



Jody weighs over 200 pounds



Jody is as tall as 15-year old Ricky

## After Four Years, Bobby Glass Is St. Bernard Expert

A St. Bernard dog makes a great pet, in more ways than one.

As a little puppy, it is soft and cuddly, but it grows so fast that it isn't long until it is almost like a small pony.

But there is a great deal of expense to raising a St. Bernard, as Bobby Glass of Davie Street has found out during the past four years.

He bought his first dog for \$175, a female puppy, which they call Baby. She now weighs about 150 pounds.

A couple of years ago, Bobby decided to raise a litter of puppies. After one litter, he could understand why this breed is so expensive. They are mighty hard to raise.

Baby had ten puppies, and only four survived. They were unable to leave the little pups with their mother because she would roll over on them and kill them.

The four that survived were bottle fed, with the help of Mrs. Glass and the children, Ricky, Wanda and Sherry.

After four or five weeks they began to eat by themselves and were soon weaned from the baby bottles.

Only one of the pups, Jody, remains at the Glass home now, along with the mother dog.

Jody weighs well over 200 pounds and the two of them make quite a difference in the weekly grocery bill.

In addition to all the table scraps, they also buy 50 pounds of dog food each week.

Bobby says that they are hard to raise until maturity, and that you have to be extremely careful to keep up their shots and etc. Like most high bred animals, they are more susceptible to diseases.

Due to the attention and care involved as well as the expense of feeding them, Bobby commented that he had known of people to pay as high as \$1,000 for one.

The biggest disadvantage, other than feeding them, is they grow so big and so fast that a child can't enjoy playing with them. Their slightest movement can be quite a blow to a small child. In fact, it isn't any trouble for Jody to knock you down in just a friendly welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass agree that it has been quite an experience for the family to have Baby and Jody, but they wouldn't undertake raising any more.



Baby and Brownie are best of friends



Ricky, Wanda and Sherry with their dogs Jody and Baby