Rare Kelev proves he's a dog for all seasons

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At least one resident of Rochester
enjoys jumping four-foot street signs
and playing with tree timbs.
He's Champion Uv'chor Kelev de
Strathcona, Companion Dog, otherwise
known as just plain Kelev.
The word means "dog," in Hebrew,
which is what Kelev is. He was called
that because his mother's owners were
Jewish.

Wars as guard dogs and to bring sup-plies to the front lines in Europe. The French medical corps trained the dogs to find soldiers who were wounded but

to find soldiers who were wounded still alive. Because of their use as war dogs the breed is rare today. There are only 40 of them in Michigan, Mrs. Paradise

said. Kelev has an impressive list of cre-dentials, such as championship status with the American Kennel Club and several trophies for obedience work in dog shows. He was also the December dog in the 1975 Briard Club of America calendar.

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But his ancestry and accomplishments certainly don't prevent Kelev from leading a fun-filled life.

"KELEV THINKS I'm his little herd of sheep," Mrs. Paradise said. "He follows me everywhere. Even though we walk through town a lot, he has never even come close to being hit by a car. He likes to run, jump, swim

and ice skate with me. He trails me when I ride a horse or bicycle and he'll sit outside a store or restaurant and wait for me."

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His owner said the shagpy black and tand day understands a vocabulary of the store of the stor

counter in the bank, which she said the employees enjoy.

"HE IS ONE of those dogs that doesn't thin he's jast a dog, He thinks he's part human being, "she said.

She thinks people in the Rochester area are tolerant of dogs because of the school for leader dogs for the blind in Avon Township.

Kelev is seven years old but Mrs. Paradise said that many people think he's a puppy because he's so energate. "But I don't know how they can think he's atill a puppy when he's so bg," she said. big," she said. Kelev was only eight weeks old when

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"Briards look like rabbits when they're little, just after they have their tears cropped. Before the hair has a chance to grow back over them, the cass stand up straight in the air like areas to be supported to the straight of the size of the condition of the

legs he's taller than his five-foot, four-inch owner.

inch owner.

MRS. PARADISE and her husband,
Mike, both local artists and craticpople, are expecting their first child.
They're not worried about the size of
the animal and the baby's safety.
"It think Kelev will be pretty jealous
of the baby, but Briards are very
adaptable and good with kids, so as
long as he gets his quota of attention I
think he'll be okay," the mother-to-be
said.

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Because of Kelev's good behavior and what Mrs. Paradise calls his "cartoonish" appearance, he models in several advertisements.

"When I started taking him to dog shows, he would get so much attention from the people there—finally they started telling me I should use him for modeling," she explained.



Leaping Neil King's bike stand is one of Kelev's favor-ite pastimes when prancing down Main Street.

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