

Some final words on refining pups

Last of 10 articles.

Every dog has a natural desire to please his master. In fact, dog is the only animal on earth who willingly obeys with no reward but a word of praise.

To help you give that praise more often, here are 4 few final hints.

1. Keep your puppy confined when you cannot watch him. If you do not have a pen, use a short rope on a collar to tie him near his bed, food and water.

2. Feed your pup a nutritious dry kibble that is recommended for puppies. Add vitamins and high-protein table scraps such as cottage cheese, meat, and cooked egg when you can. Moisture with a little water or milk. Be careful about starting your puppy on expensive canned or dehydrated meat. Your 10-pound pup may become a 60- to 70-pound adult dog.

3. Place your pup's dish in the same spot each feeding and leave his food for only 10-20 minutes. Remove the dish and do not feed him again until the next scheduled feeding. This will keep up his appetite and prevent him from becoming a fussy eater.

4. ONCE OR twice a week, remove the dog's food while he is eating. After a few seconds put the food back and tell him he is a good dog. If he growls, correct him promptly.

Do not allow your dog to be possessive about his food. If you continue this procedure until he is an adult, he will never growl or bite, even if a stranger takes something from his mouth.

6. Teach your puppy to be alone. All of his life there will be occasions when you will have to leave him in the house alone. Provide him with chew toys, water and his bed.

Make sure you resist his crying for attention. He will soon learn to relax and wait patiently for your return.

7. Since everyone loves to hold a puppy, teach the children to sit on the floor to hold the dog and you'll never have a puppy injured by jumping from their arms.

8. BE FIRM but don't overdo the discipline. Your pup is still a baby with a short memory. If you're really having a bad day, isolate the pup. Don't take your bad temper out on him.

9. An excellent way to discipline your dog is to use rolled newspaper, but not on the dog. Smack your hand with the paper, and at the same time say "no." The noise from the newspa-

How to RAISE A DOG when nobody's home!



By JERRY CLIMER

per will startle and distract him. After the correction, remove him from the scene of the crime.

10. Plan to have your dog neutered while it is young. In times of high prices, it is difficult to place your litters, and animal shelters become overcrowded. It's much more humane to prevent puppies than to have them killed.

11. Your dog must always think he is a success. Be sure to praise his good behavior.

12. Make raising your puppy a family experience. Even the youngest child will enjoy the responsibility of feeding and caring for his or her best friend.

A LIST OF the puppy's schedule taped to the refrigerator door is an excellent way for the whole family to remember what to do and when to do it.

A second list beside the schedule should inform the family of the things the pup may or may not do. If everything is written down, no one can use that old excuse of forgetting.

Now relax. Keep your sense of humor and enjoy your dog. With a little common sense, foresight and knowledge, raising your pup isn't half as bad as you thought. If fact, it will be downright enjoyable.

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Consumers warned of thermostat recall

Citing the need for consumers to save energy safely, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission today warned consumers to stop using two types of faulty energy-saving devices which regulate home thermostats.

Approximately 20,000 "Automatic Day/Night" thermostat controls were manufactured by the Fuel Sentry Corp. of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. An additional 19,500 "Home Energy Saver" thermostat controls were manufactured by the Fuel Gard Corp. of Glastonbury, Conn.

Both types of potentially hazardous devices consist of a small rectangular heater and an electric timer. The heaters were designed to be mounted on the wall beneath the thermostat and connected to the electrical timer which plugs into a household socket. At predesignated times, the heater warms the thermostat, causing it to shut off the home furnace.

THE HEATERS were manufactured with integral carbon resistors which may overheat and start fires. The defective heaters have caused at least 17 instances of sparking or flaming since July, 1977. In two instances, the adhesive backing of the heater melted causing the heater to fall to the floor onto combustible materials. No injuries have been reported. CPSC staff believes the timers can be used safely with other appliances.

The thermostat controls were sold nationwide in hardware and department stores for retail prices ranging from \$29 to \$25. Some of the Fuel Gard units were given away for promotional purposes.

The potentially hazardous Fuel Sentry heaters were manufactured between September, 1976 and August, 1977, and between November, 1977 and May, 1978. They are labeled "Activator" on

the front and display a date code on the back which falls within the following ranges: 396 through 526; 017 through 327; 437 through 527; and 018 through 218.

In addition, only "Activators" containing a brown-colored carbon resistor (visible through the key-hole slot in the back) are potentially hazardous. Units with resistors of another color are believed to be safe, even though they may carry one of the date codes listed above.

FUEL SENTRY announced a recall of their product in 1978, but fewer than half the units were returned by consumers. The company since has filed for bankruptcy and is no longer repairing the devices.

Owners of affected Fuel Sentry thermostat controls should return the products to their retailers, many of whom are offering refunds or replacements.

Owners of Fuel Sentry units who cannot obtain a refund or replacement unit from retailers should contact CPSC's toll-free Hotline at the following numbers: in the continental U.S., dial 800-638-8326; in Maryland, 800-492-8383; and in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, 800-638-8333.

The Fuel Gard heaters were manufactured with a simulated wood finish and were labeled "Fuel Gard" in raised lettering.

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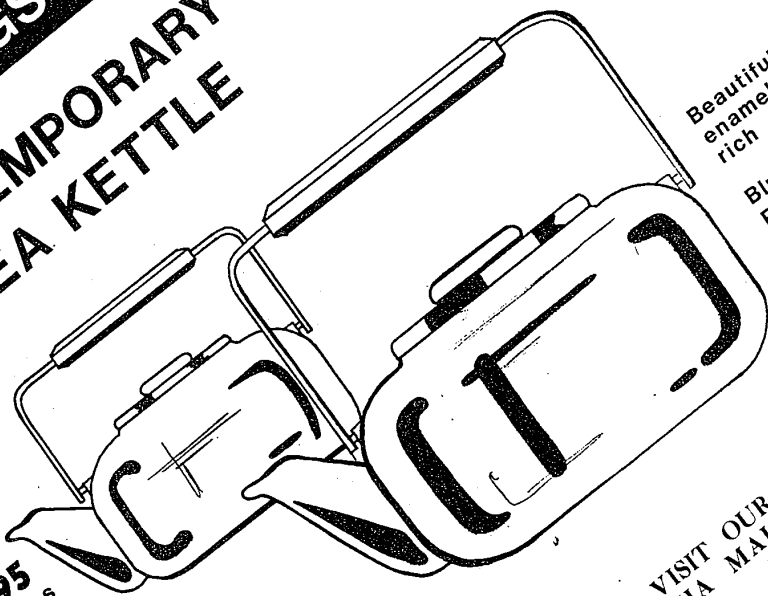
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