit Larry vs. Greased Lightning." I don't think it is very nice of her, but what can we expect from someone who calls my son the Bart Simpson of the Puli world?

I probably should say something about our humanoid brother David, even if my kids are doing better than he is. In case any of you want to find him, he is still in our favorite part of the world, up in Houghton, still working at McDonald's, but he has been promoted to Second Chief Assistant Hamburger Flipper, so perhaps things are looking up. We noticed another hint of improvement in him when he was back for Thanksgiving. He was looking around at all the dead leaves and declared that fall certainly was dull in Nebraska compared to the autumn color in the UP, he is absolutely right, of course, but the important thing is that he noticed. In other ways, unfortunately, he has not changed at all. For example, even though he is working at McDonald's all the time, did he bring us any burgers? Nooooo! of course not --- he forgot!!!! And he knows perfectly well that Puli like hamburgers, almost as much as air-conditioning and tunnels. If he forgets again the next time he comes. I think I will forget who he is and use him as the project for my assertiveness training class.

If you run into Old Dad this year, don't mention us -- it isn't pleasant to see a grown man cry. He would probably like us better if we were couch potatoes, but you know how it is -- a Puli who is not given something to do will find something, and it isn't our fault if people don't like what it is we find. I will admit his like is dull, work, rehab, diet, work, rehab, diet, -- but on December 16 we are going to celebrate Beethoven's birthday, Old Dad's birthday, and the second anniversary of his emergency heart surgery. After all, if he didn't keep doing all of his dull stuff, we would probably be celebrating his insurance money instead. Don't bother coming for the party, though, unless you have a thing for stewed grass and grilled twigs, maybe with some oat bran on the side. We thought we might surprise him with a cook-out. We are going to go out and get some of those special flavorful wood chips, and when he gets to the front of the line,
we will yell, "Hold the steak, and pile on lots of that tender mesquite!"

As for Mom, her year has been more interesting than Old Dad's but only thanks to us. The rest of the time, she does what he does, almost: work, rehab, cook up another mess of stewed grass and twigs. But along with all of that, she gets to spend a bit of time in Puli training land, where life is more lively.

This year Shana has provided most of the entertainment. Last spring Mom decided that Shana should have a chance to go back to tracking. Shana had gone to a tracking clinic years ago, when she was just a puppy, and she relaly has had a glove fixation ever since. She was overjoyed to get back out to the field, and was zipping right along with her training until she suddenly realized that tracking was WORK -- and right then she turned into Shana G. Krebs, with an attitude just like that of Maynard G. in the old Dobie Gillis show.

She would track for maybe ten yards or so, and then just stand there with her head and her tail down, saying, "Track? What track? You can beat me if you want to, but I can't find a thing," and Mom would come home muttering that old saying about "If you have a Hungarian for a friend, you don't need an enemy."

Meanwhile, Shana and I would go around explaining to our friends that she had the wrong proverb; the right one is "A Hungarian is someone who enters a revolving door behind you and comes out ahead of you." Things went on that way until a couple of weeks ago, when we apparently pushed a bit too hard. I won't tell you in public what Mom has done, but I fear that Shana is beginning to crack -- she is even tracking, most of the time, and now Shana comes home from the field muttering, "If you have a Finn for a friend..." Who knows, in another year or two I may even have to report that Shana G. Krebs has a tracking title.

Unfortunately, we will have to be home for the holidays, listening to Them complain about how many more papers they still have to grade -- but maybe we can help out by making an exam confetti salad. Stop over -- there will be plenty for you too!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM EVERYONE, EVEN SONIA, HERDER OF JOGGERS.

CH Scamp

UD HC AD, Scaler of Obstacles
Recently, I was honored to have been asked to judge the Spring Fair in Sydney, Australia (2 shows over our Thanksgiving weekend). While I have previously judged in Australia, I have never before been fortunate enough to judge Pulis. In the Spring Fair premium list they list the breeds that each judge has bred. As a result, I drew the largest entry of Pulis ever in New South Wales and maybe all of Australia. There was a total of 23. While not a large entry by our standards, I was very pleased. They told me that some of the dogs came from as far as 800 miles away.

There are no Best in Breed classes in Australia, so class dogs and champions are shown together. There are seven classes: Baby Puppy - 4 to 6 mos. (not eligible for Challenge Certificate); Minor Puppy - 6 to 9 mos; Puppy - 6 to 12 mos; Junior - 6 to 18 mos; Intermediate - 18 to 36 mos; Australian Bred; and Open.

Ribbons are awarded for the first three placements in a class and a Challenge Certificate is awarded to the winners dog and bitch. For a championship title, they must have a total of 100 points rather than the 15 required here. I think that they receive five points for entering plus one point for every dog defeated up to a maximum of 25 points per show. As you can see, as one is competing against champions it makes it harder to get points. I personally feel that it would make our championships more meaningful if we adapted a similar system in this country. There is no Best of Opposite in Australia. They award BOB and Reserve BOB and the reserve can be of the same sex as the breed winner. This also, I feel, is an improvement on our system.

What I don't like about their system is that after picking BOB and Reserve BOB, you pick the best of the two winners of each class (i.e. the best of the Australian Bred dog and bitch, the best of Open dog and bitch). Then at the group level you pick your group winner and reserve group winner and then the best of each of the classes in the group. This is repeated again after Best in Show. Goes on forever!!!

My Challenge Dog (Winners) in Pulis (CH. CORDMAKER KORMOS CIGANY) was a 3-1/2 years old and already a Champion. Beautifully
put together and a marvelous mover. Coat not yet down to the ground which the owner said many judges used as the reason for not giving him the CC. Obviously not of great importance to me. My reserve winner (CH. SECHANTZ TIBOR) was ten years old and in magnificent condition.

My Challenge Bitch (CH. PASZTOR ISMERT INGA) was a half-sister to the Challenge Dog by the same sire (CH. CORDMAKER KOCOS BOJTAR) and only one day over two years of age. She definitely looked like her brother's sister. My Reserve (CORDMAKER PAJKOS MARTA) was an eleven month old bitch from the same kennel as my two challenge winners and shows great promise.

I gave BOB and res. BOB to my Challenge Dog and Reserve Challenge Dog. Unfortunately, the day that I did the Working Group (the equivalent more or less of our Harding Group) I did not do the breed as another dog of the same kennel won the breed.

I think that all things being equal I would have given the Group I to the dog that I gave the BOB.

I had a marvelous group of Puli's from which choose and they were all of very high quality. While they will probably all not receive their championships in Australia, I feel that every single one could finish its championship in this country. They were all typy with marvelous coats and most in very good physical condition (only a few couch potatoes).

If any of you, as breeders, are asked to ship your stock to Australia, even with the quarantine, I would not be at all leery as from what I saw they are definitely well cared for as both pets and show dogs.

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Dear Terry & Julius,

by: Rita Sikes, Douglas, Wyoming - December 1990

Happy New Year! I had hoped to get a story ready for you for Christmas, but somehow maintaining 2 homes and going to Torrington weekly to see Kelly seems to devour my time.

This year you will need map to keep up with us. Kelly is currently living in Torrington. She is at St. Joseph's Children's Home, where she is doing much better and will hopefully be home by summer. Sam and I are in Douglas, and Jesse is living in Elk Mountain, Wyoming. So you can see we have a lot of news to share with you.

Although our lives have undergone many changes we are all in good health and looking forward to finally all being in one spot in June, 1991.
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Around last Christmas we were fortunate enough to sell the ranch and in the process acquired a new home about 7 miles south of Douglas. January brought a move from our trailer in town to our spacious new home in the country. (If you can call 2.3 acres country.)

Jesse continued logging while I substitute taught and Sam kept busy in the 9th grade. Kelly was in the 6th grade at St. Joseph’s and Sam’s many activities my bumper sticker should have read "ON THE ROAD STILL" not again as the song says.

Time flies and Sam is now 16. I never thought I would consider 16 a blessing but it does have advantages. Now Sam is going to school and working at the lumber yard after school, his being able to drive has been a tremendous help.

Because it became nearly impossible to find reliable truckers this summer logging fizzled. However, I’ve heard it said that every time a door closes, God opens a window and I truly believe that now. Jesse is now working for the county road crew in Elk Mountain. In fact, he is the road crew. He does have another employee, M.T. (Mouse Trap) the cat that keeps the mice out of the shop. Jesse takes care of a little more than 100 miles of road. Sam is helping me hold down the fort here in Douglas until semester time in January and then he will join his Dad for the remainder of this school year. Kelly now comes home most weekends so I will spend a great deal of time on the road and trying not to be confused as to which direction I am going.

In November, I became the "At Risk" Director at the high school. Basically, that means finding tutors for and tutoring kids with D and F grades. I must admit I started out working for a title that would look good on a job resume later on. Actually, however, this job has turned out to be both challenging and fun. There is nothing more exciting than seeing a kid that has failed for 9 weeks, rush up and say: "Hey, Mrs. Sikes, Thanks, I got an 80 on my last vocab. test." Of course, I landed this job 2 weeks before Jesse got his county job, so I will be in Douglas until the end of May. But this way I can keep a log on the fire and hope the house sells. If it doesn’t sell we will either rent it or close it up come the first of June. ELK MOUNTAIN HERE I COME!

PLEASE NOTE: as of now our address is 51 Red Rock Dr., Douglas, Wy. 82633. As of June 1st it will be P.O. Box 24, Elk Mountain, Wy. 82324.

Let me share a little about Elk Mountain for those of you that don’t know the place. It is a little town of about 225 people with all dirt roads except Main Street. Elk Mountain does boast one store (meager), one post office, and one bar. It nestled in the mountains at about 7,250 feet more or less. So winter comes early and stays late. If you look on your map, Elk Mountain is about 1/2 way between Laramie and Rawlins just south of
Interstate 80. This is the part of the country where Jesse grew up, so he is looking forward to being "home". The kids seem to think this could be boring, but what teenager doesn't think life anywhere is boring. I'm looking forward to what I hope is a quieter life style. Perhaps there will even be time for a letter more than once a year.

Please, remember we think of you more often than we write. We do wish all of you health and happiness for the coming year. And if you have a chance come visit and taste a bit of the rural life. The coffee pot will be on.

Take care and God Bless.

P.S. The Pulis are doing fine, LuBa finished her CD this summer and since I'm in Elk Mt. over the Holidays, I don't have all the important information other than she is now CH. Prydain LuBove CD. It was at Rapid City KC Dog Show in Casper, WY. in June.

With our trips between Elk Mt. and Douglas, Fred is a little confused as to where home is.

Smokey has started his open training. He loves the jumping, but he absolutely dislikes the dumbell. Do far I just keep putting it in his mouth with a "Hold it" and a hand under his chin and one behind his head. If anyone has more suggestion, I'm willing to listen or perhaps we just need more time.

Well, may your New Year be blessed with health and happiness.

Love,

Rita, Jesse
Kelly, Sam
LuBa, Smokey, Fred, Pulik
Mark Cat &
Red, Rusty, Nifty, & Buster, Horses

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MOST ESSENTIALS IN YOUR DOG'S EMERGENCY FIRST-AID KIT:

TWEEZERS, for removal of splinters or glass.
RECTAL THERMOMETER, (a dog's normal temperature is 101.5 degree to 102.5 F. - PETROLEUM JELLY is one of the best ointment to lubricate thermometers.)
EYEDROPPER, (plastic) to help give liquid medicine
COTTON BATTING, to gently wrap broken legs
GAUZE BANDAGE, (rolls of) for wounds and to muzzle an injured dog
ADHESIVE TAPE, for bandages,
GAUZE PADS, to protect wounds and burns and control bleeding
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE SOLUTION (3%) to clean minor wounds
SYRUP OF IPECAC, to induce vomiting
ACTIVATED CHARCOAL, to absorb poison (N O T F O R B L O A T !)
"THE PETS OF MY LIFE"

by: Ruth Thon, San Rafael, Ca.

The first pet I can remember was my mother's canary and he sure could sing. It was my job to clean his cage, a job I hated, and one day while cleaning the cage, Dicky got out. I chased him all over with the cage, but he was enjoying the freedom of flight. We had a built-in buffet with mirror backing and when Dicky saw himself in the mirror, he thought it was another bird. He danced up and down from one end of the buffet to the other, trying to outdo that darn bird in the mirror, but no matter what acrobatic he performed, the bird in the mirror did the same things. I finally put the cage on one end of the buffet and left the door open, so that he could get back in. From then on he wanted a taste of freedom every morning and he got it!

My second pet was a roly-poly bull terrier puppy. My mother used to be terrified of dogs, but even Mom fell in love with the puppy and allowed me to keep him.

We didn't close the doors in the bedrooms when Mom took me downtown to buy my first formal gown. We came home to disaster! Frisk chewed up six pairs of shoes including the leather slippers my brother and I saved for six months to buy for Dad's Christmas present and the new shoes I got for Easter and was going to wear with my first formal. It was a good thing my formal was floor length, because we couldn't afford another pair of shoes. The whole family learned the hard way to put our shoes in the closet, and close the closet doors!

Time flies — the Great Depression set in, I graduated from high school, and as one company after another went under, I decided to go to Comptometer School to learn more of office machines. That whetted my appetite to learn more and by the time I got a permanent job, I got acquainted with every machine in the offices I worked in. Now, computers do more in less time, but for me, they were invented too late. I can't picture anyone hiring a 75 years old woman just so she can play with computers.

I'm not complaining though, because into my life came two Pulik, Zorro and Koko. Now, that is tops in challenges! Zorro and Koko are different in many ways but both specialize in "STUBBORNNESS"!

If you want love, loyalty, forgiveness for not being perfect, intelligence and a dog with a great sense of humor, get a Puli. That is one thing you will never regret!

Love,
Ruth and Koko

P.S. I took a nasty fall in October, 1990 when I was walking Koko at Northgate. I couldn't get up so had to crawl to a tree to help me up. Cracked my left ribs and sprained my left shoulder,
and my wrist in the fall. It still hurts.

Koko was so good! She came over and stood by me until I could get up on my feet, and was right at my side for the next couple of days. Until I'm feeling better we take short walks close to home. I wonder how long it takes for fractured ribs to heal?

Sorry I couldn't type this and sure hope you can read it.

"ONE WEEK LATER"

I'm finally able to drive again, so at least once a day we drive to Northgate for our walk. Koko is in her glory if she meets young children, especially little girls. She is so gentle with them and lets them pet her. I always have to show the little ones that Koko has two beautiful eyes and can see very well. Some of the youngsters thinks she's blind because they can't see her eyes.

Koko has a continuing health problem - colitis. The vet put her on azulfidine and it worked great - no more diarrhea. When he took her off the medication, the diarrhea came back. Something happened when tried other medications so now she's on azulfidine for the rest of her life, and is doing very well. At first she balked at the medication, but now she goes up on our bed and waits her 1/2 pill and then head for the kitchen for her 2 D food. Her stools are now nice and normal. her coat is a real mess though. I don't have enough strength in my hands to pull the cords and she gets some really big mats. I'm tempted to cut some of the BIG ones out, but not sure if I should.

Connie and Barbara, will you please advise me as to what to do for Koko's coat? We sure would appreciate your imput. And again, thank you for bringing Koko into my life. I love her so much!

Our love to all,
Ruth & Koko

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"ANY MOMENT"

by: Lord Martin Cecil

Any moment of loving, Any moment of hating,
Any moment of giving, Any moment of lying,
Any moment of thankfulness, Any moment of resentment,
Is a moment of living. Is a moment of dying.

All our moments add together
Like the digits in a sum,
And the answer tells us plainly
Whether life or death shall come!

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Far too many dogs suffer from skin disease. Frustrated by an inability to cure their pet’s itchy, scaly skin, many owners elect to put the dog to sleep.

Kenneth W. Kwochka, D.V.M., hopes that his findings in a recent study will improve conditions for dogs suffering from one skin problem, idiopathic seborrhea. The study was funded by Morris Animal Foundation.

Characterized by greasy or dry scaly skin, inflammation and odor, idiopathic seborrhea is particularly common in cocker and springer spaniels, basset hounds, Irish setters, German shepherd dogs, Doberman pinschers, West Highland white terriers, dachshunds and poodles. An especially severe form, idiopathic seborrheic dermatitis, affects mostly spaniels. Scientists suspect that the skin condition is inherited.

The skin problem responds only partially to shampoos and other topical agents applied to the dog. At best, it can be controlled but never cured.

Skin is many layers deep. The upper portion is called the epidermis, Dr. Kwochka learned that the base layer of the epidermis grows much faster than normal in dogs with idiopathic seborrhea. Further investigation revealed that not only do the cells grow faster than usual, but more cells are growing and dividing than in normal canine skin.

The cell abnormalities are similar to those reported in human psoriasis. Recently a new drug, a synthetic retinoid, has been found effective in treating psoriasis. Dr. Kwochka, has started treating dogs with idiopathic seborrheic dermatitis with this drug and is evaluating clinical improvement and rate of cell growth in the epidermis. In the course of the study, Dr. Kwochka learned to grow both normal and seborrheic canine skin in laboratory conditions. Now preliminary drug screening can be done on cell cultures, and scientists studying normal and diseased canine skin will be able to conduct many studies which do not require animals.

Dr. Kwochka also learned to successfully graft skin from one dog to another. This proved that the defect is in the epidermis. Normal epidermis grew normally when grafted onto seborrheic dogs.
and seborrheic skin continued to grow abnormally when grafted onto normal dogs. The techniques perfected in the study also will enable veterinarians to improve treatment of dogs needing skin grafts for burns and other injuries.

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**DIAGNOSING PROTEIN-LOSS DISORDERS.**

Right now the only way your veterinarian can diagnose your dog's intestinal protein loss disorder is by surgery - not the ideal approach to a problem which causes poor healing. Obviously, a quick, easy, and sensitive test available to practitioners is needed. Such a test exists for people.

The disorder is called protein-losing enteropathy. Animals with this fairly common problem have excessive amounts of protein leak into the intestine where they are lost from the body. Diarrhea is the typical symptom, but some dogs have no obvious signs.

The human diagnostic kit tests stool samples for substance called alpha-1-antitrypsin. This natural protein, produced in the liver, circulates in the bloodstream. It is not broken down in the gut, therefore is passed in the stools. When the gut fails to break down proteins properly, the stools contain a higher than normal level of alpha-1 antitrypsin.

In people, emphysema, intestinal problems, and liver failure are associated with alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiencies. The same may be true of dogs, which have similar plasma levels of alpha-1-antitrypsin.

Theresa W. Fossum, D.V.M., M.S., of Texas A & M University, is principal investigator on a team working to adapt human alpha-1-antitrypsin tests for use in dogs. The study is funded by Morris Animal Foundation. The task is proving more difficult than she anticipated because the techniques used to develop the human test do not work on canine alpha-1-antitrypsin. However, Dr. Fossum was pleased to discover that dogs have several different forms of alpha-1-antitrypsin.

In people, the different forms of alpha-1-antitrypsin are related to different susceptibilities to some diseases such as emphysema. Once she obtains a working test, Dr. Fossum may have an even finer diagnostic tool than she anticipated.

Beside diagnosing the problem, the test will help monitor progress of the disease or success of treatment, as levels of alpha-1-antitrypsin in the stools increase or decline. Deficiencies of alpha-1-antitrypsin in people can be treated with the enzyme purified from blood of individuals with normal levels of alpha-1-antitrypsin. Techniques are being devised to replace the defective gene which causes the deficiency.
Once Dr. Fossum perfects the technique to test for alpha-1-antitrypsin in animals, she hopes to adapt the canine test for use in other animals, especially horses. It is impossible to biopsy horses for this syndrome.

Dr. Fossum grew up on a ranch in Idaho, where she rode horses competitively and helped with the cattle. She considered becoming a large animal veterinarian while she was a student, but memories of delivering calves during the late winter in Idaho convinced her to become a small animal clinician.

DO YOU KNOW?

CERF RELOCATES

The Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF) has moved to a new address. Owners with breeds who have an eye certification program may want to make a note of it. The examination sheets and certification should be sent to: Veterinary Medical Data Program (VMDP), c/o Alan Warble, South Campus Courts, Building C, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907.

The fee for registering a dog is $7.50. If you have questions, the phone number is: (317) 494-8179.

ACTIVATED CHARCOAL

Activated charcoal is a substance which should be in every dog owner's medicine cabinet. Yet, it has fallen into disuse, perhaps being considered a folk remedy. Activated charcoal absorbs chemicals, or toxins and helps to dispel them from the body through the feces. It is effective in absorbing a number of chemicals and poisons, including insecticides, rodenticides, household chemicals, toxins formed by eating fermented garbage, as well as some bacterial toxins which result from gastrointestinal infections.

The activated charcoal should be given with a saline cathartic mixed with water and administered with a stomach tube. It usually comes either as tablets or capsules which are available at the drug store and can be broken up to make the solution.

Charcoal cooking briquettes SHOULD NEVER BE USED! A dog with mild flatulence can be given the tablets without dissolution and the gas often will be dispelled. A dog with symptoms of bloat should be taken immediately to the veterinarian, and NOT given the charcoal as a wait-and-see measure.

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SAGITTARIUS, THE ARCHER

- agile, - mobile, - energetic, - conscientious, - dependable -

Compatible mates: - Aries, - Leo, - Gemini, - Aquarius, - Libra -
Is your life boring? Are you thinking of - how you can kill time until "prime-time TV" starts tonight? Is every day a replica of the wretched, hopeless days of cheerless yesterdays? Are you a slave of your habits? Do you have an impulse sometimes to hit your spouse when she asks you repeatedly: "Did you like dinner dahling? Do you often have an urge to shout, or have an unbearable drive to ram your home?

If any of your answers is YES, then contemplate to acquire a dog under the sign of SAGITTARIUS. Don't hesitate! Leave everything you were doing, right then, go - no! RUN to your nearest breeder. But! Only do it if you are quite sure, that you bored. Most of the people don't even know that or rather they won't reveal it to their very best friends even.

Don’t worry, your boredom is over, your Sagittarius dog (let’s call him "Sag" from now on) will prove it to you. He cannot tolerate boring people and there are ways he'll be able to express it to you clearly.

Start from point A, that you are not boring and can’t stand boring companions. As soon as you have your Sag in place, he'll make sure that you’ll have a life, full of adventure, maybe not dangerous, but definitely surprises galore!

A Sag is eternally optimistic, has only great, terrific ideas; he is versatile; and just like dogs of the sign Gemini, he resents to be a slave of any habits.

His sign is a centaur, half horse and half man, and gallops into life like a possessed creature, and shoots his bows merrily into the sun, not even thinking of where they hit eventually.

'Suppose you plan to go to the store to get a box of detergent, or just a pack of cigarettes, as you have become accustomed to through the years. Your dog, however, will cross your plans completely out. Perhaps you never even observed a little black critter, who usually slumbers under the bushes on the way to the store. At least, not until now, until your Sag crawls under the gate with shrilling barking and rouses the quiet neighborhood. Freighted, you try to call him back, but he wouldn’t give a darn... Your Sag is just charging at the small mutt, again and again, just like a good-natured, happy four-legged toreador, who wants to aggravate a bull in the arena. Now, you want to interfere by stepping into the garden and calling your Sag’s name, but it is too late!

The mutt’s master enters the garden hearing the great noise. All of a sudden, the two dogs start chasing about, they zig-zag on the lawn, through the flowers and vegetables. The owner of the critter runs toward you, while you watch the dogs running side by side, like greyhounds in a contest. You almost sink into the ground, and are waiting for the owner to start a shouting match, when he says laughingly, how happy this makes him, as the little old bitch needed exercise for a long time. Since her son moved
away, she put on weight, since nobody was at hand to run with her. All of a sudden the SUN shone brighter in the sky, the air was full with lovely fragrance, and you felt years younger than a few seconds ago...

"Perhaps I could help ..." you stammered, and an agreement was reached. From then on, your life has changed as you ran two dogs every morning and evening, all of you enjoying this with great enthusiasm.

That is a SAG. He believes, by all means, that every day brings a new adventure. They are optimistic, and know that luck will smile on an individual, who believes in it. The morning and evening walks (or runs) were not all the exciting happenings! In a short while they will make friends with the newspaperman, the grocer, and all the neighbors. If someone rings the doorbell and you get up, your Sag will jump up elegantly to take a snack off the table, possibly your most favorite, expensive stuff, you have savored for last. You can’t catch a Sag in speed, for sure.

When you show love and attention to a Sag, no amount is enough for him. He figures out great plans, to entertain you, but he is faster in thinking than in executing plans properly. He acts like he doesn’t have enough time to mess around with details.

Around Christmas time it is impossible to keep him quiet. The beautifully wrapped gift boxes brought by your friends and relatives are all under the tree and the Sag gets awfully excited. He goes around and smells and licks them to find out which one contains his cookies. And, because he cannot read, he might demolish a few in the process. Once he finds his present, he gobbles it up not waiting for the others to share the moments.

The Sag lives a long life and keeps his strength and his vital instincts to the last minute. So, if you are afraid you mightn’t be able to keep up with him, please don’t select a Sag for you. But, if you will, you’ll never have a dull moment in your life.

WHAT A MASTER SHALL DO
- enjoy the adventures
- live in the country - if possible
- be aware of the great variety of surprises
- have trust in him, even if you haven’t got the faintest idea what he’ll do next.

WHAT A MASTER SHALL NOT DO
- don’t be boring
- don’t live in the middle of a big cosmopolitan city
- don’t count on a quiet life
- don’t think that a dog’s strength will subside with age, as it does of the master’s, or you can wait for it for ever!

Illnesses: foot, hip, liver, lung and various accidental injuries
Around last Christmas we were fortunate enough to sell the ranch and in the process acquired a new home about 7 miles south of Douglas. January brought a move from our trailer in town to our spacious new home in the country. (If you can call 2.3 acres country.)

Jesse continued logging while I substitute taught and Sam kept busy in the 9th grade. Kelly was in the 6th grade at St. Joseph's and Sam's many activities my bumper sticker should have read "ON THE ROAD STILL" not again as the song says.

Time flies and Sam is now 16. I never thought I would consider 16 a blessing but it does have advantages. Now Sam is going to school and working at the lumber yard after school, his being able to drive has been a tremendous help.

Because it became nearly impossible to find reliable truckers this summer logging fizzled. However, I've heard it said that every time a door closes, God opens a window and I truly believe that now. Jesse is now working for the county road crew in Elk Mountain. In fact, he is the road crew. He does have another employee, M.T. (Mouse Trap) the cat that keeps the mice out of the shop. Jesse takes care of a little more than 100 miles of road. Sam is helping me hold down the fort here in Douglas until semester time in January and then he will join his Dad for the remainder of this school year. Kelly now comes home most weekends so I will spend a great deal of time on the road and trying not to be confused as to which direction I am going.

In November, I became the "At Risk" Director at the high school. Basically, that means finding tutors for and tutoring kids with D and F grades. I must admit I started out working for a title that would look good on a job resume later on. Actually, however, this job has turned out to be both challenging and fun. There is nothing more exciting than seeing a kid that has failed for 9 weeks, rush up and say: "Hey, Mrs. Bikes, Thanks, I got an 80 on my last vocab. test." Of course, I landed this job 2 weeks before Jesse got his county job, so I will be in Douglas until the end of May. But this way I can keep a log on the fire and hope the house sells. If it doesn't sell we will either rent it or close it up come the first of June. ELK MOUNTAIN HERE I COME!

PLEASE NOTE: as of now our address is 51 Red Rock Dr., Douglas, Wy. 82633. As of June 1st it will be P.O. Box 24, Elk Mountain, Wy. 82324.

Let me share a little about Elk Mountain for those of you that don't know the place. It is a little town of about 225 people with all dirt roads except Main Street. Elk Mountain does boast one store (meager), one post office, and one bar. It nestled in the mountains at about 7,250 feet more or less. So winter comes early and stays late. If you look on your map, Elk Mountain is about 1/2 way between Laramie and Rawlins just south of
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"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to leave the world a bit better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded."

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