

Pen that pup soon

For your own peace of mind, it is essential that you have an area, room or cage to put your dog into while you are busy or away from home. You must feel that puppy is safe, comfortable and out of mischief.

Until the pup is completely toilet trained, newspapers should be kept on the floor of the area. Also provide fresh drinking water in a heavy bowl (I like pottery). Toys for chewing are also important and will be discussed later.

Be sure that there is nothing within the area that will injure the puppy, and clear this section of anything your dog could hurt or destroy. If there is some object in the pen that you cannot remove, (I had a bull-in-desk), dab Tabasco sauce on the wood. Don't worry, the hot sauce won't hurt the pup, but it will discourage chewing.

DOG PSYCHOLOGISTS agree that puppies feel more secure in a reasonably small enclosed area. The warmth of a small pen reminds him of mother's nest.

This is the reason you will find that almost all kitchens are too large to allow the pup freedom, and at the other extreme most cages that are bought are too soon outgrown to warrant the high cost purchase.

We found the ideal solution when my husband, Jim, spent less than \$20 to build a room divider with a hinged gate at the end of our kitchen. We had the barricade built and the pen completely ready before we got our standard poodle, Libra, from the kennel.

The divider included a wood panel connected to a gate with hinges. The panel slipped between the cupboard and the refrigerator. The gate was about four feet high since Libra was destined to become a large standard poodle. Libra, from the kennel, gave the dog an excellent view of the family activities at all times.

When you build your own dog pen or room divider, you will have to decide the height of your dog's lodgings by the adult size your dog will become.

I USED THE dog pen until Libra was completely housebroken and obedience trained enough to behave while having the run of the house for at least eight hours.

Of course the older Libra became, the less it was necessary to use the dog pen. She was about eight months old when we finally removed the divider. By that time I expected Libra to behave when company called, and go to her rug when told.

How to RAISE A DOG when nobody's home!

By JERRY CLIMER



Her rug is placed in the area where her pen had been and to this day Libra considers this her special corner. She was expected to wait to relieve herself out of doors, stay off the furniture, chew only on her toys, and in general behave like a well-trained dog.

Any reasonably small area is sufficient for limited confinement of your puppy as long as you don't expect him to stay in the pen constantly.

I am assuming that you will give your pup lots of love, fun, attention and exercise, along with consistent discipline. This is the formula for raising a well adjusted, friendly, alert, outgoing pup, that will love and protect you and your property.

I MUST ADD a word of caution about housing a dog out of doors. Years-ago almost all dogs were raised out of doors.

Today there is no place that a dog can be safe when left out of doors without constant supervision. All you have to do is read the newspapers with their tales of animal abuse to know what I mean.

When you are away from home, the only place you can be assured of keeping your dog safe is either with you or in a locked house.

I don't like the idea of leaving a puppy in the basement or garage. Since he cannot see or hear in such complete isolation, he will become lonely and bored. This can lead to poor toilet training, destructive behavior and either a nervous snapping dog or a shy frightened canine who cowers at his shadow.

NEXT: Teaching puppy to stay alone.

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Board backs regional water board

Regional control of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department was unanimously endorsed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners this week.

Both Republican and Democratic commissioners gave their blessing to county Drain Commissioner George Kuhn's efforts to create a regional water board based on a one person, one vote concept.

The resolution, passed without debate by county commissioners, said more than half the population served

by the Detroit utility is outside the city and provides more than half of the system's revenues.

KUHN IS expected to launch a petition campaign to place the regional water board question on the November 1980 ballot.

The seven-member board is now controlled by the city of Detroit, which owns the treatment plants that provide either water or sewer service, or both, to some 100 communities.

All seven members — Detroit's four

and the suburbs' three — are appointed by Mayor Coleman Young. Funding is by user charges, not taxes, and construction is aided by the federal and state governments.

KUHN PROPOSES that the Detroit board be replaced with a nine-member regional authority. How those nine members would be selected hasn't been determined.

"Oakland County communities have been smarting from large sewer and water rate increases handed down by Detroit. The latest increase — 38 per-

cent for most county residents — has been challenged in federal court by both Oakland and Macomb counties. That increase is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

The Detroit system is under a court order to bring its sewage treatment plant into compliance with federal clean water regulations. Detroit has said the rate increases are necessary to upgrade the treatment plant. Kuhn and other suburban officials say the Detroit utility is mismanaged.

Kuhn said there has been a 430 percent increase in water rates since 1975.



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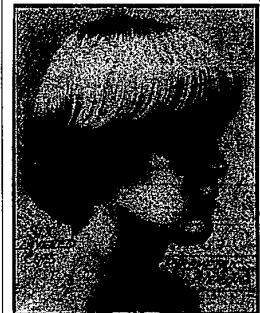
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