

Many Common Notions on Dogs Have No Facts Back of Them

Color of Coat No Index to Dog's Temperament, Research Center Finds

Despite the fact that no animal has been more closely associated with mankind through the ages than the dog, a large portion of the public, including many owners, still entertains a surprising number of fallacies pertaining to dogs, states the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York City.



No guessing about what a pure-bred puppy will grow into.

Old wives' tales and superstitions, handed down for generations, are still firmly held to in many sections, notwithstanding the fact that scientific investigation has proven these stories to be nothing more than amusing bits of folk-lore, it says.

An amazing number of people believe, for instance, that mongrels are smarter, healthier, braver and more loyal than pure-bred dogs. There are undoubtedly a great number of cross-breeds which possess all these attributes to a high degree, but the supposition that mixed parentage creates a superior animal is absurd. Were this fact true, mongrels would be commanding top prices as companions and guardians, while pure-breeds would be a drug on the market.

The belief that mongrels are harder than pure-breeds may have come into being as a result of the fact that the average mongrel, if injured or ill, is generally left on his own to live or die, while the owner of a pure-bred will usually secure veterinary attention. It stands to reason that the pure-bred dog, which has had good care and proper food from puppyhood on, is likely to be the sounder specimen than the cross-bred which has grown up on a catch-as-catch-can basis. As for intelligence, if mongrels were smarter and more loyal, why are pure-breeds used for guiding the blind, serving with the armed forces, and carrying on rescue work?

Hosts At Dinner

Mr. Jasper K. Smith was host at a dinner party at his home Saturday evening for Mr. William Coppage, a class mate at P. C. Maxton, who was spending the week end here and Mr. and Mrs. Silas J. Maxwell of Austin, Texas who are spending several weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maxwell.

of any other color, and dark spots and markings on a hound only indicate that he is descended from ancestors carrying heavy color patches—nothing more.

Besides holding unreasonable ideas about the dogs themselves, many people also have strange notions about the proper care of their dogs. One of the most persistent is that a lump of sulphur placed in his drinking water benefits a dog's health. Many virtues—such as that it acts as a water purifier, exterminates worms, imparts glossiness to the coat, "cools the blood," etc.—are ascribed to this practice. Science does not substantiate any of this. As a matter of chemistry, sulphur is insoluble in water, and a block of wood in the drinking bowl would do just as much good.

Many times a friend or neighbor will remark to the owner of an overweight dog, "I see that your dog has a good home." The dog may have a loving home, but certainly not a wise one, for a fat, over-fed dog's chances for a long life are materially reduced. He is being killed with misplaced kindness. The dog whose owner regulates the feedings so as to keep the animal in "good flesh" (trim, but not boney) will be a happier and healthier pet than the waddling, wheezy canine whose owner insists on feeding him too well. The maxim, "A lean horse for a long race," holds equally true for dogs, according to the Research Center.

The table was covered with a cut work linen cloth and centered with a mixture of summer flowers.

A three course dinner was served. Places were laid for eight, Mr. Coppage, Miss Narcie Williams, Mr. Howard Smith, Miss Carolyn Smith and the host.

Youth Fellowship

The Pioneer Youth Fellowship group met with Misses Nancy and Betty Howard Thursday night. Mrs. T. J. Turner is their leader. Ann Rufin was in charge of the program. Soft drinks and cookies were served to the several members present.

4-H Club Outing

Jennings and Donald Smith and Bill Zack also Jimmie Williams left Monday for 4-H Camp Week at Manteo. They were accompanied by other club members over the county, also Miss Hilda Clontz, Home Demonstration Agent, and Mr. Lacy Weeks, County Agent. The party will witness a performance of the Lost Colony Friday night, returning home Saturday.

Barn Burns

A tobacco barn on the farm of L. C. Ferrell near the fire tower was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The tobacco belonged to Norman Davis, a tenant on the farm. Another barn on the farm of Henry Herring near Westbrook's Station was destroyed by fire last week. Walter Springs, a tenant, owned the tobacco.

Seriously Ill

Little Patsy Sue Smith of Calypso, a granddaughter of Mrs. N. C. Davis, is seriously ill from a leg infection in a Wilmington hospital.

Personals

Messrs. T. J., Linwood, and Graham Turner attended the opening of the tobacco market on the Border Belt last Thursday.

Spending the week end at the Turner cottage at Morehead this week were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Turner and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Turner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Turner and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Turner, Jasper Tyndall, Mesdames T. J., Graham and Linwood Turner and children remained for the week and were joined Monday by Mrs. James Miles and sons and Mrs. Johnnie Holden. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandlin, Sr., and Mrs. Aubrey Turner were Kingston visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Burroughs and sons of Charlotte are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Williams, parents of Mrs. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simmons and children of Goldsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Smith of Mt. Olive were visitors here Sunday.

Misses Fannie Grey and Mason Worley returned from a vacation trip in Washington, D. C. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred-Williams have returned from vacationing on the beaches of Wrightsville, Carolina

BLOOD FOR VETERANS



The Tucson, Arizona, Red Cross chapter provides the blood needed at the local Veterans Administration hospital. Among the donors are servicemen, such as the above, from the nearby Davis-Montana airfield.

ad Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. E. R. Mercer of Fountain was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Worley.

Mesdames L. R. Turner and H. E. Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Maxwell attended the Grady-Taylor wedding at Queen St. Methodist Church in Kinston Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Zeb Williams and grandson, Bobby Burroughs, have been visiting in Washington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mattox, Miss Mildred Mattox and Houston Mattox of the Grady Teacherage have returned from visiting in Thomasville and Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Everett and children spent the weekend in Jacksonville.

Mrs. M. D. Brock and daughter, Joe Bond of Kinston spent last in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. May.

Miss Sarah Ann Maxwell of Richmond, Miss Emileigh Maxwell of Norfolk and Mr. Lyton Maxwell of Winston-Salem were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Maxwell for the week end.

Misses Linda Edwards and Narcie Williams and Messrs Jasper K. Smith and William Coppage were at Morehead Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Williams and sons spent several days at White Lake recently. Little Jennie Johnson of Elizabethtown accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Molt and children were guests of friends at Cherry Point Saturday.

Miss Violet Maxwell spent last week in Washington, D. C., with Miss Lorraine Thon of Philadelphia, a former class mate at Temple University. She was accompanied home Saturday by Miss Thon, Maj. Hugh Maxwell and Miss Helen Ragsdale, who spent the week end here.

Other guests in the Maxwell home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Godwin and daughter, Billy, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Carl Johnson and daughters Carolyn and Mary were week end

pearance of the vent. The layer has a large, moist, and dilated vent, entirely white in color. The non-layer has a small, shrunken, dry vent, that becomes yellow in color when laying ceases. Other factors are the laying hen has a fairly large smooth comb usually of bright red color and wattles that are bright red and waxy in appearance. The comb and wattles lose their bright color and become shrivelled in the non-layer. A bird in heavy production has a large, soft abdomen and thin, pliable skin. The skin feels thicker and the abdomen becomes harder when laying ceases.

Q. How long does it take a boll weevil to develop in a cotton square?

A. From an average of 17.6 days for first generation to an average of 33.5 days for fourth generation, with an average for all generations of 18.3 days.

Manteo, N. C. — The Lost Colony Productions here, resumed July 30 after the fire of July 24th which destroyed most of the stage and dressing rooms, is as popular as ever.

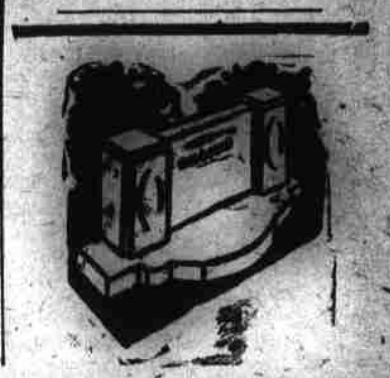
"New" Lost Colony Drawing Well

In the six performances since the show reopened July 30-Aug. 4, the play showed to 5,414 persons or an average of over 900 per night.

Hoke Norris, publicity director, said that if no more performances are lost because of bad weather, he anticipated that the year's attendance would exceed 55,000 paid admissions in spite of the loss of four "fat" nights due to the fire.

Mobley Is On Shenandoah

Charles T. Mobley, S 1c, USN, son of D. S. Mobley of Rose Hill is serving aboard the destroyer tender, the USS Shenandoah, which is touring the Mediterranean area. Mobley recently visited Gibraltar, Naples, Athens, and Suda Bay, Crete.



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