

Ottawa K.C. celebrates 75th anniversary



Judges for the OKC members' costume fun match were Brian Smith and Kaye Peer, right, local television personalities. Kaye Peer makes presentation to winners Bill and Skip Walker and their Afghan "Mouse". Another judge, not visible, was Ray Calahan.

OTTAWA—The Ottawa K.C.'s 114th, 115th and 116th shows held May 2, 3, and 4 had a rare significance—they marked the 75th anniversary of this active and innovative club.

Competitors held a special place in the celebrations. Every exhibitor received a blue vinyl-clad date book bearing the club crest and noting the anniversary in gold type. The Saturday night celebration included a champagne and birthday cake party. And while the three shows were properly serious and had their high points, the highlight of the show was the Sunday night match for OKC members only—hilarious events such as national dress to complement the dogs' countries of

origin and ladies' period costumes.

First day's BIS winner was the Borzoi, Ulanov De Bolshoy, owned by Mrs. Nicole DeVogelaere of St. Cesaire, Que. Saturday night's BIS winner was the Miniature Schnauzer, Odyssey's Dudley Dumont, owned by Peter Skibinsky of Montreal and handled by Andre Desrosiers. Sunday's top dog was

the Cairn Terrier, Cairndania Davey's Darkel, bred, owned and shown by Betty Hyslop, Brockville, Ont.

Show stopper was the diminutive chocolate Chihuahua, McCauley's Comanchero, owned by S. J. Tyrrell, Mississauga, Ont., handled by Lorna Jackson. He literally seemed to float on air. Com-

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Dogsteps author at seminar

TORONTO—Rachel Page Elliott, author of Dog Steps, comes to Toronto the 28th of this month as guest speaker at the second seminar held by the Metropolitan K.C. The event takes place at the On-

tario Science Centre at 8.30. Audience is limited to 100 persons with admittance fee \$2.50, just half the normal amount, the balance being subsidized by the club. The program includes discussion of basic principles of canine movement, it illustrates how differences in type and function can influence gait, and other worthwhile topics.

Included is the film, "The Dog in Motion". Mrs. Elliott obligingly stops the action whenever requested. She will also autograph the limited number of copies of Dog Steps which will be available during the evening.

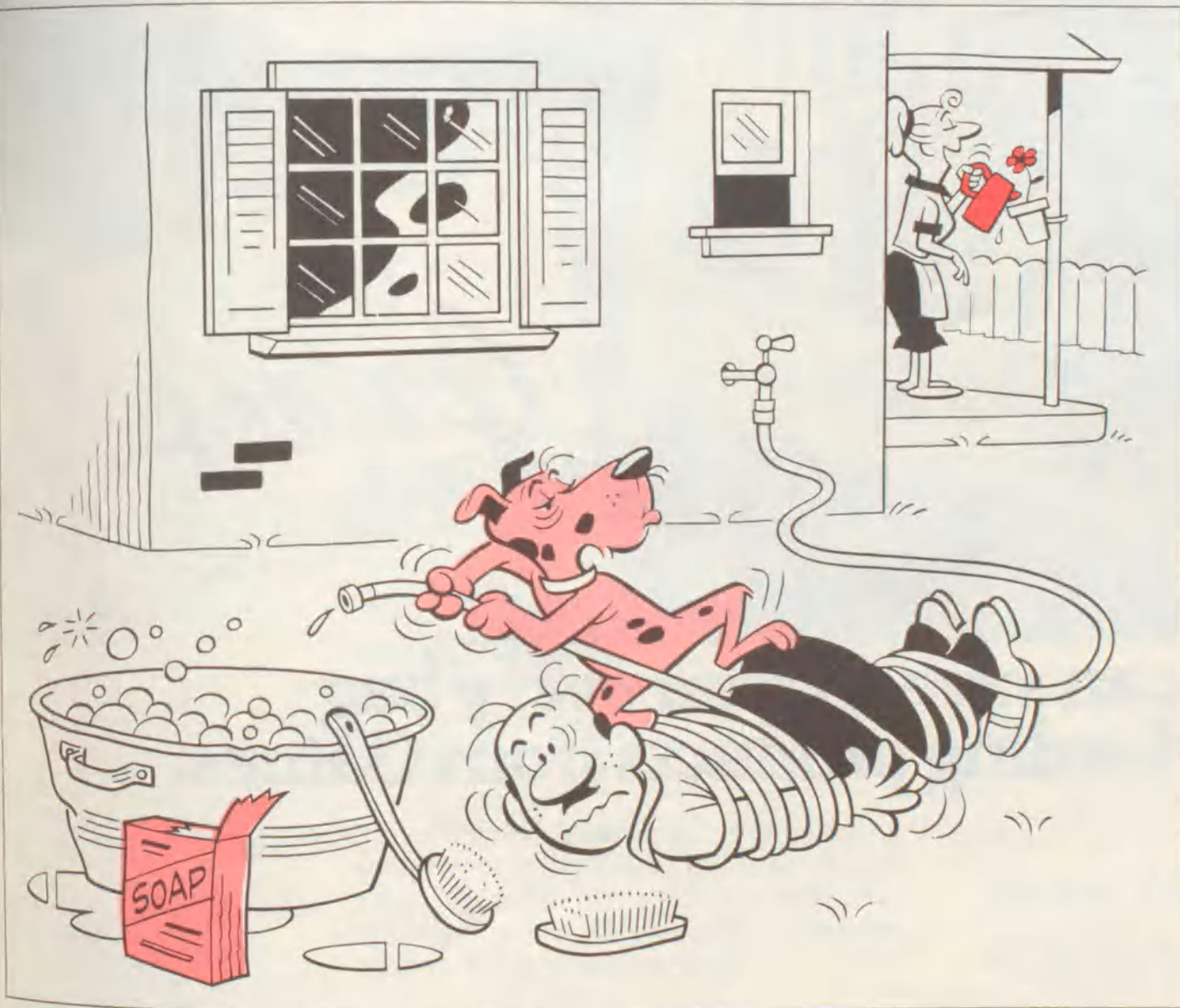
If you are not able to attend the seminar, Dog Steps is available through Dogs in Canada.

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"Well, how does Rover like his new flea bath, dear?"

Cleanliness is said to be next to godliness and obedience training might be given equal placing in the proper ownership of a dog. The degree of obedience is a matter for the owner to decide—basic training for good citizenship and the safety of the dog or better still, carrying on training with a view to trial competition and the fascination of attaining degrees in obedience.

As part of her personal contribution toward training and helping dogs and their owners to become good citizens, Mrs. Hilda Pugh has taken the front cover of the June issue of Dogs in Canada for the 13th consecutive year.

Every year the illustration has been "way out", using a cartoon

to call attention to obedience—not as it should be but nevertheless portraying her personal philosophy that obedience can be fun! Any owner having attended one of her Display obedience courses can testify that there are a lot of laughs, while the training is "right on". No canine student ever leaves the course without a sound knowledge of what is expected of him and a willingness to at least do his best. Equally important, the owner emerges with the knowledge of how to command the dog in a clear, no nonsense tone, followed, of course, with a verbal and/or token form of praise. Meanwhile, both dog and owner have developed the pleasure of

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Snowmobiler raises Easter Seal funds

THUNDER BAY, Ont.—Not only is Fern Bodrug busy with her Dachshunds these days, for the past three years she has been an avid snowmobiler who drives her own 40 h.p. machine. So when the



Kiwanis Club in Thunder Bay held its Snowrama to raise funds for the Easter Seal campaign, Fern got busy soliciting friends and business people to sponsor her in the 100-mile snowmobile run.

"For an old lady I said a pretty powerful machine", said the 59-year old grandmother, one of the few entrants and the only lady to complete the run which was held in 35-below weather. Fern is so pleased with the \$1,321 she raised she has promised herself that she will personally thank all her sponsors "if it takes me a year to do it".

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TRIBUTE: To the late Bobby Laskey, Saint John, N.B., who passed away at the age of 90. The name Laskey ranks among the pioneer names in Canadian dogdom and particularly in the Maritimes. Both Bobby and his brother William ("W.W.") were dedicated to the promotion of purebred dogs



throughout their lives. Bobby's indomitable character will long be remembered in many circles. For a time he was president of the Canadian Cat Association and was known for his Persian cats and prize pigeons. Size variations in showing dogs was never too much effort. In his younger days and at great travel inconvenience and discomfort, he would take as many as a dozen dogs to shows, ranging in size from St. Bernards to Pomeranians with many sporting breeds between. Even at the time of his death he had some good Poms. For many years he was an annual exhibitor and spectator at the Westminster show, New York specialty shows as well as New Haven, Hartford and Boston events. He visited England and attended Crufts and Blackpool shows on several occasions and was a visitor to a number of Bermuda shows. Mr. J. G. Cavanaugh, one of his longtime friends, gives *Dogs* some of the background on his club activities. Bobby had a knack for helping new clubs with their organization and shows, working and giving tirelessly of his limited means to make them a success. He was the oldest member and honorary president of the New Brunswick K.C. and was president of the Maritime Dog Club as well. He joined this venerable organization in 1913, six years after its founding, and the same year joined the C.K.C. He was a director from 1925 through 1928 and later during about eight other periods. In earlier days he was in great demand as a show superintendent and held that position at the first and largest show east of Montreal—the Nova Scotia K.C. in 1923.

A sports fan in general, Bob attended as many hockey games as possible and later kept box scores on many televised games. He was also a highly knowledgeable patron of the arts and could converse fluently on operas and concerts. An inveterate scorekeeper, he attended music festivals and skillfully scored competitors. The artistic side of his nature was most evident in his beautiful flowing handwriting which, almost to the last, was strong and steady.

To honour this unselfish, unassuming man a Bobby Laskey Day was held in Fredericton August 4, 1974 (*Dogs*, September 1974). With the proceeds of gifts Bobby was provided with an all-expense trip to Crufts plus spending money, luggage and travel clothes. At that time the presentation was largest in nature to anyone in the Canadian dog fancy.

Bobby will be missed in many circles—by clubs and individuals—and particularly by novices to whom he so willingly extended help.

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monthly, Rome, N.Y., will visit members and friends of the Canadian Canis Club at the Richvale Lions Club, Thornhill, Ont. For further information contact Mrs. Grace Probert, 416-225-6989.

FETED: Mr. and Mrs. Doug Steel and family (Newforest Cavaliers) were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. Konkle, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Cavalier owners and dogs from the Toronto, St. Catharines and Thorold areas wished Poppy and Doug bon voyage prior to their leaving for their new home in England.

WELCOME: Popular handler/agent Martha Thorne tells *Dogs* "I love Canada!" And bearing out her statement, she is moving her Quickstep Kennels from Benson, Vt., to Oxford Station, Ont. and for a time her address will be c/o Bolshoy Kennels. Martha specializes in all retriever breeds and Otterhounds.

NEW ADDRESS: Heather Lovett Alexander, Woodwinds Afghans, has moved from Ottawa to Vancouver and is now living at 1501 Haro St., Apt. 402. Mrs. Clara Smith, Toronto, longtime breeder of Chihuahuas and probably the most witty, is now living at the

Bestview Lodge, 77 Main St., Toronto. She retains her usual telephone number, 698-5481 and if not available messages may be left at 690-3001. She'd love to hear from friends. So would Mrs. Ellen Brown, mother of C.K.C.'s Norman F. Brown. After frequent lengthy visits to hospital she has returned to her own home at 50 Carabob Court, Apt. 1409, Agincourt, Ont.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY: Internationally known judge Vincent Perry and Mrs. Perry celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. Born in London, Ont., Mr. Perry has appeared in a number of motion pictures and more recently in a number of television films. The 77-year-old actor-judge is an author as well. While living in London in the 1930's he penned popular children's bedtime stories called "Puppy Tales". He has earned a place in the *Kennel Review* Hall of Fame and his first novel, *Sketch*, the story of a dog, is due to appear soon.

OBSERVATIONS: While in California Mrs. Casey Gardiner, Milton, Ont., lectured at Rio Hondo College and spoke to the Kerry Blue Club of Southern California in addition to the Sun Maid K.C. in

Fresno, as previously mentioned. She noted that colleges do not charge admission for such lectures and that newspaper classified advertising sections have a column listing fun matches, obedience trials, shows and closing dates.

TRAVELLERS: In addition to Mrs. Gertrude McKenzie, Dewsa Kennels, Locust Hill, Ont., Canadian visitors to the historic Bulldog Club Centenary show at Slough, England, were Mesdames Ann Clark, Joan McVicar and Joan Railton. Mrs. Flora Hewitt, Wild Rock Kennels, Komoka, Ont., visited with friends in Vancouver, Victoria, Chilliwack and Okanagan.

RETURNED: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Barnes are back in Toronto after two years in Paris, two in Los Angeles and back to Paris with weekly trips to England. Barbara, a former breeder of Miniature Schnauzers, is now living in an apartment and has had to forego the pleasure of having dogs about the house. While living in King, Ont., she had the constant worry of the Schnauzers being shot by rabbit hunters. Her solution of tying little bells on their

necks had repercussions—more than a few horses, on hearing the unexpected bells, threw their riders!

CONGRATULATIONS: to Roy Stenmark on his marriage to Betty-Anne Hicks of Chilliwack, B.C. Among the out-of-town guests at the reception were: Dr. Roy Crawford, Saskatoon; Mrs. Anna Gainsley, Elk Grove, Calif.; Mrs. Carol Pyle, Sonoma, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Webster and Mrs. June Monaghan of Aldergrove, B.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nessel, Chilliwack, Mr. and Mrs. D. Arthur, Langley. Local guests included Mrs. Phyllis and Miss Ruth Chapman of North Vancouver. Mrs. and Mrs. Stenmark will reside in San Francisco.

HONOURED: Mrs. Joey Natrass, Pickering, Ont., has been invited by the Chow Chow Club of England to judge at the specialty show in England. This is a significant honour, as the organization is the oldest Chow Chow club in the world and Joey is the only Canadian ever requested to judge at this show.

A FRIEND IN NEED AND DEED: Iris Numms, a veterinary

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